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The Faneuil Hall Concert

The annual spring concert of the Band was given in Faneuil Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 27. An enthusiastic audience was on hand to hear the boys. Although the weather was poor, the day being cold and rainy, some 400 were present, including parents of the boys, trustees and alumni.

Mr. Frank L. Warren, our band director since 1923, led the boys in a varied concert program of band music. He had as guest conductors many men prominent in the field of school music, and we all appreciated the attendance of these music educators.

Thirteen of the boys had prominent parts, as a study of the program will show. All did a good job, and the work of some was exceptional. Every instrument in the band was featured in one way or another, and this pleased many, who like to see as many boys as possible have the opportunity to show what they can do.

Our alumnus-trustee, Howard B. Ellis, '98, has attended every one of our Faneuil Hall concerts. A former band boy who later became director, it is a privilege to welcome him at our band functions. He complimented the band and reminisced briefly, and led the boys in a stirring march.

Dr. Fortunato Sordillo, supervisor of music in the Boston schools was introduced and led the famous "National

Emblem" march. Dr. Sordillo has had many of our boys in his Boston bands, and it was good to have him with us.

The secretary of the New England School Music Festival Association, Mr. John Corley, was enthused with the musicianship shown by our boys. He led the "Footlifter" march with a verve and spirit which continued to the thrilling climax of this composition. Mr. Corley directs the instrumental music program at Brookline High School, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mr. Vincent Mottola, Boston attorney, who has followed music as an avocation, led the boys in one of his own compositions, after which the boys played one of his new works, much to his pleasure.

Marshall Hall, '27, one of our former band members who has become well known as an army bandmaster, directed the boys in a military march with the snap and precision which we have grown to expect of him. The boys certainly followed his conducting beat.

Mr. Andrew Seiler, one of Boston's most enthused workers in the interests of youth was invited to speak to the audience. He entreated all to see that American youth was given every opportunity to develop in mind, body, and soul for with the right training there can be only one result—the best kind of American citizen.

He told of his interest in The Farm and Trades School and touched upon some of the advantages which our boys have.

Mr. Warren kept the program going smoothly and without a halt. For nearly two hours our audience enjoyed a diverse program. It was noted that every number had a special appeal, and the intensive drilling and rehearsing showed to full advantage.

The music played consisted mainly of standard works for band, yet to keep the program light and cheery there were novelties which delighted the audience. Who will ever forget the Queen of Sheba and her Oriental Band? This group of ten of the younger boys, costumed in Oriental dress, made a decided hit as they paraded on the aisles of Faneuil Hall playing oriental tunes on adapted musettes and percussion instruments. This part of the program was a tribute to Mr. Warren and the young lads who took part, and was certainly a novelty in the true sense of the word.

The well known "Syncopated Clock" of Leroy Anderson, made famous by the Boston "Pops" orchestra, was given a special treatment by our band, much to the pleasure of the audience. Another piece the boys played with real spirit was their own novelty "Farm and Trades School Has a Band."

After the concert the boys were highly complimented for their grand job. Even though it is true that they deserved the recognition, it is also true that the generous praise and applause will do much to spur the boys onward in their good work. We are indeed grateful to all of those who came to the concert, in spite of busy schedules, inclement weather and transportation difficulties.

The program, and band roster, was as follows:

PROGRAM

- MARCH—Fort Gay *Huff*
- OVERTURE— Magic Garden *King*
- TRUMPET SOLO—My Regards
Donald E. Richardson
- BASS SOLO—Tramp Tramp Tramp
Thomas Angelos
- CLARINET SOLO—Shower of Gold
Robert Fabello
- TROMBONE SOLO—Aloha Oe
Bruce A. Graham
- SELECTION—Victory *Yoder*
- CLARINET SOLO—David Polka *Albee*
Roger A. Hopkins
- SONG—Lullaby Hour *Seanor-Mottola*
- TROMBONE SOLO—Naukeag Polka
William L. Glennon, Jr.
- TRUMPET TRIO—Triad *Richards*
Loren Cain Kenneth Clayton
David LeVeille
- BRASS QUARTET—Recessional
Robert B. Gorrill Joseph B. Mason
Teyet Ramar William F. Sonier
- SELECTION—Sullivan's Operatic Gems
- DESCRIPTIVE—Syncopated Clock
- WALTZ—Mystic Night *King*
- NOVELTY—Farm and Trades School Has
a Band
- MARCH—Simbolo *Casas*
Star Spangled Banner
- ORIENTAL BAND SPECIALTY
- Robert O. Andrews
Daniel W. Dockham
Larry E. Garside
Philip H. Lane
Joseph S. Lombardo
- David G. Taggart
Charles T. White
Carroll E. Young
Harold L. Spurling
Ronald A. Macdonald
Alexander D. Marinakis

Roster of the Band

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

Clarinets	Cornets
Robert O. Cain	Loren E. Cain
Daniel W. Dockham	Kenneth W. Clayton
Robert Fabello	Albert E. Ellis
Barry R. Fuller	Robert B. Gorrill
Larry E. Garside	Philip H. Lane
Roger A. Hopkins	David E. LeVelle
Frederick L. Krueger	Richard B. Pulsifer
Arnold M. Sutterlin	Teyet Amar, 2nd
David G. Taggart	Donald E. Richardson
Joseph C. Turner	Trombones
Alan C. Waldron	William H. Dillon
Philip H. Churchill	William L. Glennon
Altos	Bruce A. Graham
Frank H. Badger	Robert E. Iannini
Kenneth L. Goodwin	David A. Pulsifer
S. Newcomb Graham	William F. Sonier
Robert A. Kidder	Edward J. White
Drums	Basses
Edward J. Darr	Thomas Angelos
David W. Howard	Leonard Bova
Charles J. Laidlaw	William F. James
Joseph S. Lombardo	Baritone
Joseph J. Magazu	Joseph B. Mason
Joseph D. Marinakis	

Fishing Boats

Every day there is a parade of fishing boats headed for the Grand Banks. We watch them as they leave Boston Harbor. Usually there are 20 or 30 of these craft, sailing about a half-mile apart. From my window now I can see an older type boat followed by what looks to be a new ship. In a few days these fishing boats will return well loaded with cod, and other fish.

Boston and Gloucester are well known for their fishing fleets, and each city does a big business in fish. Tons of fish of many kinds are brought to these ports almost every day.

Albert K. Ellis

"The Guard"

At the end of each day, when we are in bed for a good night's rest, one man is

just starting his work. I'm talking about the night supervisor. Between nine o'clock and six fifteen the next morning he makes eight circuits of the most important buildings on the island.

Let us make a round with him. We begin at the main building, then pass through the three dormitory buildings. Gardner Hall is next, then the power house, after which we would go down back road to the poultry houses, storage barn, boat house, wharf, the main barn and up front avenue to our starting point, the main building.

You see, the night supervisor keeps a lonely vigil over the school, seeing to it that life and property is protected against fire or other harm. That is why I call our night supervisor, Mr. Rowell, "The Guard."

William F. Sonier

The Last Steam Run

On April 27, 1952, the last steam train on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad left the South Station, Boston, Massachusetts. The steam power is being replaced by 378 diesel-electric locomotive units and 108 electric locomotives, plus several diesel railcar units.

The first diesel-electric was No. 0900, aquired in 1931. The last steam power locomotive was bought in 1937.

Up until the close of World War II all of the diesel-electric locomotives were bought from ALCO-GE. Since January of this year they have purchased several Fairbanks-Morse diesel-electric locomotives for their four hour New York - Boston runs.

Any steam locomotives in service from now on will be used for snow removal.

Many, for sentimental reasons, regret the passing of the steam locomotives, but the old must give way to the new.

Robert B. Gorrill

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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?

Editorial

This is the time of year when in this part of the world all nature seems to be bursting with new, fresh, colorful vigor and enthusiasm. We see it most vividly on the farm, and this brings to mind our continuing refrain, "farm experience for every child."

There is so much of interest and basic knowledge encountered every day, all of the propagation and unfolding of life in every plant and animal, the fundamental joy of achievement in caring for a calf and seeing the rapid maturing to a high producing cow of bovine beauty. There is so much that a youngster learns and has happiness in the doing.

There is also the great quantity of machinery to use and keep in repair, much of it to-day being power machinery. The tractors and trucks and dairy equipment and the electric brooder and so many other pieces of interesting equipment all add to the zest of farm life.

If every child could have a good farm life there would be much less of the crime and greed all too prevalent in the world to-day. There are not many farm boys among jail and prison inmates.

Topics in Brief

The concert given by our Band in Faneuil Hall on April 27 was a great success, and our bandmaster, Major Frank L. Warren, has every right to be very proud of the accomplishment of the 1952 band. Through activity in the band the boys have learned, and are learning, valuable lessons in school spirit, teamwork, the study of an appealing art, wholesome leisure time activity, along with many other benefits almost too numerous to mention.

This is the time of year when our boys find it almost impossible to remain indoors during the day. The work in the flower garden plot is keeping them well occupied, and the area of sixty individual gardens is a busy place. The seeding has been done, and, especially for the beginners, comes the time of expectant waiting. During the summer the gardens will be a riot of gorgeous color, and a spot very popular with both our boys as well as visitors to the school. Expert instruction and guidance is given, and all the boys are urged to design their flower beds according to individual tastes. The work of the boys throughout the summer is noted, and excellence in flower gardening is rewarded by inclusion in the prize list in the annual Grew Garden flower garden competition.

Everyone is very busy these days doing outdoor spring work. There is always much to be done, and just as much as possible is done by the boys. It is not without considerable effort that our school campus retains its great beauty year after year, and the training received by the boys is valuable indeed.

Baseball and softball leagues have been organized, and the first games of the 1952 season played. Five teams are competing in the intra-mural leagues. Both

the baseball and softball diamonds are in first-class shape, and the boys have excellent opportunity to enjoy these grand sports amid ideal playing conditions.

The graduating class held an auction on April 29, in order to secure funds to defray class expenses for the graduation season. This is an annual event, and is always fun for everyone, as well as profitable for both the class and the patrons. Instructors and boys donate articles of almost all kinds, and many of these are purchased by the highest bidder at attractive prices. Some of the food items, such as home-made fudge and cakes find ready buyers. There are always a few odd items up for sale, one bell even being inscribed "Made in India 530 B. C." For nearly two hours item after item was auctioned, with the result that hundreds of articles found new owners.

Our boys watched, with much interest, as a professional steeplejack worked here on our flagpole on April 17. The ball at the top was replaced and the pole painted.

"Wheels of Progress," an educational motion picture distributed by the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad was shown here on April 25. The film showed the industrial and agricultural progress being made in the mid-western sections of our country, and the part that the railroads have had in this development.

Our band joined with many other school music groups from Northeastern Massachusetts communities, in a great music festival in Everett, Mass., on May 3. Our boys played at Parlin Junior High School for adjudication, and then heard many of the other units. In the afternoon a street parade was followed by a concert by the bands en masse, with Major Chester

Whiting of the U. S. Army Band as guest conductor. Playing under the baton of Major Whiting, long a friend of our school, was a distinct thrill.

During this Festival our group did a fine job, with the marching exhibition being done with a precision which earned high praise.

President Truman

Our president, Harry S. Truman, was born in Missouri on May 8, 1884. He became president on April 12, 1945 upon the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Most of his early life was spent on a farm. After service in World War I he ran a haberdashery and after this business venture he became a judge.

When he took office he had many difficult decisions to make, especially with our foreign relations. It was a very hard for him to decide which was the best policy to follow. But once committed, he never turned back.

In this country he had to turn our resources from war-time to peace-time production. It wasn't easy to keep our nation from entering a severe financial depression.

He calls his domestic policy the Fair Deal. In the regular election in 1948 he won again, as a result of hard work touring the Nation making speeches everywhere.

History may show him to be one of our great presidents.

Joseph Rogers

Baseball Practice

I am on the Dodgers baseball team and we practice every day. Harry Darr is the captain and he has got the team ready for the first game. We think our team is the strongest of the three, and hope to win most of the games. We play two games each week.

Joseph S. Lombardo

Softball

The Red Sox softball team began the season by beating the Braves. It was a good game with plenty of hitting. We have ten players on each team, and play seven inning games. Edward Atton is captain of the Braves and Loren Cain the Red Sox. Most of the softball players are younger boys. Next year these boys will be playing on the baseball teams.

Philip H. Lane

An Indian War

In the fall of 1776 it became evident that the Indians were about to join the American Revolutionary War. In Detroit great council meetings were held by the Northwestern tribes and the Indians were invited to join the British against the Americans. Later on more meetings were held by Henry Hamilton, the British Lieutenant-Governor. His headquarters were in Detroit. He was an unscrupulous man, of bold character, and to him was entrusted the direction of the war in the West.

Barry R. Fuller

National Audubon Societies

This association, named for the great bird lover, John James Audubon, has done much to stop the destruction of birds for their plumage or as sport, and has worked against the wearing of stuffed birds or feathers on hats.

In almost almost every part of North America societies exist with thousands of members. Many states and provinces have adopted laws which forbid the killing of non-game birds at any time. Audubon Societies have set aside large tracts of land as bird reservations.

"Bird Lore" is the name of the official magazine of the National Association of Audubon Societies. It is a magazine

which even amateur bird lovers may enjoy.

New York City is the national headquarters.

Richard B. Pulsifer

- Milestones

In school we are studying history, which is my favorite subject. It comes during the last period. Some of the important parts of American History we studied were: the steps of unity, the Revolutionary War and the writing of the Declaration of Independence. Then came the secret drafting of our national Constitution. Three famous domestic decisions were reached in decisions settling the Whiskey Rebellion, formation of the National Bank, and the purchase of the Louisiana territory.

The War of 1812 had many peculiar angles to it and as we learned about it we could understand why it was called by some a "mistake." The machine age came into being, and the way of American life began a slow change. The women of the country began talking about suffrage, and holding meetings in 1830. Shortly after this the country was divided in North and South factions, each being rivals and in 1861 the Civil War began, which lasted until 1865, and among its results was the Emancipation Proclamation outlawing slavery.

Richard A. Ostrander

A Memory

Now that we are on the ball field playing every day I think back to February 22 when the field was the battleground for the King Philip's War. That was some battle, and one of the forts was located right on the pitcher's mound. Just two months brings softballs instead of snowballs!

Philip H. Lane

Spring is Here

Winter is gone. Spring is here.
The Easter season will soon appear.
Yes, it is springtime in my soul today,
Time to sing and time to pray.

Smell the sparkling tingling air,
As over the meadows the breezes tear.
Winters storms are gone for good,
As is its white and mantled hood.

Hark, hear the robin in the tree
See the busy little bee,
Look at that patch of little flowers,
High they stand like stately towers,

Yes, spring is here O glorious spring,
Full of many a wondrous thing.

John P. Richardson

Our Assembly Program

The sixth grade gave the entertainment at assembly on May 5. The program was based on the life and work of the great naturalist, John James Audubon.

Robert Andrews was the announcer. The first number was a clarinet quartet of Arnold Sutterlin, Philip Churchill, Barry Fuller and Larry Garside. Then two of the boys told of Audubon's life and the societies formed in his name. Philip Lane next gave a bird quiz, and Larry Garside told some true bird stories.

The class sang a round which is well liked at this time of year, the title of which was "In the Springtime."

Our teacher, Miss Baird, made a pretty display, using many stuffed birds. Everyone was interested in the owls and loon especially.

A phonograph record of bird calls, made by an Audubon society, was played, and everyone present received a souvenir of an official Audubon bird card.

I'm sure everyone liked the sixth grade Audubon program.

Richard B. Pulsifer

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EDWARD H. STROM, '50, writes from Chunchon, Korea, where he is serving in the army as a veterinary food inspector. He writes that things are very quiet in Korea, and that the members of the armed forces are praying for the truce committees to get busy and sign armistice terms. He adds that the Korean natives are in poor health, with disease rampant everywhere. His address is Pfc Edward H. Strom, R.A. 11222725, 477 Vet. Food Insp. Sect., A.P. O. 301, c-o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

LINWOOD L. MEACHAM, '41, has earned the distinction of becoming a member of the Order of the Blue Vase, the most coveted first year honor given by the William Eugene Hays Agency of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company. In a letter to friends of Mr. Meacham the concern says, "We predict a growing measure of success in a career for which he is ideally suited." His hosts of F. T. S. friends will want to add their congratulations for a first year of great accomplishment. Linwood and Mrs. Meacham have their home at 21 Kemper Street, Wollaston 70, Mass.

We note in a recent issue of the Boston Herald a photograph of Miss Marjorie Alma Smith with her engagement announcement to A. WALLACE FITT, '47. Mr. Fitt is in the home appliance field, in which business he continues to be highly successful. His home address is 100 Woodland Ave., Melrose, Massachusetts.

HANS M. CHRISTENSEN, '51, is a student at the Bristol County Agricultural

School where he is studying animal husbandry. His school year has been completed and he will work there this summer as a shop maintenance man, where he expects to gain considerable experience in general farm carpentry.

He placed second in a state-wide milk judging contest, and will represent this state in Milk Judging at Waterloo, Iowa, next October. He looks forward to this trip. He is a member of a three man team.

The 86th Army Band, stationed at Camp Devens, has among its members seven of our graduates. They are:

Edward L. Floyd, '25
Richard E. Duquet, '46
Leonard L. Lapham, '47
Harold D. Lowery, Jr., '47
Stephan J. Zevitas, '47
Paul W. Horton, '48
James L. Angelos, '49

The 308th Army Band, stationed at Camp Edwards, has three of our younger graduates in its ranks. They are:

Kenneth W. Duquet, '48
Burleigh M. Roberts, '48
Robert E Lucien, '49

We understand that the service periods of these army musicians will end soon, and we wish them good fortune as they resume their civilian careers.

Our sympathies are extended the family of G. HENRY TANGEN, '51, whose father passed away recently. Henry is a junior at Stetson high school of Randolph, and works after school in a local store. He has his sights set on a collegiate career, and is learning boys' club work to help his financial status.



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The Memorial Service

Our annual Memorial Sunday Service was held on Sunday, May 25. John P. Richardson, President of the Graduating Class, was in charge, and was assisted by members of the upper classes. We did not go to the cemetery this year, for as we were preparing to leave for south end the threatened rains began to fall. Thus the services were held in Chapel.

The significance of Memorial Day was related by Mr. Meacham, who recounted some of the history and deeds which led to the early Memorial Services. These are now held throughout the nation annually, although not on the same day. June 3 is observed throughout the South, and in some states either April 26 or May 10 is held sacred in memory of those who have died in the wars of our Nation.

The account of those who lie buried in our little cemetery was recounted by John Richardson. This was followed by the rolling of drums, the sounding of Taps, and a prayer by Mr. Bareiss.

Later in the day the graves were decorated with beautiful bouquets of flowers, which were prepared by the boys.

The service was very impressive and beautiful, and we were all impressed with the solemnity of the occasion. Those who took part deserve praise for their fine work. The order of service and names of those who took part follows.

PROGRAM

- Hymn—America
School
- Invocation
Mr. Bareiss
- Poem—God Save the Flag
David E. LeVeille
- Pledge of Allegiance
John P. Richardson, Robert Fabello
- Reading—The Meaning of Memorial Day
Edward J. Darr
- Hymn—America the Beautiful
School
- Poem—In Flanders Fields
Joseph C. Turner
- Hymn—God of Our Fathers
School
- Remarks
Mr. Meacham
- Rolling of Drums and Taps
David W. Howard
Donald E. Richardson
- History of the Graves
John P. Richardson
- Hymn—Nearer My God to Thee
School
- Benediction
Mr. Bareiss

The Music Festivals

Our Band took part in both the Northeastern and Southeastern Massachusetts School Music Festivals held during the past month. On May 3 the boys went to Everett and on the following Saturday, May 10, were in Middleboro. At both festivals our boys did a fine job, and the comments of the critics were highly commendable. These, combined and edited, follow:

"Sometime when looking up facts about school bands I wonder if anywhere there is a school this size which can boast a top-notch musical organization. Year after year this band does a remarkable job, with splendid verve and enthusiasm. The music is well taught and the boys should be proud to play in such a fine organization. With all their enthusiasm, the boys play well in time and pitch. I watched for the places where weakness might show. In the most difficult places they were 'right on the ball.' It is always a pleasure to hear this fine band, and to give it a superior rating. I asked someone in the audience what he thought of the band and he answered 'wonderful,' and I think that is the story."

"There is excellent spirit, rhythmic vitality, brilliant tone and fine interpretation. The players make changes of tempo and meter extremely well, no delays and well together. Outstanding strong points of the band are the discipline, group spirit and nearly always the ensemble."

"Everett folks are still talking about The Farm and Trades School Band. It certainly was outstanding as the rating of 99% showed. We in Music Education take great pride in counting you as one of us."

"The Farm and Trades School Band was one of the few which knew how to march. Many also noted the excellent department of this group when they were

'off stage.' Well trained, fine appearing group."

The boys had a fine time at the Festivals, and are pleased that the judges scored them so highly. All of us also appreciate the almost countless compliments given our group by spectators at the festivals.

The Two Largest Planets

Jupiter is the largest planet in our solar system. It has a diameter of 85,000 miles and is 483 million miles from our sun. Jupiter has the distinction of having from nine to twelve moons rotating about it, and gets its name from Zeus, king of the gods. This planet has a gaseous atmosphere, and it is believed that no life exists upon it.

Saturn is the next largest planet. It has twelve moons, and three strange rings about it. I think that the rings are made up of small particles of the planet which were broken off at some time by a terrific explosion on the planet. Jupiter is 885 million miles from the sun.

Robert E. Iannini

A Messenger from God

In the sixth grade we have read a story in our English class. It was about Seaman Ben. He was at the wheel of his ship and a little girl passenger sat on a stool nearby watching him at his work. The rest of the crew worked repairing a socket ring. They chained it to the missen-top and went below to get more tools. Just then a bird lighted at the wheelhouse and Seaman Ben quickly covered the little feathered friend with his hat. The little girl quickly sprang from her stool to see the bird. Just then the heavy steel socket ring fell on the stool which the little girl had just left.

Seaman Ben was a changed man from then on. He believed that the little bird

was a messenger from God to save the young girl passenger.

Arnold M. Sutterlin

Sorrow and Gladness

Although there is much gladness at graduation time, there is also sorrow. The graduating class leaves us, and boys who are left are sad because we have known the class for a long time and are sorry to see them go away. The instructors and boys all hope that the graduating class quickly gets happily settled in their new life. The younger boys have strong friendships with the graduates. I myself hope that John Richardson reaches his goal of becoming a landscape gardener. I'll be especially sorry when he leaves because he has helped me so much. Good luck to the Class of 1952.

David E. LeVeille

Change of Work

One day when I was working on the farm for extra credit I asked Mr. Baird if I could be a milker. He told me he thought I had a good chance and advised me to see Mr. Meacham. This I did and in a short time I was changed to the farm.

When I reported to Mr. Rimbach he had me start milking. It was very hard at first, and I couldn't milk a cow thoroughly enough, so one of the regular milkers finished the job for me. Gradually I began to learn, and now I milk two cows both morning and night.

I learned the feed mixtures for the cows and was feeding them beet pulp until the cows were put in the pasture. I have learned how to get the set-up for milking ready by putting the straining cloths on the pasteurizer and mixing the disinfectant for washing the cows' udders. I have learned how to keep the dairy room in good order.

I enjoy working in the cowbarn and want to learn all I can about dairying,
William H. Dillon

The Sophomore Banquet

Last night five other boys and I were waiters at the Sophomore Banquet. The banquet began by a short prayer by Mr. Meacham. Then we waiters began our work. We served first fruit cocktail. Next came the main course of steak, mashed potatoes and peas. We then brought in beverages and the diners had a choice of tea, coffee or milk. After the dinner was eaten we cleared the dishes, and served the dessert, which was blueberry pie and ice cream.

Following dinner there was a period of speeches. The three higher classes were represented by Roger Hopkins, John Richardson and Edward Darr. The instructors who spoke were Mr. Jakeman, Mr. Craz and Mr. Albee. The final talk was by Mr. Meacham. We thought all of the speeches were very good, and we enjoyed them all.

After the banquet came the work of setting up the dining room for breakfast. Everyone helped do this except we waiters who were eating. In just a short time the kitchen, serving room and dining room were all spick and span, with the dinner dishes washed and everything in good order.

We talked about the banquet for some time later, and I'm sure that everyone had a good time. I know I did.

Robert Fabello

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A large part of life consists of developing a pattern of living filled with purposeful projects. Everywhere we have uncounted quantities of available information. Education is the process of acquiring fragments of this knowledge. There is always great controversy over which elements of this material should be placed before the youth of the Nation.

Probably there is not another school in the world where so much and so varied facilities for learning and gaining experience, per pupil, is provided. During the past year the enrollment has not at any time exceeded 70 boys. In that time 166 articles written by the boys have appeared in the 12 issues of the BEACON, each article descriptive of a special interest requiring education, training and experience which the writer had acquired or developed here at this school.

Those 166 articles represented 62 different fields of activity. In this grouping the entire program of intramural and varsity sports of every season is classed as one activity. In a like manner farming in all its phases is called one activity. All class room studies are called one activity, and all band instruments are classed under one band activity. If every different study, band instrument, sport and branch of farming were itemized it would double the total participating interests.

Every one of the 26 members of the full time staff at the School is interested in one or more of these boy-activities. It actually averages over four interests per staff member. This means that all of the total skills, knowledge, and interests of all the men and women at the School are utilized in the development and education of this comparatively small group of boys.

The editor of a Vermont newspaper, the Addison County Independent, recently published a front page article about us, headed "An Ideal School." The last

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paragraph of the article reads as follows: "We are acquainted with a number of excellent secondary schools for boys and we know they are all doing a good job in the education of your youth. We like the vocational feature of this Boston school's program and often wish that more emphasis were laid on vocational training in our public schools. These boys get a college preparatory training in their upper grades but meanwhile are taught useful crafts and trades so that when they do have to face the world they have practical as well as theoretical knowledge. Headmaster Meacham can be proud of his school and its achievements."

Topics in Brief

The Class of 1952 held its annual banquet on the evening of May 15, in Bowditch House. The freshman class members were invited guests, and the total number which enjoyed the steak dinner was 60. The address of the evening was given by Mr. Meacham, who had some interesting stories to tell, followed by a serious discussion of the work of our School, and the opportunities, almost without limit, offered to its boys. Representatives of the upper classes, and three of the instructors also spoke. The toastmaster was J. Harold Darr, Jr., who carried out this assignment smoothly and efficiently. Those at the banquet had a pleasant time, thanks to the good work of the class committees, assisted by Mrs. Meacham and the dining room and kitchen instructors.

Our minister, Mr. Bareiss, planned a contest this winter so that those who made particular effort in our religious program could attend a Christian camp in July. Three boys were declared winners, and we congratulate Robert A. Kidder,

Ralph A. Hopkins, and Barry R. Fuller for their achievement. They will attend, for one week, the boys' camp at Rumney, N. H., operated by the New England Fellowship of Evangelicals. Mr. Bareiss is senior councilor at the camp.

The camp week for these boys will be from June 28 until July 5.

It is with real pride that we note the participation of the Band at two school music festivals during May. A rather full account of the results achieved will be found on another page. Although the expenses of these festivals are rather considerable, the educational value is great. We take this opportunity to thank those who assisted in financing these festival appearances of our boys. The assistance is indeed greatly appreciated.

The baseball and softball competition got underway in earnest this month, with all the teams playing two games weekly. Most of our boys enjoy these games, and some become very good players. We have admirable facilities for the enjoyment of these sports, and the diamonds are almost constantly in use.

Our graduating class held its final assembly program on May 19. Each of the boys recounted his days here, with a rather complete resume of his work and study achievements. The class orchestra entertained with four selections. The class will and class prophecy were highlights of the entertaining program.

Because of rain, our Memorial Sunday services were held in Chapel this year. The quiet dignity and beauty of this annual service is always a factor in teaching our boys a great lesson in heroic sacrifice. Several of the boys took part, and Mr. Meacham spoke concerning the real purpose of Memorial Day.

The boys have been hard at work on their flower gardens, and it will not be too long before the plot of gardens becomes a real beauty spot. The boys aspire to recognition on the Grew Garden prize list, and every opportunity is offered them to become youthful garden hobbyists. The gardens are located north of the orchard, and to a great many this area is the loveliest spot on the Island during the pleasant summer months.

Fishing has been very good during May, and much flounder has been taken. It is hard to imagine a more tasty dish than fresh caught flounder, as the boys will testify, and most of the boys have been trying their luck, with really good results.

A clever adaptation of Shakespeare's "Julius Cæsar" was staged by the sophomore class on May 12. Every member of the class had a part and the entire production was a credit to the class. Special staging and lighting effects helped greatly to make the play a success.

The freshman class invited our graduating class to a reception and dancing party on Thursday evening, May 29. As has been the case for many years, Miss Helen M. Gresty kindly gave of her time and ability to make the party a grand success. Miss Gresty brought fourteen girls, members of her church groups, for dancing partners. In addition to the dances there were novelty games and stunts, all of which were fun-making and very entertaining. Everyone had a pleasant evening, thanks to Miss Gresty, and the members of our staff who assisted the class committee in planning the party.

The Memorial Day holiday was, as is traditional, the date of our annual track meet. The boys were divided in five

groups, according to age and ability. The meet consisted of eight events, the cross country run, dashes, jumps, and putting the shot. The first five places in each event scored points, and at the conclusion of the meet Arnold Sutterlin was declared the champion, with a total of 39 points out of a possible 50. It was a great day for the boys and they enjoyed the holiday to the utmost.

A supper on the beach made a fine ending to the happy holiday and it was at this time that the winners of each group were announced, and prizes awarded.

Laundry Cleaning

The laundry is one place where everything must be spotless. We clean every day and once a week take an afternoon to do a complete, thorough job. Cleaning an iron is a simple job, yet many do not know our way, and make a lot of work for themselves. A little parafin wax on the iron's surface rubbed with some steel wool and the iron finally polished with a soft cloth is all that is needed to give a fine clean surface. The washing machines are given a good wash with hot water and ammonia. We wash the windows once a week, polish the brass and do other such cleaning work. Occasionally the walls are washed also.

William F. James

My Garden

My flower garden is three feet wide and ten feet long, and has a stone border. Early this spring I carefully prepared the soil and made the garden ready for my plants, which I had started in small boxes. I am going to concentrate on two kinds of flowers, Blue Ageratum and Golden Marigold. These have already been transplanted and are doing well. I transplanted them when they were an inch high.

When full grown they will be four inches high, and I have planted them four inches apart. I water them each night after sunset.

There is competition all summer long in flower gardening and at the end of the summer the judges select the best gardens for prizes. Not only do the judges keep watch of the gardens, but they also look out for weeds in the paths around the gardens. A boy needs to work hard to get first prize, but it is well worth it.

Edward E. Atton

Dining Room Work

This week I am the "washer" in the dining room. This means that I begin work when the waiters eat. As the dishes come from the dining room I wash them and the "racker" puts them in the racks for the dishwashing machine. My job takes about an hour. Next week my job will be to clear and set some of the tables in the dining room. The following week I will dry the dishes. Part of this job is to take the serving dishes needed for the next meal to the kitchen.

David W. Howard

Our Team

We have started our baseball season here at Farm and Trades. The boys chose teams several weeks ago and now the season is well along. The baseball teams are named Indians, Giants and Dodgers. I am captain of the Indians and so far we have won as many as we have lost. One game we lost was by a score of 3-0, which wasn't too bad. I like close games anyway. There are three teams in our ball league and the other two captains are Teyet Ramar and Harold Darr. I hope we have a good season with plenty of fun in the games.

Leonard Bova

Softball

In our last softball game the Red Sox beat the Braves. It was a close game but the Red Sox were just too good in the last innings. Our captain is Loren Cain. Fred Krueger has pitched most of the games so far. We hope to become the champions of the softball league.

Alexander D. Marinakis

Taking Blood Samples

Recently a veterinarian came to the island to take blood tests of our herd, which is done periodically. We have this done at this time, just before we put the animals out to pasture. Should there be any sickness in the herd it is discovered and will not spread when the cows roam together in the pasture. The two men began their work without delay, taking about two inches of blood in a test tube, from each animal. Some of the cows did not like it, while others did not seem to care.

Richard A. Ostrander

The Pickup

Last night I was looking out towards the main channel and I noticed a powerful red tug boat not too far away. It was almost motionless. I watched for several minutes, wondering what was going to happen. Then up the channel came a large ship. The tug turned about and I could see that the plans were to tow the ship to the harbor docks. The ship went by the tug, and then slowed up while the tug came alongside and lines were speedily made fast. In a short time the tug began its towing job, and both ships soon passed by Castle Island into the inner harbor.

I found out later that almost all large ships need help of one kind or another, whenever they enter or leave the harbor.

Albert K. Ellis

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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DANIEL F. SMITH, '22, after many years in the woodworking business, has entered partnership with two associates. The new concern, Wood Arts, Inc., is located at 44 James St., Medford, Massachusetts.

Our president, John E. Kervin, '20, is planning a gala event for our Association members and guests, to be held in the fall. He urges each of our members to be on the watch for news of this Alumni party and by all means, save the date, once it is announced.

DARWIN C. BAIRD, '45, graduates from Park College this month. He has majored in Business Administration. He expects to take an intensive short course this summer and fall, and then enter the armed forces. He has had a busy, and happy, college career, and we wish him well in the new fields he will enter. He received his early schooling at F. T. S. and at Mount Hermon School.

MALCOLM C. WILEY, '49, will graduate from Weymouth High School this month. He has tentative plans for a year at prep school, beginning in September. His home address is 44 Mancmet Road, North Weymouth 91, Mass.

RICHARD P. ALLEN, '50, visited with our Band during the recent musical festivals. He is in the graduating class at Melrose High School, and plays saxophone in the high school band. He lives at 76 Meridian Street, Melrose, Mass.

STEPHEN J. ZEVITAS, '47, has decided to reenlist in the armed forces. His

enlistment period ended this month and he is on furlough from his musical duties with the 86th Army Band at Camp Devens. When he reports again for duty he is not certain where he will be stationed. His home address is 14 E. Brookline Street., Boston 18, Massachusetts.

SGT. RICHARD E. MCPHEE, '48, writes from Germany where he is a member of the 82nd Army Band. His period in Germany has been extended another nine months and he will not be in Boston until next year.

He is stationed in Nurnberg, rich in historical significance. During his furloughs he has had opportunity to visit interesting places, including many in England and France.

His musical duties have taken him over the entire area of occupied Germany. He has had the pleasure of hearing the Munich, Nurnberg, Berlin, London and Philadelphia Symphony Orchestras and is looking forward to the concert to be given by the Boston Symphony soon. He has become an opera lover, and has attended every possible operatic production.

His mail address is: Sgt. Richard E. McPhee, R. A. 21292619, 82nd Army Band, APO 46, care of Postmaster, N. Y., N. Y.

WILLIAM P. MANSON, a former pupil, hopes to complete his period in the armed forces within the next few months. For the past year he has been stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas, near El Paso. He is a corporal with the 728th Anti-Aircraft Battalion, and his duties are those of a gun mechanic. His home address is 293 Cumberland St., San Francisco 14, Calif.



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Graduation

The Class of 1952 was graduated on June 10, with exercises held in our lovely outdoor setting on the front south lawn. Beautiful weather prevailed, and conditions were ideal for the ceremonies for the class of seven.

The Reverend Howard E. Pomeroy, pastor of the Boylston Congregational Church, of Jamaica Plain, delivered the address. Dr. Pomeroy had a message of great inspiration for the boys, as well as the audience of more than three hundred. He is Protestant chaplain of the Boston Fire Department, and in this service has for many years known Henry A. Fox, '79, former chief of the Department. He also prepared a testimonial resolution in memory of the late William Alcott, '84, for the American Congregational Society. He spoke of his admiration and respect for these F. T. S. graduates, as well as other of our alumni whom he has known, some in his own parish. Dr. Pomeroy was introduced by the president of the Board of Trustees, Calvin Page Bartlett.

The Rev. Morris A. Inch delivered the Invocation. Mr. Inch has many friends here at F. T. S., for not long ago he served for a year as our religious director, and for the past two years he has delivered the Baccalaureate address to our graduating classes at the South Baptist Church, where he is pastor.

The salutatory was given by William L. Glennon, Jr., and his address of welcome was followed by the valedictory, delivered by Joseph J. Magazu. Both did a fine job in these parts traditionally reserved for the two highest in scholastic standing.

Headmaster William M. Meacham awarded graduation diplomas to the seven members of the class, as well as a certificate to Roger A. Hopkins for a year of post-graduate work. Seven also received diplomas for completion of the course in sloyd and mechanical drawing. Three members of the class received special certificates for special Band achievement.

The highest honor received annually by an individual student is the Francis Shaw Scholarship. This year this award was received by the class valedictorian, Joseph J. Magazu. Headmaster Meacham took special pleasure in awarding this honor, named after a former trustee and given in his memory by his daughter, Miss Miriam Shaw.

Fifteen boys received Charles Hayden Memorial Scholarships. For several years the Charles Hayden Foundation has provided these scholarships, and each of the recipients is presented a certificate issued by the Foundation. Other awards given included the Shaw Conduct Prizes, the Temple Consolation Awards, Raymond Thomas athletic prizes, and certificates

for participation in school team athletics.

The Band had an important part in the exercises, playing several compositions under the direction of Major Frank L. Warren, who has been our band director since 1923. The ceremonies opened with the class processional, with Bruce A. Graham, '53, as Marshall and Bandmaster Warren directing the traditional music.

Guests present included members of the Board of Trustees, several prominent alumni, and parents and friends of the boys. Most of the group came early, and had opportunity to visit with the boys before the exercises commenced. The transportation was by both our boat, the PILGRIM III, and public boats chartered for the occasion.

The program, and names of honor winners, follows:

PROGRAM

Class Processional—Youth Victorious
Bruce A. Graham, '53, Marshall

Invocation

The Reverend Morris A. Inch
Pastor, South Baptist Church

Overture—The Magic Garden

Salutatory

William L. Glennon, Jr.

Band Selection—Sun Carnival

Valedictory

Joseph J. Magazu

Introduction of Speaker

President Calvin Page Bartlett

Address

The Reverend Howard E. Pomeroy
Pastor, Boylston Congregational Church

Presentation of Diplomas and Prizes

Headmaster William M. Meacham

Finale—Melodic Overture

DIPLOMAS AWARDED

GRADUATION

Kenneth Wayne Clayton
Julius Harold Darr, Jr.
William Lester Glennon, Jr.
Robert Barry Gorrill
Frederick Edward Harding
Joseph John Magazu
John Peabody Richardson

SLOYD

Leonard Bova
Robert Otis Cain
Julius Harold Darr, Jr.
William Lester Glennon, Jr.
Joseph John Magazu
William Francis Sonier
Joseph Christopher Turner

JUNIOR YEAR CERTIFICATE

Roger Allan Hopkins

CLASS OFFICERS

John P. Richardson, President
J. Harold Darr, Vice President
Joseph J. Magazu, Secretary

CLASS MOTTO

"We drift towards the rock of failure,
We row towards the rock of success."

Honor Roll — Spring 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

Ralph F. Hopkins
Robert A. Kidder

Freshmen, Division B

Charles B. Tinker
Edward J. Darr
Donald R. Dockham

Eighth Grade

William H. Dillon
Robert E. Iannini

Seventh Grade

Loren E. Cain
Harold L. Spurling

Sixth Grade

Richard B. Pulsifer
Philip H. Churchill

Best Citizenship

The best general conduct and effort
in each class group

Junior Class

Roger A. Hopkins

Sophomore Class

J. Harold Darr, Jr.
Robert B. Gorrill
John P. Richardson
William F. Sonier
Kenneth W. Clayton

Freshmen, Division A

Allan C. Waldron
Robert O. Cain

Freshmen, Division B

Wayne W. Henry
Edward J. Darr
S. Newcomb Graham

Eighth Grade

Leonard Bova
Kenneth E. Forster
Edward A. Atton

Seventh Grade

Thomas Angelos
Albert K. Ellis
Loren E. Cain

Sixth Grade

Philip H. Churchill
Barry R. Fuller

June Trustees' Meeting

The June meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the School on Tuesday, June 3. Thirteen members of the Board were present. The trustees had lunch in the school dining room, and held their business meeting in the Bowditch House sitting room. Later visits were made to note the functioning of the many departments of the School, with emphasis being placed on the dairy and barns. Those present included:

Calvin Page Bartlett, President
James H. Lowell, Vice President
Alfred C. Malm, Treasurer
Merton P. Ellis, Secretary
Howland S. Warren, Ass't. Secretary
Howard B. Ellis
John Lowell
William M. Meacham
Thomas Temple Pond
Joseph L. Pendergast
Donald S. MacPherson
Philip H. Theopold
Augustus P. Loring, III

Basketball Cups

Some years ago our coach, Mr. Thomas, decided that the boys should have an incentive to try harder to become good foul shooters. He secured silver cups and told us that each year the names of the best shooters would be engraved on them. This year the cups were awarded at Graduation. I was lucky enough to win the Sears League cup, with Philip Lane and Donald Dockham being very close runners-up. Carroll Young was the Nut League champion, but Arnold Sutterlin was a close second. We were certainly glad to get these cups and to have our names engraved upon them.

I am going to practice hard, and try to win the varsity cup next year.

David E. LeVeille

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Editorial

It hardly seems possible that graduation is over. Only yesterday, it seemed, we were starting a new school year, preparing to make this the best year yet. Our Band was reorganizing after having lost ten of our key men. Football was getting under way for an unknown season ahead. A group of new boys had just entered—the littlest boys we had ever had—so we of the graduating class said. That was September—my how time flies—it seems like only yesterday.

Now that year has passed into our own history of living. Memories, friendships, new knowledge, practical experiences, a generous amount of fun and good living, have all been packed into one glorious year.

We are told by those of greater years that throughout our lifetime those days and the years we have lived at The Farm and Trades School will mean more and more to us.

There is so much to look forward to in this great world of ours, how can any part of the past be so glorious and glamorous as the future that is ahead? Can it? Well, we shall see. They said our graduation was our commencement. We believe that is so. We are determined to live fully and well and to do our part in trying to make this world even better and happier for all. We shall strive to prove our devotion to our Alma Mater and show that the faith placed in us by those who helped to smooth our way is not misplaced.

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

Rev. Morris A. Inch, pastor of the South Baptist Church in South Boston, preached the Baccalaureate address to the Class of 1952, at the Church on Sunday, June 1. It was a thrill for him to direct this service, for, as our former school pastor, he knew almost all of the class members personally. His sermon-message rang with sincerity and was a challenge to the class to aspire to high ideals. Special music was furnished by the church choir, and by our school brass quartet.

Graduation exercises for the Class of 1952 were held on June 10. The president of our Board of Trustees, Mr. Calvin Page Bartlett, introduced the speaker, the Rev. Howard A. Pomeroy, whose address to the class was certainly one of the finest we have heard. We were greatly privileged to have Dr. Pomeroy with us, and we thank him for coming. Diplomas and special awards were presented by Headmaster William M. Meacham. Seven boys received graduation diplomas. Soon after the exercises the young graduates left for their homes. We extend our sincere and best wishes for continued success to each member of the Class.

On Sunday evening June 8, the members of the Class of 1952 were invited to a lawn supper at Adams House by Headmaster and Mrs. Meacham. An informal, happy time was enjoyed by the class and teachers. This is an annual event, begun by Mr. and Mrs. Meacham some years ago, and is looked forward to as a pleasant, happy and important part of the graduation season.

On June 9, the day before graduation, the boys in the Class of 1952 enjoyed an all-day trip to Canobie Lake, N. H. A similar outing is held annually, and for

many years the expense has been covered by Mrs. Arthur Adams. The boys had a fine time this year. They very much appreciate Mrs. Adams' kindness.

On Sunday evening, June 8, our regular evening church service was conducted by the graduating class, with the class president, John P. Richardson, directing the service. His talk had much merit, and was surely well prepared and delivered. Special vocal and instrumental music helped make the service outstanding in the long series of our pre-graduation religious programs.

Our Band enjoyed a trip to Amherst on June 6, where the boys took part in the annual New England School Music Festival. The Association was fortunate in securing the buildings and grounds of the University of Massachusetts for the festival events. Our Band played in Stockbridge Hall, where three judges of national repute heard our boys and gave our band a very creditable rating. Our group had the opportunity of seeing much of the extensive agricultural department of the university, through the kindness of Mr. Roland H. Verbeck, Director of the short term courses, who took time to personally conduct our boys on a tour of the University dairy and barns. We surely appreciate the interest of Mr. Verbeck in our behalf.

The gangway leading to our boat float has been repaired this month. This project presented some interesting problems, all of which were solved by our boat crew. The gangway is now in place, with new main timbers as necessary, new flooring overall, and everything in first class condition.

New rope has been installed in the derrick on our wharf, this being another project completed lately by our boat crew

Work on our farm has progressed very satisfactorily during the first weeks of summer. We have had an abundance of strawberries, peas, string beans, lettuce, radishes and cucumbers. Our head farm instructor, Mr. Baird, who has been with us for nearly 25 years, is particularly proud of the hay crop, which in both quality and quantity is decidedly above average.

Charles Hayden Scholarships

Charles Hayden, noted financier and benefactor of youth, firmly believed that the proper Christian upbringing of our nation's children was of paramount importance to our country's welfare. To this end he directed that his life earnings be expended in the interest of youth, and the Charles Hayden Foundation was organized to supervise the trust. Vast sums have been granted many schools, colleges and boys' organizations to further the welfare of young people. For several years the Foundation has awarded Charles Hayden Memorial Scholarships to a group of our boys. With each award is presented a certificate from the Foundation. Those who received the Hayden Scholarships this year are:

Roger A. Hopkins
 Kenneth W. Clayton
 J. Harold Darr, Jr.
 William L. Glennon
 Robert B. Gorrill
 Frederick E. Harding
 John P. Richardson
 Joseph J. Magazu
 William F. Sonier
 Joseph C. Turner
 Robert O. Cain
 Edward J. Darr
 Wayne W. Henry
 Donald E. Richardson
 Alan C. Waldron

The Band Certificates

Three years ago it was decided that each of our band members, upon his graduation, should receive tangible evidence of his Band membership and music activities. A certificate was designed and printed in Blue and Gold, the school colors. The boys are proud indeed to receive the certificates, which are especially suitable for framing. Because we have not hitherto published the names of those earning this honor previously we include them here, together with the names of this year's winners.

1950

Richard P. Allen
 Edwin W. Gray
 Theodore L. Jones
 Robert K. McCann
 Robert E. Sanborn
 David W. Simmons, Jr.
 James B. Ward
 Malcolm C. Wiley

1951

Hans M. Christensen
 Robert W. Closson
 Roger A. Hopkins
 Donald S. Duquet
 Frank C. Wing

1952

Kenneth W. Clayton
 R. Barry Gorrill
 Joseph J. Magazu

Making an Arrow

I have long been an archery enthusiast. I have lately made an arrow, and this is how I did it. I got a piece of birch doweling three-eighths of an inch thick and cut it to the right length. Next I made a notch for the bowstring. I made a paper pattern and cut three turkey feathers as near alike as possible. The first feather was placed in line with the notch and the others 120° away. A piece of sheet metal

was cut in a V shape and made with a barb. A piece of sturdy tubing one inch long was fitted over the arrow and made to fit snugly. Next I drilled a hole through the tubing and into the wood so that a small nut and bolt would hold the head securely. The job was finished by sanding, shellacing and painting.

Robert E. Iannini

Faneuil Hall

The history of Faneuil Hall is always interesting to visitors to Boston, and it is strange, perhaps, that more of our permanent residents are unacquainted with the true account of the beginning of what was to become the "Cradle of Liberty." Andrew Faneuil was a rich man. He had two nephews, and agreed to leave his fortune to the older should he remain single. Fate decreed that he could not meet his part of the bargain, and the same terms were made to the younger nephew, Peter Faneuil.

Although Peter had amassed a large personal estate by local and world-wide business enterprises, he remained single and inherited his uncle's vast fortune. His sister kept house for him, and because of his far-flung commercial ventures, and the fact that he was a public spirited citizen, his home was always filled with guests. With such lavish entertaining, it became a considerable job to purchase food.

Peter decided that the town of Boston should have a good market place and in 1742 the building was finished and given to the town. It was voted that the hall above the market should be named after the donor "Faneuil." This room became one of the famous halls of the world, and saved Peter's name from oblivion. Upon its rostrum have stood many of America's greatest orators and statesmen.

Charles Bulfinch, who designed our main building, was commissioned in 1805

to supervise the enlarging of Faneuil Hall. The famed hall itself measures 74x75 feet.

"Started Band With Combs"

Mr. Frank Jason, feature writer for the Boston Post, came to the School on June 5 for the purpose of securing data and pictures for the basis of an article for the "Post." As a result of his visit an excellent full page account, with photos, appeared in the Sunday edition, July 6.

Space does not permit the reprinting of the complete article, but some pertinent paragraphs are well worth stressing. Mr. Jason writes:

"During a leisure period at the famed Farm and Trades School on Thompson's Island a small group of boys gathered and started humming on tissue-covered combs. As their technique improved they were joined by three boys who brought violins to the Island school and another who had a huge bass fiddle. A little later on a cornepean, saxhorn and drum were added. All this took place in 1857 and as a result of their love for music the boys of The Farm and Trades School have the proud distinction of being the organizers of the first and now oldest school band in America.

"Instruments were secured on a rental-on-trial basis and the school acquired the services of Alonzo Draper to teach band music. In 1859 the band made its first public appearance in a parade in Boston and became an immediate sensation.

"Overwhelmed with their success the rented instruments were returned and an entire new set purchased. The students were so jubilant about the new and shiny instruments that they never handled them without donning white gloves."

And thus is a little of our early band story. We thank Mr. Jason for his fine article. Not only is it excellent publicity for our group, but also helps promote school instrumental music generally.

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Alumni Field Day

The annual field day of the Alumni Association was held at the School on Saturday, June 7. Our association president, John E. Kervin, '20, saw to it that all had a happy and pleasant time, with a program tailored to please everyone.

As is the happy custom, the alumni and their guests were greeted by the band. When everyone had assembled on the north lawn there were a few very brief announcements, the important one being the schedule of events for the day.

At noon Headmaster Meacham, with a corps of assistants from the school staff, served a tasty lunch. The always-popular F. T. S. baked beans were in demand. Golden cool Guernsey milk, fresh from our dairy, was a real treat. With plenty of time in an ideal setting, the alumni and their guests enjoyed lunch in a leisurely manner.

After lunch some decided to play softball, baseball or outdoor basketball. There was no organized baseball game played this year, and a "choose-up" gave fun to all those interested. Softball seemed to offer most fun to the majority.

A visit to the shops, dormitories and playgrounds was always in order, and all of the grads took advantage to look upon the scenes of their youth once more, as well as to note, with satisfaction, some of the newer projects completed or under way.

In the afternoon a program of games, stunts and races was held, and although most of the activities were for the boys at the school, there was occasional action and fun exclusively for the very young children present.

We welcomed a group of youngsters from Sandown, N. H., who were here as guests of Malcolm H. Cameron, '19, and Mrs. Cameron. The group sang some of their favorite songs over our public address system which we very much enjoyed. Other young children also entertained, much to everyone's pleasure.

Our Bandmaster, Major Frank L. Warren introduced the Oriental Band, led by the "Queen of Sheba." This was a decided novelty, and to many a complete and amusing surprise. The "Queen," in her royal costume and the band in typical Oriental dress, indeed made a striking picture. This novelty was well received, and the dozen boys who took part may well feel that their efforts were enjoyed.

Later in the afternoon the boats arrived to return our alumni and guests to City Point. There was no need to hurry, and the last minutes of the day were spent in reviewing the events of the 1952 Field Day, with the consensus of opinion being that the Alumni committee, aided by Mr. Meacham and the school staff, had combined to make the day one of happiness and pleasure to all.

NORMAN F. MORSE, '85, recently sent us a large American flag for use at the School. We are sorry to report that he has been ill this past winter, but is now in reasonably good health. He has retired from his position with the Master Builders Association.

Mr. Morse is deeply interested in the School, and is always happy to tell of his early recollections of Thompson's Island. The son of a former teacher here, he was born in the farmhouse and has through the years kept in touch with our School.



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Our Summer Program

Our school operates twelve months of the year, and the summer schedule is devoted to a full program built to give our boys everything that a well organized summer camp can offer, plus many advantages which our location, staff and facilities make possible.

We have nearly one hundred acres devoted to some form of agricultural work. Nearly all of our boys enjoy and want to do some kind of farm work and during the summer there is no doubt but that our farm has strong attractions for our boys, regardless of their age. Our staff of five farm instructors gives expert instruction, supervision, and advice geared to a boy's comprehension. The boys know and realize that they are learning farm practices which will be of life-long value, and this adds immeasurably to their deep interest. Certainly agriculture is the oldest occupation of man, and our modern farm is a school where our boys deal first-hand with the problems of life.

We mention first the farm, for this is of course our main summer activity. Yet the other practical training departments are operating throughout the summer, giving worth while learning and activity to the boys. Many a fine project in wood-work, painting and other crafts has been completed this summer, all giving practical and valuable training in foundation skills

to our boys. Some of the work done is listed in this and other late BEACON issues.

Our recreation program is devised to offer a wide variety of activities to interest the boys. Our location is ideal for all forms of water sports and the courses outlined by the American Red Cross form the basis of our aquatic procedure. Last year nearly fifty Red Cross awards were made our boys for courses completed in swimming, life saving and water safety skills and we expect that this number will be equalled this summer. The pure fun of swimming is not neglected either, for games, stunts, diving and some participation in water skiing and surfboard riding has been enjoyed.

Tennis has long been regarded as an ideal individual sport and our boys are enthusiastic players. Tournaments are conducted at frequent intervals for boys of different age levels, and few of our lads fail to take an active interest in the game.

Softball games are played regularly, and as a summer sport for pure fun this activity has few equals. Many of the instructors join the boys and several games are played weekly. Baseball has its loyal followers, but cannot compete with softball for a summer camp, or at least so it seems. Horseshoe pitching and basketball are two popular summertime recreation activities and schedules are arranged so that all of the boys take part.

Not only are the many sports and recreations enjoyed for their inherent fun, but they add bouyancy and a lift to boy life and most certainly make for certain positive elements of character. There is no better school for self-control than well played athletics and actually such sports and games may well be likened to life in miniature.

The vast majority of our boys is music-minded and the summer schedule has allowed much time for music practice. Our band director, Mr. Warren, has come once each week to direct a rehearsal of the band, and to otherwise help the boys with their music work.

No account of summer activities at our school should fail to mention the boys' interests in flower gardening. The garden plot is divided into a number of beds symmetrically laid out, but affording a variety of designs. There are enough of these beds so that every boy can have one, and many of the instructors also enjoy having a garden plot. The boys have the pleasure of selecting their own designs, seeds, and doing the work themselves. The only restrictions are that the plot be kept free of weeds, well watered and cared for. Each year prizes are given for excellence in flower gardening. Yet, aside from any incentive which the prizes may afford, the boys cultivate and care for their gardens because they are interested in them, and from this hobby they acquire a love for flowers and a knowledge of gardening which will give them life-long pleasure.

There is so much variety to our vacation life that no article such as this could be called complete. Beach suppers, lawn parties, occasional entertainment from movies and television--these and many more enjoyable treats are all integrated with our major features so as to give a wholesome and character-building

program of vacation activities geared to make a full life for our boys.

My Hobby

My hobby is radio and electronics. I began this hobby before I came to F. T. S. I was at a pal's house and we found a crystal set in the attic. He gave me the set, and with the help of a cub scout book I rigged it up and got it working. After that I collected all the old radios I could, and I received some kits at Christmas, and at other times. As a result I have a sizable collection of radio parts and tubes, all of which I value very highly.

My immediate objective is to learn the code because I want to eventually try for an F. C. C. novice's license.

Robert E. Iannini

Boat Work

Some months ago I was assigned to boat work which I like very much. We make at least two trips to City Point each day, and sometimes many more than this, according to the need. When we are not making trips we clean the boats and make repairs. This summer we have done two major repair jobs so far. The gangway to the PILCRIM float was completely rebuilt and painted. When this job was finished we put the float on the beach and are at present getting it ready for the winter, which will take quite a while. During the summer we have transported quite a lot of freight, getting grain, groceries, other supplies, and Pyrofax gas.

Charles J. Laidlaw

Award of Prizes

The Shaw Prizes for excellence in conduct were awarded on Graduation Day. This was the 127th consecutive six-month period that these prizes have been given. A former member of our Board of Trustees, Francis Shaw, gave

funds for these prizes during his lifetime, and upon his death their perpetuity was assured by a provision in his will. A firm believer in rewarding good effort, Mr. Shaw was thoroughly in favor of all methods which taught good citizenship.

Mr. Thomas F. Temple, another former trustee, decided that some recognition should be given those who almost achieved the rank necessary for inclusion on the Shaw Prize list. He thus established the Temple Consolation Prizes, and gave them for many years. After his death our former trustee, N. Penrose Hallowell, gave the prizes in memory of Mr. Temple, and he continues to do so.

Those who received the Shaw Prizes were:

Kenneth W. Clayton
 Albert K. Ellis
 Leonard Bova
 William F. Sonier
 Kenneth E. Forster
 J. Harold Darr, Jr.
 R. Barry Gorrill
 Donald E. Richardson
 John P. Richardson
 Alan C. Waldron

Temple Consolation Prizes were awarded to:

Edward A. Atton
 Robert O. Cain
 Loren E. Cain
 William L. Glennon, Jr.
 Wayne W. Henry

Honorable mention was given the following:

Ralph F. Hopkins
 Edward J. Darr
 Richard A. Ostrander
 Joseph J. Magazu
 Bruce A. Graham
 Robert Fabello

Congratulations to the twenty-one boys who earned a place on the prize list.

Leroy Anderson

Leroy Anderson's name may not be familiar to you, but certainly his many musical compositions are! He has written over twenty, all of which have been in the musical limelight at one time or other. Perhaps you can recall a few of his hits, such as "Fiddle Faddle," "Syncopated Clock," "Sleigh Ride" or his latest success, "Blue Tango." Not many know it, but Mr. Anderson, who was born in nearby Cambridge, was at one time a teacher of classical music and many thought he would reach his fame in that field, but fate decreed that he become a composer in the modern popular vein. Many of his big successes had their beginnings by being performed by the Boston Pops Orchestra, with Mr. Anderson as guest conductor. I could write much more about this famous composer but will close by saying that he is now working for Army Intelligence in Washington, and still composing when he has time. Perhaps we'll hear a new composition any day. Let's hope so!

Wayne W. Henry

Dressing Chickens

This morning I was asked if I wanted to help dress off chicken for Sunday dinner. I was only too willing, for I wanted to see how it was done. Ten birds were selected, each weighing between four and five pounds. They were culls from our flock. My job was to pick off the feathers. After they were dead the birds were first put into scalding water, then very hot water and finally cold water. I wondered why cold water and was told it was used so that the hot water wouldn't cook the meat. The feathers came off quite easily. It wasn't very long before the birds were all ready for the kitchen so we took them there so that they could be put into the refrigerator.

Philip H. Churchill

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Editorial

This is the month of vacations. Either we each just had one or we are about to get one. Vacations mean different things to different people. Usually a vacation means a rather complete change of activity, another group of associates, a change of scenery and, in general, relax from our usual routine.

A vacation does not necessarily mean a better time. Some say they go for a rest but often the rest comes after the vacation.

To most people who take vacations and some seldom if ever do take a vacation, a complete change of scenery and type of major activity is the rule. Others take the so-called bus-man's holiday type of vacation.

There are those who spend a vacation at some spot similar to the home spot, do the same type of thing he does at home, plays the same games and tries to have the same kind of food. To most people the most memorable and relaxing vacations are those vacations spent in new sights to see, new people to meet and new joys of living to encounter.

Whatever the choice, Americans have acquired the universal habit of talking about "My Vacation." May each one enjoy every bit of it to the utmost!

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 summer series of vacations is on, and most of the boys have already enjoyed a period at home or at some vacation spot. All of the boys have a vacation during the summer months, the length varying with the excellence of conduct maintained during the previous school year. Three of our boys were fortunate in having an extra vacation at a boys' Christian summer camp in the New Hampshire mountain area near Rumney. This was a reward for superior work in our religious program, and was arranged for by our minister, Mr. Richard Bareiss.

Those who were at the School had a happy time on the Fourth of July. Ball games, swimming and fishing took up much of the holiday time. In the evening a beach supper was held at our favorite spot near the wharf. At night many took advantage of our ideal location to watch the municipal displays of fireworks in Boston and the suburbs. Some of these displays were really magnificent.

The flower garden area is showing the results of much good work and steady attention. Many of our boys take much pleasure from caring for their own garden plot, and as an added incentive, prizes are given annually to those who achieve the best results. This is an important part of our summer program, and this feature arouses in many an interest which develops to an ideal life-long hobby.

Our supervisor, Raymond Thomas, is directing the American Red Cross program of swimming, life saving, and water safety courses for our boys. Most of our youngsters participate in these valuable courses, and they are indeed proud to complete them satisfactorily and thus earn the right to wear the official Red Cross emblems.

An outdoor supper was enjoyed on the north lawn on July 17. Potato salad, cold cuts, watermelon and other picnic treats made up the menu. After supper the boys enjoyed lawn stunts and games until late in the evening when swimming was in order.

Edward Rowe Snow was here on July 6 with a group of friends. Mr. Snow showed several reels of moving pictures which he had recently taken. The boys were especially interested in the scenes of shipwrecks where buried treasure had been discovered. Mr. Snow's recovery of pirate coins recently in Canada has attracted wide attention and we were glad to see movies of these coins, which treasure has been impounded by the Canadian government for the time being. We are always glad to have Mr. Snow visit us with his tales of romance, intrigue and coastal history.

Frequent tournaments are being held during the vacation weeks in horseshoe pitching, tennis, and in basketball foul shooting. We have excellent facilities for the enjoyment of these individual sports, and most of our boys take active interest in tournament play.

We are often asked about television at our school. There are several sets here, representing most of the leading makes. Reception is as fine as can be obtained anywhere. The boys have a large set in their recreation room, and although a few are not at all interested, most will watch the top shows, while but only a few spend time to view ordinary TV fare and second-rate movies.

Workmen were here during the month making repairs to our electric light line at the wharf, and repairing the inter-building phone system. In each case new cables were installed.

A Fine Gift

One of Boston's most successful musicians, E. J. LaRue, has made our band a gift of much music, all in excellent condition and very suitable for our use. We are very grateful to Mr. LaRue for his kindness, and thank him for his gift.

A Million Dollars Worth

As we all know, the prolonged dry spell did much damage to New England farms. All of the crops were drying up, and some were ruined.

Mr. Baird, our head farm instructor, saved many garden crops by means of a sprinkler system. Things were very discouraging even with this until a couple of days ago when it began to rain.

Off and on, the rain lasted parts of five days. On one day, in a matter of a few minutes, more rain fell than we had in the whole month of July. During much of the five days we had a slow, seeping rain which brought life back to the half-nourished crops.

It was certainly a "million dollar" rain. Not only did it give new hope to the farmers of this area, but it also put out several serious forest fires and almost entirely eliminated the great fire hazard which has existed in the woodlands for quite a while.

Frederick E. Harding

Our Best Habit

Well, maybe it isn't our best habit but we do it pretty well. This is going to the dining room and eating the very wonderful meals prepared by our very expert kitchen instructors. I was going to say that our best habit was getting up promptly in the morning, but I guess we get up on time so as to be ready to enjoy breakfast. So, eating must be our best habit, and as I said before, we do it pretty well.

Robert O. Cain

Hamsters

I have a hamster for a pet. This is a rat-like burrowing rodent, originally found in parts of Europe and Asia. They are very small, and eat very slowly although they can eat a lot for their size. They have four feet, very short tails, and can move very quickly when they want to. They eat almost any kind of food. They sleep all day and play at night, making funny noises. They make very good pets. Sometimes I carry my pet in my pocket, and you can be sure that it attracts a lot of attention from the boys and instructors.

Philip H. Lane

Life Saving

I have begun to take life saving lessons, and am in the class for juniors. There are ten others in the group and we have a lesson each morning at ten o'clock. So far I have been able to learn the work and have passed some tests. I hope I will learn to do everything all right so that I may earn a life saving certificate.

Loren E. Cain

Sports

What I like to do more than anything else during the summer is to play sports. There are many of them here for us to enjoy. Some are baseball, basketball, softball, tennis, horseshoes, swimming and, as soon as the court is ready, the grand game of shuffleboard. Swimming is a big summer sport, and we go three times a day, and sometimes even more when the weather is hot. Most of us play softball more than any other game and games are played almost every night after supper. Charts have just been posted for new tournaments so we will be busy at the games getting the first rounds played. The tournament I like best is horseshoe pitching, or "baryard golf."

Ralph F. Hopkins

Athletic Awards

Athletics have always rightly been an important factor in the everyday life of our boys and annually awards are made to the outstanding players. At Graduation these awards were presented on behalf of the donors by Mr. Meacham.

The football awards have been given since 1910 by Mr. S. V. R. Crosby and the basketball awards by Mr. Philip S. Sears since 1916. The boys prize and treasure these athletic prizes as mementos of their schooldays here. Below are printed lists of the happy winners.

Those who received varsity football awards were:

William L. Glennon
 Thomas Angelos
 S. Newcomb Graham
 Teyet Ramar
 Thomas F. Darr
 Joseph B. Mason
 Edward J. Darr
 J. Harold Darr, Jr.
 Leonard Bova
 Donald R. Dockham
 William F. Sonier
 William F. James
 Robert O. Cain
 Frederick E. Harding
 Roger A. Hopkins
 Bruce A. Graham
 Joseph J. Magazu
 Robert Fabello
 Joseph C. Turner

Those who received varsity basketball certificates were:

Roger A. Hopkins
 Edward J. Darr
 William L. Glennon
 J. Harold Darr, Jr.
 Joseph B. Mason

Intramural football awards were made to:

Ralph F. Hopkins

Philip H. Churchill
 Robert B. Gorrill
 Robert A. Kidder
 Alexander D. Marinakis
 Ronald A. Macdonald
 Robert O. Andrews
 William H. Dillon
 Kenneth W. Clayton
 John C. Fouhy
 Edward A. Atton

Those who received intramural awards for basketball were:

Kenneth W. Clayton
 David E. LeVeille
 Joseph C. Turner
 Leonard Bova
 Robert Fabello
 Teyet Ramar
 Thomas F. Darr

Additional Alumni Notes

BRUCE E. HAEGER, '46, visited us on July 21. He was on vacation at the time and had looked forward with much pleasure to the opportunity of being with us once again, even for a short time. He is working for a chemical concern and living at Branchville Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut. He reports that his brother, DAVID G. HAEGER, '42, has been for some time employed by one of the larger commercial air lines, and that he does considerable travelling. At present he is in Paris.

We regret to announce the death of one of our good alumni friends, ELDRED W. ALLEN, '16. He had lived in Danvers at 150 Elliot Street for many years. The funeral services were held at the Moody Funeral Home in Danvers on July 27. Mr. Allen was a very loyal and faithful member of the Alumni Association and will be sorely missed. He was 56 years old.

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EDWARD V. OSBERG, '22, attended Brewster Academy and Brown University. He has worked in chemical research since leaving college, and has made substantial progress in this field. We congratulate him upon his recent appointment as the general manager of National Polychemicals, Inc. The account in the financial section of the Boston "Traveler" reads: "National Polychemicals, Inc. announce that Edward V. Osberg has been named general manager to direct the firm's overall activities. Osberg comes to National Polychemicals from the General Tire and Rubber Co., where he served as assistant manager of the Chemical division."

SGT. RALPH L. GALE, on duty in Korea with a U. S. Marine Band, has great reasons for wanting to get home, for awaiting him there since April 29, 1952, is Dalina Darlene Gale. Upon arrival little Dalina was all of six pounds and nine ounces. We thank Mrs. Gale for the clever announcement and add our hearty congratulations!

Our warm congratulations are extended to Marjorie Alma Smith and A. WALLACE FITT, JR., '47, who were married on July 13, 1952, at the First Congregational Church, in Melrose. We hope that after the joy of honeymooning is over, that this happy couple will visit us, and that Mrs. Fitt will soon join our great F. T. S. alumni family.

Students at F. T. S. in the 1920's remember with much happiness Miss Mabel Topham, who served as both an instructor and voluntary advisor. After

leaving us she continued to keep in touch with many of the boys, and visited us here from time to time. She writes that her age will probably prevent her from again making the trip to Thompson's Island, but she would welcome visitors at her residence, the Doolittle Home, in Foxboro, Mass. Mail addressed there will reach her, and it is hoped that her correspondence will increase much, for she is vitally interested in all phases of our school work, and wishes to keep in touch with her Thompson's Island friends.

BYRON E. COLLINS, '15, sells and installs all types of chain link and ornamental fences. He has done considerable work in fencing for industrial plants, and in ornamental fencing for tennis court installations. His office is at 127 Park St., Beverly, Mass., and his home at 23 Doloff Avenue, Beverly. He was here on the alumni field day last June 7.

WESTON O. PAGE, '38, and Mrs. Page had the joyful pleasure of sending "babygrams" telling of the arrival on June 19, 1952, of James Merrill Page. Young Jimmy tipped the scales at seven pounds fourteen ounces, and no doubt is doing his share to add happiness to the Page home at 37 Grove St., Claremont, N. H. Congratulations to the happy parents!

JOSEPH KERVIN, '20, has been for some time in the jewelry and watch repair business. He keeps in touch with his F. T. S. friends and visits here from time to time. His home is at 215 Benner St., Philadelphia, Pa.



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Printing at F. T. S.

The printing office at our school is nearing its diamond anniversary, for it was in 1880 that the first press was brought to Thompson's Island. Historically, our school was the first in America to introduce a printing course for elementary school pupils. Although the work began as a playtime hobby, it was not long before the school trustees recognized fully the educational value of printing, and Charles P. Bowditch made it financially possible to install a complete printing shop and engaged George T. Barker, formerly with the Riverside Press, to organize a course and then teach the boys.

Leo P. Lewis, young son of a South Boston minister, visited our boys on occasion. At the time he was about the age of our boys and it was he who brought the first press here—a hobby-type small hand press which we still exhibit proudly. Dr. Lewis later became renowned as one of the nation's leading educators and for years headed the music department of Tufts College.

The first student printer was taught by young Lewis. He was Bertrand B. Keyes. Together they printed small jobs, such as name cards, for the boys and instructors. Keyes earned enough to buy the outfit, which subsequently was left at the school. The printing press was a source of wonder to the young boys at

the school, and the work it produced was considered very fine in those days.

As stated earlier, the value of a course in printing was apparent, and it was not long before the equipment arrived at the School. Type cases and stands with other standard equipment were set up in the south west corner of Gardner Hall. The press itself certainly looked imposing to the pupils. It was a quarter medium Universal, foot-powered, and a fine press for the times. Although this press has long since been replaced, a few older graduates remember it and tell of "kicking out" the work. They possibly envy the boys of today, who operate smoothly running, electrically powered presses in our shop.

The results hoped for by those instituting America's first elementary school printing course have been fulfilled to a degree beyond their fondest expectations. The boys have profited year after year, and a good proportion have found in our shop an introduction to the vast field of Graphic Arts which has resulted in a life-long happy and satisfying occupation.

Our first printing class consisted of five members. Clarence A. Knowlton and George W. Wilson went directly to work in a commercial print shop. George W. Russell became a Baptist minister and music teacher. Bertrand B. Keyes became a cornet virtuoso and played widely in this country and abroad. William Alcott

spent a lifetime in the printing and publishing field. He had the distinction of holding the position of night city editor of the Boston GLOBE for a period of years longer than any other man, before or since.

As it nears its diamond anniversary the F. T. S. printing office may well be classified as one of our prime features. The wise vision of those who instituted our printing office has already been noted, and the shop, now in its 73rd year, has shown over and over again the values inherent in a work designed solely for training and instruction in a great art.

The Francis Shaw Scholarship

Once each year the Francis Shaw Scholarship is awarded to an outstanding boy at the School. This is the most highly prized award given here, and is usually received by a member of an upper class.

Miss Miriam Shaw established this scholarship in 1936, in memory of her father, Francis Shaw. Mr. Shaw was a member of our Board of Trustees from 1889 to 1923. Although he took a deep interest in all phases of our work, it was to our farm that he devoted his greatest attention. He was the guiding figure in the development of our agricultural program, which made great strides during the 34 years he served on the Board.

Mr. Shaw strove to instill in every boy a love for right living and good citizenship. His principal concern always was the stalwart and upright character of every Thompson's Island boy. In 1898 he began giving a series of prizes known as the Shaw Conduct Prizes. Every six months these prizes were given the highest ten boys in conduct rating. He believed thoroughly in rewarding excellent effort and gave the prizes until his death, when they were made perpetual by a provision in his will.

The Francis Shaw Scholarship was established by Miss Shaw so that a considerable part of the expenses of one boy would be taken care of each year. A study of the fortunate recipients of this scholarship is indeed heartwarming. The rich dividends paid in the development of American youth is an ever-lasting memorial to the character and beliefs of Francis Shaw.

Joseph J. Magazu, Class of 1952, received the Francis Shaw Scholarship for the past academic year.

Life Saving and Swimming Awards

Thirty eight awards were made by the American Red Cross to our boys who completed courses in swimming, life saving and water safety during the summer months. The work was taught by Mr. Raymond Thomas, our supervisor, who is an accredited Red Cross instructor.

Those who qualified for the awards were as follows:

Beginner Swimmer

Gerald L. Briggs
Harold L. Spurling
Edward J. White

Intermediate Swimmer

Albert K. Ellis
Barry R. Fuller
Larry E. Garside
Robert E. Iannini
Frederick L. Krueger
Philip H. Lane
Joseph S. Lombardo
Alexander D. Marinakis
Alan C. Waldron
Charles T. White

Swimmer

William H. Dillon
Frederick E. Harding
Robert W. Wright
Carroll E. Young

Advanced Swimmer

Edward J. Darr
William F. Sonier
Robert W. Wright

Junior Life Saving

Loren E. Cain
Robert O. Cain
Albert K. Ellis
Larry E. Garside
Ralph F. Hopkins
Philip H. Lane
David E. LeVeille
Robert W. Wright
Carroll E. Young
Daniel W. Dockham
Robert E. Iannini
Robert Fabello
William H. Dillon
Charles F. Laidlaw
Alexander D. Marinakis

Senior Life Saving

Donald E. Richardson
Frederick E. Harding
William F. Sonier

Water Skiing

We had the chance to go water skiing quite often this summer. Lin Meacham was glad to let us use his boat, water skis and aquaplane every Saturday and Sunday. It is not easy to water ski, at least for me, but we all like the sport. I tried twice and failed and then made it the third time. The older boys did all right, especially Bruce Graham. The aquaplane was easier for me, as it was for most of the boys, and I liked this better than skiing.

Philip H. Lane

Summer Days

New England summers bring a variety of weather patterns, and we experience different moods like the weather. When busy and rushing about we think the time passes too quickly, but when in a

lazy or reflective mood the hours seem to pass ever so slowly. The weather changes abruptly too at times. Warm, sunny skies will give no indication of a weather change. Then, with hardly a warning, the skies will darken and soon a storm will come in full fury. The storm will likely cease as quickly as it began. The very weather of summer is inclined to make us thoughtful and reflective.

Wayne W. Henry

Swimming Lessons

We had swimming lessons this summer taught by Mr. Thomas. I passed my intermediate swimming test. This wasn't too hard for me, but when I started I didn't think I could get enough skill to pass the test. Next year I hope to pass the next higher test, which will be for swimmer. Then I will be able to begin the junior life saving course, and I hope I can get my badge next summer.

Barry R. Fuller

First Experiences

I have been here nearly a month now. This school has fine activities for the boys and right now football is the leader. There is fun for everyone. The first day I was here we had a beach supper down by the wharf. I hope to learn to play an instrument and then join the band.

John E. Lennon, Jr.

Making a Box Kite

Arnold Sutterlin and I decided to make a box kite. We got the materials and got well started when we noticed that the kite was very crooked. We took it apart and went to the sloyd room. There we got some thinner strips of wood and tried again. We finished the kite and it looked all right, but when we tried to fly it we had no success. It wouldn't even leave the ground. So we shall try again and maybe we will have better luck next time.

Alexander D. Marinakis

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We are grateful for the opportunity of visiting several European countries this summer, our first long vacation since we came to the School twenty-five years ago. We planned our trip so that we could have about a week in each of the four areas, England, Switzerland, Norway, and Ireland, with flying stop-overs in Paris, Stockholm, Amsterdam, Edinburgh, St. John's and Halifax.

It is difficult to say which country we enjoyed most. Each one has so much in the way of natural beauty, mellowed architecture, historical significance, art and literature. Everywhere we found extremely friendly hospitality. Although we stopped at hotels, where we always found excellent accommodations, we visited in many homes and were entertained most graciously in every country.

We were intent upon seeing places and some of the grand natural beauty spots as well as man-made great works, but more than all, we constantly strove to make friends and to be close to the spirit and thinking of men, women and children of all those countries.

We exchanged views pertaining to economic, political, agricultural, educational, social and other conditions. We were alert to factors which make our American ways of life somewhat different from the processes and methods of other peoples. We guarded always against boasting of our own good things and we were always enthusiastic about all the good things we saw and experienced in the lands of our neighbors and friends across the sea.

We found everywhere an amazing knowledge of America. Even our young, yodelling bus driver, when we took a trip from Zurich, through the Susten Pass of the Swiss Alps, passing by a little trickling stream, said in excellent English, "Now we are passing by the great Mississippi!"

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?

The most frequently asked question was, "How do you elect your President?" We were frank to state that most Americans do not know, thinking of course, especially of our process of nominating by the diverse laws of primaries in 48 states and our political conventions where the actual nominations take place. However we made brief, concise explanations of our queer and unique process. Speaking to the London Rotarians at their weekly luncheon meeting the day before our Republican Nominee was named I predicted that "Ike" would be nominated and then in November elected President. The entire audience of 300 men seemed to raise their voices in one loud applause with, "Hear! Hear!"

It was a grand trip among great people. We visited, relaxed, rested, and we have become much more understanding of our friends and their problems. Mrs. Meacham and I appreciate the privilege we have so much enjoyed.

WILLIAM M. MEACHAM
Headmaster

Topics in Brief

In these, the waning days of the summer season, the thoughts of the boys have turned to football. Practice for the school team began on September 2 and indications point to a good season for the boys who have a seven game schedule, with contests on successive Saturdays beginning October 4.

Despite the prolonged July drought, the supply of vegetables from our farm has continued to be ample, and we have enjoyed tomatoes, cucumbers, sweet corn, beans, summer squash and other vegetables in abundance. The hay crop was excellent, but the amount of silage corn and potatoes will be somewhat disappointing, due to the lack of rain. Fruit from the

orchard, including apples and pears, has been delivered to our kitchen almost daily in good quantity.

The Rotary Club of Boston held its annual outing at the School on September 6. Some 200 were present, and all enjoyed a day of picnic sports and games. The facilities of our school were placed at the disposal of the Club, and beautiful weather helped to make conditions ideal for a very pleasant and happy event. All arrangements were made by the Club Committees, whose members certainly did a superlative job in handling this outstanding event. Our Headmaster is a past president of the Club, and acted as host for the day.

An outdoor brick and cement fireplace has been constructed on the beach, quite near the wharf. We have several outdoor picnics during the summer, and this fireplace will certainly be a decided convenience.

Linwood L. Meacham, '41 has entertained our boys weekends during the past several weeks. All of those who passed the life saving tests have been water skiing and aquaplaning, sports which can hardly be excelled for thrills, chills and spills. Lin's small motor boat, the JANE, is used for the sports, which, needless to say, have been great summer fun for the boys.

Under the direction of our principal, Alan F. Jakeman, our library has gradually been modernized during the past year and additional space given for its continued growth. We know that the vastly improved facilities will enable our boys to make greater and more valuable use of the library, especially for the classroom work as well as for recreational reading.

We regret to announce the passing of Robert G. Wyman, who befriended a number of our young graduates, as well as assisted our band in various ways. Mr. Wyman, was music arranger for the Ice Follies since 1937, and died during a performance of the show in San Francisco on September 1.

Labor Day was observed by athletic contests and swimming with a beach picnic in the evening. Sort of a "finish" was placed upon summer sports, for the boys were outfitted with football uniforms and equipment on this day.

Classes for the new school year began on September 5. All of the boys have enjoyed a vacation at home during the summer months, and the last of the vacationists returned on Labor Day, ready for what we expect and hope to be the greatest and finest school year we have ever experienced.

The lighting system in our gymnasium is being modernized with the installation of new fixtures. There is no doubt but what this will be an important improvement, and one which will give us many definite advantages.

As may be noted in our editorial for this month, Headmaster and Mrs. Meacham travelled in Europe and the British Isles during the summer months. All of us at the School rejoice that such a trip was possible, for truly such an experience comes but once in a lifetime.

We appreciated very much receiving personal greetings, both individually and collectively, from the Meachams as they were in Europe, for each instructor and pupil at the school was so remembered.

On September 5 colored slides were shown at the School, showing a few of the important places visited, a treat which we

enjoyed very much and hope may be repeated.

The roofs on our buildings have recently been given necessary attention under the direction of Howard B. Ellis, Class of 1898, who has done this work for us for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Clark began their work with us in July, and with the beginning of the academic year this month Mr. Clark commenced active teaching. He teaches both the science and history courses. He received his A. M. degree from Boston University in 1951. His hobbies include gardening and fishing.

Mrs. Clark is our school nurse. She received her training at the Boston Dental School of Nursing and the Boston City Hospital School of Nursing. She has done post graduate work at both Boston University and Boston College.

They have one son, Robert Arthur, three years old, a great favorite with everyone at the school.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth J. Rose, who began work with us on September 1. Mr. Rose will teach Mathematics, and Mrs. Rose will assist in our office. Mr. Rose is a graduate of Newman Preparatory School, and attended St. Francis College and St. Michaels College. He received his A. B. degree from Tufts College after serving in the Navy during World War II. He was a staff member of the Brookline Recreation Commission and directed playground activities during the summer. He excels in athletics, being an all-star football player during his high school days and during the past summer was on a Brookline Twi League baseball team. He will help with our athletic program.

1952 Football Schedule

October 4

Milton Sophomores at F. T. S.

October 11

Hingham J. V. at F. T. S.

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October 25

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November 8

Weymouth Frosh at F. T. S.

November 15

Malden Vocational at F. T. S.

1952 Football Squad

Bruce A. Graham

William H. Dillon

Edward H. Darr

Frederick E. Harding

Arthur A. Sprague

Charles F. Laidlaw

John E. Lennon, Jr.

David E. LeVeille

Robert W. Wright

Paul E. Parker

William F. Sonier

Robert Fabello

William F. James

S. Newcomb Graham

Robert O. Cain

Donald R. Dockham

Donald E. Richardson

Samuel M. Griswod

Craig E. Lighty

Norman W. Sellevaag

Teyet Ramar II

Thomas Angelos

Football games at the School start at two o'clock. The boat leaves City Point at half past one.

Honor Roll — Summer Term

Best Citizenship

The best general conduct and effort
in each class group

Junior Class

Frederick E. Harding

Sophomore Class

Donald R. Dockham

Edward J. Darr

William F. Sonier

Robert O. Cain

Freshman Class

David E. LeVeille

Robert Fabello

David W. Howard

William H. Dillon

Eighth Grade Division A

Loren E. Cain

Frederick L. Krueger

Albert K. Ellis

Eighth Grade Division B

Thomas Angelos

Robert W. Wright

Seventh Grade

Alexander D. Marinakis

Philip H. Lane

Philip H. Churchill

Arnold M. Sutterlin

Movies

We have movies every Saturday night. The last three pictures we had were adventure stories and the leading actor was John Wayne. The best one was "Sands of Iwo Jima" which was a story of war in the Pacific. It had many exciting scenes and showed some of the training which the Marines receive to teach them how to attack the enemy. Another good picture we had was "Wake of the Red Witch." This was a sea story with many thrilling underwater scenes.

Arnold M. Sutterlin

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CHARLES A. BLATCHFORD, '04, we are sorry to say, was recently confined to a Lakewood hospital. We hope for a speedy recovery for him. Mr. and Mrs. Blatchford live at 1520 Cohasset Avenue, Lakewood 7, Ohio.

WALTER J. ROSS, '44, is engaged in restaurant work and lives at the Huntington Avenue "Y" 316 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

JAMES PATTERSON, '43, is a salesman for the Industrial Tape Corporation, and has every right to feel proud of his achievements in this field, which have brought him commendation from his superiors. He hopes to become a branch manager in the not too distant future. His home address is 78 Seminole Street, Mattapan, Mass.

DARWIN C. BAIRD, '45, received his degree from Park College in June and completed other courses at Northwestern University during the summer. He will report soon at Ellington Air Force Base at Houston, Texas. He recently spent a short vacation at the School with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark C. Baird.

During his college days he was a member of several important clubs and played on the varsity soccer team.

EDWARD H. STROM, '50, writes from Korea where he is a veterinary food inspector. He likes his army work, but looks forward to the time when he can resume his education, for he wants a college degree. At present he hopes to have some free time to try out fishing gear he purchased in Japan. The service men

like nothing better than mail and he would like to hear from his friends. His address is Pfc Edward H. Strom S2725, 477VFID, APO 20, care of Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

JOHN S. HIGGINS, '48, writes from Camp Pickett, Virginia, where he is a member of the army medical corps. He will be a serviceman for a two year period, and is anxious that the BEACON follows him, wherever he may be stationed. His address is Pvt. John S. Higgins, 51180597, Co. H, 1st Battalion, MRTC, Camp Pickett, Virginia.

The former Miss Georgie Marilyn Hoffman became the bride of KENNETH W. DUQUET, '48, at the First Methodist Church in South Braintree, on August 30. Our congratulations and best wishes are extended Mr. and Mrs. Duquet.

KENNETH A. PRIEST, '25, was the youth advisor delegate from Vermont to a religious conference at Tufts College during the week of September 8. He is to be located now at Parish Field, Brighton, Michigan, in religious work. He has a son in the Marines.

A glance through the membership list of the Boston Musicians' Union reveals the names of several of our graduates, — among them EDWARD E. ANDREWS, Class of 1935, who has earned a fine reputation as a tuba player. Music has been an important avocation with him for many years, and he has played with many fine organizations. He lives at 35 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Melrose, Mass.



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A Band Trip

A quarter of a century ago the Pierean Sodality Orchestra of Harvard University gave a series of concerts in our Assembly Hall. The happy memories of these concerts remain fresh and alive to the boys who were here at the time. They also are most pleasantly remembered by Malcolm Holmes, the young conductor of those concerts. Since those concerts Mr. Holmes has risen steadily in the field of music education, at present being Dean of The New England Conservatory of Music and conductor of many groups including the Harvard University Band. He is probably best known to Bostonians as a frequent guest conductor of the Boston "Pops" Orchestra.

Mr. Holmes has noted with interest through the years the work being done by our school band, as he has been active as an adjudicator of the annual school music festival competitions. Last May he judged our band at the Middleboro festival and hinted then that he might be able to arrange a special treat for our boys.

This came about on September 27 when the Harvard University Band invited our band boys to be their guests at the Harvard-Springfield football game. Our boys, with Mr. Warren and Mr. Albee, were met at Soldiers Field shortly after noon by a representative of the Band who took us to the area adjacent to the

Dillon Field House. Shortly thereafter the Harvard Band arrived, having paraded from the Square. Mr. Holmes welcomed our group and then began work with his Harvard band on drill and concert music for the game.

We were very much impressed with the amount of work accomplished in a very short time. Field maneuvers included forming "Welcome Springfield" as well as other formations requiring real teamwork from the 150 bandmen. The railroad locomotive formation was very clever, and utilized a 220 pound locomotive bell borrowed from the Boston and Maine Railroad. The melody overture made up of Springfield songs was especially fine.

After the rehearsal we took our seats in the stadium. These were in the first two rows assigned to the Harvard Band, and as good as one could wish for. It was not long before captain Nichols of Harvard and co-captains Etter and Ryan of Springfield met with the officials at mid-field for the pre-game formalities. Shortly thereafter the game got underway.

A big part of any game is the cheering, and our boys were in the middle of the Harvard section, with the six cheerleaders but a few feet away. The band and cheering aroused the crowd of 9,000 and all of the excitement and atmosphere of the day was a revelation to our boys, none of

whom had before witnessed a college game.

Springfield was the first to score, taking the ball from Harvard in the opening period at midfield and scoring a touchdown in seven plays. The conversion made the score 7-0. It remained that way until half way through the second period when Harvard's two busy footballers, Culver and Clasby, began rolling. Using the single wing formation, eleven plays resulted in a touchdown and the conversion tied the score. It soon became apparent that Harvard would take over the driver's seat, and such was the case.

The big thrill of the game was given by Morris of Springfield, who zipped through the Harvard defense for 95 yards and an apparent touchdown. A senseless clip cancelled this brilliant run.

The final score was Harvard 27 and Springfield 7. Each team used 36 players. Harvard gained 368 yards rushing to 72 for Springfield, which is the story of the game, for the passing attacks of the teams didn't click, as they no doubt will later in the season.

When the game ended our boys enjoyed watching the crowd swarm on the field to congratulate the players. Our boys then watched the crowd dismantle the goalposts—a post game ceremony made as easy as possible in these days by the use of light balsa wood goalposts put up for easy removal by exuberant rooters.

It was a wonderful trip for the boys, and one which will remain always as a fond memory of happy schoolday experiences, thanks to Conductor Holmes and the members of the Harvard University Band.

Adams House Work

Every morning at 8:30 I report to Mrs. Meacham at Adams House. Usually

I begin by emptying waste baskets into the incinerator. Then I sweep the kitchen and do other odd jobs around the house. When I am finished I report to the supervisor. Working in Adams House is a good job and I hope I am there for a long time.

Barry R. Fuller

Football

The club teams started their football games last week. Notre Dame is captained by Loren Cain and this team won the first game 6-0. The first touchdown of the season was scored by Alan Waldron on a good run around left end. But he said "I wouldn't have made it if it wasn't for the blocking." I play tackle on Notre Dame. We will play a game every week.

Philip H. Lane

Remaining Football Games

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A Good Play

Last Saturday our football team played the Milton Sophomores. At first we were skeptical as to who would win, for the visitors looked pretty big. But we won 19-0. The best play I thought was a reverse which our team used in the final period. This play completely fooled Milton.

Alexander D. Marinakis

Our Shuffleboard Court

Last fall Mr. Thomas decided to construct a shuffleboard court because he said the boys would like the game very much. Some of the boys got the digging done last fall and this summer the rest of the work was finished. The court has a cement top, painted battleship gray with white lines marking the scoring zones. In size it is official, measuring 52 feet by 6 feet. We began playing last week and are sure having a wonderful time because shuffleboard is a real good game.

Arnold M. Sutterlin

Class of 1953 Elect Officers

The election of officers for the Class of 1953 was held recently. This election was a five day procedure, beginning on a Thursday when the class was taught the duties and qualifications necessary for those holding office. Also, on the same day, we were taught the parliamentary procedure of the class meeting. On the next day we elected a nominating committee to decide who would probably be the best candidates for each of the four offices. The president of this committee was Ralph F. Hopkins and the members were William F. Sonier and Donald E. Richardson. Each member of the class was asked to write on a slip of paper the office he would like to hold.

The committee held two meetings on the next two days and discussed quite thoroughly the merits of each volunteer candidate. They then decided who would in their judgement make the best candidates for each office. On Monday we held the election. We voted by secret ballot and William F. Sonier was elected president. Elections were held in the same way for the other officers. Donald E. Richardson is our vice president, Wayne W. Henry secretary and Samuel M. Griswold treasurer.

We also voted to restrict the length of time each officerholder would serve to an undeterminate period, and if there is reason or cause, new officers may be elected at any time.

Every class meeting is to be conducted strictly according to the rules of correct parliamentary procedure.

Alan C. Waldron

Model Ships

Last week Loren Cain and I decided we should have some model ships to decorate our bureau. On the next day I went to the sloyd room and found some good wood, a piece of pine, which I used to make a realistic looking freighter. It didn't take too long to make this model. Then Loren built a small tug, also using pine. Now the two ships are side by side on our bureau and make good decorations.

Albert K. Ellis

Witch Tag

Every so often when we are at the apparatus on the playground we play a game called witch tag. We make a circle around the swings and then while we are swinging we jump. If we land in the circle we are "it" and we chase some other player on the playground area until we tag him. We have a lot of fun on the swings.

Richard B. Pulsifer

My Kite

Since many of the boys were making kites I decided to see what I could do. I got some thin wood strips and some newspapers and made one. I wondered if it would fly so before supper I tried it. It soared high in the air and when I went to supper I tied the string to a post on the basketball court. After supper when it began to get dark I brought the kite in.

Carroll E. Young

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Those who know our school, and even the short time visitors, indicate by their enthusiastic comments that they are impressed by the beauty of our location, our facilities, our unusually broad program for boys, and the able responsible excellence of all the lads.

One of the major factors in producing the results is the staff of instructors at the school. Every member is constantly striving to attain the greatest degree of efficiency in the interests of each boy. To recount the strides in development, present and past, would virtually mean naming every instructor. To relate one item immediately brings to mind six other constructive developments which are closely related and then a whole string of achievements actually running into the hundreds. It takes years to build an organization and it is a never-ending process but results prove the wisdom of the building.

Our School Library has recently been reorganized in a room on the first floor of the main building. Already over a thousand of the School's ten thousand volumes have been carefully catalogued according to the Dewey Decimal System and the Library developed into a well planned, workable school library.

This unusually superb job has been done in spare time during the past year by Alan F. Jakeman, our academic principal and teacher of English. He has voluntarily assumed the extra work and responsibility of School Librarian. In a seven page typewritten report of this library project to the Headmaster, Mr. Jakeman gives much credit to two unpaid members of our Island Family.

"In conclusion, the librarian wishes to give much credit to Mrs. Jakeman, who took most of the books now shelved through steps four through eight of their journey to the stacks, filed most of the

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cards, and without whose help this project would undoubtedly have taken twice as long to complete. Appreciation is also extended to Mrs. Florence Rimbach, who has given of her time to help, and to other instructors and boys who have shown their interest and encouragement in various ways. Actually, this is only a beginning, but the librarian believes that a firm foundation has been laid for a sorely needed service of the school to its pupils and faculty. Given enlightened encouragement and guidance, the library can become, as it should, an integral part of the educational facilities of the Island."

Topics in Brief

Our Sunday religious services this year will be conducted by John Bertram, a student at Gorden Divinity School. Mr. Bertram plans an active and interesting program for the boys and we all anticipate a year of great achievement in Christian education, as it is directed by Mr. Bertram.

Congratulations to our principal, Alan F. Jakeman, and Mrs. Jakeman upon the arrival of their second child, a daughter, Shelly Brooks, born September 5, 1952 at the Massachusetts Memorial Hospital.

A book just published entitled "Great Bands of America" has a section devoted to our band. This includes an account of Nathaniel Hawthorne's visit to the School, first public appearances of the band, its participation in the great Gilmore peace jubilee band of 1869, as well as other pertinent historical facts. Our Band is indeed honored to be included in this work, which was written by Alberta Powell Graham, a musical educator, writer and historian.

Heretofore the history of America's great bands has been available only in

magazines and other such literature and it is a fine thing to have this material assembled in a well printed bound volume. We congratulate Mrs. Powell upon her achievement.

Our friends will want to read this account of our Band, and it is likely that soon the book will be available in most public libraries.

Football has taken most of the attention devoted to recreation among the boys. The school team schedule is well under way, and the boys will play six games on our gridiron, and one game away, on November 1, with the Braintree freshmen, on their field. Our intra-mural league has begun its schedule. Nearly all of the boys play football and the games are carefully supervised, with the result that the sport has rich rewards for the participants.

During the school year the weekly movie show is pleasantly anticipated. We have had some fine films to date, and have been able to schedule many outstanding pictures for the winter months. All of the films we use are made by the leading producers, and have been approved for use in schools. Each program is worth while in every respect, and although designed for recreational use, most of the films have an added educational value.

Our shuffleboard court was opened for play this month. This court was built almost entirely by the boys, directed by Mr. Thomas. As might be expected, the game is very popular and the court is used continually.

This month our paint shop crew has been busy in Bowditch House, and in painting the exteriors to two of the entrances to the Main Building.

Certainly one of the finest experiences our band ever enjoyed took place on September 27, when our boys were the guests of Conductor Malcolm Holmes, and the Harvard University Band at the Harvard-Springfield football game. Needless to say, our boys enjoyed every minute of this trip and it was a wonderful treat for them.

The story of our School was told recently on radio station WEEI. We value very highly the fine tributes given us by members of the radio and press, particularly as these reports come unsolicited. Sometimes we wish we knew in advance when such fine publicity was to be given, so that we could notify our friends, but this is not often the case.

Morning Work

I go to the farm after breakfast each morning. For a few days I helped clean the cow barn. Then I was changed to the poultry house. I help clean the pens, feed and water the hens, and gather eggs. I like this job very much.

John L. Peterson

Our Class Election

We had a lesson in voting in our class the other day. The leading nominees were Philip Churchill for the Democrats and Carroll Young for the Republicans. Churchill won the election and became class president for this time.

Larry E. Garside

The Lincoln Memorial

In Washington there stands a monument to one of America's greatest leaders. Thousands of tourists gather every year to view the historic statue of a tall, bearded man sitting with his arms grasping the arms of a chair. These people are viewing the Lincoln Memorial at Potomac Park near the capital. This monument

was designed by Henry Bacon, a New York architect and dedicated in May of 1922. Statistically, it is a classical structure and is a very wonderful piece of work. At night when one studies it, Lincoln seems to be alive and the illusion is quite realistic. As most historians have stated, Lincoln was a simple man, and even with the huge marble columns set about him, the Great Emancipator seems to emit the same love for his fellow man as he did when he was alive. The Lincoln Memorial is truly a magnificent tribute to a great and beloved President.

Wayne W. Henry

Football

The season for club football has started and last week we chose the teams. The Middlebury team is captained by Robert Kidder and the Notre Dame team by Loren Cain. There are fifteen boys on each team. We can't tell yet who has the best team but we know we'll have some good games.

Henry E. Murphy II

The Boston Public Garden

Did you ever wonder how the Boston Public Garden came into being? It was originally a swamp and after being filled in, Horace Gray and other interested citizens got a lease from the town on condition that it would be used solely as a garden spot. There was much opposition, for many wanted the nearly 25 acres used for business buildings. Mr. Gray and his friends refused to give up one foot of land and instead worked hard to develop the area for a public flower garden.

The Rev. Charles Francis Barnard carried on after Mr. Gray's death. He too had to struggle to keep the land from being cut up for building lots. He had the area surrounded by a fence and the

Boston populace then began to realize how wonderful it would be to have the space permanently reserved as a public garden.

In 1859 the Commonwealth passed legislation reserving the land as a garden and since that time, nearly a century ago, there has been constant care with resultant development so that today the Boston Public Garden is world renowned for the beauty and peace it gives the public.

The best loved features of the garden are probably the swan boats which traverse a large pond, the tulip beds which herald the coming of spring, the memorials and statues honoring men famous in history, and the shaded paths which wind their way through the refreshing green of beautiful lawns and shrubbery.

These few facts may help one to more enjoy a visit to the Boston Public Garden, truly one of the showplaces of our great Commonwealth.

School

I am in the sixth grade and like school very much. Our classes start right after breakfast, at 7:35. We usually begin by singing a patriotic song. We are in school until 9:55 when there is a ten minute recess. I like my school subjects. I also like all sports. Now it is football season and I play left end on the Notre Dame team.

Joseph S. Lombardo

Working in Sloyd

I like working in the sloyd room very much. I have a period a day for this subject, and I also spend some of my playtime at sloyd making articles which I can use for gifts. I am in the ninth grade and am pretty well along on my course which I may finish this year. The last model we make is a tool chest which we are certainly proud to own.

David W. Howard

Shuffleboard Facts

Now that our shuffleboard court is in daily use and the boys finding it a great source of pleasure, they will be interested to know that this game has its serious side. That is, it is not entirely based upon luck for there is skill which can be acquired by steady practice and training. The National Shuffleboard Association conducts contests annually to determine the best players in the nation, and many of the states have local and regional meets. National honors are earned by the winners in singles and doubles for both men and women, and for partners in doubles for men, women and mixed play. Florida boasts of most of the championship holders, probably because the game is so widely played in that area. Who knows though, but what New England may bring forth a champion and perhaps our Thompson's Island court may be his first training ground.

Crossroads U. S. A.

It was our privilege to view the unusual dramatic motion picture "Crossroads U. S. A." recently through the courtesy of C. E. Foster of the Oil Industries Information Committee.

The theme of the film is that in this great land of ours a young man has full opportunity for success if he is willing to train himself for competition. Our land operates on the spirit of competition and success in any endeavor depends primarily on individual initiative.

This movie is ideally suited to young people of high school age and we hope that it will have a wide showing. It is so important today to bring to youngsters the valuable lesson that a main purpose in life is to serve others, if we are to be truly happy.

We thank Mr. Foster for arranging for us to have this film.

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REV. GEORGE W. RUSSELL, '85, one of our grand old alumni who has never ceased to be deeply interested and concerned with F. T. S. and the Alumni Association, has made our band a gift of a trombone which we appreciate very much. The Rev. Mr. Russell has spent a lifetime as a Baptist minister and music teacher. He is not too well at present and we wish for him a speedy return to good health. He lives in Fairfax, Vermont, where he has been a resident for many years.

band. His address is Flight 1789, Squadron 3652, Sampson Air Base, Geneva, New York.

FRANKLIN M. PIERCE, '35, sends us word that he has moved and his new address is now 9 Dianne Road, in West Medford 55, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM P. SMITH '95, was here recently for his first visit in many years. He was on his honeymoon and we were all glad to meet Mrs. Smith and hope that this was but the first of many visits to Thompson's Island for them.

With the coming of the football season we receive many requests for schedules, even before the alumni athletic committee can get them in the hands of the graduates. Roy M. Dole, '35 has sent such a request, adding the hope that he may be able to visit the school for at least a "couple of games." He lives in Greenwood, Massachusetts at 23 Laurel Street.

After leaving F. T. S. in 1895 Mr. Smith completed a course in accounting at the Bryant & Stratton business school. He then worked for several years for the John P. Squire concern, eventually being transferred to the New York office. He has been located in New York since, and has been steadily engaged in the accounting profession. He has been accountant for several concerns and in 1929 went in business for himself which he continues to operate. His hobby, and a very active one, is canning and preserving.

The home address of the Smiths is at 83 Woodward Ave., Rutherford, N. J.

EVERETT A. SMITH, '35, has moved to New England after having spent some time in Louisiana. His address now is Tyler Road, Townsend, Massachusetts.

FRANK N. BABICK, '45, has completed his service in the U. S. Army and is now finishing his interrupted education. He lives at 45 Morseland Avenue, Newton Center, 59, Massachusetts. He hopes to visit us soon and renew his many Thompson's Island friendships.

FRANKLYN S. HARRIS, '40, has written a fine letter from the University of Tennessee, where he is working for his Masters degree in nutrition. He hopes to complete this work by early spring of next year. As a means of helping pay his collegiate expenses he is in charge of maintenance of one of the laboratories. If his plans materialize he will become a benedict when his college work is completed. He looks forward to a visit to Thompson's Island. His present address is 303 East Tennessee Avenue, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

WILLIAM L. GLENNON, '52, has joined the U. S. Air Forces and been assigned to musical duties with an air corps



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A Quarter Century of Service

By Clifton E. Albee, '21

Following is the text of the talk given by Mr. Albee at the Testimonial Dinner to Headmaster William M. Meacham by the Alumni Association, in Boston, on Saturday evening October 25, 1952.

It is with much pleasure that I have accepted the honor of representing the Alumni Association on this occasion when we are to manifest our respect, esteem and admiration for a man who, more than a quarter of a century ago, had a great vision and has happily seen a great part come to reality.

It was on November 30, 1926, that the President of the Board of Trustees, Arthur Adams, in a brief ceremony in the school chapel, presented the keys to Thompson's Island to Mr. Meacham. Mr. Meacham then assumed the Headmastership of The Farm and Trades School with the statement that he would do all in his power to uphold the traditions of our venerable School.

Let us look back and review 26 years and see what has been accomplished. We may touch but briefly on the most important facts. Within a week or two after Mr. Meacham became Headmaster the diet for the boys was modernized and the three dining room system abolished in favor of one dining room for all at the school, with instructors sitting at each table with a group of the pupils.

The problem of pure milk became serious. Already the herd of grade cattle had once been condemned and once again the replacement herd had been so labelled. Mr. Meacham removed all sources of contagion, built a modern cow barn, searched for a young man with proper training whom he found in Mark C. Baird, and with him began the building of a pure bred registered and accredited Guernsey herd. This herd, averaging from forty to fifty head yearly, has achieved a high rating, and some individual cows have earned national recognition for the records they have made.

Not only was the dairy given attention, but the out-moded henhouse with its sixty or so hens was eliminated in favor of modern brooder and laying houses, which, no doubt, some of you men helped build. Over the years far more than a thousand chicks have been hatched annually, and from six to eight hundred layers constituting the main flock, kept under the direction of Mr. Kitching.

The orchard has been vastly improved. In truth, the school agricultural department has been raised to a progressive degree of efficiency never before attained.

Such problems as water, light, power, heat and transportation must have been what we might term severe headaches. These were met by Mr. Meacham in full stride. In each instance heavy expenditures

were necessary to replace the worn-out equipment. Somewhere, somehow, the funds were found.

I said earlier that Mr. Meacham had a vision,—or if you will, a dream. That was that The Farm and Trades School should give each boy a fine, modern, comfortable Christian home. To this end he worked incessantly, with the result that by 1941 every pupil at the School had living accommodations second to none. We know and understand the tremendous importance this housing program has meant to the boys. A half million dollars, I presume, has been spent on new construction, furnishings, and the many other expenses which go in line with all building programs. A miracle has been worked in the past 26 years in the realization of having these grand buildings, yet it is to Mr. Meacham that the credit goes for his work of praying, scheming, planning, contacting, hoping,—all intermixed with real effort in getting the job done.

Academically the School has marched forward so that more and more of our boys are graduating from the nation's colleges and universities, and degrees have been granted F. T. S. men from at least 23 different schools of higher learning including Harvard and M. I. T. Today more teachers are employed at The Farm and Trades School than ever before, and the courses arranged to better serve the individual needs of each boy.

The athletic program has been so improved that it bears but a small resemblance to that of 25 years ago. Pages could be written on this subject, but suffice to say that we are all acquainted with the newly-constructed superb playing fields, top-notch equipment, and the fact that the athletic teams bring each year added honor and glory to our beloved school.

The Band, too, is dear to the hearts of all of us and this has been developed

so that it has received national recognition under Major Warren.

It should be noted that the past 25 years have not been the best of years in which to accomplish great things. First of all Mr. Meacham had to contend with the worst depression in the nation's history. Then followed the political upheavals, and the second world war. Next, of course, came the frightful period of inflation which is with us yet, and shows no sign of immediate abatement.

Mr. Meacham has not only built our school shall we say structurally, but has caused her name and fame to be broadly acclaimed. The faith in our school was clearly shown in 1940 when the General Court of the Commonwealth assigned to The Farm and Trades School the assets of Liversidge Institute. It means much to have our school widely and favorably known, and certainly we have come a long way under Mr. Meacham in this respect.

It would surely seem that Headmaster Meacham's dreams and hopes have reached fruition, yet he would probably say that he has visions considerable in degree in back of his mind. Yet we can see the tremendous good he has done for our Mother School, and mere words can but reflect a touch of the sincerity in our hearts.

Will you then, Mr. Meacham, please accept our heartfelt thanks for a marvelously great job, well done, and accept from the members of the Alumni Association this token of our friendship, esteem and admiration?

Mr. Meacham was then presented with a Bolsey camera, with accessories, nicely packed in a handsome leather case, and Mrs. Meacham was given a lovely bouquet of flowers. The alumni stood for a prolonged period applauding both

Headmaster and Mrs. Meacham. After photos were taken, Mr. Meacham replied, saying in essence much of what is printed in his article which follows.

A Message of Appreciation to Our Alumni

Our hearts were greatly warmed by the recent gathering of nearly a hundred of our loyal alumni at a dinner at which President John E. Kervin '20 said, "You all know what we are here for to-night. It is to show our appreciation of the 25 years of service of our forward-looking Headmaster."

Most of the alumni in the immediate vicinity were present as well as several from as far away as New York, Philadelphia, Western Massachusetts and other New England areas. It was notably an assemblage of leaders of industry, business, the professions, and college students, confirming my often repeated statement that our graduates are top citizens in their communities. We can well be proud of these men and their successes.

The very kind words so ably expressed by Clifton E. Albee '21 in presenting a beautiful Bolsey camera and accessories, and the beautiful roses to Mrs. Meacham, are deeply appreciated. The generosity of the alumni and the personal congratulations of so many of our great family will always be remembered in connection with our happiness and efforts in the forward strides of the School during the past quarter century.

We were most graciously reminded of the long list of major program developments and improvements of facilities culminating in the Charles Hayden dormitories constructed in 1941. In the current year our Board of Trustees has approved and appropriated funds to resume the forward march of progress by a substantial addition to our water mains,

the addition of a science department with an extra teacher, reorganization of the library, and a milking machine in our dairy, all of which have been put into effect.

Major needs of the immediate future in line with modern progress in educational institutions consist of a retirement plan for the staff, a chapel adequate for all faiths, a field house for physical education and athletic facilities, and a full time field worker to carry the message of our great work directly into Massachusetts communities, thus making our school better known, with the certainty of increasing enrollment to the limit of our capacity. Alumni efforts could help in the solution of this last problem by each one finding good boys who need the opportunities so abundantly available at your school.

Thank you all for your great kindness in our behalf and in the interests of greater achievements of the Alma Mater to which you are so obviously devoted.

WILLIAM M. MEACHAM,
Headmaster

A Tribute to Mrs. Meacham

The Committee for the Testimonial Banquet was especially anxious that Mrs. Meacham be present, and last June she was acquainted with the plan and graciously accepted the invitation to attend. One of the pleasant aspects of the Testimonial was that it was a complete surprise to Mr. Meacham, and it was humorously pointed out that there is at least one lady in the land who knows how to keep a secret.

Seriously, though, the graduates enjoyed very much having Mrs. Meacham as an honored guest. For the past 26 years she has been devoted to the boys of the School and, even though she remains well in the background, we are all well

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We are always talking about our product—our graduates. We should make our efforts more widely known. We should make the world, or at least our corner of the world, New England, more thoroughly cognizant of our work. We should spread our message so thoroughly, effectively and persistently that everybody would be informed. Our friends do tell their friends and this spreading of the good word should and will continue. If every friend would tell ten others, and especially those in need of our service, more boys could be helped on their way to greater development.

An editorial appearing in the April 1952 issue of the McGraw-Hill Publication "Chemical Engineering" under the caption "New Coatings Span CPI" indicates the outstanding success of one of our graduates, who has definitely made a name for himself in the fast growing chemical industry.

David E. Long graduated from F. T. S. just thirty years ago. He was for several years a very successful and popular wood working teacher in New York City. Then he entered business in that metropolis, became General Sales Manager for Prufcoat Laboratories and more recently established his own business of developing, producing and distributing protective coatings and finishes for heavy industry. Mr. Long also finds time for civic duties. He is Master of his Masonic Lodge and he makes frequent visits to his Alma Mater on Thompson's Island and alumni meetings in Boston, more than two hundred miles from his Long Island, N. Y. home. He is most generous in his support of all our activities and our many calls for financial aid.

The Chemical Engineering article says, in part:

"Developed and produced by David E. Long Corp., New York, the line has

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?

been on the market only about two years. Coatings are based on vinyls, styrene butadiene copolymers, acrylics, silicones, Epons and phenolics. Already they are being used in chemical, fertilizer and sewage disposal plants, paper mills, petroleum refineries, dairies, breweries, and in the metal fabrication textile and equipment fields.

"The products have made this much commercial headway without benefit of formal publicity. First, energetic Dave Long wanted and built up some working case histories to talk about.

"American Cyanamid, before choosing protective coatings for its plants, runs comparative laboratory and field tests. As a result DEL combinations are coating the distillery and refining areas in their aureomycin plants and animal biology buildings. These areas are subjected to severe corrosion due to steam, condensation, hydrochloric acid, caustics, butyl alcohol and possible mold and fungus growth.

"Cyanamid's entire new streamlined catalyst plant at Michigan City, Indiana, has been painted with DEL coatings. Here they are resisting sulphuric acid, ammonia and moisture.

"The entire Florida plant of company-subsidary Arizona Chemical is painted with them. They are also used in many other Cyanamid plants for tank farms, lining drums, coating acid tank trucks and general painting in corrosive areas.

"Managers of one of the plants of a large electric company standardized on DEL for all the electrical equipment, boxes and panels they turn out. They found they outdid all older coatings for equipment destined for corrosive areas. Other plants used them for electroplating areas, for new construction and maintenance. The company's research and atomic power laboratories use DEL, the latter

for lining of tanks and pits storing corrosive liquids.

"One of the country's largest breweries has found the coatings superior for bottle washers, soakers, filters, tanks, walls and floors.

"A major chemical company in Philadelphia uses them on equipment exposed to temperatures as low as -350 degrees F. Another company, finding they held up longer in acid areas and were easier to apply, extended their use to many areas. An oil company gets under water protection for the hulls of its tankers with DEL. On the wool combing machines of a textile mill, the coatings are resisting hydrochloric, sulphuric and fatty acids, caustic soda, soda ash, water, steam and urine."

It should be added to the above fine article the fact that many local Boston plants use DEL, among them being H. P. Hood & Sons, Boston Woven Hose Co., General Electric Company plants, Dewey and Almy Chemical Co., M. I. T., O. G. Kelly Co., P. S. Thorsen Co., United Carr Fastener Corporation, and many others.

Congratulations, David Long, to you in this latest great achievement in the long line of your successes!

A Tribute to Mrs. Meacham

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aware that everything accomplished at Thompson's Island has her full interest and often her helpful, active participation.

She was presented a lovely bouquet of roses, and to a man the gathering stood in tribute to her. President Kervin made a short presentation speech, extremely appropriate. It was certainly a privilege to thus have the opportunity to show Mrs. Meacham some of the warmth and admiration in which she is held by the graduates.

Topics in Brief

Except for the big Thanksgiving Day games the football season has been completed. Nearly all of the boys played on one team or another, and games have been played at least weekly by each team. As reported elsewhere in this issue, the varsity had a grand season. The intramural teams also had a good year with "Notre Dame" captained by Loren Cain winning the championship. Many of the boys have won athletic letters and their names will appear in a future issue of the Beacon.

Our annual Hallowe'en party was a great success. It began with a buffet supper topped off with cider, pumpkin pie and doughnuts. An entertainment followed, and this included songs, sketches and short plays in which most of the boys had a part. The last part of the evening was given over to the enjoyment of traditional Hallowe'en fun games, and a few new ones. The complete program took place in our gymnasium, and certainly it was a noisy, happy place for the more than the three hours duration of the party.

Major Frank L. Warren, who has been our band director for the past 29 years, comes weekly to conduct a rehearsal of our group. Although our boys have their busy season during the spring months, they are always ready to perform and an occasional winter concert for the band is scheduled in or near Boston. The band numbers 30 this year.

Due to the expansion of our academic program another room in the main building has been redecorated and will be used as a classroom, principally for science courses. Our other three classrooms have within a year been painted and we

are considering installing a new lighting system for these rooms.

Our band had the honor of participating in the dedication ceremonies of Camp Sayre, a Boy Scout Camp located in Milton, in the Blue Hills. The dedication exercises opened with a band concert by our boys. Following this, speakers prominent in youth and community betterment were heard.

The camp is named for the late David Sayre Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Henderson, who gave the 100-acre camp site. Several camp buildings have already been constructed, through funds received chiefly from the Charles Hayden Foundation.

Our boys received many congratulations upon their fine work, and were happy to have had a part in dedicating Camp Sayre, which is destined to become an outstanding leadership training center and short stay camp.

"Grand Slam" for Football Team

NOTE: The following was printed, wholly, or in part, recently in the Boston press, and broadcast over local radio stations. We are most appreciative of this attention given our team.

"Football at Thompson's Island, down Boston Harbor, has always been rather top-notch and the 1952 edition of The Farm and Traders boasts an undefeated season with seven victories. The final win was against Malden Vocational High, score 34-13. Over the season Farm and Trades scored 183 points to the opponents' 27. Ray Thomas, now in his 20th year as coach, considers this team one of his best.

"The scene after the final win was one of great jubilation as the Farm and Traders carried their coach from the field.

"Captain and quarterback of the team is Bruce Graham, 125 pounds of gridiron

dynamite. Bill "line buck" Sonier and Ed Darr and Bob Wright, halfbacks, complete the backfield. Darr does most of the passing, while Wright, with 72 points, is the team's leading scorer.

"Teyet Ramar and Don Dockham are the ends. Ramar kicked 21 conversion points out of 27 tries. Fred Harding and Bob Cain have both played strong, steady tackle while Sam Griswold and Tom Angelos hold down the guard posts. The play of Angelos has been outstanding.

"The second team ends are Will Dillon and Dave LeVeille, and both have done a fine job. Norm Sellavaag and Don Sheehan are the tackles while Loren Cain, 13-year old "baby" of the squad, and Craig Lighty are guards. Billy James is center. The backfield is made up of Bob Fabello, quarter, Don Richardson, fullback and Art Sprague and Paul Parker at the halfback posts.

"It is rather difficult to name stars on this island team, for it is an essentially a well-drilled eleven with every boy doing a good job. The kicking of Ramar, the line play of Angelos, and the all round work of Bob Wright and Ed Darr are features."

The Beacon adds its congratulations to Coach Thomas and his boys for their fine work.

Additional Alumni Notes

This is a most appropriate issue in which to tell a little of the accomplishments of William, Jr., Linwood and Joyce, the sons and daughter of Headmaster and Mrs. Meacham.

William M. Meacham, Jr. '37 attended Middlebury College after serving in the U. S. Army during World War II. He is employed by the Bigelow-Sanford rug manufacturing concern in Amsterdam, N. Y. He is married and has three children, Karen 5, Elizabeth 2½, and

William, 1½. He owns his home at 16 Philips St., Amsterdam. He is active in church work, being superintendent of the Sunday school of his church. Although living at a considerable distance he and his family visit here twice yearly and it is certainly a pleasure to greet them.

Linwood L. Meacham, '41, served in the U. S. Navy during World War II and then completed his college work, graduating from Middlebury in 1950. He then began work with the William Eugene Hays Agency of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company of Boston. It is certain that he has selected a life work ideally suited to him, for already his success in the insurance field is assured. He was married in 1951 and recently purchased his home at 9 Talbot Road, Hingham. Among his many hobbies is boating, and this past summer he became the owner of a small motor launch. Living in suburban Boston, he and Mrs. Meacham are able to visit Thompson's Island frequently and keep in touch with their many friends at the School.

Joyce E. Meacham left our school at the end of the seventh grade and continued her education at the Tenacre and Dana Hall schools in Wellesley. She then went to Middlebury College where she is now a senior. Her campus life has been busy, and she has continually been engaged in numerous activities, presently being hard at work on the college yearly, the "Kaleidoscope," of which she is one of the student executives. Her summers have been busy times. Two summers ago she secured practical business experience by doing general office work in Boston, and last summer she was employed at Bread Loaf, the summer school division of Middlebury College. Home to her continues to be Thompson's Island, and she spends at least part of her college vacations with her parents in Adams House.

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Alumni Testimonial Dinner

Graduates from far and wide to the number of about one hundred gathered at a popular in-town eating place on the evening of October 25. The main purpose of the Dinner was to proffer to our Headmaster the thanks of the Association for a quarter century of devoted service to our School, and in this way the event was a Testimonial Dinner.

President John E. Kervin, '20 had worked steadily with the committee for many weeks and it was he who acted as chairman and toastmaster for the occasion. It is largely to his good work that the Dinner was one long to be remembered—a notable one in a long list of annual alumni get-togethers.

The report of the secretary was given by William C. Burns, '37. This was unusually interesting and complete. A vote of thanks was given him for his fine work.

The treasurer, Donald S. MacPherson, '17, reported that the funds of the Association were in good shape. The Alumni Fund has been inactive of late, principally because the Association has been giving directly for definite purposes rather than through the Alumni Fund. An instance of this was the gift of over \$200 for the athletic teams at the School.

Historian G. George Larsson, '17, has, over the years, gathered a wealth of press clippings, photographs and other pertinent F. T. S. material, all of which makes both an interesting and valuable collection. It is his wish that a plan be made so that this collection may be kept permanently at the School, and no doubt this will eventually be done.

Although all of this business detail

was of interest the graduates knew that the main purpose of the Dinner was to honor our headmaster. Clifton E. Albee, '21 gave the address of the evening, and then followed the presentation of a camera as described elsewhere in this issue. This was a moment of great pleasure for all, somewhat jubilant and yet with a touch of solemnity, for such an event takes place but once in a lifetime, and certainly not in many lifetimes.

Precedent was pleasantly broken at the Dinner for Mrs. Meacham was on hand, and it was a treat for both her and the graduates. Mrs. Linwood L. Meacham was also present. This is the first time that the evening has been open to the ladies, without such notice being definitely announced, and as one graduate remarked "Let it not be the last," for surely the grads were surprised and pleased at having these unexpected guests.

At every alumni party one of the joys is to meet a few who have been absent for many year. It did seem that Edward V. Osberg, '24, William J. Bevans, '39, Edward F. West, '34, and Nelson W. Pratt, '29, fitted this category. It was grand to have these members with us once again.

The officers for 1952, elected at this meeting, are:

Alton B. Butler, '26, President
John Patterson, '43, Vice President
William C. Burns, '37, Secretary
Donald S. MacPherson, '17 Treasurer
G. George Larsson, '17, Historian

The testimonial took about four hours, and as remarked earlier, four of the happiest hours within memory. Our thanks once again to Pres. John Kervin and his committee for an admirable job.



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Thanksgiving

As we all know, the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth in the year 1620 where Chief Massasoit is said to have welcomed them with the words "Welcome Englishmen." The following spring he returned and showed the Pilgrims how to plant and raise corn, and helped them in many ways to overcome the uncertain New England agricultural prospects. In the autumn of that year the Pilgrims harvested their crops, and at about that time the ship "Fortune" arrived with a cargo of provisions. A great Feast of Thanksgiving was arranged by the Pilgrims, who invited Chief Massasoit and ninety of his tribesmen to join in the religious observance. This was the first thanksgiving.

By 1668 the annual observance of Thanksgiving was established in Plymouth to give thanks to God for the harvest of crops. The custom spread so that it was practiced generally during the days of the Revolution and afterwards, until during President Lincoln's time it became a National holiday. He proclaimed the last Thursday in November as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to Almighty God. President Roosevelt changed it to the third Thursday during World War II, but so many objected that it was once again made the last Thursday in November.

The holiday is always celebrated in a big way at F. T. S. This year the tra-

ditional morning Army-Navy football game was played. This was a good scrappy game, with the Army team, captained by Danny Dockham beating Navy, Ralph Hopkins, captain, 14-13.

Then came the bountiful Thanksgiving feast. The dining room was set up for groups of ten, and on each table there was a twenty pound turkey, roasted to a golden brown. Mashed potatoes, squash, onions, gravy, cranberries, nuts, candies, cider, and other good things to eat made up the menu. For dessert there was mince pie, squash pie or plum pudding. I'm sure the boys repeated the school Grace with special meaning at this meal.

The big attraction of the afternoon was the Harvard-Yale football game. The teams had been chosen a few days earlier, and all looked forward to the game. Bruce Graham captained Yale, and Bob Wright led Harvard. The game moved along fairly evenly until Harvard got some good breaks and from then on it was Harvard's day.

In the evening we had a movie named "Operation Pacific," starring John Wayne. This was a very good submarine picture and gave us all an idea of what the men go through while on submarine duty.

I'm sure you can see that we had a very enjoyable time on Thanksgiving and hope you did too.

Alan C. Waldron

The Flying Santa

Last Saturday I was sitting at my desk in my room doing my homework when all of a sudden I heard a low flying plane.

I looked out the window and saw what appeared to be a twin engined Cessna bobcat, with "The Flying Santa" printed in large, red letters on the side of the ship.

I ran from my room to the football field and watched the plane circle back and come in low over the island. Two bundles came tumbling from a window in the plane. Many of the boys were by this time running for the bundles. I was lucky to get one in the clover field.

Edward Rowe Snow, the famous Boston Harbor historian, has been coming each Christmas with gifts. He visits us first, then drops presents at the lighthouses. Mr. Meacham told us that the packages contained many articles, including a copy of Mr. Snow's latest book.

Next day we read in the papers about Mr. Snow's trip, and discovered that the "Flying Santa" had a very successful flight, leaving gifts at every point that he had planned. Some of the papers had a picture of him and his plane.

Albert K. Ellis

Football

It is late to be writing about football, but I know everyone will agree that we had a good season. I was on the Notre Dame team and Ralph Hopkins, Alan Waldron, Donald Sheehan, and Captain Loren Cain were the four regular backs. Our team won the championship, losing only one game. Our season finished on Thanksgiving Day. Now we are looking ahead to basketball, and this year I hope to be in the Sears League. Last year I played in the Nut League, and had plenty of fun.

Joseph S. Lombardo

Award of Prizes

Sixty four years ago Francis Shaw, a trustee of the School, began the practice of giving cash prizes to the ten boys who had achieved the highest rating in conduct and effort for each six months period. In his will he made provision for the perpetuity of the prizes. Early in December they were awarded for the 128th time. Thomas F. Temple, also a trustee, augmented the prize list by giving books to the next five, and these prizes are now given in memory of Mr. Temple by N. Penrose Hallowell. Honorable mention this time was accorded the next five boys in rank.

We congratulate the following upon earning this special distinction.

Shaw Prizes

Edward A. Atton
Donald R. Dockham
Loren E. Cain
Albert K. Ellis
Edward F. Darr
David E. LeVeille
Robert O. Cain
William F. Sonier
David W. Howard
Frederick E. Harding

Temple Consolation Prizes

Alan C. Waldron
William H. Dillon
Ralph E. Hopkins
David A. Pulsifer
Robert Fabello

Honorable Mention

Donald E. Richardson
Teyet Ramar II
Kenneth E. Forster
S. Newcomb Graham
Thomas Angelos
Robert W. Wright

A Football Article

Fred Foye, schoolboy sports editor of the Boston Traveler, wrote a feature story about our football team which appeared in the Traveler on December 9. We are sure that our readers will find this account of unusual interest. Three pictures are used, entitled "What Are Unbeaten Grid Teams Made Of?" The answer, "Just healthy boys." The boys are shown operating one of the tractors, another is of Teyet Ramar, great grandson of Sitting Bull, "with another kind of bull," and some of the boys feeding chickens.

The article itself tells of the good work of the football team, mentioning many of the players in particular, and telling of the fine job done by our supervisor-coach, Raymond Thomas, '26. The story of our athletic field, built in 1941, our opponents, how the team is financially supported and our intra-mural program for the younger boys is told.

Two paragraphs of the article may well be quoted in full, as they so clearly, yet briefly, leave football for the wider aspects of school life. They are:

"Farm and Trades, with the lovable William M. Meacham as Headmaster since 1926, is a boarding school devoted to the betterment of boys already proved of excellent character. Boys are welcomed who are between the ages of ten and fourteen and advanced as far as the sixth grade in school. A typical 24 hour day provides four hours of classwork, four hours of vocational work such as in the trades or in actual in-business farming, four hours of recreation, three hours for the most wholesome of meals and an average of nine hours for sleep.

"Applicants are screened carefully, and the completely private endowments make liberal scholarship aid available to every boy."

The article concluded with the names and home towns of the boys on the football squad, 22 in number.

We thank Mr Foye for his fine article. We are sure that our graduates and friends greatly enjoyed reading about Coach Ray Thomas and the 1952 "Little Giants."

A Picture

We have many pictures in our classroom, and our teacher keeps changing them according to the time of year. The picture I like best now is named "A Light in the Darkness." It was painted by Maratta, and is the Manger scene. It is in color, and is very beautiful. All of us in the seventh grade admire it, and visitors to the classroom also admire its beauty.

R. Barry Fuller

My Oil Painting

One of my roommates, John Lennon, gave me a Christmas present of an oil painting set. I got the gift early, and was so anxious to begin that I opened the package and started to work. This painting set is no toy. It comes complete with canvas marked with a planned design and more than twenty different colors of paint. Slow and careful work is necessary, but the finished result is worth the work, it is so beautiful. I have a good start on my oil painting, which is named "Ducks in Flight" and is a scene of ducks flying over a marshy pond. Even though it isn't Christmas yet, I have the painting half done, and I know I will be very proud of it when it is finished.

Arnold M. Sutterlin

—The S. A. E. Journal says, "The world is crying, not for men who know what to do, but for men who know how to do it." Certainly a fair appraisal!

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Editorial

I have never seen a superb, hand made glove box, tray, lamp or any sloyd model or other piece of cabinet work turned out by a person of inferior character. Quality work and high character seem to go hand in hand, although there may be exceptions to this rule.

If this be so it is highly important that every child be thoroughly taught and have constant practice in doing things and doing them well. As many of the talents of a boy as possible should be explored, tried out and developed and he should be constantly urged to put his best into the doing. His character and his work, his study and his play go hand in hand. His future success and happiness depend upon these basic concepts and the degree of responsibility developed within him.

A boy does not suddenly say "I want to make a nut bowl with inlay and a beautiful finish," and expect in a few minutes, or even a few hours, to construct this fine piece. He first says, "What can I make for my mother that will make her happy?" Then he proceeds to think out his course of action to accomplish his goal. He proceeds to gather the materials, that is, he learns to finance his important project. Then he patiently proceeds to devote his every talent and experience to a carefully made blueprint and long hours of devoted effort and skill, actually working into a beautiful piece his very character.

Most of life's problems work out the same way and the results depend upon our early training, childhood, adolescence and youth.

Topics in Brief

During November the interests of the boys was centered upon football and the closing weeks of the season were of much interest. Especially was this true of the varsity, which week by week found itself facing an undefeated season. The boys more than held their own in the closing games and won over Malden Vocational high school 34-13 to wind up one of the best seasons the team has had. Intramural games took the attention of the younger boys, with the season's final games being the traditional Thanksgiving Day contests. Football, 1952, will be remembered as a period of thrills aplenty, and no doubt will be talked about whenever F. T. S. boys get together.

Annual holidays and observances at the School are always remembered with deep satisfaction, for everything is done to make these occasions notable according to the spirit of the day. This is particularly true of Thanksgiving. This year the holiday with its rich religious meaning, seemed to be even more meaningful than ever, if this were possible. The bountiful feast, centered about golden-brown roast turkey, was the feature of the day, of course. The younger boys played the annual Army-Navy football game in the morning while the older ones furnished the afternoon activity with the Harvard-Yale game. In the evening a fine movie, "Operation Pacific," was enjoyed.

The fall months, with the weekly football games, are almost "Homecoming" periods and we are overjoyed at meeting many former pupils, many of whom have not been with us for long periods. Also, friends of the school of long standing visit for the sake of "auld lang syne." We are always happy to have these old pupils and friends return, and if time and

space permitted would list the names of those who have returned for these pleasant football days. It is our pleasure also to greet new friends, for seldom does one of our great F. T. S. family return that he does not bring with him at least one friend to whom he can introduce our School.

One of the pleasant, monthly activities which we enjoy is the "Birthday Supper." At this time those who have birthdays during the month are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Meacham for a special birthday observance. The fine meal always concludes, of course, with generous helpings of birthday cake. Most of the birthday suppers are held in Bowditch House, although occasionally, when weather permits, they are held out-of-doors.

Much very important work has been accomplished on our wharf during the month. Many main timbers supporting the structure had been found to be somewhat weakened by weather and moisture and were replaced. Much of the old planking was replaced, so that now the wharf is in excellent condition.

The seventh graders are proud of their scrapbooks which were prepared during the presidential campaign. Articles and photos were clipped from magazines and newspapers which gave a comprehensive and clear picture of the trend of the voting, besides acquainting the boys with the best in biographical sketches of the two principal candidates.

Our winter supply of coal was delivered to the school during the month and was trucked to the power house, the work being done by the coal company. It took the best part of three days to unload the coal barge.

The weekly movie show plays an important part in the life of the boys, and we have had some mighty fine films lately. It is our plan to show pictures which will be of strong interest to the boys, and yet possess some value in an educational sense. There are many good titles from which to chose, all with historical or literary backgrounds, and which are ideal for our group. We are also privileged from time to time, to have the use of strictly educational pictures, all of which we find worth while.

Over Forest and Sea

Airplane pilots are helping the farmers with their good work.

Airplane pilots help the farmers in other ways, such as dropping poison to kill the insects for the farmers.

Airplanes are used to ship food for farmers. They carry wheat, tomatoes, potatoes, lettuce, and many other vegetables that must be shipped without delay.

Ronald Hermann

A Day Over

Two weeks before Christmas all of the boys went in town to do Christmas shopping. My brother and I were met at City Point by our parents. First we drove to the Motor Mart garage where the car was parked. Next we got haircuts and went to Filene's store. Here we got a supply of winter clothes.

We were pretty hungry by this time, so we looked for a good restaurant to have dinner. We had what we wanted, and my favorite meal is fried clams, so I had a big plate of them with french fried potatoes. They were good, too.

After dinner we had the afternoon off so we decided to go home. We watched television for awhile, and played with our dog "Tippy." He jumped all over us with joy.

You can see that we had a good time on our day over.

Charles T. White

Choir Rehearsals

We have been having choir rehearsals each day, getting ready for the Christmas concert and the carol singing Christmas Eve. So far we have learned five songs. Most of the boys in the choir are band boys and know how to read music. We all like our choir practices.

E. Carroll Young

Basketball Forecast

Now that the football uniforms, pads and cleats have been stored until next September we are looking forward to basketball, which will be played steadily for almost four months. I think we will have a good varsity team, and also junior varsity, because already the teams have been holding daily practice drills, and the players feel that they have a good team. The Sears League will soon begin its weekly games and the Nut League will follow with its series. We will all have a good time playing basketball, no matter what team we are on.

Alexander D. Marinakis

A Party

Before Christmas my roommate and I decided to have a party. Those present were Alan Waldron, Arnold Sutterlin, and myself. Wayne Henry joined later and brought his phonograph and played Christmas records for us. We played games and then had refreshments of cookies and candy. We had presents. I got a book, Waldron received a game, and Sutterlin received a paint set. We had a real good time.

Richard B. Pulsifer

Honor Roll — Fall Term

The highest academic averages in each class group

Junior Class

Frederick E. Harding

Sophomore Class

Robert A. Kidder

Alan C. Waldron

Freshmen Class

David E. LeVeillee

William H. Dillon

Eighth Grade Division A

Albert K. Ellis

Loren E. Cain

Eighth Grade Division B

William F. James

Thomas Angelos

Seventh Grade

Larry E. Garside

Richard B. Pulsifer

Arnold M. Sutterlin

Sixth Grade

Charles T. White

Best Citizenship

"A" Rank general conduct and effort
in each class group

Junior Class

Frederick E. Harding

Sophomore Class

Donald R. Dockham

Robert O. Cain

Ralph F. Hopkins

William F. Sonier

Edward J. Darr

Donald E. Richardson

Alan C. Waldron

Teyet Ramar II

Freshman Class

Edward A. Atton

David W. Howard

David E. LeVeillee

William H. Dillon

Walter Hermann

Richard A. Ostrander

Eighth Grade Division A

Albert K. Ellis

Carleton G. Skinner Jr.

Loren E. Cain

Howard E. Murphy II

Richard M. Sainsbury

Eighth Grade Division B

Kenneth C. Alexander

Seventh Grade

Ronald Hermann

Quite a Problem

Most of us who visit zoos always ask a question, "What do the animals eat?" An attendant would need plenty of time to answer because food is a major problem in every zoo. To keep the animals well they must be fed food natural to them, and it is a big problem to supply the right food in quantity. For instance, a 150 pound seal eats ten pounds of fish every day. A baby walrus, which weighs some 400 pounds, eats fifty pounds of clams each day. It takes a man all of his working hours just to open clams for the day's food. You can imagine how much it costs to feed the animals in a zoo.

Alexander D. Marinakis

Additional Alumni Notes

We extend our best wishes and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. ALAN P. STEWART, '42 for on November 9 they became parents of Bonnie Louise Stewart, who lacked just five ounces of tipping the scales at eight pounds. The Stewart home at 31 Lake street, Dalton, Mass., is certainly a happy place now, and wee Lassie Bonnie is the center of attraction. We should add also that the announcement of the new arrival is a work of art, undoubtedly the work of Mrs. Stewart, who possesses great talent and skill in the field of arts and crafts.

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Miss Dorothy Eleanor Cadiero became the bride of Paul W. Horton, '48, on Saturday, November 29, 1952. The ceremony was performed in the Centre Methodist Church, in Malden, before a large group of well-wishers. Our sincere, best wishes are extended the happy couple, and we hope that before long we shall have the pleasure of meeting both here at Thompson's Island.

ROY M. DOLE, '35, has been employed as a teller by the First National Bank of Boston for the past fifteen years. He presently works in the main office. He is married, and has a son, Leslie, six years of age. He is active in church work, and a member of the Masonic Fraternity, Golden Rule lodge. He owns his home at 23 Laurel Street, Greenwood, Mass. Mrs. Dole and he have many things in common, one of which is finding contentment and happiness in their home and community interests. We were glad to see the Dole family at the Braintree freshman football game on November 1.

ROBERT H. STONE, '42, was present at one of our varsity football games. He is married and lives at 49 Edward Road, Watertown, Mass. For some time now he has been employed at the Raytheon plant, and is making the field of Electronics his life work.

EDWARD V. OSBERG, '22, visited us recently, and was also present at our Alumni Dinner. He is General Manager of National Polychemicals, a new company, with offices in Boston, and a plant under construction at Wilmington, Mass.

CECIL A. MORSE, '28, sends best wishes to our football team. He has always taken an active interest in athletics and is a booster of his local high school eleven, which he hopes and expects will be in the playoff series for State champ. He is married and he and Mrs. Morse live at 409 E. Defee Avenue, Baytown, Texas.

EDWARD H. STROM, '50, writes from Korea where he has been stationed for some time. He writes that conditions there are about the same, and the time passes very slowly. He expected to contact Ralph Gale when the latter returned from a tour with a Marine band which is on duty in Korea.

Among those who were here for the football games was John W. Baxter, '29, who informed us that his address now is 216 Cole St., Seekonk, Mass. His brother, Gordon K. Baxter, '31, may be reached also at that address.

CAPT. ROGER K. SMITH, '23, writes from 547 Maple Ave., Teaneck, N. J. to inform us that he and Mrs. Smith are settled in their new home, of which they are very proud. Captain Smith is a pilot for the TWA and makes regular flights to European cities. He writes his regrets at being unable to attend Alumni or School affairs, and sends his best wishes to his Thompson's Island friends.

ROBERT J. ENGLISH, '38, works for the Beauregard Trailer Sales, of Billerica, Mass. Classmates are invited to stop and say "Hello" when they are in that vicinity.



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Our Radio Broadcast

Fred Foye, schoolboy sports editor of the Boston Traveler and Yankee Network, has a weekly sports broadcast, and on his program of December 20 he planned for our school to be featured. Mr. Meacham, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Rose, and seven squad members took part. Although we boys did not know it, the program had been planned a month ahead, and Mr. Foye wanted it to be a special Christmas radio show.

The first we boys knew of what was to take place was the day before the broadcast, when we were called together and told to be ready. As Mr. Foye wanted everything to be as spontaneous as possible, there was no memorizing or special preparation of any part of the broadcast.

We left the school on the five o'clock trip and went to the WNAC studios, arriving there in time to have Mr. Foye explain the broadcast to us. He told us who would speak first, second, and so forth until all ten had been assigned a place and everyone had an idea of what he was going to say.

I guess we were all a little nervous as the sweep second hand of the studio clock moved around to the exact second when we were to be "on the air." At the signal, the announcer, Mr. Mitchell, and Mr. Foye began the regular introduction of the

weekly show and a minute or two later Mr. Meacham was introduced. He gave some facts about our school and then our coach, Mr. Thomas, gave a sketch of F. T. S. athletics. I was next, and then came Bob Wright. The others who spoke were Tom Angelos, Bob Cain, Ed Darr and Bill Sonier. Mr. Foye saved Teyet Ramar until last, because Teyet was a state champion place kicker, as well as being the great grandson of the reknowned Sioux chief, Sitting Bull. Mr. Meacham returned to "wrap it up," as Mr. Foye said.

As each of us had been asked questions of different parts of school life, the radio audience got a varied picture of everyday activities at the school. The farm, shops, classroom and dormitory life, athletics, and the Christmas season here were some of the topics about which we were asked questions.

The Rev. John P. Carroll, CYO leader, joined us on the program to give a message to youth which was written especially for the Christmas season. His message was noble and inspiring, and brought to mind the inner meaning of Christmas.

When the program was concluded we all gave a sigh of relief. We thanked Mr. Foye for arranging the broadcast for us, for it was the first time for most of us to be on the radio. It was all very

interesting, and quite an experience for us.

When we arrived back at the school we were invited to Adams House for a wonderful steak dinner which Mrs. Meacham and Joyce had ready for us. After dinner we heard the broadcast on a tape recorder and it was a lot of fun hearing ourselves. The movies had been held up, so we went to the assembly hall and saw "Rocky Mountain."

Bruce A. Graham

Helpers in the Sky

Airplanes are widely used to preserve our natural resources and the men who fly them are valuable "hired men in the sky." Some men fly regular routes watching for fires and many a terrible forest fire has been checked by being spotted in time. Others search for decaying trees, and as soon as such are found the ground crew either repairs or cuts down the tree. In many ways planes are a help to farmers. They fly low over orchards and fields, spraying insect poison as needed. Large areas can be treated in this way quickly and more cheaply than by any other method. Weather Stations depend upon aircraft also, for each large station has its own airport. The planes fly into storms and record wind speed and in which direction the storm is heading. Planes used in this work can play tag with all kinds of storms.

Arnold M. Sutterlin

Sunday School

Every Sunday morning we go to chapel at ten o'clock for Sunday School. Our minister, Mr. Bartram, is in charge. He makes the lessons very interesting because he arranges contests, having the dormitory groups as teams. We sing many hymns, and some have become big favorites with us. After a half hour in the chapel we are divided in four classes, and each

class has a half hour lesson studying and talking over the lesson for that day in the Sunday School quarterly.

Ronald G. Hermann

The Christmas Concert

The Christmas Concert was held on December 21. The main part of the service was the presentation of the Christmas Play, "Three Wise Men," by Dorothy C. Allan. Scripture readings, a prayer and selections by the choir all had an important place in the program.

"Three Wise Men" is a deeply moving religious play in which the three wise men have followed a star to the manger, they having come from distant, separate places, praying that the vision they received was true. A second vision, that of a cross and what it implied, has disturbed them and they cannot understand this shameful symbol. As night approaches they realize that a final vision is about to be unfolded to them.

The next part of the play tells of the kindness of three boys towards a young married couple with an infant child. The family is in need, and the three lads each give them highly prized Christmas gifts which they themselves had received only a few hours previously. This giving of gifts to free the young family from suffering and want was well acted, and brought clearly to mind the true spirit of Christmas giving.

The play concluded with the reappearance of the wise men who reverently and happily agree that they have seen that the cross was but the beginning, and in truth, in chivalry and kindness as expressed by the three boys, the Saviour lives in deathless life.

Our congratulations are extended those who had a part in the Christmas Concert, for certainly it was a reverent

and beautiful expression of the always wonderful Christmas season.

The program was as follows:

PROGRAM

Hymn 406—Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Congregation

Invocation and Lord's Prayer
Mr. Bartram

Hymn 405—
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
Congregation

Scripture Reading
Frederick C. Harding

Selection—Silent Night
Choir

The Christmas Play "Three Wise Men"

Christmas Hymn
Choir

Hymn 217—Joy to the World
Congregation

Benediction
Mr. Bartram

"THREE WISE MEN"

A Christmas Play by Dorothy C. Allen
Time—Dusk on Christmas Eve
Place—A clearing in the woods

THE CAST

Balthasar	Norman W. Sellevaag
Gaspar	David E. Leveille
Melchior	Robert Fabello
Hal	Edward J. Darr
Don	William F. Dillon
Phil	Daniel W. Dockham
A Boy	Robert O. Cain

STAGE MANAGERS

Richard A. Ostrander
William F. Sonier

MEMBERS OF THE CHOIR

Thomas Angelos	Donald Richardson
Larry Garside	David Sheehan
William James	Carleton Skinner
Joseph Lombardo	Harold Spurling
Alexander Marinakis	Arnold Sutterlin
Paul Parker	Edward White
	Carroll Young

Thomas U. Follansbee

We regret to announce the passing of THOMAS U. FOLLANSBEE, of the Class of 1874. It was 79 years ago that Mr. Follansbee left our school, and during most of those years he kept in constant touch with fellow schoolmates, and in later years with younger members of the Alumni Association. Until his later years he led a busy, active life and made hosts of friends who mourn his passing. Funeral services were conducted on January 22, at the Dykeman Funeral Home, Chelsea, in which city he made his home for many years.

Wild Life Service

On our western plains the farmers and ranchers were having trouble with wild ducks. These birds were helping themselves to the fields of grain, and after putting up scarecrows the farmers began to think these made the ducks feel more at home. So the Wildlife Service was reached and told of the trouble. This government agency set up dining rooms for ducks, by planting grain fields in bird refuges. Planes were used to chase the ducks from the farmers' fields to the bird refuges, and so the farmers' crops were saved. The Wildlife Service did it again. This government agency does great work.

Henry P. Murphy

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Editorial

"Flying Saucers" are currently providing widespread interest throughout America as well as in other parts of the World. In this respect we are thinking of the phenomenon in the sky which transcends any general knowledge of such flying bodies.

There is considerable information from reliable sources indicating such objects have been seen. Beyond that scientists and other trained observers do not venture information and appear to have no explanation.

Many reports of these objects have appeared from widely scattered areas of our country and in several countries on other continents, the latest from Pakistan in Asia.

No "Flying Saucers" have been seen in the skies over Thompson's Island but it is almost certain that whatever is visible to the naked eye in the skies above our boys will spot.

The hundreds of ocean going sea craft steaming through President Road at our back door and the constant stream of aircraft almost brushing the tops of our great elms and oaks give the boys a unique education by observation. The heavenly bodies, the unmatched beauty of the gorgeous sunrises and sunsets add to the zest of life and deep appreciation of the wonders of Our Maker.

Topics in Brief

Christmas was a wonderful, glorious season, as it always is here at F.T.S. Preparations for the holy day began soon after Thanksgiving when plans for the religious pageant were made. The boys were actively engaged in finishing gifts which they were making in the sloyd room, and in planning for their day of Christmas shopping. It is a joyful and happy period—this time of giving—in commemoration of the birth of One who gave all.

Our Christmas Concert was based largely upon the presentation of the play "Three Wise Men," which was superbly enacted by six main characters, assisted by several who handled the necessary and important roles of property men and assistants to Mr. Jakeman, who directed the play. The choir sang some of the lovely Christmas carols, and there was congregational singing of traditional hymns. It was a beautiful service, and all those who took part did a fine job.

The boys were in town during the month for a day of Christmas shopping. Most of them visited the Boston shopping center, and were impressed with the wonderment of the holiday season. The large stores especially had most impressive Christmas displays, and the huge crowds and excitement of the busy holiday atmosphere surely thrilled our boys. They had many stories to tell of their adventures on this day, all of them adding up to a happy time.

On December 20 Fred Foye featured our school on his weekly schoolboy sports broadcast over the Yankee Network. We have received numerous congratulatory messages commenting on the excellence of the broadcast. A full account of this

radio program is printed on page one of this issue.

The winter vacation began on December 26 and extended until New Years. Many of the boys were home for most of the period. Those who remained at the School had a pleasant vacation time, for there was good skating, the first of the winter. Vacation was climaxed by the celebration of New Years, which included parties for each of the dormitories, athletics and a top notch movie.

Basketball is the chief indoor winter sport and the schedules for the teams are well underway. The varsity lost its opening game to Christian High School, but the surprisingly good work of our team presages a successful season.

The Sears and Nut intramural leagues are having interesting games, and one third of the scheduled games for each of these leagues have been played.

Mrs. Arthur Adams annually provides entertainment for the boys at Christmas. This year this was in the form of a movie, "Broken Arrow," with James Stewart. It was the story of the westward migration in this country, related from the point of view of the American Indians. The film was serious in purpose, superbly acted, and in technicolor. It was thoroughly enjoyed.

Previous to Christmas Day each of the dormitories held a Christmas party, with gifts for all. These were real jolly times, eagerly anticipated by the boys, and certainly completely enjoyed.

Santa Claus, in the person of Roger A. Hopkins, '51, arrived at the School early Christmas morning, and he, with his helpers, lost no time in distributing the huge piles of gifts. Our Assembly

Hall was prettily decorated for the occasion. The gifts were stacked about two large trees. Everyone received gifts, and it was certainly a happy period for all of us.

Our football team, which was both undefeated and untied this year, has been given much fine publicity in the Boston press, and in several suburban papers. This attention is very much appreciated, and is valuable in acquainting the public with the work of F. T. S. and the fine achievements of our boys. Radio sportscasters, too, have been on the alert, posting their listening audiences with news of our boys, and making new friends for us. We certainly are glad to have such fine things said about our boys.

On Christmas Eve eighteen of the boys, with three instructors, visited each of the dormitories, singing the age-old, lovely Christmas carols. It was a typical winter evening, just about right for the traditional sing. After their tour the carolers were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Meacham at Adams House, where games were played and refreshments enjoyed.

An Unexpected Gift

Last summer Mr. William P. Smith, who graduated from the School in 1895, came back for a visit. He was on his honeymoon, and wanted to show Mrs. Smith where he went to school 57 years ago. As he had not been here for many years I was asked to be a guide. I met Mr. and Mrs. Smith when the PILGRIM docked. We first visited the barns and poultry houses. Then we spent a little time in the shops. Afterwards we visited the dormitories. We went through the main building and stopped at the office where the graduates' visitors book was signed. While we were walking about

Mr. Smith would remember incidents which happened when he was a pupil here, and he would tell Mrs. Smith and me about them. We had a very pleasant afternoon. Then, when I was home on Christmas vacation, I received a very nice note from Mr. Smith, with a generous check enclosed as a Christmas gift, for which I am very thankful.

Albert K. Ellis

The Grew Garden Prizes

Sixty-four years ago Henry S. Grew, wishing to encourage the interest many of our boys showed in flower gardening, began the practice of giving cash prizes annually to those who did the best work in this field. Since his death his daughter, Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby, has given the prizes in memory of her father. The boys who received the awards for the year 1952 were as follows:

Edward A. Atton

Arnold M. Sutterlin

Edward J. Darr

Alan C. Waldron

Albert K. Ellis

Ralph F. Hopkins

Loren E. Cain

Robert O. Cain

Samuel M. Griswold

Edward J. White

Honorable mention was received by the following. It is hoped that next year their names may appear in the list of prize winners.

Alexander D. Marinakis

Harold L. Spurling

Thomas Angelos

—When Lindberg flew across the Atlantic Ocean alone, it was a remarkable feat, but it would have been much more remarkable had he done so with a committee.

Nation's Schools

Intra-Mural Football Awards

Athletic insignia for outstanding play during the past football season was awarded recently. These are given each year by S. V. R. Crosby, a former trustee of the school. This is the 42nd year that Mr. Crosby has made possible this highly-prized athletic award. The best player in each position received the athletic insignia. Of course no varsity player is included on this list, the winners being members of the intra-mural teams.

Those who received the awards were:

Carroll E. Young, re
 Howard E. Murphy, rt
 Larry E. Garside, rg
 Carleton G. Skinner, c
 Alexander D. Marinakis, lg
 Gerald L. Briggs, lt
 David W. Howard, le
 Alan C. Waldron, qb
 Donald L. Rich, lhb
 Robert A. Kidder, rhh
 Ralph F. Hopkins, fb

Thank You

One of the happy, pleasant and most enjoyable aspects of the holiday season is the joy we receive from the Christmas cards which arrived in every mail. Many of the cards were from designs created by the senders, and were works of art. These cards surely radiated the spirit of Christmas and we thank the senders, one and all.

A Day at Home

I went home for a day just before Christmas. My mother met me at the boat landing and soon we were home in Dorchester. The first thing I did was to get a haircut, and then I got the mail for my father's store. Next I helped my mother get groceries. After returning home we had dinner. Later in the afternoon my mother had fifteen of my playmates visit, and we had a party. My

sister Kathy had some of her friends there too. I had a good time on my day over.

John L. Peterson

Kitchen Work

This week I am known as "early boy" in the kitchen. I report there at six o'clock to help the instructors with breakfast. Most of the work I do is small, odd jobs. I usually have some errands too. I get the milk and pour it into the pitchers, then help serve the breakfast cereal. Fruit juice often has to be poured into individual glasses, and there is toast to make, or muffins to bake. I make myself as useful as I can. At seven o'clock breakfast is ready to serve.

Larry E. Garside

Additional Alumni Notes

IVERS R. ALLEN, '16, one of our ever-faithful members, sent Christmas greetings from a new address, 728 Union Ave., Lakeport, N. H.

Among those who no doubt took great interest in the recent activities in Washington, D. C. was Ross S. Lloyd, '27. He has lived in the National capitol for some time now. During World War II he served 25 months with the Marines. He is married.

GEORGE R. JORDAN, '13, is the author of a recently published book, "From Major Jordan's Diaries," a behind-the-scenes vivid story of how the Soviets abused lend-lease. The publisher is the Harcourt Brace & Co., N. Y. The book was printed in condensed form in the December issue of the Reader's Digest, and is well worth reading. The work has already been used as a reference by other writers.

Major Jordan has spent most of his business lifetime in the advertising field. He served in both world wars. During World War II he was Lend-Lease Expediter and Liaison Officer with the Russians.

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BERTON E. CADORATH, '47, is a tuba player with the Post Band, USMC, Quantico, Virginia. We know he would be very pleased to hear from his F. T. S. friends. His address is: PFC Berton E. Cadorath, 1322915, U. S. Marine Schools, Post Band, Quantico, Virginia.

Former Headmaster and Mrs. Paul F. Swasey sent a lovely Christmas card with the request that they be remembered to their many old friends of F. T. S. days. Mr. Swasey has for many years been located in Tunstall, Virginia, where he operates a soy bean farm and does university teaching.

RICHARD P. ALLEN, '50 is a freshman at Northeastern University, as is his classmate THEODORE L. JONES. Both are finding college work much to their liking, although they both agree some of their courses require considerable effort. Both are in the clarinet section of the university band and enjoyed the trips with the football team this fall. To help meet expenses each has a part time job. We wish them both collegiate and every other kind of success!

We hear frequently from our many graduates serving in the armed forces, and these BEACON notes have enabled some of our boys to get together in distant places. Just recently we heard from T-Sgt. William L. Littlejohn, '36, whose address is AF-6146085, 1503d Air Police Squadron, care of the Postmaster, San Francisco. We know Sgt. Littlejohn would be glad to meet or hear from his Thompson's Island friends.

Lewis A. Hester, a recent former student here, has received a signal honor in Jacksonville, Florida, by being adjudged the winner in the "Voice of Democracy" contest conducted by the high school. His essay, recorded on tape, will be used in subsequent state, regional and national competition. The newspaper account has an excellent photo of the winner receiving congratulations and we are glad to add ours for a job well done. Hester lives with his mother at 908 First St., Jacksonville Beach, Florida.

A recent photo published in the Boston press shows FRANKLIN P. GUNNING, '14, being congratulated by his wife, Lucille, and Col. James B. Stapleton, commanding officer of the Murphy General Hospital, where Gunning was made a Warrant Officer. A Korean War Silver Star Winner, he has now recovered from wounds and back in service. The three Gunning children, Lesta 5, James 3, and Frank 2, are also in the picture. Congratulations, W. O. Gunning!

LESLIE L. GODDARD, '46, is an apprentice sheetmetal worker at the Navy Yard at Portsmouth, N. H. The work there consists of three weeks in the shop and a week in the classroom and will take two years to complete. So far his marks have been very good and he is enthused with the future possibilities which will result from this training. He is a member of the Wallingford-Harris American Legion Drum Corps in Kittery, playing the baritone bugle. He is married, and he, Mrs. Goddard, and Gregg, 1½, live at 8 Goodrich Street, Kittery, Maine.



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The Football Banquet

A banquet was held in honor of our undefeated-untied football team in the dining room in Bowditch House on Tuesday evening January 13. All of the boys and instructors were present, and five invited guests. The tables were set up in a U shape, with the football squad in a special table in the center of the room.

Mr. Meacham led us in repeating the school grace, after which we had a steak dinner. This began with a tomato juice cocktail, and there was Waldorf salad, celery, olives, peas, Parker House rolls and the other dishes which go with a steak banquet. For dessert we had apple pie with ice cream.

The toastmaster was next introduced. He was Mr. Albee. He introduced the alumni association president, Alton B. Butler, '26. Mr. Butler congratulated the team on its good season. John E. Kervin, '20, who has been the alumni president for the last two years, was the next speaker. He thanked everyone for the invitation to attend and stated how pleased he was to have a part in the banquet.

We were pleased to have Fred Foye, the well known schoolboy sports editor of the Boston Traveler and Yankee Network as speaker of the evening. Mr. Foye is no stranger to our boys, he having visited us this fall and wrote a nice article about the

team for the Traveler. Every Saturday he told of the progress of our team on the radio, and just a few weeks previous he had several of our boys on his program. Mr. Foye stated briefly the many advantages of team athletics, and then abruptly changed to urge the boys to concentrate on individual sports which they can follow for a lifetime. Sports such as sailing, golf, and tennis were ideal to learn, he said. All of us were glad to have Mr. Foye give us this good talk, and we thank him for coming.

Captain Bruce Graham was next introduced. He thanked all of those who arranged for the banquet, and then introduced Coach Raymond Thomas and assistant coach Kenneth J. Rose. Both coaches spoke of the football season, and how much fun they themselves had had working with the team. They were presented with mementos of the season.

The next speaker was William Lannon, referee and coach. He had many stories to tell, among them being his impressions of our school, which were very good. We enjoyed his talk very much.

Our bandmaster, Mr. Warren, was with us and gave us a short speech. As might be expected, he spoke of the good times and real recreation which comes from music and urged all of the boys to learn music well, so they could get a lifetime of pleasure from music, as well as

from athletics and other hobbies. One of our real "Royal Rooters," Mr. Warren seldom misses a game.

A very important part came next. This was the awarding of the varsity certificates. But first Mr. Meacham wanted the intra-mural teams to have some recognition, so he chose at random one player to receive his letter at the banquet. That player happened to be me, and I was surprised and honored. Then the varsity players were given their certificates, and they certainly appreciated getting them.

Mr. Foye was called once again, this time to present each of the players with a miniature gold football suitably inscribed. The footballs were prepared by Jack Hobson, '27, a manufacturing jeweler, and were given by him for the alumni association. Needless to say, all of the players were very happy to get these footballs and thank Mr. Hobson for the pleasant surprise.

This ended the formal part of the evening. The boys had printed programs of the event and kept Mr. Foye busy autographing them. Eventually the boys left Bowditch House and returned to their dormitories, all of them very much pleased with the wonderful banquet.

Alan C. Waldron

Our Band Rehearsals

I play third clarinet in the band, and we are getting ready for our concerts and festivals. Our bandmaster is Mr. Warren, and he comes on Friday nights for a rehearsal. There are thirty-five boys in the band. Mr. Warren was very much pleased with our last rehearsal. We played several marches, two overtures, a selection of Victor Herbert's favorites, and two of the boys rehearsed solos they will play. Each Monday night the band plays at Assembly. Our big piece last week was

the "Day of Youth" overture. I think our first concert this spring will be on March 14, for the Engineers' Club.

Barry R. Fuller

New Games

Last Christmas many of us received new games as presents. They have been used steadily since then and most of us have played them. I was very lucky because I had two games for presents. One is Foto-Electric Baseball, and the other Pitchin' Pal. They are both wonderful games. The one I like best is the baseball game. Pitchin' Pal is a good one, too. A ball is thrown at the board and it bounces to the thrower. If he catches it a score is made. My brother David, Arnold Sutterlin and Harold Spurling and I play these games often, and enjoy them very much.

Richard B. Pulsifer

Basketball

Basketball is one of my favorite sports, and I like it very much because it is a fast game and a lot of fun. I am on the Wolverines and our team is leading the Sears League. So far we have won three games. Our captain is Donald Richardson, who plays center. The regular forwards are David Howard and myself, and the guards are Edward White and Bruce Alexander. We play a game every week and each team in the league has a nine game schedule.

Joseph S. Lombardo

Dining Room

Every day I help in the dining room after breakfast. I run the dishwasher. I put the plates and cereal bowls in racks and put the racks in the machine. After they are washed another boy dries them and puts them in stacks. After the dishes are done we clean the serving room.

Peter D. Myal

The Jester's Comments

—That young man of the business world, Bruce Graham, had completed his afternoon's many commercial enterprises and pondered the advisability of doing something to while away the time. Mr. Kitching appeared on the scene and together they hatched a plan to enjoy an hour until boat time. Both descended to the bowling alleys in South Station basement. Both had a merry time, and Bruce is more than willing to bowl a few strings anytime in such fashion, particularly if the loser pays, as is the custom.

We could add that there are other ways to use spare time, such as the perusal of a few pages in a geometry text, but this no doubt had not occurred to Bruce.

—America's gift to gracious living, Davie Howard, has many attractions to entertain visitors. A contraption, which looks like the front of an Overland four cylinder gasoline carriage, is installed in the corner of his room. On cold days this machine will waft soft, warm breezes while on warm days the cold winds coming from it bring Sgt. Preston to mind. Two radios, at arms length from this wind machine, supply music of any mood. Eats, though, will not be found, for Davie keeps these under the most secure locks available.

—Everyone likes a cheerful giver, and a belated orchid to Carleton Skinner who outbid all others for a tasty chocolate cake and box of fudge at the recent auction. As soon as the auction was over the cake was divided amongst the first floor "A" boys and the fudge amongst the top floor boys.

—The freshmen are learning all about money. Bob Fabello, the class treasurer, has been teaching them that it is something to wave at as it passes from them to the class coffers. Bob is diligent in his duties, and the boys are discovering that "he who

has, pays." Little comfort comes from his assurance that these class dues may be deducted on income tax returns. BJR men, Attention!

—The far-famed Bikini bathing suit, we thought, had finally reached our shores! Astounding, you think? Absolutely! The fact is that little Butch Sutterlin found a pair of pants, discarded but still usable. The former owner, Kenny Jakeman, was tired of the style, and besides, he is now approaching his second birthday, and wanted something more suitable to his advancing years. Butch gave the pants a try, though, and found that they fitted snugly, though briefly. He decided to stroll across the snows to show Kenny, but fortunately, perhaps, changed his mind. Butch enjoys the pants but finds the jacket mate a little too tight for complete comfort.

—Our enterprising power house boy, Ed Darr, has found a way to make the work there most attractive. The coal pile in the rear of the building has a peculiar indentation, made by our budding engineer, as he whizzes down, seated on a shovel. The 18-inch kind, he says, are best for the purpose, although, since the snows came, he prefers two wooden barrel staves. "Ah me, ah me," he says, "What fun these coalpiles be!"

My Work

Every morning after breakfast I have a job in the sewing room. That is to sweep the floor and dust the tables. I also help deliver clothes to the dormitories. Emptying waste baskets is another part of my work. Another boy works with me, and it doesn't take us long to get the cleaning done.

The sewing room is located on the first floor of the Main Building.

George C. Linnell

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Juvenile delinquency is not in our line of endeavor but in view of the fact that the problem is one of wide civic concern we should all be vitally interested and do something about it. It seems as though most everybody must know the cause and the real answer to the problem. It seems as though we the people are not interested enough to bring about the solution. We will continue to pay the cost of crime and let the other fellow do the worrying in spite of the fact that it would be much cheaper to *prevent* the trouble.

One situation exists among many of varying degree of similarity, a family of seven with one adult member with a long record of serious offenses. The children are growing up there and some well meaning people apparently believe they should be kept in that environment. Incidentally it is in an extremely congested area but there *are* family groups in scattered areas in similar plight.

There has been created recently in Boston a Committee to study the juvenile delinquency problem. They will gather a lot of data, *Period*.

What does a boy want and need for a happy development of his many abilities in order that he may take his part in adult life as a leader in our great American way of life?

He must have religious guidance to keep in tune with our Creator. He must have around him good adults who are devoted to him and his interests. He must have abundant facilities to develop, to learn, to expand, to play. For these basic needs he should have a school so filled with source materials and adequate guidance that he will be inspired to maximum achievement. He should have abundant opportunity to acquire skills in the use of hand tools, mechanical, electric and automotive equipment. He should

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?

have opportunity to work with animal and plant life. There should be an abundance of organized athletics, band music, social activity, dramatics, hobbies and many other threads of human interests woven into his complex but orderly period of growing-up years. Good food, clothing and shelter are physical needs which must be well supplied.

A boy loves to create things, excel in something, produce results, take responsibility, win approval, develop his abilities. Give him the right environment and opportunities and juvenile delinquencies will have no appeal for him.

Topics in Brief

The principal event of the month, at least certainly to our football players, was a banquet tendered in their honor on January 13. Guests included Fred Foye of the Boston Traveler, John E. Kervin, Class of 1920, retiring president of the Alumni Association, Alton B. Butler, Class of 1926, the recently-elected president, William Lannon and Frank L. Warren. The banquet was held in Adams House with the entire school on hand to enjoy a steak dinner.

Basketball has kept the interests of the boys at a high point this month. The school team to date is having an even season, winning as many as it is losing. The two intra mural league teams are beyond the mid-point of their season's play.

Our band has made much progress during the past weeks, and it is looking forward to concerts in town beginning in March. The boys have learned many varied types of selections, and under the direction of our bandmaster, Mr. Warren, they may be expected to give most creditable performances.

Two basketball games were played by the varsity in our gym this month. The Braintree high freshman team came on January 23 and our boys won. A week later the Christian high quintet defeated our team. Both games were well played and our boys, as well as the visiting players, had a great time. Our team will enter the small schools tournament in February, and all our friends are invited to watch the games. The Boston press will print notices of the tournament dates.

The eclipse of the moon on January 29 we thought was to be almost a failure, but low hanging clouds disappeared to give us at least a reasonably good look at the phenomenon. The passing phases were very clear and our unobstructed vantage point gave us good viewing.

Everybody likes an auction, or so it seems so here, for on January 29 one was held for the benefit of the athletic fund. Everything was donated and a sizable amount realized. Cookies, cake, candy, games, clothing and all sorts of odd items were auctioned, and not a solitary item remained unsold.

A modern and efficient system of lighting for our four classrooms was installed during the month. A complete set of new fluorescent tubes, with approved fixtures, gives us a glareless soft light ideal for classroom use.

The sophomore class gave an entertainment based on farm life on January 19. Skits, songs and instrumental music made up the entertaining program. On January 26 the freshman class staged a skit based on what might happen during the half-time intermission of a football game. A second humorous sketch, and musical selections completed the program.

Both of these entertainments were given at our regular weekly assembly, held each Monday evening.

Along with countless thousands of others, we witnessed history in the making on January 20 as President Dwight D. Eisenhower took the Oath of office. Our TV receiver was set up in Bowditch House where we could all watch the proceedings comfortably. The seriousness of the event was indelibly impressed upon the minds of all of us, and most assuredly to our boys here, the inauguration was surely a profound and noble experience.

Our paint shop crew has been busy during the month painting the corridors, bathrooms and halls in Dormitory A. It is certainly good to see this redecorating going on and the boys are doing a fine job.

A New Orchestra

The Sauter-Finnegin orchestra has recently been organized. Two arrangers, Ed Sauter and Bill Finnegin, score pieces for the group, and take turns leading it. These men are noted arrangers, and their work is very unusual. They use odd instruments for extraordinary effects, such as a combination of a recorder and a xylophone. To hear this orchestra is to hear music of an entirely different meter. Their recent album of Victor records is called "Music in a New Direction," and these records give a good showing to their work. To describe their music would be to call it "ultra-modern in a jazz vein." I have some new records by this orchestra, good examples of Sauter-Finnegin music, and anyone interested in this new style is welcome to hear these records at his leisure.

Wayne W. Henry

Archery

I imagine that ever since ancient days boys have been interested in archery. I know I have always wanted to use a bow and arrow. Several other boys here like the sport, and we have a target set up on the side of the soft ball field so we can practice most anytime. The bows we use are 18, 25 or 35 pound and the arrows are made by ourselves in the sloyd room. Some of the boys are really good shots, and all of us get much fun from the sport of archery.

When the warm weather comes we hope to have even more boys interested in archery.

Alexander D. Marinakis

Scout Meetings

Our scout troop has a meeting every Wednesday night in the gym. Last week we practiced making improvised stretchers. You never know when someone might get hurt and there are ways of carrying injured people so that their injuries won't be made worse. We learned the six man carry, three man carry, chair carry, stretcher lifts and other ways to help injured people.

We finished the meeting by playing games, and the one we liked best was dodge ball.

Carroll E. Young

Waiting on Table

Most of the boys have a turn at some time or other waiting on table. This month I am one of the waiters. We eat a half hour earlier than the other boys. After Grace is repeated we bring in the hot food from the serving room. Next we bring tea or coffee for the instructors. During the meal we get whatever food is needed, and finally bring the dessert. The last thing we do is to clear the tables of the serving dishes.

Larry E. Garside

An Unusual Pet

In our class we have been reading some nature stories which are very interesting. One was about a man who made a pet out of a wild animal. The man visited the zoo often and talked for a long time to the animal, always in a foreign language. He made the animal feel at home in the zoo area where he was kept. After several visits he knew that he had made a friend of the beast, so he went to the curator of the zoo and said, "You won't believe it, but I have made a pet out of a wild animal." The zoo keeper certainly did not believe it, and went to see for himself. It was so. The animal recognized his friend right away, and the curator of the zoo was amazed that the wild animal could be so trained. It just goes to show what attention and kindness can do.

This was only one of many animal stories which we studied.

Henry T. Murphy

Making Arrows

I am one of a group very much interested in archery. We kept breaking, or losing, arrows, and decided make our own, instead of buying them. We went to the sloyd room and were given some wood. We first cut and shape the arrows, and then smooth them with fine sandpaper. Next a notch for the bowstring is made. The arrows are then painted bright colors so that we can find them when we shoot them. Notches for feathers are added, and the feathers are glued securely in these notches. We point the head next, and have found that the best way to do this is to use a pencil sharpener. The arrows we make are not as fancy as those which are sold in the stores, but they serve the purpose, and we have a lot of fun with them.

Arnold M. Sutterlin

Additional Alumni Notes

Our sympathy is extended FRANK L. WASHBURN, '85, upon the recent passing of Mrs. Washburn, a lovely lady, whom we had the honor and pleasure of knowing personally for many years. We know that the hosts of his friends feel deep sorrow for Mr. Washburn in his great bereavement, and extend condolences.

Mr. Washburn's home is at 23 Woodbrier Road, West Roxbury, Mass.

We recently noted an item in the Boston papers about a clever piece of police work accomplished by William J. Mara, '42, a member of the Melrose Police Department. Patrolman Mara has been on the force for several years. He is a veteran of World War II.

WILLIAM L. GLENNON, '52, who enlisted in the air force shortly after graduation last June, has visited us several times recently. He is a member of an air force band, and while on his last visit said that he expected a transfer to another post, the address of which we will print when it is received.

CECIL A. MORSE, '28, keeps in touch with his friends at Thompson's Island, and is very much interested in everyday life at his alma mater. Living in Texas, he is a remote fan of our athletic teams, and in each letter he inquires as to the success of our boys. He keeps a file of athletic clippings which he sends us now and then and our boys find them of much interest.

GEORGE J. ZEVITAS, '42, is employed at a restaurant near Boston's South Station. He is looking forward to the time when he may open his own place, and he hopes that this will be in the near future. His home address is 2 Hewes Street, in Roxbury.

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RAYMOND THOMAS, '26, and Mrs. Thomas extend thanks to those who sent birthday greetings to Jimmy. Many have excellent memories, for on February 3 James Ryan Thomas received numerous congratulations upon reaching the age of one year.

JACK HOBSON, '27, upon learning that our football team was undefeated this fall, lost no time in preparing miniature gold footballs suitably engraved for each member of the squad. The footballs were presented the boys on behalf of Mr. Hobson by the Alumni Association. Mr. Hobson is a manufacturing jeweler with home address at 72 Taunton Ave., Norton, Mass.

ROBERT P. DONNELLY, '43, writes that he is making steady progress in the printing trade. He is located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at 550 N. 18th Street. It was a pleasure to receive holiday greetings from him, and we should add, from so many of our graduates and former pupils who live at distant points.

WARREN A. DANNER, '40, well-known in the roller skating recreational business, is manager of the Maple Arena, in Brockton. One of our boys, recently home on vacation, stopped at the arena for some skating and introduced himself to Mr. Danner. The latter had many questions to ask about F. T. S. and was very happy to have one of our youngsters "look him up."

PAUL CALLOE, '47, sends word that he is in the armed forces, but we refrain from printing an address at this time,

because of the temporary nature of his present location. His home is at 61 Day Street, Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Our efficient secretary, William C. Burns, '37, is preparing alumni notices regarding the business of our association, and it is hoped that a prompt reply will be made to the letter which all members will receive shortly.

RAMSEY C. ALLEN, '30, is making plans for a big season in his marine equipment business. His booth at the annual sportsmen show is always a popular place, for he is the New England distributor for a popular make of outboard motors. He would be glad to meet any of his F. T. S. friends there, or at his office at 12 Commercial Wharf, Boston.

JAMES L. KEITH, '47, was a visitor during the football season and told us that his younger brother, PAUL D. KEITH, '47, is a musician in the armed forces. The home address of both is Mayflower Path, Cochrasset, Mass. James is working at the plastering trade and looks forward to the time when he can go into business for himself.

WILLIAM F. ANDERSON, '25, has been engaged in the cabinet-making trade since his graduation from Brewster Academy in 1927. He has held his present position in this field for many years. He has kept a deep interest in F. T. S. through the years, and visits occasionally. Seldom is there an alumni event held that he fails to attend. He lives at 3 St. John Street, Jamaica Plain 30, Mass.



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King Philip's War

Every year, on Washington's birthday, we celebrate by having King Philip's War, a game in which everyone may take part on one of two sides. We have had this game for many years, and this holiday wouldn't be the same without the battle. We always hope for plenty of snow, when the fight becomes a snow battle, but when there is no snow we do the best we can, and have a good time anyway. This year there was absolutely no snow.

We chose up on Wednesday, February 18. Out of six candidates for leaders Robert Fabello and Teyet Ramar were elected. Then the sides were chosen. Teyet automatically became King Philip and his side the Indians, while Fabello led the Settlers. Each army had five officers as follows:

SETTLERS	INDIANS
Robert Fabello	Teyet Ramar II
Loren Cain	Donald Dockham
William Dillon	William James
Samuel Griswold	Norman Sellevaag
Frederick Harding	Arthur Sprague

The battle began at 2:00 P. M. The battlefield was located on the area west of the softball field, with the Settlers having the northern end. The purpose of the game was to capture small sacks, each sack being worth a given number of points.

Each army had a fort and to begin the war the Settlers were given the sacks to guard. The battle began by the Indians charging the Settlers' fort, and attempting to wrest the sacks from the enemy. To count, the sacks had to be secured in the attacking team's fort. There was action aplenty in and around the fort, and all along the play area, as the sacks were fought for.

When the period ended the Settlers had lost many points they were guarding, and it became their turn to attack and attempt to even the score. They certainly fought a vigorous battle, but after the points were counted the Settlers were ahead, but not by much.

Then came the third and final period. The sacks were placed in a line midway between the two forts. During this final period each army charged for the sacks and to count, the sacks had to be secured in the forts. The Indians desperately needed to get more points, and the Settlers were equally determined to hold their lead. And so the battle raged, each army doing its best.

After this final period all the players gathered about while the points were counted at each fort. Then the score for the three periods was tabulated, and the Settlers were found to be the winners. Each army gave the other a lusty cheer and the battle was over.

After having time to clean up we all gathered in the gym, where the losers saluted the prowess of General Fabello and his men. Then the victors were served hot cocoa and doughnuts. Afterwards the losers had their share.

It was a great battle, with everyone having a good time. Even though the Indians lost, they put up a good fight. In general we all thought that the best team won.

The Harbor

We can easily see all types of craft entering and leaving the harbor, and sometimes I get to wondering about the many ships. They fly flags from almost every nation, and to think that these ships sail all over the earth's oceans fascinates me. It might be that some of these vessels will never again come to Boston, and thus are making their last stop here. Then again some will be seen again sailing up President Road to their berths in the inner harbor, after a long voyage to some far away land.

Gerald L. Briggs

Band Trips

In the course of a year our Band makes many trips to Boston and vicinity to give concerts and march in parades. Right now we are preparing to play at the New England Conservatory of Music for a Masonic club. This concert will be held March 14. In April we will play at Faneuil Hall, and in May will come the annual school music festivals. We hope to see many of our friends and band rooters on these band trips.

William F. James

Sloyd

I like sloyd work very much, and for many reasons, chiefly because it is my favorite hobby, as well as a class subject.

When I have spare time I work on my models. I am learning how to properly use many tools. Some of my favorite projects are the paper knife, file handle and picture frame. I like all of the articles made in the course and I hope to eventually make them all, but I have been taking sloyd only since last September so haven't made the harder models yet. Someday I hope to make a large beautiful cedar chest. At present I am working on a pen tray which I hope to finish soon. Today, after English class, I will have some spare time and will go to the sloyd room to continue my work there.

Edward J. White

Class Speeches

In the freshman class we often prepare short speeches to deliver to the class. Our subjects are about our work or hobbies. I spoke on milk pasteurizing, for I have learned how to do this in our dairy. Another told how to make a deerfoot lamp. Another spoke on "opening up" the power house in the morning. This interested me because I have been a substitute there, but have never done the early morning work. I think most of the boys like the practice of making speeches and it is good experience for all of us.

S. Newcomb Graham

Pilgrim Repairs

One recent afternoon as the PILGRIM III was making the return trip from City Point she struck a submerged buoy. We thought that a hole had been made in the hull, for it sounded that way. What actually happened was that the buoy hit the propeller shaft, bending it out of shape. The boat made the necessary trips for the next few days and then it was decided to repair the shaft. Instead of beaching her on our shores the boat was taken to City Point, so as to be away

from the effects of a howling wind and rough water. It took us about six and a half hours to remove the shaft. After the removal it was taken to a machine shop in town where it was straightened.

We waited at City Point for the tide to rise so we could float the boat. When the tide became high enough, and with the help of Mr. Van Lear's boat, the PILGRIM was floated and towed to her berth at our wharf.

Two days later the shaft was returned. It was as straight as an arrow. It took us all afternoon to put it back in place, and then the high tide enabled us to get the boat back to her berth. On the following day our good ship was running under her own power, seemingly proud to be once again making her regular run to City Point.

William F. Sonier

Taking Pictures

A week ago my mother sent me my camera, some film and flashbulbs. Yesterday Marinakis and I decided to take some pictures. We began in front of A house and got Frieda, our dog, to pose. She wondered what it was all about, and kept moving around, but I think we got some good pictures of her. Next we went to the farm and took some pictures of the steers and chickens. Altogether we took twelve pictures, and I think they will all be good. As soon as the weather changes we will get some of the spring work on farm.

Carleton G. Skinner

Honor Roll — Fall Term

The highest academic averages in each class group

Junior Class

Frederick E. Harding

Sophomore Class

Robert A. Kidder

Alan C. Waldron

Freshman Class

William H. Dillon
Norman W. Sellevaag

Eighth Grade Division A

Loren E. Cain
Albert K. Ellis
Harold L. Spurling

Eighth Grade Division B

Thomas Angelos
William F. James

Seventh Grade

Richard B. Pulsifer
Alexander D. Marinakis
Arnold M. Sutterlin

Best Citizenship

"A" Rank general conduct and effort
in each class group

Junior Class

Frederick E. Harding

Sophomore Class

Robert O. Cain
Samuel M. Griswold
Teyet Ramar, 2nd
Donald E. Richardson
William F. Sonier
Alan C. Waldron

Freshman Class

William H. Dillon
Walter R. Hermann
David W. Howard

Eighth Grade Division A

Loren E. Cain
Albert K. Ellis
Carleton G. Skinner

Eighth Grade Division B

Kenneth C. Alexander

Seventh Grade

J. Bruce Beckwith
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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?

Editorial

We are in the midst of a religious war involving the countries of every continent. The eyes of the World are at this moment focused on three spots in this major conflict, Korea, Washington D. C., and the Kremlin in Russia.

In Korea the Godly nations of the World are pitted against the anti-Godly, the communists. At the U. N. in New York the Russians and her satellites are arguing endlessly that prisoners of war must be forced to return to the country of their origin. The communists profess to believe that there is no God, that the life of a human being is unimportant, that no one should have any property, any rights, any freedoms.

In Washington we have a government headed by a thoroughly religious man, a great leader and one who is determined to give his all for the people and his God. Dwight D. Eisenhower came to the platform on his inauguration day and publicly and humbly prayed for Divine guidance. The Godly nations are looking to us for leadership in this terrible war which so basically involves Christianity.

Russia has just lost her top man, Stalin. His successor has taken over. The World is looking toward Moscow to see what next from that quarter. Their philosophy of life cannot always endure as a method of human living. Just how long their experiment will be able to endure can be no more than a guess.

While we in America who are all enjoying the great store of God-given abundance and the great freedoms of life we can help to show our appreciation to our Creator by putting forth every bit of our energy toward following and participating in every Christian course of activity within our power and knowledge.

Topics in Brief

The basketball season has been a real good one for our boys. The varsity took part in the small schools tournament and was defeated by Dover high. In other games our team won over the Braintree quintet at Braintree and lost to Malden Vocational at the Malden gym. Meanwhile the Sears League has been playing its weekly games and each of the four teams has done a good job. The Wolves, captained by Robert Wright, have won the championship in this league. The Nut League has finished its series, with the Beechnuts, Albert Ellis captain, being the 1953 champions.

Of course the highlight of the month was the traditional King Philip's War, held on Washington's Birthday, and in which nearly all of the boys took part. General Robert Fabello and his Settlers defeated King Philip Teyet Ramar and his Redmen in a vigorous battle which took place on the holiday afternoon. The vanquished Indians had the honor of serving cocoa and doughnuts to the victors after the battle, and then helped themselves, for there was plenty for all. The holiday activities were concluded by a movie in the evening.

The seventh graders staged a most interesting and unusual assembly entertainment on February 16. To introduce the members of the new presidential cabinet each of the boys was in costume—as the wife of a cabinet member. As each "lady" was introduced, a brief biographical sketch of her cabinet member "husband" was given. It was a unique way of bringing us up-to-date on the new presidential cabinet, from which so much is expected. The costumes were excellent, and the stage setting helped make this presentation noteworthy.

Christian Youth, a very active, lively movement devoted to helping young people, sponsored a series of four weekly Sunday services here. We enjoyed having such inspired youth leaders as Messrs. McNutt and Murdock address our boys. We are confident that the work being accomplished is of vital importance to young people, and trust that the Christian Youth leaders will receive every encouragement to continue their service to youth.

The PILGRIM III hit a submerged buoy recently, causing damage to the propeller shaft. The boat was beached at City Point, the shaft removed, and put in first class shape. This vital piece of work was accomplished with minimum delay, enabling our boat to soon be back in service making her regular runs to City Point.

One of the pleasant monthly events which we all enjoy is the Birthday Supper, when Headmaster and Mrs. Meacham are hosts to those whose birthdays occur during the month. This month the party was held on February 10, and, as is always the case, a fine time was had by all.

The eighth graders, division A, gave a rather odd, though enjoyable entertainment on February 2 when they presented a burlesque on the popular Western type movie. One week later the B division of the same grade gave a Lincoln Day program.

Examinations for all classes for the winter term of school were held during the week of February 24. The Honor Roll, listing those who led their classes, is printed elsewhere in this issue.

On February 18 fire partially destroyed a large barge being towed to Spectacle

Island. The incident took place just off our north end shore during the noon recess, and we all watched the fireboats as they extinguished the blaze. Shortly after, the PILGRIM III made a trip to City Point to get a load of sawdust for bedding for our cattle and a cameraman, Gene Dixon, who had been taking photos of the fire made a picture of our boys and boat. The picture was printed in the Boston Daily Record on February 20. It is a fine, large photo, well reproduced.

Our graduates are mentioned now and then on radio broadcasts and quite recently Wesley C. Gustafson, '39, was named as requesting certain music on a religious program. This did not surprise us for he is very active in church work and only last year visited our school, bringing a group from his church, including his pastor. Mr. Gustafson conducted a fine service for us. Incidentally, the radio hour on which he was mentioned is aptly titled "Songtime," and is heard nightly at 10:05 on WMEX. It makes for pleasant and worth while listening.

We certainly had a happy time at our annual birthday party. What began originally many years ago as a little surprise get-together as an observance of Mr. Meacham's birthday has grown to be an event eagerly anticipated, and certainly a traditional school function, in which all may take part. The party takes place on March 2. As in the past, it began with a taste buffet supper in the gymnasium, topped off with birthday cake cut and served by Mr. Meacham. Later in the evening we gathered in the assembly hall where many of the boys and three of the instructors combined their talents and gave a fine entertainment of music and comedy, which was thoroughly enjoyed. This show was climaxed by the presentation of a gift

of a motion picture screen to Mr. Meacham from the instructors. We surely enjoyed a pleasant, happy evening.

Pre-Tournament Notes

Our school team basketball team began the season by losing to Christian High by the score 53-41. We weren't discouraged and went on to win our next game, defeating Braintree freshman 55-37. We got on the losing side again, being beat by both Christian High and Malden Voke. Then we won our next game, beating the Braintree freshmen again. Thus we have won two and lost three, and are looking forward to the small schools tournament which will begin on Feb. 27.

Robert Fabello

Additional Alumni Notes

HANS M. CHRISTENSEN, '51, will graduate in April from the Bristol County Agricultural School. He has been awarded two scholarships for the University of Massachusetts, and in addition has been offered two excellent positions in the dairying industry. He expects to enroll at the University, even though his work there will be interrupted by a period in the armed forces.

He has a busy life at school, working to defray his expenses, playing on the basketball varsity team, and studying so as to earn good academic grades.

WILLARD G. SCHROEDER, '24, attended Tilton School after leaving F. T. S. He is a veteran of World War II. He has spent seventeen years working in U. S. navy yards on the West Coast. In his letter he asked for news of his classmates and would be glad to correspond with them. Although employed at the Puget Sound Navy Yard, his permanent address is Box 268, Mukelteo, Wash.

Can You Find the Homonyms?

The boys in the seventh grade wrote the following stories as part of their language course. They each contain five or more sets of homonyms. Can you find them?

John's New Bicycle

The other day John got a new bicycle. I knew he wouldn't have it long before he broke it, and I told him I wouldn't buy him another. Away he pedalled, shouting "Good-by." I hollered, "Come back here," but I guess he didn't hear me.

Later he returned. I heard a light rap on the door.

"I almost fell into a hole," panted John. "but I missed it and my bike is still in one whole piece. The car I hit must have been weak for I dented it. The man said he didn't have the car for more than a week."

The bicycle was so heavy John could hardly haul it into the hall where he keeps it.

Alexander D. Marinakis

A Letter

Dear Jack:

There are Indians named the Bare Foot tribe who live in the hills, and have knives, axes and other tools. Their tepees are made of deer and bear hides, and are well made.

Once in a while I hear deer at night. Early in the morning when I go into the dark woods I sometimes meet the strange Indians, and they are often amused by my clothes. Often they carry meat in big chunks. They knew where to hunt, that was certain.

When we are in the woods and have no watch with us we have to tell the hour by the sun. The Indians use this method too. I don't think they can tell the exact time as I can with my new watch.

Your friend,

George C. Linnell

The Curious Raccoon

The racoon is a very curious creature, something like a night watchman, for at night he wanders about in the woods examining anything new, such as broken wood and tracks made by his enemies. You might say he looks like a robber, with a big black ring around each eye. He does steal a little sweet corn now and then. He lives on mostly crawfish from a stream near his home, which is a hole in a large oak tree. Mr. Raccoon has a family which we forgot to include, with two nice baby racoons for son and daughter. Sometimes on a bad night Mr. Raccoon would not make his rounds, but would sleep until the sun rose. He hasn't too many enemies besides the steel trap which the hunter uses.

Arnold M. Sutterlin

A Trip to New York

It was a fair day when we paid our fare to New York. Our train was leaving in an hour. The porter showed us the way to the baggage room so that we could weigh our baggage. We bought pears and other fruit so that we wouldn't be hungry on the way. I bought a pair of shoes and a suit just for the trip. When the train started I thought there would be a loud noise but there wasn't. When we arrived at New York there were my cousins to take us to their home in their new car, which we knew was a good one.

Larry E. Garside

My Favorite Month

January is my favorite month because my birthday is January 26. I received some mighty nice birthday presents this year, including cakes, candy and other delicacies. Most of all though I prize the electric shaver I got, because I am now beginning to need to shave.

Robert O. Cain

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ERIC O. SCHIPPERS, '23, passed away on February 11 at his home at 195 Hampden Street, Roxbury. Our sympathy is extended to his mother, Mrs. Clara Schippers, and his brother, John H. Schippers, '23. The funeral services were held at the Grandstrom Funeral Home in Roxbury, and there were representatives from the Alumni Association and school staff in attendance.

GEORGE O. POOLE, '27, has renewed his BEACON subscription for the next two years. He is actively interested in our alumni association and makes real effort in visiting and contacting our members, keeping them in touch with events at the school. As he says in his letter, the BEACON ought to have considerable alumni news, and he furnishes some from time to time. Why not keep us posted on your activities and those of fellow alumni so that we can broadcast the news in these columns?

CHARLES A. BLATCHFORD, '04, is at home recuperating from a serious illness, which kept him confined to a hospital bed for several months last year. We hope for him a complete, speedy recovery. Mrs. Blatchford writes that both she and Mr. Blatchford enjoy the BEACON and recently renewed their subscription. The Blatchfords live at 1520 Cohasset Ave., Lakewood, Ohio.

C. ROBBINS EMERY, '12, famed for more than three decades as the "Big Brother" of radio and television came back to Boston in December to begin daily television shows from WBZ. We

watched the first show as a school activity, which pleased Mr. Emery very much.

On February 10 Mr. Emery was honored by being one of three outstanding men in this area, devoted to community service and interfaith activity. He received the annual award given by the Americanism and Civic Affairs Committee of the Mayflower Lodge, B'nai B'rith. He was cited for his promotion of brotherhood and Americanism at all times on his Big Brother and Small Fry programs.

JOHN GOODHUE, '21, has enlarged his boat yard at Glendale, N. H. The Boston Globe says, in part, "It was a loss to Greater Boston yachtsmen when John Goodhue decided to give up his boat yard in Braintree and devote his time to building and racing Gold Cup speedboats. Not that racing boats has lost its lure, but a fellow who has spent a lifetime in a boat yard business has a hard time getting it out of his blood. John didn't. Instead he bought a yard at Glendale, N. H., right on the lake, and has the most modern facilities for New Hampshire yachtsmen. Boston Bay's loss is Lake Winnepesaukee's gain."

He has been a real booster for recreational boating, and we wish for him continued success.

GEORGE H. TANGEN, '51, has graduated from the Electronic Fundamental Course at Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi. A recent issue of the Brockton Enterprise has an excellent photo of our young graduate, and an account of his graduation. His home is at 17 Lafayette Street, Randolph, Mass.



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Special Band Concert Notice

On Sunday afternoon, April 26, at two o'clock, our Band will give its annual spring concert in Faneuil Hall, Boston. Our friends are most cordially invited to be present, and we look forward hopefully to a banner attendance. This will be the seventeenth consecutive year that the boys have given their annual concert in the historic hall.

The boys are preparing an interesting and varied program of music which we are confident will please their listeners. We are sure that this 1953 concert will be worth while and enjoyable, as indeed the preceding sixteen in the series have been.

The boys are anxious to show their friends what they have accomplished in music during the winter months, and this is the purpose of the concert. Much very careful study and practice has been given to preparing the music for this event, and we hope you will be with us to note the result of this conscientious music study.

During May the Band will take part in the school music festivals. The expenses of these festivals, as well as the Faneuil Hall concert, are met by contributions and should you feel disposed towards sending a small gift to the school for this purpose it will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Please do not make contributions at Faneuil Hall.

The always-faithful interest of the hosts of friends of our Band is a vital factor in promoting interest and enthusiasm among our boys and we are all deeply appreciative. We do hope that you will attend this concert, and bring friends if you wish. No further invitation than this is necessary. May we see you at Faneuil Hall on April 26?

Power House Work

Seven buildings are heated by our heating plant in the power house. I am often asked what I do in the early morning when I go to the power house to open up for the day. We have two boilers, but do not use both at the same time. Whichever one is in use has been banked and I break out the fire. I first set the damper chain and then open the two bottom draft doors. Next a fire bar, which is eight feet long, is pushed under the fire on the left hand side of the firebox. The bar is worked like a lever so that the fire is broken up. The right hand door is opened next, and the fire broken up in the same way.

A 10-foot iron rake is next used. This has three prongs on the end, and is used to push the fire to the back wall of the fire box and is reasonably level. The dampers and draft have been working to make the coal burn and next comes the process of feeding fresh fuel to the fire. This is done

first to the left half and then to the right. To aid in burning the coal is raked very often.

The steam pressure gauge is watched, for the fire is heating the water in the boiler and steam is being "made." The pressure goes up very slowly, so the fires are tended almost continually. When the pressure is from eight to ten pounds there is plenty of steam being fed to the buildings for heat. From this time on the damper is kept closed, or nearly closed, and coal put on the fire about every fifteen minutes, so as to keep the steam pressure as it should be.

I hope I have answered the question "What do you do in the power house in the early morning?"

David E. LeVeille

Weekly Movies

We have movies every Saturday night and every show is a good one. Most of the pictures are of the adventure type, and are always exciting. Last week we had a picture showing how the Marines captured a Pacific island during World War II. It was named "Halls of Montezuma." All the boys enjoyed this show. Another good film we had quite lately was the "Cariboo Trail," an exciting story of placer gold mining and cattle ranching in the Canadian southwest territory.

Carroll E. Young

Percy Faith

Percy Faith is one of America's top composers, conductors and arrangers. Much of his work has been recorded by two leading companies, and is very well liked. He specializes in Latin-American music and these rhythms dominate his arrangements. Probably his best known original composition is the "Brazilian Sleighbells," although he has had many other pieces which achieved top honors

in the semi-classical field. His music can be heard on records, and the next time you hear a Percy Faith record listen carefully, but don't forget to enjoy it.

Wayne W. Henry

My Amaryllis

About four weeks ago I bought a white Amaryllis bulb. The next day I planted it and the following day it started to grow. I had it in a south window in the shop, where there are many plants. The Amaryllis was interesting to all those who like flowers and day by day its growing progress was noted. After awhile the bud began to break open and three little blossoms appeared. For a few days the blossoms were a light green then they began to turn to white. It is now in the dining room where all may enjoy it.

Edward A. Atton

Making a Picture Frame

I wanted to make a maze and Arnold Sutterlin wanted to make a picture frame for an oil painting he had just finished. We decided to work together and began first on the frame. We got some wood from our sloyd instructor and planed the four pieces flat and square. Next we made them the right length and width, and made the groove with a rabbit plane. The ends were sawed at 45 degree angles so they would fit together, and glued. A slit was made in each corner for a spline to make the frame strong, and the splines set in with hot glue. The excess wood from the splines was sawed off and the frame sandpapered and given two coats of shellac. We finished by putting the painting in the frame and making it secure with a cardboard backing held by brads. The completed framed painting looks very well.

Alan C. Waldron

The Easter Concert

Easter Sunday was observed by the presentation of a deeply moving religious play entitled "Even Unto Death" by Marjorie Gates Stephens. The cast was made up of eight of the boys, and each gave a most creditable performance.

The theme of the play was that the Christian faith is everlasting, and of enduring strength, in spite of what might appear at times to be overwhelming and bitter discouragement. Indeed, our religion owes its very existence to the faith and conviction of His few early followers. They knew that "The Lord is thy strength and thy Redeemer." This fact was stressed in the play, and of course was an ideal theme for an Easter service.

A choir of fourteen voices sang two selections, and the music added much to the religious atmosphere of the service. Both pieces were chosen to enhance the spirit of sacrifice and the supreme joy of the Christian church at Eastertime.

The setting of the play was most effective, and the costuming of the cast drew forth much praise, for indeed the beauty and dignity of the play depended in a large measure upon this "behind the scenes" work.

The program, play cast, and roster of the choir follows:

PROGRAM

Invocation

Mr. Bartram

Hymn—Stand Up For Jesus

Congregation

Prayer

Mr. Bartram

Scripture Reading

Bruce A. Graham

Anthem—The Old Rugged Cross

Choir

Easter Play—Even Unto Death

Anthem—I Gave My Life For Thee
Choir

Hymn—

Crown Him With Many Crowns
Congregation

Benediction

Mr. Bartram

"EVEN UNTO DEATH"

An Easter Play by
Marjorie Gates Stephens
THE CAST

Timna, a boy of fifteen

Joseph S. Lombardo

Akan, his friend, seventeen

Robert Fabello

Justus, a Roman Soldier

David E. LeVeille

A Priest

Edward J. Darr

A Scribe

Donald W. Sheehan

Peter

Norman W. Sellevaag

Zibeon, a lame beggar - Wayne W. Henry

Another Roman Soldier - John E. Lennon

TIME— Before dawn on Good Friday

PLACE—An anteroom in the palace of
Caiaphas

Assisting in the Production,

Richard A. Ostrander

ROSTER OF THE CHOIR

Thomas Angelos

William F. James

Robert O. Cain

John L. Peterson

William H. Dillon

David A. Pulsifer

Bruce A. Graham

Carleton G. Skinner

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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?

The years of boyhood are the years of growth, physically, mentally and spiritually. This period of life should be filled with abundant opportunity for the great development which is potential in every individual. There should be for every youngster the facilities and competent guidance in this ever expanding world of knowledge and growth.

Every boy loves to create things, excel in something, produce results, take responsibility, win approval and develop his abilities, in a happy, understanding environment.

People who regularly read our BEACON are aware of the broad program and the great variety of interests and talents developed by the boys at our school. Among the interests noted in last month's issue: writing for this publication, setting type, printing, photography, boat repairs, woodworking, animal study, dramatics, band music, participation in the traditional battle, "King Philip's War", basket ball, food, a party, the Harbor, trips, preparing and making speeches, citizenship, scholastic attainment, Christianity, radio broadcasting, dairying, the electric shaver, electronics.

This list covers only a fractional part of the interests and skills developed and expanded here. Our school has been a pioneer in many educational features, was, for instance, more than half a century ahead of the present day development of band music. Farm experience at other schools followed our example many years but for want of adequate guidance has somewhat abated elsewhere in recent years. Shop work, printing, wood work and machine work as a part of the educational plant has never completely followed our lead of over a hundred years but reports from several sources indicate that this broad branch of education is now receiving recognition. In New York City the

public school system is operating a "Liberty Ship" and is planning a big program of trades shop work. Dartmouth College, it is reported, has recently added a wood-working shop with a staff of instructors. Mount Hermon School has just added a shop with modern woodworking equipment. The Superintendent of Schools of Northfield, Mass. tells us that the addition of shop work and the industrial arts in their schools for every boy and girl is being seriously considered there and will soon be achieved.

The point is, give boys the opportunities of a good life with adequate facilities for their normal expansion and growth and we need not fear for the future of America. Our graduates prove the point. Here the investment in time, effort and money by past and present generations is substantial. The dividends far exceed those of any other investment on the face of the earth—and no income tax!

Topics in Brief

The recreational interest of the boys was centered on basketball this month, as the season came to a close. The annual foul shooting contest was held, with the varsity winner being Norman Sellevaag, the Sears league winner Carroll Young, and the Nut league winner Frederick Krueger. The post season game between the sophomore and freshman classes was close and exciting, with unbounded class enthusiasm prevailing.

The room in the basement of the main building adjoining the clothing room has been transformed into a locker room for the use of our athletic teams by Mr. Thomas and the maintenance boys. The ceiling has been repaired, and the entire room redecorated. New benches have been made, and also racks for holding the athletic equipment. Certainly a fine

job has been done, and we know our ball teams will appreciate the new convenience and utility of the room.

The sophomore class gave a very entertaining assembly program on March 16, the theme of which was sailors and ships. A description of the battle between the "Monitor" and "Merrimac," a talk on the new atomic submarine and the sophomore songsters were highlights.

A tractor, as everyone knows, is a power plant on wheels used mainly to pull a utility tool, such as a plow. We have three, and by imagination and ingenious work, our farm crew has built a body upon our smallest tractor so that the machine can be used to carry boxes of vegetables, freight and the like. This little tractor has been nicknamed "Little Betsy," and even though it looks novel certainly, it already has shown that it can be a handy vehicle to have—for conventional use—or for some unexpected quick job of freight transportation.

Most of us here are baseball minded, and to listen to some of the discussions, it would appear that each of us considers himself an expert on the game. At any rate we will watch the Red Sox with undivided loyalty, inasmuch as the Braves have moved to Milwaukee. Everyone at the school was in the stands when the first major league game was played at Braves Field, and who knows but that the Braves may eventually come home to Boston and we will be on hand to say "Hello" at the familiar Allston ball park.

The ancient sport of marbles appeals annually to our smaller boys, and rare indeed is the lad without a few choice "aggies" in his pocket. This is the marble season, and during all free periods games are in progress.

It was indeed a treat for our Band to give an annual concert for the Blue Room Club, a Masonic organization, on March 14. Several members of the club are F. T. S. graduates, and many other club members are familiar with our school and band, so that a pleasant, informal evening is always enjoyed. The concert took place at the New England Conservatory of Music, in the George Brown Auditorium, a hall in which the acoustics are very good, giving Major Warren and the boys opportunity to do a fine job, which they did. Mr. Howard Ellis, '98 was host to see that our group was served a tasty dinner. Following the concert a professional entertainment was staged especially for the pleasure of our boys.

All of us at the School are very grateful to the Alumni Association for the annual Washington's Birthday gift of a box of chocolates. We enjoyed them very much.

Model Airplanes

My hobby is building model airplanes. I prefer a gasolene engine to rubber power, but the gasolene-powered planes must be flown outdoors. The weather has been very windy lately, so my last model was a small rubber-powered plane. It is made from balsa wood and is tissue covered. It is very, very light and could not be flown outdoors in windy weather, so I fly it in the gym. The plane has crashed frequently against the beams, but being so light it has not been damaged.

I have a small gasolene engine and built a plane for it. This plane is also made of balsa wood, but is made of solid pieces, hence not tissue covered. This type of construction makes for light, easy building and considerable strength for the plane. It is named "Simple Flyman" and is flown on two 28 foot wires which

are attached to a handle. Tilting the handle causes the plane to go up or down. I have flown this plane a great deal, and as you can imagine, I get much fun from it, as do many of the other boys, for there is always a crowd on hand to watch the flights.

Samuel M. Griswold

Our Scrap Pile

We are always on the watch for old metal, which we collect and store in an area near the power house. Once a year the junk which we have gathered is sorted and trucked to the wharf. Old magazines are also saved. These are tied in bundles according to the kind of paper. The metal and paper are weighed and shipped to City Point where a junk dealer buys the lot and the proceeds go to the athletic fund. Usually a tidy sum is realized each year. We are now getting this year's shipment of scrap ready.

Frederick E. Harding

My Farm Work

Every morning after breakfast I get dressed for the farm. The first duty I have is to take care of the horses. I clean their stalls, put down fresh bedding and see that everything is all right. We only have two horses, and they are both big and strong. Their names are Blackie and Tom. They don't do much work nowadays, because the truck and tractors are more efficient. The horses are real pets, and they seem to like the boys as much as the boys like them.

Donald W. Sheehan

Preparing the Land

Now that the spring season is with us our fields are being made ready for planting. When a tract of farm land is so prepared it is first ploughed, that is, the turf is turned over. Next the piece is harrowed with a disk or cutaway harrow,

which cuts up the lumps of soil. The springtooth harrow is used next and this smooths the soil, and shows up any large stones which are removed. We prepare all our farm land in this way, and very often nowadays this is the work I do.

Donald R. Dockham

Feeding the Pigs

Lately I was given the job of feeding the pigs each morning. I drive the truck or tractor to the kitchen and get whatever garbage is there. I stop at the barn on the way back and get three large cans of lukewarm water. The garbage is fed to the small pigs, while the big ones get grain. Water is put in each pen. The pigs push and shove each other about so as to get at the food and drink. In no time the feed troughs are empty. The last thing I do is to throw the straw from the front of the pen to the rear.

William H. Dillon

Maintenance Work

I have been doing a variety of jobs around the buildings. Last week I helped paint a room in the basement which the football team will use. I also painted the new benches and uniform racks which were made for the room. Another job I did lately was to clean and paint the lawn mowers. Right now I am painting the lawn settees which will soon be put in use on our campus lawns.

John E. Lennon

Basketball

Basketball is over for this year and I am sure that everyone had a good time playing. I was on one of the teams in the Sears League, and I learned much about the game. We played every Tuesday in our league, which had four teams. Basketball is one of my favorite sports and my

ambition is to play on the varsity team. Pretty soon our outdoor court will be ready so we can play all summer long.

Bruce Alexander

Farm Work

All the boys I know like to work on the farm, so I am lucky to have this job, for I would rather do this than almost any other kind of work. I do many things, but what I like best is cleaning the cow barn in the morning. When this is done I curry comb and brush the cows. I am glad to have a chance to learn this dairy barn work, and how to do other farm work.

Paul E. Parker

A New Home

A corner of the storage barn has been made into a winter home for heifers, and this pen leads to an outdoor yard for the animals. The pen is large enough to comfortably take care of ten animals. A hay rack, when filled, lasts for a day. The animals kept in this pen are those which will be butchered. Most of the meat we use is a product of our farm.

Kenneth E. Forster

Quoted Definitions

Free Enterprise: "You furnish your own ladder and the government stands by to steady it as you climb."

Socialism: "The government furnishes the ladder for free, but with no rungs in it."

Communism: "The comrades, finding you already well up the ladder, jerk it out from under you."

Pathfinder

"A Communist is a guy who says everything is perfect in Russia, but stays here because he likes to rough it."

Phil News

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The late WILLIAM ALCOTT, '84, was one of New England's premier journalists, and a recent issue of the Boston Globe gives a vivid account of his outstanding work. The article, excellently written by Willard DeLue, was one of a series of six, each covering a great event in the life of the Globe. Mr. Alcott was about to leave his Everett home for Palm Sunday church services when he observed smoke. From then on he took charge, reporting the great Chelsea fire of 1908, and his work resulted in the unprecedented publication of four extra Sunday P. M. editions. This was no mean task, for it meant the marshalling of a complete crew of newspaper workers, at least 200, without benefit of today's swift transportation and extensive phone service. Horses and buggies were the rule! Newsboys were marshalled to carry the papers to suburban towns and more than 125,000 were sold. Acting Governor Eben S. Draper used the paper for official proclamations, ordering cots and medical supplies sent to the stricken populace, and militiamen to preserve order. It was a memorable day in Globe history, and a demonstration of Mr. Alcott's enterprise and ability to rise to superb heights in a tragic emergency.

REV. THEODORE B. HADLEY, '21, has sent us the Lenten Calendar of the Congregational churches of Hampstead and Atkinson, of which he is pastor. He writes that the folks in those New Hampshire parishes are fine workers for the church, and it is not difficult to see that he is inspired to do a great work. The services at Hampstead are held Sundays at 11:30 A. M. and on Tuesday evenings,

while the Atkinson services are held at 9:30 on Sundays and on Thursday nights. It would be fine if Mr. Hadley's F. T. S. friends would attend these services should they be in or near those towns at these service hours. Although Mrs. Hadley is not named on the church calendar we are confident that she takes an active part in the work of both churches, for surely the Hadleys form a wonderful team to deliver the message of Christianity.

We note in the press that EDWARD V. OSBERG, '22, General Manager of National Polychemicals, Inc., announces that this recently organized chemical concern has moved into its new offices and laboratory at Wilmington, Mass., and that the temporary offices in Boston have been discontinued.

Mr. Osberg has informed us that the first unit of the building construction for the corporation is now completed, after a very busy fall and winter season, starting with the clearing of the land in October. This first unit will manufacture specialty organic chemicals. Mr. Osberg also adds that planning for additional plant units is now under way.

The Alumni Association has the privilege of nominating one member annually for a three year term to the School's Board of Trustees. Mr. Osberg received the nomination this year, and was elected to membership on the Board in January.

ARTHUR C. BROWN, '27, we are told by Harry Coulter, engineer here in the early 1920's, is operating a very successful boat livery at Gloucester, Mass and specializing in fishing parties.