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### The Annual Band Concert

An enthusiastic audience of several hundred gathered in Faneuil Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 26, for the annual spring concert of the Band. It was an amazingly good turnout, for the day was dark and dismal, with light rain falling almost continuously. Although most of those present were parents and friends of the boys, there were also many graduates and friends of the school, together with several prominent musicians who were interested in what our boys were doing with instrumental music.

Our Bandmaster, Frank L. Warren, was at his genial best and kept the program moving smoothly. The concert began promptly at two o'clock with the playing of the perennial favorite, "Show Boy March." Various types of selections followed one another for almost two hours, and all were well received.

Six of our boys were featured as soloists and all did a marvelous job. The band accompaniments, too, helped much to set off these individual solos. The selections played by quartets, one of cornets and another of trombones, were very well received.

Howard B. Ellis, '98, our former bandmaster, was present and directed the boys in the playing of a spirited march. He used the baton which was formerly used by John R. Morse, founder of the

band. One of the band's ardent boosters, Mr. Ellis has been present at each of our concerts at Faneuil Hall, and it is a pleasure indeed, and a privilege, to have him with us.

John Corley, director of music at M. I. T. and Brookline High School, was also present and after complimenting the band he led the boys in a march called "Little Champ." Mr. Corley is very active in the New England School Music Festival Association, and we were pleased that he could be with us at this occasion.

Sousa's "King Cotton" was led by W. Marshall Hall, '27, and this National Guard bandmaster had the boys on the alert as he brought forth the snap, pep and vitality which this famous composition demands.

C. Robbins Emery, '12, "Big Brother" of radio and television, was on hand and spoke briefly. This was a real treat, and to some a sentimental one, for in the audience were some former members of the Big Brother Club. Mr. Emery spoke of plans he is formulating for producing films of activities at our school for television shows. He is a pioneer in radio and television, having been in these fields for more than three decades.

Space does not permit the naming of many others present. School music directors, professional musicians and lovers of band music were in the audience. Their

interest is indeed very much appreciated.

Although most of the music played was of standard band works, there were lighter compositions interpolated in the program so as to give a nice balance. The "Hunting Scene" of Bucallosi and the "Farm and Trades School Has a Band," the boys' own novelty, were both very well liked by the audience.

The concert was a tribute to the boys who have worked hard during the winter months in preparing the music for this occasion. After the concert they were heartily congratulated for their very fine performance. The generous praise and hearty applause is just the tonic the boys need to spur them onward.

The program played, and the roster of the band follows:

### PROGRAM

MARCH—Show Boy	<i>Huff</i>
OVERTURE—Trapelo	<i>Fulton</i>
CLARINET SOLO—Delecta	<i>Rollinson</i>
Robert Fabello	
TROMBONE SOLO—Wanderer	<i>Harlow</i>
Bruce A. Graham	
SELECTION—Victor Herbert Favorites	
TRUMPET SOLO—A Trumpeter's Lullaby	
Donald E. Richardson	
EUPHONIUM SOLO—Steve's Delight	
William F. Sonier	
CORNET QUARTETTE—Finlandia Theme	
Teyet Ramar, II	Frederick E. Harding
Loren E. Cain	David E. LeVeille
TROMBONE QUARTETTE—	
I Love You Truly	<i>Bond</i>
Richard A. Ostrander	Edward J. White
David A. Pulsifer	William H. Dillon
PATROL—Something About a Soldier	
Drum solos by David W. Howard	
TUBA SOLO—My Tuba Solo	<i>Southwell</i>
Thomas Angelos	

SELECTION—Mariage aux Lanternes

DESCRIPTIVE—Hunting Scene *Bucallosi*

OVERTURE—Day of Youth *Fulton*

POLKA—Pizzicato *Straus*

NOVELTY—

Farm and Trades School Has a Band

MARCH—Salutation *Seitz*

Star Spangled Banner

### Roster of the Band

Mr. Frank L. Warren, Director

Mr. Clifton E. Albee, Assistant

Clarinets	Alto Horns
Robert O. Cain	S. Newcomb Graham
Daniel W. Dockham	Robert A. Kidder
Robert Fabello	Norman W. Sellevaag
Barry R. Fuller	Carleton G. Skinner, Jr.
Larry E. Garside	Drums
Frederick L. Krueger	Gerald L. Briggs
Arnold M. Sutterlin	David W. Howard
Alan C. Waldron	Alexander D. Marinakis
Cornets	Arthur A. Sprague
Loren E. Cain	Baritones
Albert K. Ellis	Paul E. Parker
Frederick E. Harding	William F. Sonier
David E. LeVeille	Trombones
Teyet Ramar II	William H. Dillon
Donald E. Richardson	Bruce A. Graham
Carroll E. Young	Richard A. Ostrander
Basses	David A. Pulsifer
Thomas Angelos	Edward J. White
William F. James	

### Planning the Class Banquet

A class meeting is the first step taken by the sophomore class on preparations for the annual class banquet. At this meeting the class decides on the tentative date, menu, hour and who should be waiters. The seating arrangement is also planned, for the upper two classes and the instructors attend. With the help of Mr. Meacham and Mr. Jakeman these matters are settled.

The class has two ways of raising money to pay for the banquet. One is by class dues, and the other is the

proceeds of an auction, held especially for that purpose.

Invitations are prepared in the school printing office, and the sophomores send these to each invited guest. Small table place cards are also printed.

The banquet is held in the school dining room in Bowditch House. The tables are arranged in a horseshoe shape, banquet fashion. An important part of the banquet are the speeches, which are given by several instructors and students.

Year after year the class banquet is a big feature. The class does all it can, but the success of the banquet depends much upon the help it gets from the instructors. The office staff orders the food, the kitchen instructors prepare it and the dining room people cooperate. In fact, it is everyone's cooperation that makes the annual banquet so enjoyable.

William F. Sonier

### A Band Trip

The music festival trips are all-day outings and the procedure is much the same for each trip. We get dressed in our uniforms before breakfast, and after the meal we assemble at the Old Elm. When all are present we head for the boat. Here we are given advice which is always the same, namely watch our instruments and not get soaked by the salt water. We dock at the Public Landing and in no time at all have our instruments stored away and are comfortably seated. If we were successful in the rush we are seated next to a window.

Upon arriving at our festival destination we take our instruments and head for the audition hall. We set up on the stage and make sure everything is all right. When the judges are ready we are brought to attention and watch for the downbeat from Major Warren.

In the afternoon, around two o'clock, it is time for the parade to start. Each band is in line waiting for the first band to step off. The parade covers the principal streets of the town and ends in the high school stadium, where a concert of all the bands in massed formation is held. While waiting for the bands to get in line one makes many friends with members of the other bands. This massed band concert is led by several conductors, each one leading one of the pieces.

The massed band concert ends the festival program, unless there is marching drill, in which case we take part. After this we find our bus, pack away our instruments and are ready for the return trip. We are spending our time talking with those in other bands, for the streets are crowded with school musicians.

After the bus gets on the main highway we sing a few songs, and settle back for a pleasant ride back to school where we end a perfect day.

Donald E. Richardson

### First Guernsey Cattle in America

The first Guernsey cattle imported to this country were one bull and two heifers which arrived at Boston in 1831 and were taken to the farm of General Moody Adams Pillsbury on Guernsey Island at Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire. The original Pillsbury Mill has been renewed and serves as a museum for the American Guernsey Cattle Club.

### The Magna Carta

The Magna Carta—a guarantee of civil rights and liberties to all people—was signed with great reluctance by England's King John on June 15, 1215. The Magna Carta is one of the most important documents in world history, and to it we owe the basis of the privileges and benefits of free men.

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## Editorial

"I can never fully express my appreciation and gratitude for all you and the School have done for both my sons. They have learned how to live with others in such a way that when the time comes for them to break away from home and go out to face the world they can do so confidently.

"You would have to be proud of them, as I was, last Friday. I took them to the High School to pick up their sister and while waiting for her the Principal came over to us. The boys were so mannerly and displayed such poise that my heart nearly burst with pride. It would have made you proud, too, to hear them answering the Principal's questions about The Farm and Trades School. You could tell that they loved and were proud of their school. All I can say is 'God Bless you all and please make it possible for other boys to receive the benefits which my sons have had.'"

This excerpt from a recent letter of the mother of two of our boys speaks volumes. These brothers have the qualities and the character of outstanding citizens. The School has helped them to develop their talents and round out their personalities. As adults they will be leaders in their community.

Every one of our boys has these potential qualities. They need to be fully developed and expanded. Every lad who graduates from the School can be counted on to do his part in our American way of life.

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 freshman class presented a very unusual and entertaining program on April 20, the day on which we observed the Patriot's Day holiday. In their show, the class members combined reading, singing, and pantomime to produce a clever burlesque of an old-time melodrama. The costumes, songs and settings were good. It was good holiday entertainment.

The principal event of the month was the Annual Spring Concert, given by the Band in Faneuil Hall on April 26. The concert was fine in every way, and the 1953 Band may well be proud of an outstanding achievement. Truly the boys maintained the high standard of musical excellence which has stamped our bands annually over a period of many years. This was the seventeenth annual concert played in town, and all of them from the stage of historic Faneuil Hall.

It has been a rather cold, wet spring, and the boys have been impatient to get down to the business of baseball, softball, tennis and other spring sports. Before this issue reaches our readers league schedules and tournaments in these sports will be well underway. Games will be played as often as possible, so as to make up for time lost because of unfavorable weather.

The first visiting day of the year took place on May 15. It was far from an ideal day, yet a large number was present. The next visiting day will be on June 4, when the annual graduation exercises will be held.

The spring week of vacation began on April 6. Fourteen of the boys, who had the highest rating in effort and conduct, were home for this period. The new term commenced on April 13.

On April 10 fifteen of the boys acted as waiters for the Annual Sugar Party of The Vermont Association of Boston. The boys did a fine job and afterwards enjoyed the superb treat of maple syrup on snow, doughnuts, sandwiches, pickles and the other treats of the traditional sugar party menu.

The boys arrived in town early, so took time to visit the news room of station WCOP and were interested in watching the teletypers. Then they were shown the turntables which were at the time playing transcriptions of the popular "Hayloft Jamboree" program with Nelson Bragg.

On Friday, April 10, half of the boys were in town with their parents, and on the following day the rest of the boys enjoyed a similar holiday. The first visiting day of this spring at the school will be May 15.

Fishing has been a popular sport during the early days of spring. There have been some good catches of flounder taken, one of the boys having a string of seven. A few eels have been taken. We understand that mackerel are being caught, in our vicinity, but as yet our boys have not caught any.

Our cornet quartette appeared on WBZ-TV on Saturday, May 2, the boys having been invited to take part by "Big Brother" Bob Emery. It was quite an experience for the boys and they enjoyed it very much. They did a fine job playing the theme from Sibelius' "Finlandia." Mr. Emery has stated that he will make it possible for others from our student body to take part on one of his popular television programs.

The annual banquet of the graduating class was held April 30 in Bowditch House. A steak dinner was enjoyed. Several members of the faculty, and some students spoke at the gala class function.

### A Stunt Flight

Today we are going to witness the premier flight of the first stunt plane to appear on Thompson's Island. To begin we'll need a few items to start the motor. They are: a battery, a can of fuel, an eyedropper, and a fuel pump. We'll need flying lines also. These are hitched to the leadouts on the plane.

Now we'll start the engine. First we pump the balloon tank with fuel and then attach it to the engine. Then we open the needle valve and connect the battery to the glow plug. Next we prime the engine by putting one or two drops of fuel into the exhaust port. A whirl and the engine starts. Pow! Now we adjust the needle valve. Man, we've got that Wasp roaring now.

We hand the plane to the launcher and dash to the center of the circle. (The plane travels a circular path and is controlled by two thin wires. The area within its path is called the circle.) We take up the control handle and test. Ah! Perfect! We give the launcher the signal.

We fly a few level laps to gain confidence. Well, now, let's try a wingover. Gulp! Phew! We were lucky that time. Let's push our luck and do a loop. Say! This is all right! Now a fiendish thought! Let's buzz the spectators. Wow! Laid 'em flat.

Oops, out of fuel, the engine cut. Well, we'll try to land. The plane is too high. Wait a minute! It is nose-heavy. Don't bring it in so sharply!

"Hey Sam! I just looped! Look!"

The old sorehead! Sam just stomped in and picked up the pieces. Hmph! Peeved, just because it was his engine and his last prop.

Robert A. Kidder

(Ed. Note: Sam Griswold woefully watched this crackup; he has since brought

his equipment to top shape and efficiency. We note, though, that at the exhibitions we've seen, that Sam alone handles the controls. 'Tis the best way to retain full control of plane and temper.)

### Strawberry Culture

Care of a strawberry patch begins with the preparing of the soil, which should be plowed, harrowed and fertilized during the last two weeks of August or the first two weeks of September. Strawberries do well on soil that is not too rocky, but a bit on the sandy side. A level stretch makes it easy to mark off the rows and care for the plants. The depth to plant should be six inches, so that the roots will be able to spread in a fan shape.

The best way to cultivate is by hand, taking out the weeds and loosening the soil around the plants. A faster way is to use a tractor. This loosens the soil all right, but doesn't clean the weeds so well. The strawberry bed should be mulched after cultivation with three to four inches of sawdust. This mulch can be left on for the following season, for it will help retain moisture and keep down weeds, and is a help to the harvester.

During the first two weeks of July the fruit changes from a green to red color, and this is the time to pick. Strawberries don't keep very long in hot weather, so they are preserved by freezing. Although this is done in many ways, here we hull and clean the fruit and pack in small cardboard tubs which are put in the deep freezer.

The results of the work on the strawberry patch are enjoyed all year long. Luscious berries are served with cereal for breakfast, on shortcake for dinner, and in pie for supper. Ice cream specialties made with strawberries are served often.

Robert O. Cain

### The Day New Boys Come

The day after Labor Day is the day the new boys arrive annually at The Farm and Trades School. They are met at the wharf by other boys who help with the luggage, and take them to the recreation room in A House. Here they have a short interview with Mr. Albee and are soon on their way to their assigned dormitory rooms.

At approximately one o'clock they go on their first beach walk, along with many of the older boys. On this beach walk they are told a brief history of the islands around us. For example, the story of Moon Head and the new bridge to Long Island. Also how Spectacle Island has been filled in so that it no longer looks like a pair of spectacles. They are also told about the engineering job that removed Governor's Island, and about Fort Independence on Castle Island. They will also hear of Indian graves found on our Island, and go for a swim at the north end beach.

This beach walk will take up most of the afternoon. At night there is usually a movie show, or assembly, and at nine o'clock the new boys are tired and ready for bed.

Another article could be written on pranks played on the new boys, but these don't take place the first day. New boys can expect, after a few days, to be sent for a pail of steam, or the key to the sunshine box, or a cow's false tooth, or any number of things including a hundred yards of shore line.

It takes only a few days for the new boys to become fast friends with one another, and with the older boys in school. Time passes quickly, and they will be ready to greet the incoming new boys when "the day the new boys come" once more arrives.

Bruce A. Graham

### Additional Alumni Notes

LINWOOD L. MEACHAM, '41, of 9 Talbot Road, Hingham, has been introduced to folks in that community by a splendidly written article which appeared in a recent issue of the local paper. We take the liberty of quoting several paragraphs of this newspaper account, which was written by Wm. Eugene Hays, General Agent, Boston, of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company.

"Lin started his career with us right after getting his degree from Middlebury College in 1950. He already numbers among his clients prominent business men considerably his senior. How come? Well, he'll study a program until nine times out of ten, he's found a way to improve it. He's made a specialty of reducing tax commitments and protecting business interests through life insurance.

"You see, Lin Meacham has realized early the opportunities in providing a truly professional service approach to life underwriting. He has completed both Career and Advanced Underwriting courses, and is now working toward his C. L. U. (Chartered Life Underwriter) degree.

"Lin also has musical interests which have associated him with various social activities. Playing, as the occasion warranted, either the bass viol, clarinet or drums, he was a member of his college orchestra and band, and led 'The Black Panthers', a 14 piece dance band, in professional engagements all over New England. In addition, he was Director of Middlebury's famed 'Mid-Time Varieties' and President of his college flying club. Yes, you'll find Lin Meacham has a lot to offer, and he's looking forward eagerly to taking an active part in his new community."

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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### The Alumni Meeting

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held at a Boston restaurant on Wednesday, May 13. The Field Day, one of the big events held by the Association, was the main subject, and the Committee was given much constructive help by the members which will aid in planning for this day which will be held on June 13.

This season of the year is filled with important activities for the School Band, and the director, Major Frank L. Warren, was called upon to tell of the band's recent participation in several concerts and school music festivals. All were glad to hear of the fine record made by the 1953 Band.

Other speakers helped make the evening pleasant. It was informally noted that the turnout of our younger members at Association affairs could be increased. If you are a member of the past two or three classes please be sure that you are most welcome to join in all Alumni events. Come to all our events and bring a classmate!

Notice of the coming Annual Field Day will be mailed to all members soon. Please be sure to return the attendance card and thus help your secretary.

Lawrence J. MacManus writes from the Samson Air Force Base, at Geneva, New York. He has been in the air force since March 17 and has high hopes of studying to be an aerial photographer and aerial radio operator. He writes rather humorously of many of his experiences. We expect that shortly he will have a different service address and will print it on this page at that time.

A rather interesting note appeared in the local press recently relative to Cornelius Conway Felton, Headmaster of our School in 1839. A historical sign which pointed out the birthplace of Mr. Felton in West Newbury disappeared more than 20 years ago and on April 22 of this year it mysteriously reappeared. Our graduates who live in that area might like to look up this sign.

Mr. Felton was president of Harvard College from 1860 to 1862. He received his early education in a one room school-house. He achieved international fame and distinction during his later years as a foremost authority on classical Greek grammar, and that country's art and literature.

JOHN R. MASON, '51, writes from Cannes, France and tells of a rather rough passage from Algeria to France when 15 days were spent at sea. He has been in many major European ports during his Navy tenure and has a fine collection of photos and curios which he has gathered. His address is: John Mason QMSN, USS Cascade AD16, care of Fleet P. O., New York, N. Y.

THOMAS C. KENVIN, '38, visited our band as the boys took part in a school music festival in Malden. He will be remembered as a star drum major, here, in high school and then with a top-notch army band with which he saw service during World War II in this country, in the far East, and in Australia. He has recently been an agricultural school teacher, but is not engaged in this work at present. He now makes his home in Swampscott.





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### The Music Festivals

A common question at this time of year asked by all graduates is "How were the music festivals? What did the Band do?" The band attended three festivals, and in brief summary, here is an account of the happenings.

The first festival we attended was at Malden, when schools from northeastern Massachusetts gathered for a gala musical event. Unfortunately, weather interfered with all outdoor parts of the festival, and they were cancelled. Our boys played in an auditorium in Malden High School and the judge's report was very favorable, one of his comments being "An amazingly fine band."

One week later we participated in the southeastern Massachusetts school music festival, held on May 9. Fine weather made the day a complete success. In the morning our boys played in the Norwood Theatre, and it seemed to those in the audience who heard the band previously, that it was here that our group did its best work. Again the judge for this event gave our boys a most commendable report, adding praise to our conductor's efforts in good fundamental instrumental music teaching.

At this festival, in the afternoon, there was a parade through the principal streets of the city. For the first time in the long history of the festivals our boys were

chosen to lead the parade, and they did themselves proud. At the Norwood athletic field a concert was given by the bands en masse, and several marches were played, all to the great satisfaction of hundreds who had gathered to hear the concert.

On May 23 our Band went to Storrs, Conn., the campus town of the University of Connecticut, to take part in the New England School Music Festival. Here outstanding groups from New England schools were on hand in a day-long schedule of audition and marching demonstrations. Our boys this time played before a committee of three judges, each one distinguished in the field of school music. The report from each judge was indeed favorable to our boys, the chairman of the group adding the note that our performance was even an improvement over last year. In the afternoon we entered the drilling and marching exhibition and our band stepped off in fine shape, doing a precision drill with scarcely a discernible error on anyone's part. The judges in this event concurred in the evaluation of our efforts in grading the band as Division I, comparable to a mark of 95-100 on a basis of 100.

The overall grade for concert performance by all the judges at all of the festivals was a Division II rating, equal to a mark of from 90-95, on a basis of 100.

The boys certainly did a fine job, and all of us are proud of the result achieved by Major Warren, the director, and each member of the Band.

The purpose of the festivals, of course, is to continually raise the standards of school music, and the judges critically note all factors in the results achieved by each participating group. The judges all agreed that we would do well to add to our instrumentation, suggesting more clarinets, an oboe, bassoon, and flute. We shall certainly aim towards the goal of more perfect instrumentation.

### Up in the Air

Man's first ascent by balloon was made in 1783 by two Frenchmen. Pilatre de Rozier and the Marquis d'Orlandes. From that time on, until the age of the airplane, many ascents were made, and all of them were very thrilling. Sadly enough, in making some, lives were lost. In this country Francois Blanchard made the first ascent, in New York City, in 1896. We have come a long way from these balloon ascensions to jet propelled aircraft. Who can tell what will come next?

Howard B. Murphy II

### Basketball

I like basketball very much, and now that we have an outdoor court it is a sport we play the year around. Last winter I played on the Sears league and had a lot of fun playing with boys my own size, and some who were bigger than me. I hope next winter I can be on the winning team. We haven't had any games this summer yet on our outdoor court, but the boys have been practicing shooting. Right now almost everyone wants to play baseball, or softball, and already we have had many good games in these sports.

Daniel W. Dockham

### Paint Shop Work

I have been working in the paintshop for quite a while now, and I like the work very much. I never did much in this line before, and already I know I have learned a great deal. In fact, I have helped to paint two apartments, and several dormitory rooms. Every so often I help on the boat, which I like to do. Also, I have learned to set glass and to make minor repairs which are expected of a painter.

Norman W. Sellevaag

### Movies

We all look forward to the movies every Saturday night. The show starts at seven-thirty and lasts about two hours. Usually the first picture is a short one with an orchestra, or perhaps a cartoon. The main picture always has good actors and a good story. We have had sports, comedy, westerns and war films this year so far and enjoyed them all.

Our last movie was "Jim Thorpe All-American."

David W. Howard

### Making a Maze

One of my friends has a game named "Tilt" which he and I like to play very much. The object of the game is to control a steel ball and make it follow a confusing system of networks and paths until the goal is reached. After awhile we got tired of the board we were using and we decided to make a new one, using our own original design, which was quite different from the original one.

We went to the sloyd room and asked Mr. Kihlstrom about it. He suggested using beaver board, and gave us the materials we needed. First the board was sawed to the correct size, and then several small strips were cut for the bunkers and sides. The path the ball was to follow was was sketched, figured, and drawn on the

board, and then we drilled holes for pitfalls along this path. The sides were glued on, and the bunkers glued about the drilled holes. After much patient work our new board was made.

Now the game is like a new one, and later on we are going to design and build more original maze boards.

Arnold M. Sutterlin

### Taking Pictures

Yesterday I went to the barn with a friend to get some pictures. We took some of the barns and then tried to coax a steer to pose for us. He kept doing everything he could to prevent us from getting the picture, so we gave up and went to the poultry house. Here we got a real good picture of the hens, who were not as stubborn as the steer. We got some good pictures for our albums.

Alexander D. Marinakis

### Memorial Sunday Service

The annual Memorial Sunday services were held at our little cemetery at the south end of the Island on May 24. The exercises were simple and sacred, most fitting for the occasion. The weather was ideal, and the service held in the beautiful outdoor setting was most impressive.

William Sonier, president of the graduating class, was in charge and announced the program. The meaning of this Memorial service, from its origin after the Civil War up to the present, was related by Mr. Meacham. Sometimes the true significance of the day becomes obscured, especially among younger people, or is not known, and it is well that the special import of this religious service is known.

Music for the service was furnished by a brass quintet, and the boys played the accompaniments for the singing, as well as special numbers. The quintet played

excellently, and added much to the observance.

Beautiful bouquets of flowers were prepared earlier in the morning, and these, with American flags, were used for the decoration of each grave.

The program was as follows:

### PROGRAM

Hymn—America

School

Invocation

Mr. Bartram

Poem—In Flanders Fields

Bruce A. Graham

Pledge of Allegiance

William F. Sonier, Frederick E. Harding

Reading—The Meaning of Memorial Day

Teyet Ramar II

Hymn—America the Beautiful

School

Poem—I Have a Rendezvous with Death

Edward J. Darr

Hymn—God of Our Fathers

School

Remarks

Mr. Meacham

Rolling of Drums

David W. Howard

Taps

Teyet Ramar II

Loren E. Cain

Donald E. Richardson

History of the Graves

William F. Sonier

Hymn—Nearer My God to Thee

School

Benediction

Mr. Bartram

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Our band is making six public appearances and giving shorter concerts at the School during this early summer period and we are reminded of the great values in this part of the training and experience of our boys. To the casual observer it might appear to be simply a matter of a boy picking up a horn and tooting for the want of something more interesting to do.

America's first boys' band was organized here at our school in 1857 and in another four years we will be celebrating 100 years of continuous Band activity. At that time we should remind the Nation that our tiny community in historic Boston Harbor quietly pioneered this important activity which has now developed into recognition throughout the Country.

We are often asked where we get all of our boy musicians. People cannot understand how such superb bands can be developed here year after year, winning first prizes, 99% ratings, and in competition with large city high school bands so often come out in top place and they hear about our graduates who have become Band Leaders, Boston Symphony members, almost a score of bands where our graduates predominate and many individuals who achieve success and fame in the field of music, and our friends say, "How do you do it?"

Space does not permit detailed explanations of all the factors. It is not that simple. In the first place, we definitely do not seek nor select boys for admission to the School with any regard to their musical abilities. Almost never does a boy entering the School have previous musical experience or training. Practically every normal boy (and girl) has the basic latent talents which can be developed and almost every boy at our school elects to learn to play one or more musical instruments and learns to read music.

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?



To be a member of the Band a boy must have the initiative to select an instrument and start toward the goal which he determines to reach. He must have the "drive" which constantly spurs him on to achieve his ambition by dint of daily practice and study. He must have the courage to devote time which might otherwise be used to fly model airplanes, pitch horse shoes, go fishing or watch television, and so organize his time that he can do those things *also* in his spare time. He must develop the power of concentration. He must have the strength of character to not be diverted by wasted time efforts of little consequence. A boy must be responsible for his own success and he must learn to work with others in the team, his Band. His success in the band depends upon his diligence in these qualities and, of course, he must be friendly to his associates, courteous to his leaders, punctual to his practice periods, particular in his appearance, and precise in every note coming forth from his musical instrument. There are in fact few, if any ideal qualities of basic success in life not found in the development of a boy band member, especially as conducted here where excellence in results is the pride and satisfaction of every boy.

Other important factors include equipment, planning, tradition, financing, support and encouragement of friends, and, of course, the leadership and direction of such a combination as we have in Boston's Dean of Band Masters, Major Frank L. Warren, thirty years our Band Director, and his capable assistant, who can play every instrument and composes some of the numbers, Mr. Clifton E. Albee, in his twenty-seventh year here.

### Topics in Brief

The boys in Dormitory C are very happy with their new television set, the

purchase of which was made possible by the boys' parents, with the cooperation of our supervisor, Mr. Thomas. The new television sets are a great improvement over models only a year or two old, and the sound and picture of this new set is remarkably fine.

The recreation of the boys has been centered pretty much on softball and baseball during the month. Shuffleboard and tennis have their devotees also, and, of course, there are many who like nothing better than fishing from our wharf. After experiencing a winter and spring, when outdoor sports were almost negligible, the many summertime activities are even more desirable and pleasant.

Due to adverse weather, the parade and other outdoor events at the Northeastern Massachusetts school music festival on May 2 were cancelled. This left our Band with nothing scheduled for the afternoon and with the fine cooperation of Clyde W. Albee, '33, of the Boston Museum of Science staff, a trip to Science Park was immediately arranged. The staff at Science Park was particularly kind in making this visit worth while in every respect and our boys enjoyed the many wonderful and thrilling exhibits, and special science shows. Boston and New England may well be proud of their new Museum of Science.

A sport quiz of a different type was given by Division B of the eighth grade on May 4. A panel of instructors was chosen which competed with a panel of the boys, as the members of the class pantomined the action in a great number of sports and athletic events. The final tally showed the instructors the winners but by a very close margin.

Through the courtesy of Col. Nelse M. Duncan of the Sunset Club of Boston, which is sponsored by the Volunteers of America, our Band took part in the Annual Day of Remembrance of the Club at the Hotel Bradford on Sunday, May 10. The boys played several compositions and received high praise. Speaker of the evening was the Hon. Sumner G. Whittier, Lieut. Governor of the Commonwealth, who delivered a stirring and inspired address.

The Quincy Patriot Ledger, in its edition of May 5, carried a fine article about our school, illustrated with three fine pictures. We are grateful indeed for the publication of this account, which is extremely well written by Richard T. LeBrecque. The publisher, G. Prescott Low, kindly loaned us the stereotyped plate of the editorial page upon which this article appeared, and we have reprinted 2100 copies in our school printing office for distribution to our friends.

We enjoyed a fine entertainment given by the seventh graders on May 11. The program was made up of three one act plays, which the boys performed most creditably. The stage settings were especially fine. All of the boys in the class took part.

### A Fire

One of the exciting events which we will not forget soon was that of a fire in the harbor. One weekday, while we were at dinner, one of the boys saw a large barge afire near our north end. We went to watch and soon saw two coast guard boats racing to the scene, to give assistance to the tug which was towing the burning barge. In a few minutes a police boat and fire boat were at the scene. The fire boat soon had the fire under control,

and it looked as though all the hoses were in use. After awhile the fire died down and the barge was towed to Spectacle Island where the fire was put out completely. We learned later that the barge was so thoroughly burned that it was taken to sea and sunk.

Teyet Ramar II

### Our Assembly Program

I think the assembly program our class had was about the best ever. We were all in costume as the wives of cabinet members. As we were introduced we told of all the things our "husbands" did and the audience, as well as we, learned much about the leaders of our government. Every member of the class had a part in the program and our teacher, Miss Baird, worked very hard in preparing costumes and making the stage setting for us. Afterwards she took pictures of us in costume.

Ronald G. Hermann

### Spring

Winter has gone and we are enjoying the beautiful days of the spring season. No matter in what direction one looks he can see the wonderful rich green of the lawns and trees. The sky is clear and blue and the buildings at Squantum Naval Base stand out clearly. To the west, the skyline of Boston, with the many tall buildings is an inspiring sight. The many garden beds have tulips of many hues in full bloom, and the lilac bushes add much to the spring season. No matter where one looks, he can be sure of seeing Mother Nature at her best. There is no place as beautiful as Thompson's Island in the springtime.

Stanton H. Pearson

### Looking Ahead

Soon Alumni Day will be with us, and this is a big day for the Alumni, as well as for the boys in school. Tables,

chairs and benches, and the public address system, are set up on the lawn. The alumni first assemble here and are greeted by Mr. Meacham. Then the schedule of events for the day begins. This includes ball games, picnic races and lunch served out-of-doors. The boys at the school take part in all the events and enjoy the day. All of the graduates take time to roam about the grounds and think about the years they spent at the school. It is a happy day.

Edward J. Darr

### Additional Alumni Notes

WILLIAM G. BEADLE, '12, has long been much interested in our band. This year, just before the concert at Faneuil Hall, he made a gift to the Band of selected reeds for the clarinet players. He has been employed by the Cundy-Bettoney instrument manufacturing company for many years. His home address is 219 Grove Street, Randolph, Mass.

DANIEL E. SMITH, '20, has made a fine start in the woodworking business, he having opened his own shop a year ago. He has spent many years in this business and we know that further success will meet his every effort. He lives in Arlington, at 11 Park Street.

REV. CLIFFORD H. TAYLOR, '15, recently had the opportunity to do a service for Mark C. Baird, our head farm instructor. Mr. and Mrs. Baird were touring in Maine and sought road directions. Talking with a resident of Corinth, Maine, they not only secured the information they desired, but also learned that their informant was an F. T. S. graduate, now doing a fine work as pastor of a church in East Corinth, Maine. A pleasant conversation resulted, and new friendships formed.

## Honor Roll — Spring 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

David E. LeVeille

### Eighth Grade Division A

Albert K. Ellis

Harold L. Spurling

### Eighth Grade Division B

William F. James

Thomas Angelos

### Seventh Grade

Arnold M. Sutterlin

Alexander D. Marinakis

## Best Citizenship

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

### Sophomore Class

Robert O. Cain

Samuel M. Griswold

Ralph F. Hopkins

Donald E. Richardson

William F. Sonier

Alan C. Waldron

### Freshman Class

Edward A. Atton

Walter R. Hermann

David E. LeVeille

### Eighth Grade Division A

Loren E. Cain

Albert K. Ellis

John E. Lennon

Howard E. Murphy, II

Carleton G. Skinner

### Eighth Grade Division B

Ralph Schofield

### Seventh Grade

Alexander D. Marinakis

Arnold M. Sutterlin

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GEORGE H. BRUCE, '45, has written recently, telling us of his interesting work in the Intelligence Branch of the armed forces. His address is now Pfc George H. Bruce, RA21631670, Cas. Det. 8617 AAU., Arlington Hall Station, Arlington 12, Va. We are sure that he would enjoy corresponding with his many FTS friends.

IVERS R. ALLEN, '16, writes that he will be at 728 Union Avenue, Lakeport, New Hampshire, until Labor Day. We strive to keep our alumni address list correct, and thank him for his note. All alumni are urged to notify us of address changes, for it is important, and is a big help to your secretary.

WALTER OSTRANDER, '50, was a recent visitor. Early in June he expects to leave for duty in Europe. A member of the armed forces, he has recently graduated from a special service school where he trained as a communications receiver repairman. We will publish his new service address as soon as it is made available to us.

KENNETH W. CLAYTON, '52, is attending Braintree high school, and at a recent music festival held in Norwood, he visited with our band. He plays cornet in the Braintree band, enjoys his school life, and is doing well in his various school activities. His address is 1237 Washington Street, South Braintree, Mass.

JAMES L. ANGELOS, '49, is employed as a salesman in the upholstery department of the Jordan Marsh store in Boston. He has served with the U. S. Army as a bandsman. He has continued

to keep up his interest in the Order of the DeMolay, and is at present Master of his Lodge. He lives at 35 Logan Way, South Boston, Mass.

RAMSEY C. ALLEN, '30, has recently opened a downtown showroom and is very busy in the marine trade. Interest in amateur boating of all kinds is increasing and he is prepared to demonstrate all of the popular boat models and accessories. He is always happy and pleased to meet former F. T. S. friends. His new store is conveniently located on Federal Street in Boston.

Congratulations are in order to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Capaul, who have only recently completed a honeymoon trip. The couple was at the Faneuil Hall concert, and it was a pleasure indeed to welcome Mrs. Capaul into the great family of F. T. S. alumni folk. Mr. Capaul has for many years operated the Swiss Family Laundry, in Roxbury. He is in frequent attendance at all Alumni gatherings. The address of the Capauls is 3 Glenwood Terrace, Roxbury, Mass. He graduated with the class of 1905.

JOHN P. RICHARDSON, '52, is completing the junior year at Hingham high school. He visited us recently and spoke of his many school activities. He is particularly active in dramatics. He lives at 13 Hersey Street, Hingham.

The annual Field Day will be held on Saturday, June 13. The boat will leave the Public Landing at 10:45. Members of the Association, with their guests, are invited. Send reservation promptly to your secretary.





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### Graduation

Graduation exercises for the Class of 1953 were held Thursday, June 4. Almost at the last moment rain threatened to mar the observance, if held outdoors, and it was decided to hold the ceremonies in Bowditch House. Thirteen boys were graduated.

The class had the privilege and good fortune to be addressed by the Honorable John V. Spalding, Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth. Justice Spalding had a practical, clear-cut message for the class and every point in his address could well be given immediate application. He urged the young graduates to build on the solid foundation they have developed here, and to remember that "Every day is a miracle." As to the disheartening situation of present-day world and national conditions he cited numerous instances in the history of our nation when it seemed that insurmountable difficulties were bound to defeat us. He stressed the fact that there are bound to be disappointments and hard times, yet we must always face the future with a wholesome type of courage and refuse to adopt a cynical attitude. We are indebted greatly to Justice Spalding for coming to us with a timely and valuable message. Justice Spalding was introduced by the President of the Board of Trustees of the School, Calvin Page Bartlett.

The Rev. Morris A. Inch, a friend of long standing, gave the Invocation. Mr. Inch has a personal interest in our boys and not many years ago was our minister for a period of two years. On the Sunday preceding graduation day he conducted the Baccalaureate service for the class at the South Baptist Church, of which church he is pastor.

The address of the valedictorian, Robert A. Kidder, was very good. One other class member had a speaking part in the exercises, the Salutatorian, Alan C. Waldron, who welcomed the more than two hundred parents and friends of the boys. The band played several selections under the baton of our bandmaster, Frank L. Warren, among them being a trumpet solo played by Donald E. Richardson. David W. Howard of the Class of 1954 was marshal for the graduates.

Headmaster William M. Meacham presented diplomas to the thirteen graduates. As each received the coveted honor he was warmly applauded. Each of the young graduates through the years has earned the admiration and friendship of not only us at the School, but also of a large number of others, including many of the parents and friends of our student body members, who were delighted to be present as this significant goal in the educational career of each young graduate was reached.

Many prizes and awards were made. Mr. Meacham presented sloyd diplomas to three, and a junior year certificate to one post graduate.

The greatest individual honor to be bestowed annually is the Francis Shaw Scholarship Award, which was received this year by William F. Sonier.

Mr. Meacham also presented many other awards and prizes. The Charles Hayden Scholarship Certificates were awarded and certificates for Band proficiency given. Other prize awards made included the Shaw Conduct Prizes, and the Sears basketball awards. The names of the prize winners will be found on another page in this issue.

After the exercises the members of the class received congratulations and then farewells were in order. The graduates left on the PILGRIM, taking with them the best wishes of a host of friends. Although they will experience other graduations from advanced schools, we feel sure that the ceremonies here will remain firmly in memory as *the* graduation. We are indeed very proud of our thirteen new alumni.

The program, and names of those receiving diplomas, follows:

### PROGRAM

Class Processional—Youth Victorious  
David W. Howard, '54, Marshall

Invocation

The Reverend Morris A. Inch  
Pastor, South Baptist Church

Overture—Day of Youth

Salutatory

Alan C. Waldron

Trumpet Solo—Trumpeter's Lullaby  
Donald E. Richardson

Valedictory

Robert A. Kidder

Introduction of Speaker

President Calvin Page Bartlett

Address

The Honorable John V. Spalding  
Justice, Supreme Judicial Court,  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Presentation of Diplomas and Prizes

Headmaster William M. Meacham

Finale—Salutation March

### DIPLOMAS AWARDED

#### GRADUATION

Robert Otis Cain

Edward James Darr

Donald Robert Dockham

Bruce Alexander Graham

Samuel Morse Griswold

Wayne William Henry

Ralph Frederick Hopkins

Robert Arthur Kidder

David Alan Pulsifer

Teyet Ramar II

Donald Earle Richardson

William Francis Sonier

Alan Coates Waldron

#### SLOYD

Donald Robert Dockham

David Edmond LeVeille

Donald Earle Richardson

#### JUNIOR YEAR CERTIFICATE

Frederick Edward Harding

#### CLASS OFFICERS

William F. Sonier, President

Donald E. Richardson, Vice President

Wayne W. Henry, Secretary

#### CLASS MOTTO

"Strive and Succeed"

### Basketball Awards

Although a comparatively new game, basket ball has reached tremendous world-wide popularity, and here at F. T. S. the game is played almost the year 'round, although, of course, it is during the winter months that the most intensive play is reached. Athletic certificates and insignia are awarded to those excelling in the game, and this year the presentation of these prizes was made on Graduation Day. Fifteen boys were included on the list who won basketball awards. They were:

#### Varsity Awards

Bruce A. Graham, Captain  
Edward J. Darr  
David E. Leveille  
Norman W. Sellevaag  
William H. Dillon  
Robert Fabello

#### Intramural Awards

Ralph F. Hopkins  
David W. Howard  
S. Newcomb Graham  
John E. Lennon  
Robert W. Wright  
Kenneth C. Alexander

#### Foul Shooting Awards

Norman W. Sellevaag (Senior)  
Carroll E. Young (Junior)  
Frederick L. Krueger (Cubs)

### Activities on Graduation Day

Every school, I imagine, has graduation, but nowhere is there the kind of activity we have here. To begin, just to be sure that everyone is wide awake so as to enjoy the day in full, the graduating class band serenades everyone at 5:30 A.M. Seldom is the graduation morning band noted for sweetness, but the racket it produces makes further sleep impossible. When this reveille is finished the boys put away their instruments, and in late years have been invited to a special breakfast,

this year graciously provided for by Mr. and Mrs. Steinhoff. It was surely a real sumptuous breakfast.

Well, anyway, it isn't all fun and pleasure. There's work to be done! During the morning we "set up" for the exercises. The chapel settees and lawn benches are brought to the bandstand on the front lawn. The platform is arranged, and this takes care, because one mistake might be very embarrassing later. After dinner the dining room chairs are also taken to the lawn, so we have seats for several hundred people.

Meanwhile, as we have time, those having parts get in last minute rehearsals. This year we had even less time for this because the weather was fickle and at noon everything was moved inside. Graduation was held in Bowditch House.

The guests arrived shortly after one-thirty, and at two-thirty we began the ceremonies. The Band played the processional and the class marched solemnly to the stage. The great moment had arrived.

The formal exercises did not take very long. Afterwards the class had a busy time checking on suitcases, chests, packages and other things they took with them. The boatboys were dressed in their whites and saw that the class had a happy landing at City Point.

Still the activity is not yet over. Although the graduates have left there is a job to do at the School. The settees, chairs and many other things used for the exercises must be returned to their accustomed places. Finally graduation day draws to a close. The weather is usually warm and the final event is fun—a swim.

Alan C. Waldron

"Reputation is what men and women think of us; character is what God and the angels know of us."

Thomas Paine

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Dear Sir:

I finally have time to write to you to let you know how I'm doing, and what my work is. I hope everything is fine with you and the family, and everybody else at the school is fine and of the best of health.

I'm now stationed at Webb Air Field Base, Big Springs, Texas. The people down here are the nicest people you could meet anywhere, and most of them are Christians. I'm now a member of one of the churches in town. For a population of 21,000 people they have 42 churches. It may sound unbelievable, Mr. Meacham, but it is true, and all of them are well attended. I'm very grateful I had a chance to come to Texas, because it gives me an altogether different change of environment from what I've known, and also weather. Well, I don't think too highly of the Texas weather in this vicinity. When the wind begins to blow it picks up all the dirt and blows all around. Sometimes it blows so hard you can hardly see in front of you. Last night we were scheduled to play at a baseball game at Big Springs. We arrived at the ball park at about seven o'clock. Just as I got out of the car a large gust of wind hit me in the face, and with dust. You know what a thunder storm looks like before it hits your vicinity, well we had the same type of clouds. The dust blew very hard for about an hour, and to top it all off it started to down pour, and we had a mixture of dust and rain, and this is the result. It rained mud, and as we were riding back to the base we could see the murky water as it splashed against the car's window.

I'm looking forward to seeing everybody back at the school again. The school will always be my home, because of all the wonderful things we had. I wish more fellows could have had the opportunities I had when I was there. I believe Mr.

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?



Thomas, and all the other instructors who said I'd wish I was back. Well, I do wish I was back. The reason why I wish I was back is because I realize how much the people out there had done for me in big ways and little, and how much fun we had out there, and all the wonderful times we all used to have. 'The school isn't a school to me anymore Mr. Meacham, because when I think about the wonderful training I was given it is the same training any boy of an average family would get. To me the school is a home. I sometimes think about how I reacted my first year there. I sometimes laugh, and at times I blush when I think of what I did. Remember when I was accepted by the Board of Trustees and we got back to school, and I came up to your office that afternoon and told you I didn't want to be accepted by the Board of Trustees. If I could relive the past and be back at the school, I'd do it. It isn't only the things and the wonderful times I had while I was there but it was the Island itself, and the farm, particularly in the spring time when everything is growing and the farm boys, and instructors do the spring plowing and planting. There are so many things I'll hold dearly in my heart and memory. I hope someday to be able to come down and visit and spend some pleasant hours down at the school. Well, Mr. Meacham, give my regards to everybody at the school, and I wish there were more people and men like you Sir, who realize the needs of fellows like me. I'm pretty sure if people thought and worked together as you and the instructors and the fellows have gotten along this would be a better world to live in. I feel through knowing you, Sir, and being under your guidance that it is the people like you who make this world a better place to live in.

Sir, I have my leave starting the 1st of June, and I feel and know if nothing

goes wrong I'll be down for graduation. Could you send me a card telling the date of graduation? I would appreciate it very much. I hope you can read my writing, if you can't read it too well because of my writing let me know Sir, and I'll write plainer and slower.

I guess this is all for now. I'm ever grateful for what you and the others have done for me.

Yours truly,  
WILLIAM L. GLENNON, '52

P. S. I forgot to tell you I'm doing fine in my band work and I hope to make corporal or rather Airman 2nd class.

### Topics in Brief

Graduation exercises for the Class of 1953 were held on June 4. Because of inclement weather the program was held in Bowditch House. The boys were addressed by the Hon. John V. Spalding, Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth. Thirteen received graduation diplomas, one a junior year certificate, and three boys received sloyd diplomas. Four of the class members will be with us another year, taking the post-graduate course. The other members of the class left for their homes after the exercises.

On Sunday May 31 the Rev. Morris A. Inch delivered the Baccalaureate address to the graduating class at the South Baptist Church. Mr. Inch had an inspiring message for our group. A brass quartet, made up of members of the class, assisted the church choir in presenting special musical selections.

The graduating class enjoyed an excursion to Canobie Lake, N. H., on June 1, through the courtesy and kindness of Mrs. Arthur Adams, who for many years

has annually provided funds for the class outing. Ideal weather, and the beautiful setting of the Canobie Lake recreational area made the day a memorable one, completely enjoyed.

On graduation eve the members of the Class of 1953 were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Meacham at Adams House for a class supper. The meal was served buffet style on the lawn, and, needless to say, the class had a grand time on this, the last get-together, before the formal ceremonies of the next day.

We regret to report the passing on June 16 of Malcolm H. Holmes, one of New England's foremost musicians. Mr. Holmes for years was keenly interested in our school band, and only last fall was host to our group at Harvard for the game with Springfield. He both played and conducted in our Chapel Hall with the Harvard Piorean Sodality Orchestra in years past. Wellesley, Radcliffe, the Pops, Esplanade, Tanglewood, the Conservatory and, of course, Harvard, mourn his passing. We have all lost a good friend, and particularly so, great numbers of young people with whom he was associated.

We have always had many boys interested in flower gardening and much stress is placed upon this activity, which, in numerous instances, has led to a most worth while life hobby. Each of the boys is encouraged to care for his own garden plot and expert supervision and instruction are given. Prizes are awarded annually to those who excel in flower gardening, and this seasonal activity is carried on with much enthusiasm by a large number of our boys. Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby provides these cash prizes.

The sophomore class held its annual class night exercises on May 25, at which

time a rather complete summary of the activities of the class members was given. A biographical sketch of each of the boys was a highlight. The class will, prophecy, and naming of class leaders in various fields were all interesting as well as humorous in many instances. William F. Sonier was in charge of the program, and each member of the class participated.

This was the final assembly program of the school year, as well as the last performance by the Class of 1953.

Memorial Day was observed by the staging of our annual track meet. The boys were grouped according to age and athletic ability and competed in the more popular field and track events. The track meet, a traditional annual event, is one of our major spring recreational highlights and of course very popular with our boys.

The holiday was made complete by a picnic on the beach in the evening, at which time prizes for the winners of the day's track events were awarded.

The freshman class entertained the sophomore class at a farewell party on the evening of May 29. Our good friend, Miss Helen M. Gresty, was with us for the occasion and brought with her a group of girls from her church groups in Lynn. Dancing and informal games were enjoyed under Miss Gresty's direction, and everyone surely had a most pleasant and happy evening.

Our church services this summer are being conducted by Mr. John Beauregard, a graduate of Gordon College. He will be assisted by two of the boys at each service. We are confident that a fine, very successful series of religious services will result from the excellent leadership of Mr. Beauregard and the lively interest of the boys.

A pleasant time was enjoyed here on June 20, when Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were hosts to a group with whom they vacation annually at Sandy Island Camp, Lake Winnepesaukee, N. H. Highlight of the outing was a ball game between the visitors and our boys. It was a pleasure to have these visitors with us—they had heard repeatedly of Thompson's Island—and we were pleased to have them personally see our island school and witness first-hand our excellent facilities, as well as to meet some of our students and staff members.

Occasionally, during the summer months, we enjoy a meal served out-of-doors. On June 28 a lawn supper was a happy event. Perfect weather and a perfect menu were the ingredients for this pleasant occasion.

Most of the boys are sporting an athletic shirt, white with blue lettering, reading "The Farm and Trades School, Thompson's Island." These are practical, summertime shirts made available to the boys by our athletic department.

#### Charles Hayden Scholarships

The noted financier, Charles Hayden, had definite thoughts relating to the value of the right and proper upbringing of our Nation's children. He was firmly convinced that the future of the entire world depended upon the right training of boys and young men in education, mental recreation, wholesome educational entertainment, together with co-ordinated physical training. He was particularly anxious that youngsters be brought up in wholesome environments where they would be fostered and trained so that their characters would be developed to their greatest possibilities for ultimate gain to mankind the world over.

To the end that his beliefs could be

realized, he directed that his personal fortune be used for the benefit of youth, and that the Charles Hayden Foundation be organized to supervise the trust. The welfare of young people has been furthered considerably by vast sums granted by the Foundation to many schools, colleges and youth organizations. For several years scholarships have been granted to a group of our boys. With each scholarship the recipient is awarded a certificate from the Foundation. The names of those receiving the Charles Hayden Scholarships for this year are:

Robert O. Cain  
Edward J. Darr  
William H. Dillon  
Donald R. Dockham  
Robert Fabello  
Bruce A. Graham  
Samuel M. Griswold  
Frederick E. Harding  
Wayne W. Henry  
Ralph F. Hopkins  
Robert A. Kidder  
David A. Pulsifer  
Teyet Ramar, II  
Donald E. Richardson  
Alan C. Waldron

#### Waiting on Table

All of us take turns waiting on table. The waiters report a half hour earlier and have an early meal. After they have eaten they get on their waiters' uniforms and get ready to do their job. When the meal starts they help the bus boys bring in the hot food. From then on it is up to the waiters to see that coffee and tea are served the instructors and see that extra food is brought as needed. Later the serving dishes are taken from the tables and the dessert brought in. After the meal our work is finished and we are dismissed.

Robert W. Wright

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### The Annual Field Day

The annual field day of the Alumni Association was held at the School on Saturday, June 13. Approximately 150 graduates and guests attended, they arriving at the School by chartered boat at ten o'clock. Alton B. Butler, '26, Association president, was host to the group and acted as master of ceremonies, ably assisted by the treasurer of the Association, Donald S. MacPherson, '17. Both saw to it that the day's program got off to a good start.

The group assembled on the north lawn and was greeted by Headmaster William M. Meacham, who expressed his gratification at seeing so many present. Plans for the day were then announced by President Butler and the informal meeting terminated.

Our Secretary, William C. Burns, '37, was busy throughout the day, and his help was very much appreciated by those in charge. It was a big job to circulate news of the event to our entire membership and to prepare identification badges for those in attendance, as well as to accomplish much necessary Association business on this annual field day.

The big event to the younger men was no doubt the baseball game. A picked alumni team played the School nine. For a few innings it was a close contest, but as the saying goes, "Youth Conquers," and the graduates began to show the effects of lack of practice, among other things. The less said about the final score the better perhaps, but if fun and recreation were the purpose of the game it may be safely said that both teams won. The spectators certainly had a good time too.

The graduates like nothing better than to roam about the campus, visiting places which arouse nostalgic memories of happy boyhood days. On this day some brought guests and it was a delight and pleasure to escort these guests about the school grounds. Many a quiet moment, too, was spent in Chapel Hall, where significant reminiscences of innumerable schoolday happy events came to mind.

A buffet lunch was served at mid-day, with Mr. and Mrs. Meacham acting as hosts, assisted by several members of the school staff. The meal featured F. T. S. baked beans, "best in the world." Golden Guernsey milk, direct from our dairy was a decided treat. The menu was prepared with much thoughtfulness for this outing, and the Association is very appreciative for this tasty lunch, for it did involve considerable planning and work.

The afternoon was given over to all kinds of sports. The final two hours were devoted to a program of races, stunts and games in which the undergraduates took part, as well as a number of youngsters here for the outing. All of the favorite picnic games were enjoyed, and prizes of one kind or another were won by every participant. Some entertained, utilizing our public address system. But it was mainly the sack race, the crab race, the chariot race and numerous other picnic standbys which entertained both those taking part, and the grownups looking on.

All too soon, it seemed, the time came for departure and at half past four the first trip was made to City Point. Soon after, the rest of the guests took their leave. The sentiment of all was that it was a very successful and happy field day and reunion.





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### A Trip to Fenway Park

On July 28 we were happily surprised to hear that twenty-five of us were going to the Red Sox-Chicago game on the following day. The trip was made possible by the efforts of one of the graduates, Donald S. MacPherson, '17. We were naturally very pleased and could hardly wait for the boat trip at 12:45. We went to City Point with Mr. MacPherson and four friends, each of whom had his car. It didn't take long to drive to Fenway Park. Soon we were seated in the grandstand on the first base side. We had a chance to see some of the batting and fielding practice drills. The park was in beautiful condition. We liked the big crowd and the excitement.

We were lucky to see a very unusual game. The starting pitchers were Pierce for Chicago and MacDermott for Boston. Inning after inning, as the game progressed, MacDermott set the Chicago batters down with only one hit in eight innings. The Red Sox meanwhile had scored one run and we all had hopes that the team would end a losing streak.

In the ninth inning though the Red Sox ran into much hard luck. The White Sox began hitting, and the Red Sox changed pitchers. The Boston star center fielder, Tom Umphlett, attempted to catch a drive which Minoso hit. Umphlett crashed into the center field bull pen wall

and was so badly hurt that he was carried from the field on a stretcher. It was a week before he could play again. The hit was a home run, and before the Red Sox got the side out eight runs were in. It was a wild ninth inning for Chicago but not much for us to cheer about.

The Red Sox didn't give up. In the last of the ninth some timely hitting resulted in two more runs, and the final score was 8-3 in favor of the Chicago White Sox.

It was a good game and we enjoyed it. We arrived back at City Point at 5:30 and thanked Mr. MacPherson and his friends for giving us such a good time.

William H. Dillon

### My Vacation

I have just returned from a wonderful vacation. It began on July 18. Two days later my mother, father and I started for New Hampshire. We first visited my sister who is at a girls' camp in West Ossipee. Then we continued on our trip to North Conway, where we saw many interesting things such as the aerial tramway and an old covered bridge. We went through the White Mountains to Gorham, N. H., where we stayed overnight. In this town we saw the movie, "A Queen is Crowned," in technicolor. Early the next morning we drove through Berlin on our way to Stratton, Maine. In Berlin we

saw many of the big pulp mills. There were huge piles of pulp wood along the river's edge for miles it seemed. In Stratton we visited a wood turning mill where we watched the workmen turn out screwdriver handles, mallets, pill boxes and many other articles.

From Stratton we began a trip over a six mile dirt road in a Chevrolet truck. We moved at about twenty miles an hour maximum. Our destination was Tim Pond, which is about ten miles from the Canadian border. Tim Pond is a native trout pond and fly fishing only is allowed. We fished without much luck but had a good time. We stayed here three days and then left for Boothbay Harbor, Maine. We visited friends there and I had the pleasure of going on two trips on a 38-foot Chris Craft cruiser. The boat belonged to friends and was a beauty.

After a wonderful stay at Boothbay Harbor we left for home and I spent the rest of my vacation there. It was the best vacation I have ever had.

David W. Howard

### The Shaw and Temple Prizes

At Graduation the Shaw and Temple prizes for excellence in conduct were awarded by Mr. Meacham to the 20 boys who had earned the highest conduct rank. This marked the 129th six-month period that the Shaw prizes have been given. Mr. Francis Shaw, a former member of the Board of Trustees, gave these prizes during his lifetime, and assured their perpetuity by a provision in his will. It was Mr. Shaw's earnest conviction that good conduct should be suitably rewarded and he believed strongly that every effort should be expended in the development of good citizenship.

Mr. Thomas F. Temple, also a former trustee, realized that some almost made

the Shaw list, and in order to further encourage these boys he supplied funds for an additional five prizes to be known as the Temple Consolation Prizes. He gave these for many years, and upon his death Mr. N. Penrose Hallowell, a trustee, gave them in memory of Mr. Temple. Mr. Hallowell continues to give these valued awards.

Those who received the Shaw Prizes for the past six month period were:

#### Shaw Prizes

Samuel M. Griswold  
Walter R. Hermann  
Carleton G. Skinner, Jr.  
Alan C. Waldron  
Robert O. Cain  
Donald E. Richardson  
Albert K. Ellis  
John E. Lennon  
William F. Sonier  
Alexander D. Marinakis

The five who received Temple Consolation Prizes were:

#### Temple Consolation Prizes

Loren E. Cain  
Howard E. Murphy  
Ralph F. Hopkins  
William H. Dillon  
David E. Leveille

Five also received honorable mention.

They were:

#### Honorable Mention

Frederick E. Harding  
David W. Howard  
William F. James  
Edward A. Atton  
Gerald L. Briggs

### In the Air

I remember in school last year we had some interesting geography lessons. One had to do with the protection of our natural resources. Government agencies

send planes to destroy insects, and many farmers do so at their own expense to protect their crops. Not long ago, in the west, the farmers were bothered with wild ducks eating the grain in the planted fields. Scarecrows were put up, but the ducks thought they were there to keep them company. So the wildlife service was called. This government agency planted grain in a wildlife refuge and then sent planes to chase the ducks to the refuge. Planes are also used to get information for weather reports. Sometimes pilots follow hurricanes and report the course of the storm to the weather bureau.

Larry E. Garside

### Early Days in the West

As our country kept growing westward in the early days there was need of mail and transportation service beyond that of the covered wagon trains. So a "Pony Express" from Missouri to California was begun. Men on horseback covered the distance of 2,000 miles in nine days. Forty riders were used in each direction and the horses were changed frequently. It cost five dollars to send a letter by pony express.

Besides the pony express there was a freight and passenger service by wagon and stagecoach. Mark Twain made a stagecoach journey in 1861. He paid \$150 for his ticket and found the trip very long and weary. He travelled from Missouri to Nevada. Eight years later two railroads were in operation and he made the same trip. Although he had to change trains many times he most surely found the journey much quicker and less tiring. These railroads were the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific.

The government gave the railroads public money to help lay the tracks and also gave them more than 24,000,000 acres of public land. This helped the railroads

to speed up their work and made the settlement of the far west easier. Most of the settlers made their homes in Oregon or California.

The plain states were inhabited mostly by the large Indian tribes. They could see that the white men were destroying their food supply by shooting the wild buffalo, and indeed they were. From time to time the Indians went on the warpath against the few white settlers in the prairie country. Now and then the Indians would win a battle against the soldiers who were sent to protect the settlers. In the end though, the general result of the fighting was to drive the Indians into places where the federal government wanted them to go.

The early days of the West were filled with many heroic deeds, and the settlers underwent many great hardships.

Richard B. Pulsifer

### Vacation Thoughts

Last year I was in the eighth grade and had for my subjects sloyd, arithmetic, English, geography and history. English covered a lot of ground, such as spelling, reading, composition and grammar. I kept wondering if I would get good marks in all my subjects and am glad to say that I did. Now that school is over and vacation is here I am thinking ahead to fall when I will be a freshman.

Harold L. Spurling

### Afternoon Kitchen

Lately I have helped the kitchen instructors after dinner and before supper. It takes about a half hour after dinner each day to tidy up the kitchen. Before supper I am pretty busy helping get the meal ready. Quite often we bake rolls and I like this best. I pour the milk and make myself generally useful.

James P. LaGrassa

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"Mr. Meacham please accept this two-dollar check for the Beacon which expired in February. I am at Cohasset and sorry to have overlooked the matter. I am very much interested in the School which turns out boys of first quality and am so grateful to have my son Hans graduate from there."

This paragraph from the mother of one of our boys who graduated two years ago is typical of the sincere appreciation of hundreds of parents whose sons have had the many opportunities provided by our broad program of living and total development.

Hans Christensen made the most of every phase of activity while here and is carrying on in the several lines of interests experienced in his nearly five years here. "Chris" is a credit to our School and his family.

It is not easy to judge the exact importance of the various features of our School. "Chris" was most interested and proficient in Farming, Sports, and Band. "Bob" Cain, a graduate of this year, had all of these as his special interests and also won an award for Religious Interests. Others won flower garden prizes. The graduating class of 1953 voted English as their most liked academic study. This was especially vitalized by the library development which placed our old library on a modern basis. Many other features also rank high in importance.

Our home atmosphere, with a staff of men, women, and their children, undoubtedly provides the real spark of vital, interesting, living soundness to this unique school. These are our boys. This is our home and our community. We are all working toward the same goal, "Right and happy living." We all love it and we are wholeheartedly devoted to our important life-work.

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

Donald S. MacPherson, '17, arranged for 25 boys to attend the Red Sox-Chicago baseball game at Fenway Park on July 29. Mr. MacPherson arranged for he and his friends to drive the boys to the ball park. The Chicago team won the game, much to the disappointment of our boys who are staunch Red Sox rooters. Attending the game was a rare treat, especially to those who never before had seen a major league baseball game.

Edward Rowe Snow, Boston's famous author, historian and radio lecturer, visited us on July 26, bringing with him a large group of visitors, all intent with learning something of the early history of our Island location, as well as the present day story of The Farm and Trades School. Annually Mr. Snow conducts a lecture tour here, and has made many new friends for our School.

We have made some improvements on our permanent outdoor fireplace, located on the beach near the wharf. These include a sheet metal grill, heavier grate, and a chimney—all adding to make the fireplace much more efficient, and a real pleasure to work with. A picnic table, with seats for eight, has also been built and adds much to the picnic area.

Swimming has been the most popular sport this summer and the boys are now in the process of completing the American Red Cross swimming, life saving and water safety courses. This work is under the capable supervision of our supervisor, Raymond Thomas, who is an accredited Red Cross aquatic and first aid instructor.

Our shuffleboard court has been a valuable adjunct to our recreational program, and the game is played almost

continually. The court was constructed recently, the work being done mainly by the boys. Several tournaments have been played this summer and some of the boys have developed clever skills in the sport. Although comparatively new in this area, the game has long been extremely popular in the South, especially in Florida.

Our farm has produced satisfactory quantities of fresh vegetables in spite of a sustained and severe drought. Summer squash, string beans, beets, spinach, lettuce, and peas have been harvested. The haying is almost completed, and the quality and quantity of this year's crop has been very good.

The parents and friends of our boys were here on the afternoon of July 10. As usual, the group was transported to and from City Point on the boat "723."

The floors in our chapel, classrooms, and gymnasium have been refinished this month by the boys in our maintenance department. This is but a short, simple statement of fact. In truth the boys did a big job, marvelously well.

We are justly proud of the official fine achievements of our Band in the school music festivals held in May, and, of course, the excellence of the annual concert at Faneuil Hall. We have received a newspaper clipping naming our Band as one of two outstanding New England units, and a friend in New Hampshire writes that the high ratings earned by our boys were given proper commendation on a television program received in that area.

A group of summer students attending the Eastern Nazarene College at Wollaston held a clam bake and picnic on our south end beach on July 11.

On July 12 we enjoyed a lawn supper, served buffet style, on the Bowditch House lawn. It was a beautiful evening and we all had a very pleasant time—especially the boys who like watermelon—for there was a plentiful supply of this summertime favorite fruit.

Two of our boys had the opportunity of attending Camp Pineridge for one week this month through the kind efforts of our minister last year, Mr. John Bartram. Our boys report that they had a wonderful time. This popular Christian camp for boys is but one unit of many in the large conference grounds operated by The New England Fellowship of Evangelicals for groups of all ages.

The paint shop crews have been painting the exterior window casings and sashes of Dormitory A, and this work is rapidly nearing completion. We have added some new equipment to our painting department to facilitate this important work.

### Band Awards

Annually the members of the Band who are in the graduating class receive band certificates as mementos of their membership in the band. Because of the many fond memories of band trips, drills and rehearsals and the fact that the certificate shows that the holder was a member of America's first school band, organized in 1857, makes the certificates highly prized. Those who received Band Certificates this year are:

Robert O. Cain  
Bruce A. Graham  
Robert A. Kidder  
David A. Pulsifer  
Teyet Ramar II  
Donald E. Richardson  
Alan C. Waldron

### Beacon Articles

Every month we are asked to write a short article for the school paper, the BEACON. As you see, most of the short stories you read in this paper are written by us boys. Once in a while we are asked to write on a given subject, but usually we choose our own topics. So the BEACON will have articles about almost any subject. Some boys like to write and get articles in often, while others are slow about writing. We all like to read our paper, especially if our story is printed.

Loren E. Cain

### Poultry Work

This spring and early summer I worked at the poultry houses until I hurt my leg. We were busy all of the time getting the range ready for the young chicks. The coops we use on the range were repaired, the fencing fixed, and everything set to take care of the young chicks. The best time to work on poultry is in the summer when the range is in use, and there are always boys volunteering for poultry jobs.

Joseph S. Lombardo

### A Control Tower

Every large airport has a control tower, operated by a man who is like a traffic patrolman at a busy street intersection. He sits in a glass enclosed room high above the landing field and can see in every direction. He knows the position and altitude of every plane near the field and signals pilots when to take off and when to land.

Sometimes, at a big airport, a dozen or so big planes await their turn to land. The tower chief "stacks" these planes, each one being a thousand feet above the one below. The planes continually circle the field and await instructions to land. They must keep to their sky lane. A pilot may not change his altitude, nor even his

cruising speed, without first getting permission from the control tower. The planes, of course, keep in constant touch by radio.

Barry R. Fuller

### The Francis Shaw Scholarship

Annually it gives us real satisfaction to announce the name of the pupil, who, by his effort and sincere application to duty, has earned the Francis Shaw Scholarship for the year.

Francis Shaw was a member of our Board of Trustees for 34 years, from 1889 until 1923. He had one wish uppermost in his heart, that of instilling in youth the right principles of wholesome living. The steadfast, stalwart and upright character of every Farm and Trades School boy was his principal concern. In his 34 years on the Board his services were of incalculable value to the School, and although his interests touched every phase of our school life, it was to the farm that he devoted his greater attention.

In 1936, in memory of her father, Miss Miriam Shaw established the Francis Shaw scholarship. It is usually awarded to a member of an upper class, and provides for a considerable part of the expenses for the year. If one could study a biographical sketch of the past winners of this scholarship his heart would be warmed. Certainly this Memorial to Mr. Shaw has paid rich dividends in the development of American youth.

William F. Sonier, Class of 1953, has the honor of being named the Francis Shaw Scholarship winner for this year. We congratulate him for his achievement which he richly deserves.

### The Gutenberg Bible

Johann Gutenberg combined genius, patience, skill and effort in his lifework of

inventing a means of printing from movable type. About 1450 he printed the Holy Bible, and by bringing God's Word to all he opened the door to the great freedoms of democracy—freedom of religion, thought, knowledge, the press and education.

Before his invention of printing the Scriptures were recorded on parchment by monks, who worked for years copying by hand with a quill pen, in order to complete but a single volume. Up to the time of Gutenberg there were very few copies of the complete Bible and those few were available almost exclusively to churchmen only.

When Gutenberg commenced his historic work there was but one translation of the complete Bible. This was the one by St. Jerome, known as the Vulgate Latin translation. Jerome finished this momentous work at the close of the fourth century. Thus a thousand years elapsed before any large segment of the public had access to St. Jerome's translation.

There being no special need for the ability to read up to Gutenberg's time, few outside of churchmen and high state officials ever learned how. Actually there was little or nothing to read. All this changed with Gutenberg's invention. It may well be said that he opened the door of education for all.

Gutenberg printed 225 copies of the Bible. Two volumes were required, each having 641 pages. Every page was hand-ornamented with color and the finished work was truly a masterpiece. A facsimile of this 42-line Bible is on display in our printing office and is a source of much interest to all.

Millions of God-fearing people are comforted daily by the Book, and it is well for us to know something of the history of the first printing of our Holy Bible by Johann Gutenberg.

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CHARLES ALVIN BLATCHFORD, '04, died on June 18, after a protracted illness. At the time of his death he was a patient at the Crile Veterans Hospital. He was 69 years old.

Mr. Blatchford graduated from our School almost a half century ago, and throughout the years maintained a continuing interest in all activities on Thompson's Island, as well as being an active member of the Alumni Association, even though distance made it necessary for him to be a "corresponding participant" in School and Alumni affairs.

He was a retired employee of the River Terminal Railroad. For more than a quarter century he was operator of the company's Cuyahoga river bridge. He has been retired since 1948.

Mr. Blatchford was born in Gloucester and lived for some years in Cambridge, Ohio. He was a member of the Masonic order and of the Detroit Avenue Methodist Church in his home town, Lakewood, Ohio. He was a veteran of World War I.

We of the Alumni Association will miss him greatly, for there was never a project which we sponsored which did not receive his whole-hearted support. We have lost a good and loyal friend.

Our sympathy is expressed to his wife, Mrs. Helen H. Blatchford. We are appreciative of the newspaper account she sent us from the family home at 1520 Cohasset Ave., Lakewood, Ohio, and from which this article is in part taken.

MALCOLM C. WILEY, '50, has written a very interesting letter from "Somewhere in Korea" where he is the Statistical specialist and Security Clerk for his

squadron. He is quartered in a quonset hut, in a restricted area, and tells of the strict security measures taken. He has been in Korea three months and writes that he doesn't mind his tour of duty much—the days pass by without too much boredom and he has only nine months before his Korean service period ends. The air field where he is based is in a mountainous area, well protected. Bombers take off and land almost every minute, and many wounded personnel are cared for temporarily at the field.

He asks about everyday happenings at the School, especially the band, strawberry yield this year, baseball, swimming and other sports. As for milk—how he'd like a pitcher of Guernsey milk from our dairy. He writes that he hasn't had a glass of fresh milk in a long time.

Of course he would like to hear from his schoolmates and other F.T.S. friends. His address is: Malcolm C. Wiley AF 11253740, 1873d AACSS, Mob. Comm. Sq., APO 970, care of Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

We appreciate receiving his fine letter, which of course has already been answered. All of our servicemen receive the Beacon and we correspond regularly with them.

GEORGE H. TANGEN, '51, is in the service, attached to a radar squadron at Phoenix, Arizona. He writes that life goes along pleasantly enough, and that he expects a furlough this fall in which case he will see a football game here. In his group are several Free Chinese and a few French soldiers studying our methods of warfare. His address is George H. Tangen, 2347 W. Tanat St., Phoenix, Arizona.





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### Painting the Silo

During early August the farm instructors decided that it would be necessary to make repairs on the silo and paint it. Mr. Baird, our head farmer, turned this job over to Mr. Dockham, who knew exactly how to do it. Mr. Dockham and a few farm boys got lumber from various sources and first made a staging. This staging was thirty feet high and completely encompassed the silo. There were platforms to work on built at six-foot intervals. One can imagine that it was quite a job to build this staging.

Next we inspected the silo, replacing loose nails and securing some patches which had become loosened. Scraping removed old paint and we were ready to apply the first, or priming, coat of white paint. The priming coat made the silo look much better and to finish the job we applied a second coat. This coat was put on smoothly and carefully.

After the painting was finished came the job of taking down the staging. Then we had our first good look at our job and were proud of our work. The silo certainly looked beautiful as it glistened in the sun.

William H. Dillon

### Dairy Barn Work

Every morning I get up at five and go to the dairy barn. I first sweep out the

mangers and feed the cows grain. I give each cow an amount listed on a chart. Each animal has a ration and the grain is weighed carefully. After the cows are fed I feed the calves skim milk. Nursing buckets are used and the milk is heated to the temperature of a cow's body. Next I milk one of our cows by hand. The other cows are milked by machine, and we have two of them so this doesn't take too long. After the milking is done I feed hay to all the cows and calves. My job is finished when the milking machines and buckets have been properly washed and sterilized.

Loren E. Cain

### Water Fun

This summer we enjoyed swimming very much. We went two or three times every day, and the new swimming raft and diving board which were built two years ago got their longest season's steady use, from May until the present, and the season is still on. Playing water tag is a popular sport and the boys invent many variations for the game. Almost everyone likes diving and this summer many became very good at doing the popular dives and body flips from the board. Crab hunting, which we do when the tide is low, is fun. We use a glass-faced mask to keep the water out of our eyes, and rubber fins on our feet so we can move about easily. The

crabs are captured with a spear, and with good luck a fair-size batch can be caught in this way.

Almost every Saturday and Sunday we went water skiing and aquaplaning. Lin Meacham owns the equipment and uses his speedboat. Some of us thought we were pretty good at this sport so we tried to do it one hand, or no hands, but as far as I know all that happened was a successful spill into the ocean.

As you can see, we all enjoyed swimming and water fun this summer.

Albert K. Ellis

### Printing Office Work

On September 8 I began working each afternoon in the printing office. Our big job is always this paper, the BEACON, and most months it is printed by the tenth. All of the type is hand-set with type kown as Caslon series. We do all the school office printing such as request slips, stationery, boat reports and many other forms. This is very interesting work and I like it very much.

David W. Howard

### My First Impression

When I came here five years ago I already knew that the School was just the place for me because my brother had already been at F. T. S. for six months and I wasn't a stranger to the island. I came with a group of new boys and the first things I noticed were the cows in the pasture and big fields of corn. It wasn't long before we were assigned to rooms and had our bags unpacked. Until dinner we played horseshoes, and after dinner tennis for awhile until Mr. Albee took us on a beach walk. He told us some history of our island and named the nearby islands and pointed out the shipping lanes. We went for a swim at the north end beach. My brother and I stayed close

together that first day and I remember everything very clearly. You can see that my first impression was a good one.

Richard A. Ostrander

### Room Changes

Just before Labor Day we had a room change. This is so that the number of boys in each of the three dormitories will be about equal, and leave most of Dormitory A for the new boys. I was a new boy last year and lived in room 6 in Dormitory A. I have been changed to room 7 in Dormitory C. We have a nice new television set in our dormitory sitting room, and this is a big feature with those in our dormitory.

John E. Lennon

### My Vacation

On my vacation I went to New York with my family. We saw the Statue of Liberty and at the same time saw the Queen Mary leaving the harbor. We went to the top of the Empire State Building which is 102 stories high. We saw "The Band Wagon" at the Radio City Music Hall. We inspected the radio and television studios and saw five shows broadcast. I enjoyed it very much.

James P. LaGrassa

### My Work

Each afternoon at 1:15 I report to the supervisor for work. He is in charge of keeping the grounds cleaned, flower beds attractive, lawns mowed, and seeing that the chapel, gymnasium, locker rooms and many other places are always in neat condition. In fact he has much to do and several boys help him each day. It is a big job. I like this work because it is varied and I learn something new with every job I tackle.

In the summer the flower beds, lawns and hedges take much time. To mow the softball field and the baseball field we

have a gang mower which is tractor pulled and does a fast, smooth job. On the large lawns around the dormitories we use a gasoline powered mower and on the small areas we use hand mowers. We have many hedges and they are trimmed with powerful electric clippers.

We are now getting ready for football and it is a busy time. Our supervisor is also our head coach and has charge of all the athletic equipment. The goal posts have been put up and almost any day now we will be lining the football field, which is an all day job.

The work I do is interesting, and one can learn a lot if he enjoys it.

Teyet Ramar II

#### Kitchen Work

I work in the kitchen and have learned to do many things. I wash pots and pans, sweep and wash the floor and help keep everything neat and clean. I have helped bake and cook and some of the things I've made lately are cake, cookies and pie.

Joseph S. Lombardo

#### Good Conduct

It is best to have good conduct in school for the teachers will like you better and you will learn more. The more you cooperate with the teachers, the more you'll learn. Although the teachers would like you to get all A's, it is all right with them as long as you try hard and pass the work.

Richard Seaver

#### Red Cross Water Safety Awards

For many years our supervisor, Raymond Thomas, has taught the swimming, life saving and water safety courses as set up by the aquatic division of the American Red Cross. Mr. Thomas is an accredited Red Cross instructor in these subjects.

The following received certificates and badges for completion of the designated courses this summer.

##### Beginner Swimmer

Richard B. Pulsifer

##### Intermediate Swimmer

Gerald L. Briggs

James P. LaGrassa

John L. Peterson

Richard Seaver

Harold L. Spurling

##### Swimmer

Bruce Alexander

Daniel W. Dockham

Albert K. Ellis

Barry R. Fuller

William F. James

John E. Lennon

Alexander D. Marinakis

Norman W. Sellevaag

##### Junior Life Saving

Bruce Alexander

Loren E. Cain

Daniel W. Dockham

Albert K. Ellis

Robert Fabello

Barry R. Fuller

John E. Lennon

Norman W. Sellevaag

#### Football Outlook

Football is a wonderful sport and all the boys play on one team or another. The varsity team began practicing when school started. There are 23 boys out for the team and the average weight will be about as last year. We have some of the boys from last years' first team playing, and several from the second team.

We will have a seven game schedule, with five at the school and two away. This year we are going to try to have an unbeaten-untied season like we had last year.

The intra-mural teams have not been chosen yet, but will be very soon.

William F. James

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THOMPSON'S ISLAND BEACON, Vol. 1, No. 1, was published and printed at the School May, 1897. The name of this monthly paper was credited to the President of the Alumni Association, who, according to our records, was John Philips Ackers of the Class of 1890.

John Ackers married Adeline W. Morse of Cambridge in 1899. In 1900 he "went into business for himself, Newspaper Advertising Agent, Globe Building." Mr. Ackers died of typhoid fever Nov. 24, 1902.

The current issue of the BEACON is the 677th consecutive issue and if ever a diary or LOG of happenings was recorded this is it. Not only do we find here a carefully recorded history of events but we can trace the wonderful development of virtually every boy who builds his life from pre-adolescence to young manhood by aid of the great facilities, broad program of interests, and able leadership of men and women at the School selected essentially for their wholesome desire to take part in the responsibilities of "building men."

The first issue of the BEACON had an article on "Our New Band" by Thomas J. Fairbairn, Leader. This lad concisely and enthusiastically described the object and the plan of the "New Band" which consisted of beginners to later replace graduating members of the Regular Band. Other articles by boys indicated their diverse activities. All through these past 56 years the BEACON policy has been to feature boys' articles of 200 to 400 words.

It occurs to us that our readers would be interested in similar stories by our alumni, so, former boys of the School, send in a two to four hundred word article of your present interest and we will see again your name in print in the BEACON. You are in almost every profession, business and industry. Most of you five years or more out of school have married and

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 your own happy families. Many of you have built your own homes. All of you are civic minded and some have political interests. Your travel and your hobbies are extensive. You alumni have seen great strides of progress at your Alma Mater and miraculous scientific advancement all about you. The BEACON asks you to send in an article because you certainly have plenty to write about.

P. S. A Shaw prize for this cannot be awarded but for the first twelve articles received and printed in the BEACON the writers will be given a year's free subscription.

### Topics in Brief

Our Sunday evening church services for the summer term have come to a close. Mr. John Beauregard was in charge of our religious work for the period and accomplished a real service as he worked week after week with our boys.

The boys have had many pleasant hours working on their flower gardens. To many this is a major hobby, and certainly worth while in every respect. The area comprising the individual gardens is always a popular place, and the boys are always proud to show their friends the results of their gardening work. For 65 years prizes have been given annually to those who excelled in flower gardening, the awards being instituted by Mr. Henry S. Grew, a member of the Board of Trustees, and upon his death continued in Mr. Grew's memory by his daughter, Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby.

A major job was accomplished by Mr. Dockham and the farm boys recently when our silo was given necessary repairs and then painted. The silo is approximately 32 by 6 feet, and a complete staging was erected for the painting job. The

silo was built in 1924 and the first cut fodder was put into it on September 4 of that year.

Two boy scout troops from Revere, together with several leaders, held an all-day outing at the School on August 29. Much scouting activity, together with a ball game and swim, gave the visitors a full day of pleasure.

With the beginning of the fall term our summer sports program gradually gave way to football and other fall sports. The summer recreation program has been fine in every way, ample opportunity being given for participation in softball, baseball, tennis, swimming and life saving, and such games as shuffleboard and horse-shoe pitching. The two weeks previous to Labor Day were unseasonably warm and the boys made the most of our ideal swimming facilities. The boys are all good swimmers, and this year most of them advanced in their Red Cross swimming courses, many earning the Junior Life Saving certificates.

Edward Rowe Snow has earned for himself a high place in the field of Boston Harbor history and has in the past few years broadened his scope to include a major share of the United States eastern coast history. Since beginning this life work a quarter of a century ago Mr. Snow has been a constant visitor at our School, seeking historical data and introducing to countless hundreds some of the thrills he receives from searching out all but forgotten historical data.

Some years ago he was the prime force behind the organization of a club named the "Harbor Ramblers." This club holds weekly trips to a different Boston Harbor landmark and there are so many of these points of interest that

it isn't necessary to duplicate a harbor "hike" during the course of a year.

Our dietitian, Mrs. Helen L. Warner, is a member of the Harbor Ramblers and through her efforts the Club held a birthday party for Mr. Snow on our west beach on August 23. Guests of the Ramblers at this party included fifty members of the Appalachian Mountain Club, and our entire school membership. Mr. Snow received a huge birthday cake and there were small individual cakes, decorated by our boys, all of whom had a happy time getting ready for the party and of course, taking part.

Later in the evening Mr. Snow showed several reels of motion pictures which he had taken on his trips of exploration. These were very much enjoyed, especially so because of the interpretations and descriptions given by Mr. Snow.

We have had several beach suppers and lawn picnics during the summer months, all of which have been very pleasant, and very much enjoyed. Weather conditions for all of these events have been ideal and it is hard to imagine lovelier outdoor settings for such picnics than our Thompson's Island campus.

More and more people apparently are becoming interested in amateur boating. For on weekends an endless stream of pleasure craft passes by our wharf. We have derived much pleasure from watching these craft, and especially so the sailboat races which are held almost weekly. Occasionally we are of help, our facilities serving as a haven when engine or other mechanical failure makes it necessary for the boatmen to seek assistance.

The first football game of the season will be at the School on October 3, with Milton Sophomores as the opponents. Football game days are Friends' Days.

### Mailboy

I am the F. T. S. mailboy. I like this job because while working on it I meet many people and learn to be businesslike. I am in town each day from one until five except on Saturday when I go in the morning. First I deliver any packages I may have and then go to the main post office. I have a bag of mail to get on its way and then I pick up the incoming mail from the worker where our post office box is located. I have many errands to do and am on my way to do them, after which I telephone the school office to see if there are other things to be done. When I have everything as completed as I can I return to the boat.

Ralph F. Hopkins

### Honor Roll — Spring Term Best Citizenship

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

#### Junior Class

Ralph A. Hopkins  
David A. Pulsifer  
Teyet Ramar II

#### Sophomore Class

Edward A. Atton  
Robert Fabello  
William H. Dillon  
David W. Howard  
David E. LeVeille  
Richard A. Ostrander

#### Freshman Class

Thomas Angelos  
Gerald L. Briggs  
Loren E. Cain  
Albert K. Ellis  
John E. Lennon  
Howard E. Murphy, II  
Paul E. Parker  
Ralph Schofield  
Carleton G. Skinner  
Arthur A. Sprague  
Harold L. Spurling

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## My First Day in the Laundry

Yesterday was my first day working in the laundry. I learned how to iron shirts and other articles. I haven't learned how to run the machines yet, but I will soon. We have two washing machines, an extractor, flatwork ironer and a dryer. The laundry is a busy place.

S. Newcomb Graham

## Additional Alumni News

DAVID E. LONG, '22, has sent us an unusual notice of a change of address. It is in the form of an attractively printed post card with a photo of the new Long family home at 85-59 Hollis Court Boulevard, Queens Village, New York. Mr. Long formerly taught in the public schools of New York City and is now in business for himself. We hope to see him this fall at one of the football games here, and at our annual alumni banquet.

CECIL A. MORSE, '28, writes from his home at 409 E. Defee Ave., Baytown, Texas, telling us that he enjoys reading the BEACON, and especially so the recent Graduation (July) issue. Mrs. Morse, he writes, has been in Europe this summer studying with the University of Houston

international study group. Three weeks were spent at the University of Paris and the work included visits to twelve European countries and the British Isles.

Mr. Morse has kept up his athletic interests and is a member of the Southwest Football Officials Association as well as statistician for the local high school athletic teams. He has umpired numerous baseball and softball games this summer.

ALAN P. STEWART, '42, served as Maintenance Supervisor at Sandy Island Camp, in Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire, this summer.

In February, 1951, he married a classmate at Fitchburg State Teachers College, where both were members of the graduating class. They have one child, a daughter, Bonny Louise, age nine months.

The Stewarts will soon make their home in Trumbull, Conn., where Mr. Stewart has been engaged to teach Manual Training.

Bruce A. Graham, '53, served as one of Mr. Stewart's helpers at Sandy Island Camp during the summer months. This camp is operated by the Boston Y.M.C.A. and many of our graduates have served on the camp staff during the past fifteen years.

THEODORE L. JONES, '50, visited us on August 27. He is in his sophomore year in the School of Engineering of Northeastern University. As part of the University training he is now at work in the drafting department of the Lewis Shephard Co., of Watertown, and two nights and Saturdays each week he is employed as a meat cutter in a Belmont super market, a part-time job he has held since leaving F. T. S. He enjoys his college activities, especially the gym periods and band experiences. He lives with his grandparents at 128 Hillside Road, Watertown, Massachusetts.

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### Alumni President's Message

When I was informed that each graduate was to receive this issue of the BEACON I was glad to be invited to add my personal greetings to our Alumni membership of nearly 500.

It is a pleasure to read the BEACON each month and note with satisfaction news of everything from the activities of "New Johnnies" to the hopes and aspirations of those in each succeeding graduating class.

Occasional visits to the School bring happy memories, and as time goes on each of us realizes more and more the wonderful advantages we enjoyed as youngsters on Thompson's Island. Our love for our Alma Mater grows richer with each passing year.

I hope to see you all at the coming meetings and activities of our Alumni Association.

ALTON B. BUTLER, '26  
President, Alumni Ass'n.

### Your Secretary's Note

I have long wished that more of our graduates received the BEACON regularly, for in it is a wealth of news of our alumni. In fact a full page in each issue is devoted entirely to news of our graduates and the Alumni Association. Those who receive the paper have first-hand information as to all of the business and social events of the Alumni Association, and it is a fine way to automatically keep in touch with both life at the School and Alumni happenings.

I hope all graduates will plan to see at least one football game at the School this fall, and when plans are completed

for our annual Alumni banquet that all will save that evening for a tip-top dinner and get-to-gether.

WILLIAM C. BURNS, '37  
Secretary, Alumni Ass'n.

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Mrs. George W. Russell. She was the life-long inspiration and counselor of our grand old graduate of the Class of '85, REV. GEORGE W. RUSSELL. Our sincere sympathy is expressed to Mr. Russell, whom we regret to say, is ill at the family home at Fairfax, Vermont. Mr. Russell is the retired pastor of the Baptist church in Fairfax.

WAYNE D. SUITOR, '50, is an enlisted man in the Air Corps and recently sent greetings from the Far East. Although he doesn't say, we believe that he is in Korea, for he notes in his letter that "It has been very quiet since the truce was signed." He asks for news of the football team, and hopes that the boys have a good year, adding that he wishes he were still in school and playing for F. T. S. He'd surely like to hear from his schoolmates and his address is: A-3c Wayne D. Sutor, AF11253658, 607th AC & W Sqdn., APO 970, Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

A clever announcement has been received telling of the arrival of Donna Lee Beck on July 22, 1953. The happy parents, Mrs. and Raymond L. Beck, '36, state that Donna Lee tipped the scales at 5 lbs, 1 ounce. The Becks live at 637 Dudley Street, Dorchester, Mass., and Donna Lee is their first child. Our sincere congratulations!





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### An Entertainment

Recently an announcement was made by Mr. Meacham that we were to have a treat on September 21. We looked forward with pleasure, for we were told that on that night we would have a very special entertainment. We were not disappointed, for the show was one of the best which we have seen.

First on the program was a barber shop quartet, composed of Quincy businessmen. This group had entertained us before, and we knew we would enjoy hearing them again. They sang without accompaniment, the leader sounding the pitch on a pitchpipe. First some humorous songs were sung, and these were followed by ballads. We enjoyed all their songs, but the ones with the solo parts were best, for they got the most applause.

Next on the program was Hugh McGuinnis, a former professional entertainer, and now a restaurant proprietor. He is a comedian and tells stories and jokes, and sings, while all of the time playing a piano accompaniment. The song we liked best was sung in Irish dialect. Mr. McGuinnis entertained longer than he had planned, because we enjoyed him so. He finally said he would sing no more, for he wanted to see the magic show which was to follow.

Malcolm E. Cameron, '19, was next on the program. We knew that he was a very skilled magician, but even so we

were very much surprised and amazed by the wonderful tricks he did. He had everything from rabbits to handkerchiefs appear and disappear before our eyes, and we are still wondering how he fooled us. Some of the boys volunteered to go on the stage, and they became involved in many feats of magic, much fun being had by both them and the audience. The funniest trick was one in which a perfectly good handkerchief kept changing its size, shape and condition. Mr. Cameron was ably assisted by Mrs. Cameron, and their fast moving series of tricks, jokes and stunts, made up a wonderful magic show.

Our alumnus-trustee, Donald S. MacPherson, '17, came with the entertainers and introduced them at the show. We thank him for playing a major part in bringing this entertainment to us. We all enjoyed the show very much.

### Monitor Duties

When I returned from my vacation I was glad to learn that I had been chosen to be a monitor. There are two monitors on each floor of the dormitories. Ralph Hopkins is monitor with me. Our duties principally are to see that the boys are awakened on time, that they are not late for meals, school or work. We see that the boys are in bed at nine. We keep order in the dormitory and help the supervisor all we can.

David A. Pulsifer

### My Summer Vacation

My vacation began on August 1. My father met me and we went to our family physician for a checkup. The doctor told me that I was in perfect health, due to living in the fine surroundings of F. T. S. From there we took a three hour drive to Pittsfield, N. H. where I was to stay for two weeks at Camp Graylag. This camp is operated by Bob Cousy, star of the Boston Celtics. I was met by the councilor of the cabin where I was to stay, who explained the camp program and regulations. I had a little time to roam over the camp grounds with my father. At five-thirty I went to supper with the rest of the boys, and we enjoyed a succulent and delicious meal.

After supper I went to the basketball court where I met Dick Eid, the star freshman member of the University of Massachusetts basketball team, who was being given some pointers by his college coach, Bob Curren. At the same time I met Togo Palazzi, the six foot four Holy Cross star. Ed Conlin and Bob Cousy were also on the court. Ed is the country's second highest rebounder from Fordham University.

During the two weeks I was at camp I was given basketball instruction by the greatest players in the game. We concentrated on basketball, for it was the purpose of the camp to teach this game. In addition we played softball, baseball, tennis, badminton and had wrestling, boxing, riding and swimming.

I met many famous sports celebrities, including Red Auerbach, coach of the Celtics, Joe Sherry, top tennis pro and John Bach, the Fordham coach. These, and others, conducted clinics, which were important and helpful.

It was a wonderful vacation and I will never forget those thrill-packed two weeks.

David E. LeVeille

### A Visit to F. T. S.

My mother and I visited Thompson's Island to see the school. We roamed over the grounds and visited the dormitories, sloyd room, dining room, band ball and other places. Then we went to the office and my mother talked with Mr. Meacham. Finally I was asked my age, school grade, what my hobbies were, and a few other questions. Mr. Meacham said that I could enter the School on that day, July 13.

I must admit that I had a few mishaps during my first days here, but I am getting along all right now.

Richard T. Castonguay

### A Pleasant Day

One day last summer my brother and I visited our relatives. There was a lake nearby and we went fishing. Together we caught eleven fish, which were a mixed reddish white color. We used garden worms for bait. While we were fishing a large cat came along and watched us. We gave the cat a small fish which he ate in a jiffy. We had a fish supper that night, and, although it was very good, there were too many bones in it to suit me.

Walter F. Grignon

### Being Office Boy

My work is that of office boy. I begin after breakfast, when we have medicine line. At this time the boys who are sick, or have hurt themselves, report to the office for medical attention. My job is to help in any way I can, and to put away equipment used.

I see that the office is always neat. I empty the waste baskets, sweep and dust. I deliver messages to the instructors and also the many packages which come to the office. Very often I go to the store-rooms to get supplies for the departments. You may see that most of the time I am very busy being office boy.

Frederick E. Krueger

### My First Day

The first day I came here I thought that the School was a very nice place and I still do. When I stepped from the boat I asked if there were any horses here and was told that there were two. I thought that there would be at least eight, but I found out that the tractors and truck had replaced most of the horses. I like to work with animals and was glad to learn of the cows, heifers, bulls and pigs.

I went up the avenue with my brother, who came to school with me. We first got our suitcases from the truck and went to our rooms. Then we went to the beach where we cooked our supper. It was Labor Day and the outdoor supper was part of the holiday activities. We had frankforts, bacon, rolls, ice cream and other good things to eat. After supper I played a game of horseshoes.

Thomas C. Cronin

### New York Adventure

This summer I had a vacation in Bethlehem, which is near Albany, New York. I helped work on a farm and one day I was given permission to ride a horse. While going across a field we came to a gully and the horse stopped short, while I flew over his head into the gully. Then I started riding again and we came to a river where I fell from the horse. On the next day my ankle began to swell and soon I couldn't walk. It was a whole week before my ankle lost its soreness.

Joel C. Robbins

### My Impressions

When I was told that I was to become a student at The Farm and Trades School I had a few definite impressions which I thought about. The first impression which came to me was that I would be with boys my own age and size. I was surprised to find that the boys were my age, but much

larger and stronger. I thought I wouldn't have a chance to be on an athletic team, but to my satisfaction I learned that there are teams for smaller boys.

Another impression I had was that I would learn one certain thing. But that was wrong, for here we learn how to do many things, all of them practical and valuable to know.

More or less, though, school life here is about as I thought it would be, and I hope that I may accomplish many things.

Steven R. Wellington

### 1953 Football Schedule and Scores

October 3

Milton Sophomores at F. T. S.

Score: F. T. S. 54 Milton Sophs 20

October 10

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Score: F. T. S. 27 Hingham JV 0

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November 14

Malden Vocational at Malden

### Fishing

Before I came to F. T. S. I lived in Englewood, a suburb of Denver, Colo. On my aunt's estate there is a beautiful lake, about a mile in circumference. There is good fishing there, and most of the fish are large mouthed bass and croppies. My father and I fished from a rowboat and caught five bass and two croppies. My father caught a really big bass. On the next day I caught twenty croppies.

George McPeck

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Two young alumni of the Connecticut Junior Republic recently visited us. We enjoyed the opportunity of exchanging information pertaining to our two home schools for boys. Several days later we received a fine letter of appreciation, part of which follows:

Dear Mr. Meacham:

First of all, let me thank you on behalf of Gordon Currier and myself, for permitting us to visit your School, and taking time out to show us around. I was particularly impressed by the well kept grounds, and especially by the attitude of the boys themselves. Honest friendliness is the only way I can think of to describe it.

These two alert young men, ages about eighteen, especially noted the well kept grounds, the attitude of our boys, the honest friendliness of all. These are basic elements of true happiness and successful living of all mankind the world over.

Disorderly homes and surroundings are the prime breeding spots of delinquency and crime, and even communism and wars. The attitude of others toward us and our attitude toward others completely determines, of course, the way of life for each of us. Honest friendliness is indispensable to human life in this tiny spot of the universe called The World.

Children's problems of childhood and youth are intensified by attitudes and behaviour of adults.

We constantly hear the term "Juvenile Delinquency" and the newspapers are ever reminding us of this terrible problem. A recent Boston Herald editorial lauded the proposal of a new "Boys Town" in this area to care for 3,000 boys annually. Removal of the youngsters from their unfortunate surroundings and providing adequate, well organized life programs would be a start in the right direction. To wait until they are in trouble or on the verge of trouble is a questionable procedure. The concentration of 3,000 in one area, as proposed,

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?



would be a tragic attempt to cure delinquency. The problem *can* largely be solved, which reminds us of the statement of an eminent jurist who had severed the knot of wedlock of over 1,600 couples in his court and was asked what advice he would give to prevent divorce. He said, "None, they wouldn't take it if I did."

In the meantime let's continue to justify the observations of the two enthusiastic young men, with pride in our "well kept grounds," glory in "the attitude of the boys," and always be grateful for the "honest friendliness" of our little community.

Our home school has had upward of 4,000 boys enrolled since the year 1814 when its doors were first opened at the corner of Cambridge and Lynde Streets in Boston. The count is 3,317 since Thompson's Island became its home in 1833. More than 60 other schools have been founded either using ours as a model or following along closely similar lines. Band music, printing, wood working and agricultural experiences have all made great strides throughout America since being pioneered by our school.

We are not content to rest on whatever good the past or present has brought forth. We expect our school will provide a happy, well adjusted home life and broad development program to thousands more in the years ahead.

### Topics in Brief

Labor Day was observed as a full holiday, of course, but there were unusual aspects. In the first place we were prepared for a major hurricane, for we had been warned several times that such was on the way. Fortunately the storm veered out to sea and we were spared any difficulty whatever. Secondly, our new students, who were to come in mid-morning, had been notified to report at the Public

Landing at five o'clock, when all danger of the storm would have been passed. This they did, in time to have a holiday meal on the beach, as a part of the observance of the day. This new group, numbering 15, may aptly be called the "Hurricanes."

Classes for the new academic year began on September 8. Kenneth J. Rose will serve as principal, and will teach the mathematics courses, as he did last year. Arthur H. Clark will again head the science department and will also teach some history courses. Miss Jean F. Baird will continue her good work as teacher of the sixth and seventh grades. A new member of the staff, John Burckes, will teach English and History.

The annual outing of the Rotary Club of Boston was held at the School on September 12. More than 200 members of the Club, and their guests, were present. The program for the day was carefully planned by the Committees. Activities for everyone, young and old, took place with the timing such that every event was held as scheduled. The weather cooperated so that the entire program was held out of doors in the lovely setting of our school campus. Mr. Meacham is a past president of the Club and acted as host for the day.

With the beginning of the new school year our band has begun its series of weekly rehearsals under the direction of our bandmaster, Major Frank L. Warren. Year after year our group has achieved high ratings at the school music festivals, and we have every hope that the high records and acclaim which our group has received will be equalled, and possibly bettered, by the 1953-54 F. T. S. Band. Enthusiasm and interest is at a high pitch and nearly every boy is enrolled either in the band or in a beginners' class.

On Monday evening, September 21, we were treated to an excellent entertainment. First on the program were selections by a barber shop quartet from Quincy. The personnel included George Schools, tenor; Robert Cooper, lead; William Childs, baritone, and Alfred Cornell, basso. The concert given by the quartet included many old favorites, all of which we enjoyed tremendously. Following the quartet was a pianist-vocalist, Hugh McGuinnis, who sang comedy songs and entertained with jokes and stories. These men came to us through the efforts of Donald S. MacPherson, '17.

The entertainment was completed by a great magic and humor show staged by Malcolm E. Cameron, '19, assisted by Mrs. Cameron. "Mal" Cameron has earned an enviable reputation as an outstanding entertainer and certainly he gave us a real treat as he performed his numerous magic feats, one after another with remarkable polish. His main wish, it seems to us, is to entertain, rather than mystify, and he certainly does both with the skill that only years of professional appearances can develop.

We thank these entertainers for coming to us with a show which we will long remember.

Charles S. Marvin, editor of the *Island Echoes*, a publication issued by the Long Island Hospital, and Samuel Correnti, of the Hospital's Department of Physical Medicine visited us on September 15. Both were very much impressed with the facilities we have for the education and training of our boys and had a pleasant time visiting and talking with many of the boys and instructors.

In the October issue of *Island Echoes* there is an excellent article by Mr. Marvin telling of the visit. He writes

that our campus reminds one of a miniature Harvard Yard, while the baseball and football fields, encircled by a cinder track, are superior to many of those of much larger schools.

We were glad to meet neighbors Marvin and Correnti and appreciated their accounts of life on Long Island, where is located a modern hospital which has attracted the attention of the medical field for the fine work it is doing.

The football season got away to a good start on October 3, when our boys won over the Milton sophomores 54-20. Parents and friends of the boys, as well as many graduates, were on hand to cheer the team to victory. Even though the score was perhaps a bit one-sided, the boys from Milton put up a good game, and enjoyed their visit to Thompson's Island.

The Quincy radio station, WJDA, carries a running summary of our football games each Saturday afternoon, and our friends can keep tabs on how the games here progress by tuning the station, 1300 on the dial.

### Alaska

On March 30, 1867, our country made a treaty with Russia and we secured Alaska. Andrew Jackson was president and many people thought he was not wise in buying such a barren, far off country. The United States paid \$7,200,000 in gold for Alaska. It was used then by the Russians, whose chief business was trapping animals for furs. The total acreage is vast, 586,400 square miles, and it cost us two cents an acre. Russia had been trying to sell us the land for several years and was secretly happy that we bought it at what they thought was a bargain for them.

Not much attention was paid to Alaska until gold was discovered in 1896.

It is still being mined profitably. The whole area is rich in natural resources. There are vast forests and timber is a major product. Fishing is another major industry, and there are large canneries. Alaskan salmon is famous the world over.

Tin, platinum, antimony, tungsten, copper and gold are mined in Alaska. Hard and soft coal mines are good producers, and there is a growing interest in the oil business. Prospects for the petroleum industry in certain parts of Alaska are bright.

Juneau is the capital and has a population of about 130,000. The land has been a territory since August 24, 1912. It is governed by senators and representatives headed by a governor, appointed by our president. Although it is not a state yet, most people think that it will be before too long.

Alaska has become an interesting land, and many tourists visit there every year.

Henry T. Murphy

### The First Football Practice

On September 1 those who wanted to try out for the football team had the first practice. The locker room was filled with familiar hustle, bustle and noises. The boys were busy hunting for T shirts, pads, and getting into their uniforms.

Soon we were on the field. The laughing and shouting stopped and we got down to work. We had a short calisthenics drill and then we worked on the blocking machine. We were all glad to get at this machine until the first time we hit it, for it seemed to hit us right back. After this we practiced on the dummies, which was better, because there was no resistance from them. We next learned two plays. This finished practice for the first day of 1953 football. Later we went swimming, for it was a hot day.

Robert Fabello

### Learning Football

Last September when I came here I didn't know much about football, because I didn't have a chance to play. I was chosen on one of the club teams and gradually I learned some of the rules of the game and how to play it. This year I am trying out for the varsity and hope I get in to play some of the games. All of us like football, and it is an exciting, rough game.

Bruce Alexander

### Additional Alumni News

EDWARD CAPAUL, '05, was a recent visitor. He is the proprietor of the Swiss Family Laundry at 3-4 Glenwood Place, Roxbury. It has been nearly fifty years since Mr. Capaul graduated, and throughout this period he has kept an active interest in the alumni association, and may always be counted upon to be among those present at all functions.

WILLIAM G. BEADLE, '12, was a visitor October 3. He came as the guest of our bandmaster, Mr. Warren, to attend the band rehearsal and see the football game. Although he did both, much of his time was spent in checking our clarinets and making repairs as needed. Mr. Beadle has for many years been an instrument repairman with the Cundy-Bettoney company. It was fine of him to come to us and assist with our instrument problem.

Mr. Beadle has always been interested in all phases of school life and activities, and particularly so the band. He lives in Randolph, at 219 Grove Street.

DONALD S. DUQUET, '51, graduated from Braintree high school last June, then moved to New Jersey where he worked for a time in a department store. He lately enlisted in the air force and is doing his basic training at Sampson Air Force Base, Geneva, N. Y.

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JOHN E. BETE, '96, we report with sorrow, passed away on September 1. We extend our deepest sympathies to Mrs. Bete, who has written us from the family home at 11 Grant St., Greenfield, Mass.

Mr. Bete spent a lifetime in machine shop work, and was the inventor of a special shoe tree which was promoted by the A. O. Miller Machine Co., of Brockton. He was devoted to his Alma Mater, and always glad to hear news of the School and Alumni Association.

Our sincere sympathies are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde W. Albee, '33, upon the death of their only child, a son George, aged 10, at the Childrens Hospital in Boston on September 9. Funeral services were held in Revere on September 12. Floral tributes were many and beautiful, and included lovely wreaths from Farm and Trades School friends and from the staff of the Museum of Science where Mr. Albee has been employed for many years.

WILLIAM F. ANDERSON, '25 has for many years been employed in the woodworking trade. This year he has been specializing in the construction of kitchen cabinets, a field in which work opportunity is almost unlimited at the present time. He lives at 3 St. John St., Jamaica Plain, Mass. He may always be counted among those present at all alumni activities, and is an occasional visitor to the school during the football seasons.

BERTON E. CADORATH, '47, is a member of a U. S. Marine Corps Band,

and his address is 3rd Marine Division Band, Hdq. Co., Hdq. Bn., care of Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California. He had his boot training at Parris Island, and then became a member of the Post Band at Quantico, Va. In July of this year he was transferred to Camp Pendleton, California, to join the 3rd Marine Division Band and after one week of duty there the band was ordered to Camp Gifu, in Japan, where he is now stationed.

We have received a fine letter from his mother, Mrs. Weita M. Cadorath, who tells us that Bert has written since his arrival in Japan, is fine and getting all the education he can from his travels. We thank Mrs. Cadorath for her good letter. It is always a pleasure to hear from old friends.

IVERS E. WINMILL, '25 is a member of the Longfellow Tambourine Troubadors. This group was featured on the fifth anniversary program of the "Toast of the Town" television hour recently, with Ed Sullivan as master of ceremonies. Fabulous entertainers presented a tremendous show, and the Tambourine Troubadors, strictly an amateur group, more than held their own with the professionals, causing the audience to break out with emphatic applause at the astonishing precision shown.

We are looking forward to a pleasant evening on October 24, when the Annual Banquet of the Alumni Association will be held. As our members are aware, the event will take place at the Eliot Lounge in Boston at 6:30 P. M. We want a banner attendance, and indications are that such will be the case. Come and enjoy a happy reunion with fellow alumni.





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### Hallowe'en

One evening in the year which is reserved strictly for fun and pleasure is that time when Hallowe'en is observed. This year was no exception, and we enjoyed one of the best parties held in years. Many of the instructors acted as leaders, and all the boys took part.

The hall was attractively decorated with corn, pumpkins, lanterns and other accessories so that party atmosphere was immediately created. The decorating committee did a fine job in setting the stage, as it were, for the gala party.

The party began with a buffet supper, prepared and served by our kitchen and dining room staff. Sandwiches, doughnuts, pumpkin pie, cider and other good Hallowe'en foods were enjoyed.

An "amateur hour" entertainment followed. This included many stories, poems, skits and stunts. Nearly all of the boys in the school were called to the stage and all had a great time taking part and enjoying the humor of the show. Some of the instructors helped out in leading songs and stunts, all of which helped to make this part of the party one of pleasure.

Following the entertainment there was a series of contests, games and Hallowe'en stunts. The games were enthusiastically played, and all were planned purely for fun and laughs. The stunts included many of the old favorites

such as bean bag toss, darts, pinning the tail on the donkey and others. In the opinion of most, this part of the party was the big feature. There were plenty of peanuts, apples and candy bars so that the winners of each contest were suitably rewarded.

The party lasted for more than three hours and gave all much fun and pleasure. The happy cooperation of the boys, and the leadership of the instructors, combined to give all of us reason to tuck in our memories another event for pleasant recollections in years to come.

### Thompson's Island

Thompson's Island is located in Dorchester Bay, Boston Harbor. In area it is 157 acres, and its circumference is three miles. It has been the home of the Farm and Trades School since 1832, when the school moved to the island from its Boston location. The entire island is owned and used by the school. There is a big farm, and the first buildings seen on arriving are the white barns. There are many buildings, including dormitories and shop buildings grouped in the center of the island. It is a beautiful island, with lovely lawns and gardens. But who can tell about Thompson's Island in just a short article like this?

Paul Parker

### Harnessing the Horses

We have a team of horses, Blackie and Tom. Although they spend most of their time in the pasture taking life easy, once in a while they are called upon to work. We used to have six or more horses, and have the stalls for that number now, but the tractors do the work quicker and better.

In harnessing a horse the neck pad and collar are first put on. Then the harness itself is placed on the horse's back. The harness is fastened around the collar. The rear part of the harness is adjusted so that the horse's tail lies over the rumpstool. The bridle is next put on. The second horse in the team is harnessed in the same way. The horses are then lined up in the way they are going to pull and the reins clipped to the bridle ring, each outside rein going to its outside ring. The two inside reins are crossed and are clipped on the inside bridle rings.

The team is driven to the farm implement being used and backed up, one on each side of the pole. The neck yoke is fastened and the tugs hitched to the whiffletrees. If the horses have been properly harnessed and hitched they are ready to go to work.

Ralph F. Hopkins

### A Fire

One night after supper Bill James and I were looking out a window watching quite a severe electrical and wind storm. Suddenly we saw what looked like a big ball of fire come out of the sky and land in the north end grove. It looked for a moment like a big torch, and then went out so that we thought the fire was out for good. We went in the sitting room to watch television. Soon Mr. Thomas came in and recruited us to go to north end with buckets. We soon had the fire out, which was in a tree.

Robert W. Wright

### Farm vs. Laundry

I have been working in the laundry and have been changed to the farm. I certainly like working on the farm better.

Each morning I help clean the cow barn, or feed the pigs or bring the vegetables to the kitchen. These are all jobs I like to do. I especially like working with the animals.

In the laundry I had to watch the clock to see that the clothes were in the machines just so many minutes, that they were rinsed just so long. Then everything had to be folded just so, and when we had ironing to do by hand we had to see that the iron was set for the right temperature and didn't burn the clothes.

The farm is the job for me.

Kenneth C. Alexander

### Why Not?

I like to play football, and so do thousands of other boys across the nation. I think all boys should play the game. They wouldn't all be stars, but they would get action, fun and competition from the sport. Every so often some boys say they can't play the game, but that isn't really so. They are just doubtful of their ability, or they are timid or too lazy to play. Anyone can learn football if he wants to. Just try.

Ralph R. Schofield

### The Cow

The cow is a common dairy animal and its principal purpose is to produce milk. It has to be kept clean and comfortable at all times. We have about forty registered Guernseys in our herd, and they are milked by machine. A record is kept of each milking, so that we always know how much milk each cow produces. Visitors always enjoy stopping at our cow barn and seeing the animals, especially the young stock.

Douglas Boyd

### My First Day

It was 10:30 A. M. on Monday, September 7, Labor Day, that my family brought me to the Public Landing to meet the Thompson's Island boat. The boat didn't come, and my mother phoned and found out that hurricane warnings were up, and the PILGRIM wouldn't come until 4:30 P. M. We returned at this time, and I came to the School. At first I didn't think I would like going to school here, but after being here a few weeks I think Thompson's Island is a wonderful place.

James E. Anderson

### Propeller Trouble

One Sunday night when we were going to leave City Point for the Island the propeller on the Pilgrim became disabled. We were towed to our wharf and soon had the boat on the beach. When the tide went out we took the propeller shaft out and took it to a machine shop in Boston. In a few hours it was repaired, and soon the boat was back in service.

Gerald L. Briggs

### Intra-Mural Football

After the varsity squad was picked we chose teams for the intramural league. Barry Fuller and Dan Dockham were elected captains, and they chose their teams naming them Notre Dame and Navy. The teams play one game a week, and the season lasts until Thanksgiving. Last year I was on the winning team, and I hope I will be this year also.

Harold L. Spurling

### Football Thoughts

The football season is more than half over and we have had a good time. We started in really hot weather and the days have grown gradually cooler, which is good because we can play better. Our first game away was with the Milton

Academy second team, which we won 39 to 13. We were treated royally by the academy boys. We are as yet undefeated. We learn new plays for each game, first from a blackboard drill, and then on the field. We have a crowd of loyal rooters who come to every game, and so far have cheered the team to successive wins.

Arthur A. Sprague

### A Hike

Last summer at camp we decided to go on a hike. We went to a reservoir and saw some tracks, but no one could identify them. We hiked along the edge of the reservoir and saw more tracks, and then noticed a kingfisher across the water. We came to a forest ranger's house and from there we could see almost the entire reservoir. We continued our hike and a red fox jumped almost in front of us. Later we saw a chipmunk. On a side road we noticed skins which a snake had shed and a big turtle. It was a good hike.

John W. Cronin

### Poultry

I have been helping out in the poultry department lately. We have two large houses, a brooder house and a laying house. The range is about three acres in size and the young birds are kept there during the summer. We have a number of small coops on the range, and water is piped to a convenient location. The range is changed each year to a new location. This year it is at the northeastern end of the orchard.

Our birds are Rhode Island Reds and we are now getting one thousand eggs a week from them. During a full year the egg production is close to one hundred thousand.

I am interested in poultry farming and like to learn the best ways to keep the pens clean, feeding systems, and how to care for the birds at all times.

Thomas Angelos

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

We propose to write a series of nine articles pertaining to the major features of progress of our school, which we hope will be of interest to the readers of this column and add to the record for future reference. These articles will constitute a sort of word picture or brief enumeration of some of the salient points in our forward march of service to boys and the broad objective of helping make America a better and even happier area of living.

These items will be briefly considered under the headings: The Present—Where Are We? The Past—Where Have We Been? The Future—Where Are We Going?

The Present—Where Are We? It may seem strange to the reader that we start off with a word about "Football." "Surely," you will say, "This cannot be so important." But let us consider for a moment. Football and other seasonal ball sports constitute one of the chief interests of most boys and a large majority of men. Those who participate in these sports are rarely found in anti-social troubles. Good sportsmanship is a prime requisite to fair and honorable dealings with others. Give *every boy* a few years of well coached participation in organized athletics and there will be *no* organized gangs of boys or men terrorizing the neighborhood. Recently the President of one of Boston's great insurance companies said, "I remember, vividly, playing football against the team at Thompson's Island. The harbor boat ride was a novel experience and I will never forget the good sportsmanship we encountered there. I remember one *big* fellow especially—"

Our Varsity team is still winning, not only games for the team, but renown for good sportsmanship at F. T. S. And the intramural games, with *every boy* taking part, are even greater assets to the broad program of living at The Farm and Trades School. The other day we received a



letter from one of our lads in Korea in which he said, "The most important day in my life was that day when I went into my first club (intramural) football game. My parents were amazed and so happy to see me in there. It was really the turning point in my life." This lad might well have become another juvenile delinquent except for the program of living he found here.

The Band ranks very high in this total scheme of living for boys. It has been said, and with great truth, "Teach a boy to blow a horn and he will not later blow a safe." *Every boy* at our school aspires to join the Band. If there is any more important part in the daily life of a boy I have yet to find it! America's First Boys' Band tradition continues to spread its fame by State and New England awards and our Band Alumni are found everywhere in the field of good music, and even more important, as outstanding citizens all over America. (Note: virtually every living graduate of F. T. S. has played in the Band.)

### Topics in Brief

The room in the Main Building, known to the older graduates as the Dining Room, is being redecorated. A modern composition ceiling is being installed, and later the walls will be painted an attractive buff. For more than a century the room served as a dining room, until time brought us the beautiful accommodations we now enjoy in Bowditch House.

Our farm has enjoyed an excellent season, both as to quality and quantity of produce harvested. The potato crop was especially good. We experimented this year by planting Kennebec seed potatoes and were well pleased with the resultant satisfactory yield of potatoes of uniform size and texture.

Our electric light and power supply comes to us from Quincy by way of a submarine cable. Twice this month the power failed, once during the supper period, when we had the novelty of having the meal by candlelight. Another time we had no lights just before the evening meal. Fortunately the trouble was remedied after only relatively brief delays, and was caused by falling trees in North Quincy. Except for the inconvenience caused we incurred no great difficulty.

We are rebuilding the cement walk leading to the wharf, and hope soon to have the job completed. This is a major job being done by our farm boys, who will learn considerable in doing the work.

Football is the reigning sport during the fall months. The school team has met and vanquished four foes and there is one remaining game on the schedule. The intra-mural teams are headed towards the end of their weekly games also, with Yale, captained by Barry Fuller having the edge over Notre Dame, led by Daniel Dockham.

William Lane, a student at Gordon Seminary, spoke at our two Sunday services on October 18, at the invitation of our minister, John Bartram, also a student at Gordon. Mr. Lane gave a fine message to our group and we thank him for coming to us.

The combined sophomore and junior classes entertained us at our weekly Monday assembly October 19 with a musical play based upon some of the scenes from "Pinafore." The boys did a fine job and we enjoyed their performance very much. The songs, some of them parodies, were especially good.

The freshman class presented a one act play, using Thanksgiving as a theme on October 26. Considerable humor and clever costumes helped to make the play a success. The entire class had a part in the entertainment.

The month ended with our annual Hallowe'en party, held as usual in the gymnasium. The boys had a great time enjoying the traditional Hallowe'en games, stunts and refreshments.

### 1953 Football Schedule and Scores

October 3

Milton Sophomores at F. T. S.

Score: F. T. S. 54 Milton Sops 20

October 10

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

Score: F. T. S. 27 Hingham JV 0

October 24

Milton Academy 2nds at Milton

Score: F. T. S. 39 Milton Academy 2nds 13

October 31

Braintree Frosh at F. T. S.

Score: F. T. S. 35 Braintree Frosh 0

November 14

Malden Vocational at Malden

### My Vacation

I had a good time on my vacation. I went to Ocean Park, Maine, where my family rented the "Sunny Brook" Cottage. This was small, but we had enough room. Ocean Park is about a mile from Old Orchard Beach, and we went there for an outing. There are all kinds of amusements at the beach, as "Dodger" and "Coaster" rides. We lived near enough to the ocean so we could go in swimming any time we wished.

Richard B. Pulsifer

### Football

Football here is the most important of all sports, and liked better than the others by more boys. It is a lot of fun,

and also a lot of work. I like playing very much, in fact much more than last year. This is because I have the experience and know why I am asked to do some things which I used to think unimportant. We have a good schedule, and have won our first two games. We all hope to end the season with a good record.

Norman W. Sellevaag

### Football Practice

This is my first year playing varsity football and our coach is teaching me to center. We begin our practice by a calisthenics drill and then have tackling and blocking practice. After this is over the first and second teams run through a set of plays.

We practice every day, and if it should rain, we have blackboard drill.

Alexander D. Marinakis

### Camp Dorchester

Last summer I worked at Camp Dorchester as a kitchen boy. There were 180 boys in camp. My work was mostly setting tables for meals. After work I went fishing most of the time. Once in a while I went with the nature counselor hunting for snakes, foxes and rabbits. I had a good time at Camp Dorchester.

Edward M. Walker

### Our Alma Mater

Every article and item in the September Beacon was very interesting, dealing as they did in our kind of human relationship.

In addition to making life-long friendships while studying, working and playing at the School every boy is gaining some of the polish he will require all through life in dealing in human relationships. Perhaps a large part of the advantage that college graduates have over nongraduates is their ability to get along well with others. To learn now how to get

along well with instructors, boys, and all others, is the chance of every F. T. S. boy for happy and successful living now and in later life. The BEACON speaks to us all of this kind of development.

Good conversation is the finest sport in life. Every well planned recitation is important practice in the good conversation of human relations; practice that leave its mark of tact and pleasant co-operation. Every task well done will leave its mark of practice in successful living especially on one trying to "play the man." Every sport well played marks the player as a sportsman. Good conversation is partly short story telling and writing, and our BEACON speaks well to us of our School.

William F. Anderson '25

### Additional Alumni News

EUGENE PROCTOR, '38, is a master sergeant in the Air Force, and is now in his seventh year of service in Japan as a Radio Operations Supervisor. Happily Mrs. Proctor is with him, which makes life at least endurable, but both are looking forward to their return home within six months. Sergeant Proctor has requested assignment here in the Northeast, and he feels that he will be relocated by early summer.

Some facts included in a recent letter are of interest. The greatest concern has been in helping the Japanese recover from terrific disasters caused by floods and typhoons, which made thousands homeless. Drowning, starving, disease and freezing caused almost unbelievable suffering. Travel is difficult by automobile, and it takes about an hour to cover 15 miles on an average trip. In his locality for every two pleasant days there are five days of rain. These, and many other statements made his letter of unusual interest.

The Proctors would be glad to hear

from F. T. S. friends. Their address is: M-Sgt. Eugene Proctor, AF20115596, 1809th AACSGP, APO 710, c-o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

STEPHEN J. ZEVIAS, '47, has written from Korea, where he is a member of an army band. He is having what he terms a "wonderful experience" and is enjoying his band work. While crossing the Pacific he spotted a schoolmate, JOHN S. HIGGINS, '48, and both had many get-togethers aboard ship. Upon arrival in Japan he lost track of Higgins, for there were 3,000 men making the trip. Zevitas was soon sent to Korea, where he spent many weeks before his turn came for a few days leave, which he spent in Yokohama, Japan. While there he was snapping photos of a Communist parade when he was grasped by the arm. He turned to stare into the face of EDWARD H. STROM, '50, who is an army meat inspector in Yokohama. It was not long before both were having a tremendous reunion. They drank a toast to Jimmy Thomas and were photographed, the photo now being a prize possession of Jimmy's parents.

Why not write a note to Sergeant Zevitas, and the other grads in the armed forces. Addresses are listed monthly on this page and the boys would be pleased beyond words to hear from you. Zevitas can be reached at 40th Inf. Div. Band, APO 6, care of Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

We note in a recent issue of the Boston Herald a photograph of Ramsey C. Allen, Class of 1930. He was one of the sponsors of a testimonial dinner to Thomas Parker, a leader in Boston boating circles for many years. Mr. Allen heads the R. C. Allen Co. The main showroom of the concern is in Boston, at the corner of Federal and Purchase Streets.

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Joyce Easter Meacham, '46, the only living woman eligible to be rated as an alumna of The Farm and Trades School, had several distinctive honors during her enrollment here. She entered the sixth grade at The Farm and Trades School with a group of boys all of whom were a year and a half older. In her first year in this boys' class Jo ranked highest in effort. Her academic average and mark in English ranked second to Carl Irving, being in the high B's. Two other high ranking classmates that year were Robert Smith and Stephen Zevitas.

In her second year three other high ranking lads entered the class, and, although Jo's average and effort continued high, Lawrence Cable rated first place in academic honors, closely followed by Bruce Haeger. Donald DeWolf was a close fourth. During that year Jo rated second in the Printing Office trade course, became a regular member of the Band and was active in tennis, swimming and dramatics.

After two years of enrollment at The Farm and Trades School Jo transferred to Dana Hall to complete her preparation for college. Her work at F. T. S. proved valuable at her new school where she continued to be one of the youngest but sufficiently high academically to rate admission to Middlebury College in the fall of 1949. At Dana Jo was especially popular among the girls and faculty. She was active in many extra-curricular affairs and was awarded a special prize for being the most friendly and most helpful girl in the Senior Class.

At college Jo continued in her special interests, majoring in English, playing

tennis, skiing a bit, active in her Sorority, Variety Show, and in her senior year Managing Editor of the Kaleidoscope. Jo graduated from Middlebury in June, 1953.

Jo's special interest is in the field of writing and believes that an advertising organization or department is a logical approach to that goal. After considering several offers from book companies, publishers and other business concerns in New York and Boston she decided to go with Boston's Jordan-Marsh Co. She is in their Executive Training Course and at the present time is Assistant Editor of the store publication.

This article is rather long but we thought our readers might be interested to know what is happening in the life of the only living girl Alumna of F. T. S. and the only girl ever to have played in America's First Boys' Band, the F. T. S. Band.

Among the many graduates who have visited us during the football season is JAMES PATTERSON, '43. He is a salesman for a leading maker of cellophane tape products. His home is at 78 Seminole Street, Mattapan, Mass.

WESTON O. PAGE, '38 is a teacher coach at Stevens High School, Claremont, N. H. He and Mrs. Page live a busy life, being associated with the many functions of community life in which a teacher is called to serve, and caring for their three fine sons. Jeffrey arrived two months ago, while Jimmy is headed toward his second birthday and Bobby his fourth. The Pages live at 37 Grove Street, Claremont, New Hampshire.





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### Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 26, dawned fair and clear, after a period of very heavy rain. The big event of the day, the Harvard-Yale football game, had to be cancelled because of the rain-soaked gridiron. However, the Army-Navy game between the younger boys was played because this was a six-man game and could be played on a small area. One of the lawns near the dormitories was utilized for the game. Tom Cronin captained the winning team, Navy, while Harold Spurling led the losers, Army.

At noon came the Thanksgiving feast. This was truly a wonderful meal, and preceding it Mr. Meacham gave a few brief remarks relating to the serious purpose of the holiday. On the Sunday before Thanksgiving our church services were devoted to the Thanksgiving theme, so that the religious significance of the season was brought home to our boys. The feast, which has become the symbol of our national Thanksgiving, was of course centered about huge turkeys, roasted to a golden brown.

The afternoon was pleasant, and most of the boys used the time to further their interest in hobbies, or hiking around the beach. A top-notch football game was being televised from Utah which claimed the attention of many.

In the evening we had a fine movie show, featuring the most important baseball world series games which were attended by our presidents. Woodrow Wilson, Warren Harding, Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover, Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman were pictured throwing out the baseball to begin each classic and then the outstanding plays of each series were shown. The boys were much interested in this film, which taught history in a clever fashion.

The holiday was very much enjoyed, and each of us had full reason to pause and reflect on the wonderment of God's goodness to us.

### Museum of Science

Saturday, the 14th of November, the sixth grade went to the Museum of Science. Our teacher, Miss Baird, got permission from Mr. Meacham for the trip and our kitchen instructors packed a nice lunch for us.

As we were changing cars in the subway we saw the basement store of Jordan Marsh. We bought some apples at a subway stand that were big and juicy. We each ate ours as we walked from North Station to Science Park.

For some time we went through the museum working most of the exhibits ourselves. Later we went to see Mercury

cross the sun. The telescope was set up by the bank of the Charles River. About an hour later we returned to see it again. The lecturer said that it had traveled across the sun about half a million miles. We did not look through the telescope, but watched the reflection on a large square of white board.

We had a very interesting visit to Science Park and thank Miss Baird for taking us. We certainly enjoyed the day very much.

Walter E. Grignon

### Thank God

Thank God for America,  
Our land so dear,  
Where people may worship  
Without any fear.

Thank God for our Flag,  
A symbol so grand;  
We'll always be proud of it,  
As it floats o'er the land.

Robert H. Grignon

### Stunts

At our Hallowe'en party most of us were in the show. I was a ventriloquist's dummy, while Richard Pulsifer was the ventriloquist. Afterwards there were some stunts for us to do, They were:

1. Pin the Cat's Tail
2. Nail Driving Contest
3. Ring Toss
4. Dart Throw
5. Ball Can Game

We all enjoyed the stunts, and left the party with our pockets filled with candy bars, apples, and peanuts.

Malcolm E. Cameron, Jr.

### Varsity Football

The 1953 football team had a good season, winning four out of five games. Many of the boys were mentioned now and then in the sport sections of the Boston newspapers for their excellent

playing. In another column will be found the schedule and scores. The team was captained by William H. Dillion.

#### First Team Roster

Teyet Ramar, re, Waltham  
Paul E. Parker, rt, Franklin  
Robert Fabello, rg, Marlboro  
S. Newcomb Graham, c, Quincy  
Loren E. Cain, lg, Brockton  
Norman W. Sellevaag, lt, Stanton, Mich.  
David E. LeVeille, le, Franklin, N. H.  
Capt. William H. Dillon, qb, Cambridge  
Ralph R. Schofield, rhb, Burlington  
Robert W. Wright, lhb, Burlington  
William F. James, fb, Chelsea

#### Second Team Roster

Larry E. Garside, re, Boston  
Kenneth C. Alexander, rt, Woburn  
Bruce Alexander, rg, Cambridge  
Edward M. Walker, c, Boston  
Stanton H. Pearson, lg, Dorchester  
Alexander D. Marinakis, lt, Boston  
John E. Lennon, le, Boston  
Ralph F. Hopkins qb, Malden  
Donald W. Sheehan, rhb, Dorchester  
Arthur A. Sprague, lhb, Walpole  
Richard A. Ostrander, fb, Dorchester

### Football Summary

Practice began just before Labor Day, and it was hard for the team, because the days were very hot. But the weather cooled off and we were ready for the first game with Milton Sophomores which we won. We took each game in stride, and won all but the last with Malden Vocational. I think our best game was with the Milton Academy second team. The academy had a good heavy team. I remember one of their players was six foot six.

For the squad I want to thank our coach, Mr. Thomas, who worked hard with us day after day and week after week. Also the assistant coaches, Mr. Rose and Mr. Burckes.

William H. Dillon, Cap't.

### A Pleasant Afternoon

My brother and I are twins, and we came here in September. On a football game day my grandmother and my aunt came to see us. We received some nice presents, including some puzzles and spyglasses. We watched the football game for a while, and then we went to the dormitory. While my grandmother rested, we went to the barn and saw the cows. Afterwards my brother and I played some pieces on our clarinets.

Donald J. Oke

### Visiting Day

I came here in September, and before long we had our first football game, which was also the first visiting day since I was here. I was at the wharf when the boat arrived, but my parents weren't on the boat. I looked towards City Point and saw another boat coming. My friends were on this boat. I was glad to see them.

We first went to the dormitory where I showed them my room. Then we went to the football game and had some refreshments. My brother wanted to see the cows and my flower garden so we went on a hike. After visiting some of the other places we returned to my room where we stayed until it was time for the boat to take the friends back to City Point.

Donald E. Robicheau

### Honor Roll — Fall Term

The highest academic averages in each class group

#### Junior Class

Ralph A. Hopkins

Teyet Ramar II

#### Sophomore Class

William H. Dillon

Richard A. Ostrander

#### Freshman Class

Richard T. Castonguay

Steven R. Wellington

#### Eighth Grade Division A

Larry E. Garside

Stanton H. Pearson

#### Eighth Grade Division B

Howard E. Murphy, II

Kenneth Alexander

#### Seventh Grade

Robert H. Grignon

Malcolm E. Cameron, Jr.

#### Sixth Grade

Walter E. Grignon, Jr.

George D. McPeck

### Best Citizenship

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

#### Junior Class

Ralph F. Hopkins

#### Sophomore Class

Edward A. Atton

William H. Dillon

Robert Fabello

David W. Howard

David E. LeVeille

Richard A. Ostrander

Norman W. Sellevaag

#### Freshman Class

Gerald L. Briggs

Loren E. Cain

Albert K. Ellis

John E. Lennon

Paul E. Parker

Carleton G. Skinner

Arthur A. Sprague

Steven R. Wellington

#### Eighth Grade Division A

Thomas C. Cronin

Roy W. Ganong

Alexander D. Marinakis

Edward M. Walker

#### Eighth Grade Division B

Howard E. Murphy, II

Ralph R. Schofield

#### Seventh Grade

Robert H. Grignon

Donald E. Robicheau

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#### Sixth Grade

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The second in a series of articles about the progress of the School attempts to outline briefly some of the current doings of this 139-year-old home school for boys, under the heading *The Present—Where Are We?*

The basic program of most schools is considered to be the courses of study from books, the academic, theoretical, studies pertaining to social knowledge, but has little or no practical experiences in the best ways to do things. Class room studies are highly important to our American way of life and we emphasize these studies here in order that every boy may acquire under expert guidance and leadership the maximum of his capacity in the vast store of available knowledge from the sixth grade through three years of high school. Through our staff of trained and experienced teachers every boy has available to him a broad and diversified program of studies in the social and physical sciences and mathematics. Never in the history of this school has there been a more complete and well rounded academic program preparing for college or general study, nor a more competent staff of teachers.

Acquiring practical knowledge of nature, methods and uses of living plants and animals from seed to harvest and through the multiple processes to food on the table is indispensable but all too often neglected in the great maze of urban life. The "know-how" of the many every-day trades cannot possibly be encountered by youngsters in most traditional schools. The responsibilities of production in the many phases of home and community living are denied to most boys, but here *taking responsibility* is the key-note of our success. Did you ever notice (or perhaps you remember your own youthful experiences) how proud a child is of his own ability to set a table, bake a cake, iron a

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?



shirt, trim a hedge, paint a wall, seed a lawn, milk a cow, drive a tractor, or go to the store and do the family shopping? These and literally thousands of other responsibilities requiring expert training are taken every day by our ten-to-seventeen-year-old-lads. Is it any wonder that our alumni are such outstanding citizens?

Recently our staff and boys laid a thousand feet of six-inch water main. Among the many maintenance jobs we are currently doing are wharf repairs involving about a thousand feet of supporting timbers and surface lumber and rather extensive cement work on the same, installing a new ceiling in a room 35 by 48 feet, re-glazing and painting the exterior trim of our main building. The list is far too long to enumerate in this article. Will these boys ever forget these vital experiences? Maybe the ripple of this great work will not spread far across our own bit of the Atlantic Ocean but America and the World will be that much better because of our efforts.

### Topics in Brief

The BEACON wishes its readers a Merry Christmass and a Happy New Year. May 1954 bring to all a bountiful supply of God's blessings.

Thanksgiving is always a joyful season here, and our boys are led, without formality, to a keen realization as to the full meaning of the day. Our Thanksgiving sermon was preached by Mr. William Lane on the Sunday preceding the holiday. Mr. Lane explained the Christian view of Thanksgiving Day, and how grateful we should be for God's marvelous gifts. We are confident that the real significance of the holiday is fully understood by even our youngest boys.

More about the wonderful feast and other holiday activities will be found in another column.

The sixth and seventh graders combined to present a program at our November 16 assembly. It was rather a pretentious entertainment for the smaller boys, and extremely well done. Several of the boys gave a short play, and there was a magic exhibition followed by several musical selections.

Our Sunday church services are being conducted again this year by Mr. John Bartram. Sunday school is held in the morning, and a formal service in the evening. Mr. Bartram has many of the boys assist him with the services. A Sunday afternoon Bible club is held, and this group also meets during the week under the leadership and encouragement of our staff members, Mr. and Mrs. Dockham.

Our band has been making steady progress this month, and we look forward to another fine year for the group. Our bandmaster, Mr. Warren, has been conducting weekly rehearsals and several rather difficult selections have been mastered. Most of the boys are studying instrumental music, and we hope that in another month or two some of the beginners may be proficient enough to join the group. Our Band has always been an important part of our school life, and year after year the boys earn high honors for their musical ability.

Our boat crew has completed the construction of a 12-foot tender for the PILGRIM III. The boat is made from marine plywood, and is painted a glistening white. It will replace the old tender, which has been in use for many years.

The boys in the sixth grade, accompanied by their teacher, Miss Jean F. Baird, visited the Museum of Science on November 14. As might be expected, the trip was most worth while and the boys enjoyed it very much. Our alumnus, Clyde W. Albee, '33, chief carpenter at Science Park, met the group and did much to make the trip a success.

The eighth graders gave an entertainment at our weekly assembly on November 9, in the form of a play burlesquing a day at school. There were many comical lines and jokes, and humorous costuming added to the fun. Ten of the class members took part.

The boys are enjoying the series of weekly moving picture shows which take place on Saturdays. The pictures have all been good, and some excellent. Our films are for the most part the product of 20th Century Fox, selected for recreational use in schools. Travelogues, sports or cartoons are usually shown, along with a major feature film, so that the boys get a well balanced program. Occasionally pictures are shown strictly for their educational value, and there are many such fine films available for our use.

David A. Pulsifer, one of our juniors, played two baritone horn solos on the Christian Endeavor program broadcast over WHDH on November 22. Later he did more solo work at his church, the Green Street Baptist Church, in Melrose. His sister, played the pipe organ accompaniments. A chancel light was dedicated in memory of Alan Pulsifer, father of the young musicians, at the church service.

The pens in the laying house at our poultry plant have been given their customary annual vigorous cleaning and the Rhode Island Red birds have been

moved indoors from the outdoor range where they have been during the summer months. Many of the boys helped with this work, and they have learned the necessity of absolute cleanliness in the poultry houses. The precautions taken in this regard have helped us maintain a healthy, well laying, vigorous poultry flock over the years.

The Fall term ended on November 25, and was preceded by a week of examinations. The Thanksgiving recess extended until November 30.

The football season for the school team ended on November 14, when our boys lost to Malden Vocational 12-6, at Malden. This was a close game to the very end, and our boys lost several opportunities. The season resulted in four wins and one loss for our team, and all of the games had a predominant factor,—good sportsmanship.

### 1953 Football Schedule and Scores

October 3

Milton Sophomores at F. T. S.

Score: F. T. S. 54 Milton Sophs 20

October 10

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

Score: F. T. S. 27 Hingham JV 0

October 24

Milton Academy 2nds at Milton

Score: F. T. S. 39 Milton Academy 2nds 13

October 31

Braintree Frosh at F. T. S.

Score: F. T. S. 35 Braintree Frosh 0

November 14

Malden Vocational at Malden

Score: F. T. S. 6 Malden Voc. 12

### Grew Garden Prizes

In order to encourage the boys in flower gardening, prizes for excellence in this work were instituted sixty-four years ago by Mr. Henry S. Grew, a trustee, and

have been given annually. Since the death of Mr. Grew his daughter, Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby, has given the prizes.

Those who were awarded the prizes this year were:

1. Harold L. Spurling
2. Alexander D. Marinakis
3. Edward A. Atton
4. Albert E. Ellis
5. Carleton G. Skinner
6. John L. Peterson
7. David E. LeVeille
8. Stanton H. Pearson

### Vacation

Last summer I spent my vacation at a camp. I was there for six weeks and enjoyed it very much. Once we went on a mystery hike and I told a wierd story. We acquired some pets at camp such as a pigeon, some snakes and two rabbits. I liked archery and nature study best of all the activities.

Roy W. Ganong

### Hallowe'en

On the evening of October 31, which was Hallowe'en, we had quite a time. It began at six o'clock when we had supper in the gymnasium. There were three kinds of sandwiches, cider and pie. After supper we had a show in which almost all the boys had a part. Lin Meacham had a skit which we acted with him. It was called "The Lion Hunt." After this there were games and contests and the winners got prizes of peanuts and candy bars. We all had a good time.

Robert H. Grignon

### Additional Alumni News

GEORGE J. ZEVITAS, '42, visited us recently. He is a baker, and plans to open his own business when time is opportune. He lives in Roxbury, at 2 Hewes Street.

MALCOLM C. WILEY, '50, writes from Pusan, Korea, to say that through the last issue of the BEACON Wayne D. Suitor, '50, has contacted him and they hope to soon have a real get-together. Other mail has been received through the BEACON article, and we hope that our readers who can, will continue to write our men in the service, particularly those on overseas duty. He writes that the weather is footballish in Korea, and he is thus reminded of the great days he had on the Thompson's Island gridiron. He wishes the team well. His address is Malcolm C. Wiley, AF 11253740, 1873d AACS, Mob. Comm. Sq., APO 970, care of the Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

LAWRENCE J. McMANUS writes that he is a radar operator and is stationed at a small island north of Japan. He adds that he will be in the far East, as far as he knows, for 24 months. He writes that his training here has helped him a great deal in his service career, and that he misses the band rehearsals at the School very much. His address is: A-3c Lawrence J. McManus, AF12432256, 511th AC&W GP, Det. 7, APO 309-1, care of Postmaster S. F. C2 LiF.

A recent item in the Boston Post tells of a gift from FAY S. BLOOD, a former pupil, of an autograph book containing the signatures of the greats and near greats of the 101st Infantry down through the years. The book was received with appreciation by the Yankee Division Memorial Club.

Mr. Blood will be remembered as an entertainer in his younger days and performed under the stage name of the "Wyoming Yodeler." He now lives at 35 Daisy Avenue, Long Beach, California.

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IVERS E. WINMILL, '23, we note in a recent issue of the Boston press, was one of seven Boston policemen promoted to sergeants. For many years Sergeant Winmill was traffic officer at the Houghton Dutton corner in Boston, and in recent years has been attached to station 8, being at the desk at the Boston Harbor station. We are happy that recognition given Mr. Winmill for his many years of outstanding service has resulted in this promotion on November 26, and we extend congratulations.

A. WALLACE FITT, '47, has been in the U. S. Army since March 1952. He is now in Korea and expects to be stationed there for another year. He was married in June, 1952, and now has a infant son, William Arthur Fitt, of whom he is very proud.

He took his basic training at Fort Dix and was sent by boat to Japan from New York. The trip through the Panama Canal, and the stopover at Hawaii were wonderful experiences. Once in Japan the men were given special courses so that they would be familiar with the Korean people and customs. Upon completion of these courses Wally was sent to the Island of Kajou. Here he hires about 35 men per day to work as laborers for the Army.

Needless to say he would rather be home with his wife and baby son, but is taking full advantage of the opportunity to see the Orient. He would very much like to hear from his schoolmates and his address is: Pvt. Arthur Wallace Fitt, Jr., I. S. 21311551, Hq. & Hq. Co. 226th O. B. D. APO 59, care of Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

W. MARSHALL HALL, '27, has earned a fine reputation as a musician, and is currently a member of some of Boston's top musical groups. He plays both baritone and trombone, and directs a National Guard band. He is married, has one son, Kenneth, a pupil at Medford High School. The Halls live at 72 Webster St., Medford, Mass.

THEODORE L. VITTY, '29 attended Wakefield High School and Bangor Theological Seminary. Later he entered the insurance business. He has maintained a deep interest in his Alma Mater through the years, and we were happy to meet him at the recent Alumni dinner. He is District Manager of the Universal C. I. T. Credit Corporation with offices at 14 Central Avenue, Lynn, Mass.

ALAN C. WALDRON, '53, writes of his summer vacation experience in Ohio, and New Brunswick. He is doing well in high school, in Dexter, Michigan, and is a junior. Dexter is a small town, and the high school has pupils from surrounding towns so that the total school enrollment is large enough to permit music, athletic and recreational clubs. He is enjoying his new school life. His address is 3321 E St., Dexter, Michigan.

KENNETH E. KEARNS, '24, and Mrs. Kearns have recently returned from a vacation trip to Europe and the British Isles. Mr. Kearns is in the advertising business, and one of his major projects is the directing of the annual Chevrolet soap box derbies. The Kearns home is at 54<sup>th</sup> Maple Street, Manchester, N. H.





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### The Christmas Concert

The annual Christmas Concert given on December 20 was centered about the play "It Was Written in the Star," by Esther Phelps-Jones. The cast was composed of five of the older boys, who gave a sincere and dramatic characterization of this timely, beautiful religious play. Essentially, the theme of the drama was based upon the concerted beliefs of the three kings of the Nativity scene, that of the promise of hope for life everlasting. The stage setting and costuming was done beautifully, and the entire presentation a tribute to the cast and their teacher, Mr. Rose.

Music for the concert was provided by a choir of thirteen of the younger boys, who gave a superior and lovely rendition of two Christmas anthems. Congregational singing of beloved Christmas hymns was an important part of the concert.

Our minister, Mr. Bartram, gave the invocation and prayer, and read the Biblical text upon which the Christmas play was based.

All of those taking part in the service did an outstanding piece of work and richly deserved the congratulations they received.

The program was as follows:

#### PROGRAM

Hymn 407—O Come All Ye Faithful  
Congregation

Invocation and Lord's Prayer  
Mr. Bartram

Hymn 409—The First Noel  
Congregation

Scripture Reading  
Mr. Bartram

Selection—We Three Kings  
Choir

Christmas Play—  
It Was Written In The Star

Selection—Away In A Manger  
Choir

Hymn 217—Joy To The World  
Congregation

Benediction  
Mr. Bartram

#### "IT WAS WRITTEN IN THE STAR"

A Christmas Play by Esther Phelps-Jones  
Time—An evening almost two thousand years ago  
Place—The housetop of Balthasar's Palace

#### THE CAST

Balthasar	Norman W. Sellevaag
Melchoir	Robert Fabello
Gaspard	David E. LeVeille
Sofiamor	William H. Dillon
Sikrut	Ralph F. Hopkins

## CHOIR MEMBERS

Malcolm E. Cameron, Jr.	George D. McPeck
John W. Cronin	Donald J. Oke
Thomas C. Cronin	Ronald A. Oke
John A. Fritz	Donald E. Robicheau
Robert H. Grignon	Richard Seaver
Walter E. Grignon, Jr.	Harold L. Spurling
Steven R. Wellington	

## Lunch at Science Park

Last Saturday, November 14, our grade went to the Boston Museum of Science. We brought our lunch with us, and at noontime we gathered near the Museum's Charles River dock. Here there were comfortable benches and we ate the nice sandwiches which had been made for us by our kitchen instructors. It was such fun! When we heard three honks of a horn we knew it was Mr. Clyde Albee, for he had arranged to drive us to City Point so we could get the one o'clock boat.

We had a very interesting time at Science Park.

Joel C. Robbins

## Our Savior

The night was clear  
The stars were bright;  
Our Savior dear  
Was born that night.

Born that night  
A King was he;  
The shepherds came  
On bended knee.

They heard the angels  
Sing their song;  
They know that night  
The Savior was born.

In a manger  
Born a King;  
Still the blessed  
Angels sing.

Walter E. Grignon, Jr.

## Christmas Day Events

At ten o'clock the boys went to Chapel to meet Santa. We were surprised to discover that he was Fred Harding. Over 500 presents were given out in about an hour. Jimmy Thomas spent his second Christmas in Chapel with the boys and he had an exciting time.

At twelve o'clock we went to dinner and were pleased to see that the tables were decorated with tall white candles and holly around each candlestick. We had a fine roast pork dinner.

In the evening we had a movie, "Robin Hood" in technicolor. It was very exciting. The color was brilliant, and the acting very good. The movie ended a very happy day.

George D. McPeck

## Carol Singing

On Dec. 23 twenty-two of the boys went caroling. Those who sang were choir boys, and those who had parts in the Christmas play. We began at 7:30 by singing for the instructors in the Main Building. Then we went to Bowditch House and sang there. The next stop was the flagpole where we sang another group of songs. We finished at Dormitory A. Then we sang over the public address system, and we had the songs recorded so that on the next day we could hear how we sounded.

After we finished singing we went to Bowditch House, where Mrs. Warner had delicious refreshments of cocoa, sandwiches and pop corn for us.

Malcolm E. Cameron, Jr.

## Our Assembly Program

Our class gave the assembly program recently. We had all parts of it well rehearsed and there wasn't a slip anywhere in the show. Joel Robbins was the announcer. Most of us were in costume.

First on the program was the reading of twenty proverbs incompletely and asking the audience to finish them. Then four of the boys gave a short play based on proverbs. The Oke boys next played a clarinet duet. Malcolm Cameron then did some magic tricks, and did them very well, too. After this there was a clarinet sextet which played the Star Lullaby.

The final piece on the program was a drum and trumpet piece played by Robert Grignon, Malcolm Cameron and myself.

Donald E. Robicheau

### My Stamp Collection

I first began collecting stamps in 1948, and I now have 600 different stamps, and many duplicates. I am very proud of my album. I like collecting stamps because I learn the names and locations of many countries. I think I have stamps from every country in the world except nine. I have quite a few foreign stamps which are not cancelled.

Donald J. Oke

### Kitchen Work

I am in the morning kitchen crew. We take turns helping in the kitchen, vegetable room and bakery. I like the bakery work best of all. I make ice cream twice a week, and help bake cakes and pies. Sometimes, especially on holidays, we make extra-special decorated cakes.

Henry T. Murphy

### The Bible Club

Some of the boys decided to have a Bible Club and after school began in September plans were made. On October 21, 1953, under the sponsorship of Mr. and Mrs. Dockham, our club could be said to be organized. Since then regular meetings have been held every week, with an average attendance of 20 boys. We pray and study the Bible at each mid-week

meeting and have a pleasant social time. We are now studying the first three epistles of John in the New Testament.

David E. LeVeille is president of the Club, and Thomas Angelos is vice president. The secretary is Carleton G. Skinner.

We often have extra features at our meetings. Movies of our school have been shown. At Christmas time we had a wonderful party, and we realized then that we have plenty for which to be thankful.

All boys are invited to join the Bible Club. If you are not a member why don't you come to the next meeting? You'll be glad you came.

Carleton G. Skinner

### New Year's Party

On New Year's Eve the boys in each dormitory had a party. In Dormitory A we set up the basement rooms with card tables and had many different kinds of games, such as chess, checkers, cribbage and Monopoly. We played games for a couple of hours and then had refreshments of candy, cookies and punch. After this we went to the sitting room and watched television. We saw the big crowds in Times Square celebrate the arrival of the New Year.

I'm sure that everyone will agree that we had a real good time at the party, thanks to those who planned it for us.

Ronald A. Oke

### Tobogganing

Last Saturday Larry Garside, John Fritz and I went tobogganing. We had a lot of fun, even if we hit a tree once. We went down the slide together, and by twos, and we went alone at least once. We had the best ride when we went altogether. When we got tired we went to Dormitory A and watched television.

George D. McPeck

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The Christmas season was so bountifully good to us that we pause in our train of thought pertaining to the progress of the School to give thanks to our many, many friends for all the thoughtful and generous remembrances at this time.

Christmas is always the busiest time and the happiest time on Thompson's Island. Preparations start two months ahead of the great day, planning for the Christmas religious play enacted by a cast of boys, exchange of name slips to give to each other, and boys slips to Santa Claus for the School to remember each one with a gift.

The entire Christmas week is filled with events and much carol singing. Then Christmas morning Santa (actually a young graduate in disguise) comes from across the bay, is escorted by the boys operating a vehicle for his comfort (?), to the main building. Here in Chapel, with two huge Christmas trees all decorated and lighted and Christmas gifts heaped all about, Santa proceeds to distribute the parcels.

We counted 477 items on the tree this Christmas. This does not include the many gifts at various parties during the week.

Over 200 cards were received from alumni and other friends of the School. This does not include the individual cards received by each one.

Cash and various packages were received from friends of the School for gifts to individual boys and for enjoyment of all, amounting in value to well over \$100.00.

The instructors were extremely generous in gifts to all the boys and to the Headmaster and his family.

For all of these generous contributions to our happiness and in memory of Him whom we honor at this great birthday anniversary we extend most grateful thanks.

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?



It was, indeed, a season of real joy, such as every alumnus of the School counts as the happiest period of life, and which everyone who has spent the Christmas season at Thompson's Island agrees is a never-forgotten experience.

### Topics in Brief

Christmas was a glorious season at the School. All of the traditional events were held, including the many parties and observances. Fred Harding, '53, acted as Santa Claus and arrived on the Pilgrim III early Christmas morning to distribute huge piles of gifts. The Christmas concert, carol singing, days in town for shopping, dormitory and club parties and many other activities combined to make it a season rich in life-long memories.

Five of the older boys, assisted by a choir of thirteen younger boys, combined to present a religious concert on Christmas Sunday, December 20. The play "It Was Written in the Star" was enacted superbly, and the singing of the soprano boys' choir was excellent. It did seem as though those taking part were inspired with the wonderful message of the Christmas season.

The boys were in town either on December 11 or 12, meeting their parents at City Point and taking the time to do their Christmas shopping. Many were much impressed with the really wonderful Christmas scenes set up in the show windows of the big department stores.

Edward Rowe Snow and a delegation of members of the Harbor Ramblers visited the School on December 13. Mr. Snow brought gifts for all and told his plans for visiting the lighthouses on both the East and West coasts as the "Flying Santa Claus." Mr. Snow is an authority

on the history of Boston Harbor and much of the eastern coast and is the author of several historical books. He is widely known as a lecturer and story teller, and for many years has been a radio favorite with his weekly programs.

An annual gift which is always very much enjoyed is the Christmas entertainment provided for by Mrs. Arthur Adams. This year the technicolor movie "Robin Hood" was shown, much to the delight of the boys. This is a very fine picture, ideally suited for school use.

Fred Smith, a singer of gospel hymns in the Western style, was with us on Sunday, December 5, and assisted with both our religious services. Mr. Smith is a classmate at Gordon Seminary of our minister, Mr. Bartram, and came at his invitation. An excellent singer of songs with a message, and an able speaker to young people, he added much to our services and we thank him for coming.

The winter vacation extended from December 24 until January 4, and many of the boys spent some of this time at home. Vacation ended with gala New Year's parties in each of the dormitories and holiday activities of sports and movies over the New Year's weekend.

On Thursday evening, December 3, a surprise testimonial dinner was given to Robert R. Kitching, who has completed 25 years of service with us as our poultry instructor. Mr. Meacham spoke of the service to our boys which Mr. Kitching has given and then presented him, on behalf of the School, a wrist watch suitably engraved. The honor bestowed upon Mr. Kitching is indeed richly deserved, and friends of the School over the past quarter century will be happy to hear of the event.

Recreation during the winter months is centered pretty much about basketball as an indoor sport, and coasting, skating and hockey as outdoor sports, as weather conditions allow. The school team will play a nine-game schedule, and the two intra-mural leagues have already begun the annual competition.

Our Band played a concert on Boston Common on December 6, as a unit participating in the City of Boston Christmas Festival. The boys played several standard works for band interspersed with Christmas carols. Later the Band repeated the concert for the Sunshine Club of the Volunteers of America. Late in the afternoon the boys were the guests of Mrs. Katherine Ostrander at her home, where they were served a delicious lunch. Mrs. Ostrander is the mother of Walter, '51, now with the armed forces in Europe, and Richard '54. The boys certainly are grateful to her for her kindness, for they had a grand time at her home.

Our paint shop crews have been busy decorating some of the instructors' rooms in the main building, as well as refinishing the main halls and stairways. Some paint work has also been done in the offices.

One of the happy joys of Christmas-tide is receiving greeting cards. Graduates, former instructors and other friends of the school this year sent a total of several hundred cards, many of which were original creations. We were, of course, very happy to be so remembered. It does seem as though the Christmas cards grow more lovely annually. Some are truly works of art. To those who sent cards we say, "Thank You."

A list of those who sent cards was read in Chapel on Christmas morning.

### Shaw and Temple Prizes Awarded

Early in December the Shaw and Temple prizes for excellence in conduct were awarded for the six month period ending December 1. This was the 130th successive time that the Shaw cash prizes have been given to the ten highest boys in conduct rating. The Temple prizes are books, and were first given by Mr. Thomas F. Temple to encourage those who almost made the Shaw list. These prizes are now given in memory of Mr. Temple by Mr. N. Penrose Hallowell. The remaining five boys on the list received honorable mention.

Those who received the Shaw prizes were:

#### Shaw Prizes

Carleton G. Skinner, Jr.  
Edward A. Atton  
Gerald L. Briggs  
John E. Lennon  
William H. Dillon  
Larry E. Garside  
Albert K. Ellis  
Arthur A. Sprague  
Ralph R. Schofield  
David E. LeVeille

The Temple Consolation prizes were awarded to:

Temple Consolation Prizes  
Alexander D. Marinakis  
Howard E. Murphy  
Richard A. Ostrander  
Robert Fabello  
Thomas Angelos

Honorable Mention was earned by the following:

Honorable Mention  
Loren E. Cain  
David W. Howard  
Paul E. Parker  
Norman W. Sellevaag  
Ralph F. Hopkins

Congratulations to the prize winners for the fine record they attained.

### Christmas Shopping

One day before Christmas we went in town to buy presents. The boat left around ten o'clock. When we got to the Public Landing there weren't many people there, but they began to come soon after.

In the afternoon we went out to dinner, and after this I brought presents for my roommates and other friends. I went visiting after I got the presents.

The time went by quickly and we left for City Point. We got there a few minutes before the boat came. Soon we were headed back to the School. I had quite a time getting up the avenue with all my gifts.

Joel C. Robbins

### Looking Ahead

Summer time is coming and I will be glad because I will be able to work on the farm. Last summer I spent a lot of my spare time there. I worked in the garden, helped get in hay, and at times worked in the cowbarn. I have always liked farm work. I am looking ahead to the summer time because during vacation we can do so many things we can't do when we are going to school every day.

Larry E. Garside

### Visiting Day

Last fall I worked in the afternoon dining room on visiting days. It was quite a job to get the dishes done and be ready to meet the boat, but we always managed to. We watched the boat dock, and if our parents weren't on it we'd wait for the second trip. During the afternoon we went to the ball field to see the football games. The games were very exciting, especially when our team was ahead. When it was time to leave, the tower bell would ring, and another Friends Day would be almost over.

Robert H. Grignon

### Additional Alumni News

At the annual meeting and dinner of the Engineers Blue Room Club of Boston, a Masonic group, our Alumni were represented as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Merton P. Ellis, '97

Howard B. Ellis, '98 and Miss Helen I. Ellis

Mr. and Mrs. Willard H. Perry, '10

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Pendergast, '16

Calvin O. Holmes, '15, and Luke W. B. Halfyard, '21 are also members of the Club, but were not present at the annual dinner.

Annually, in March, our Band plays for the Blue Room Club, and the concert is a red letter occasion for our band boys.

FRANKLYN S. HARRIS, '40 received his Master's degree in Nutrition last year and in March, 1953, was married. After a honeymoon trip to Florida he did further graduate work at the University of Tennessee and in September accepted a position as Nutritionist with the Hermitage Feed Mills of Nashville, Tennessee. His work consists of formulating old feeds and creating new ones, such as dog rations, cattle supplements and broiler mash. Although Mrs. Harris enjoys now being just a housewife, she has had a grand career as Educational Director of Washington Pike Church and is a graduate of Scarritt College. Mr. and Mrs. Harris have put their church membership in the West End Methodist, and are active members in many of the church functions. They live at 221 Lauderdale Rd., Nashville, Tenn.

Several of our graduates have completed their preparatory school training at Mount Hermon School in years past, and this year SAMUEL F. GRISWOLD, '53, is a student there.

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Hyde Park, Mass.

V. HERBERT GORDON, '15, had the honor of being elected president of the North Adams Savings Bank at the annual meeting of the corporation held recently.

Mr. Gordon, who lives at 476 E. Main St., No. Adams, is a partner in the contracting firm of Gordon & Sutton and is a former Commissioner of Public Works in North Adams. He has been a corporator of the bank since 1931, a trustee since 1932, a member of the board of investment since 1941 and a vice president since 1945. A veteran of World War I he served in France with the 26th Army Division.

HAROLD F. BENT, '35, graduated from Parsonfield Seminary and the State Normal School in Gorham, Maine, where he received his collegiate degree in 1941. He taught for one year at Rumford and then worked for a time for the New England Shipbuilding Corporation at Portland. During the same period he began a small printing business at Gorham. Later he added a sheet metal shop and air conditioning sales unit.

He was married in 1941 to Helene K. Libby. They have two children, Jeannine Louise, six years old, and Kathleen Susan, now nearing her second birthday.

Mr. Bent has expanded his business gradually and only recently installed a linotype and complete bindery in his printing plant. He has signed a long term sub contract for heating installations with the largest prime heating contractor in the Portland area. For the past six years he has operated rental income property, at present having seventeen units. His sheet metal and air conditioning businesses have grown with the times.

Mr. Bent leads a busy life, and whatever success he has achieved is due to the understanding and encouragement of Mrs. Bent, a wonderful wife and mother. He adds in a note to us that nearly every day in his work he discovers something helpful which can be traced directly to the training he received here.

He is a member of the Harmony Lodge, Number 38 A. F. & M., the Kiwanis Club, and the Methodist Church in Gorham, where he serves on the Official Board, and as a Trustee and Finance Officer.

The Bents own their home at 32 Main Street, in Gorham, Maine. This is a spacious twelve room colonial residence, and the Bents have remodelled the house to permit gracious New England living.

Friends of FRANK J. DOW, '30, will be saddened to hear of his death on Dec. 4. After his graduation from F. T. S. he attended Vermont Academy and later served in the armed forces during World War II. He was a chef and had followed the trade for many years.

Congratulations are in order for our alumnus-trustee, MERTON P. ELLIS, '97, upon his recent election to the chairmanship of the Board of Appeal of the City of Boston. He formerly served as a member of the Board.

William F. Sonier, '52, and Joseph C. Turner are both employed by Boston printing firms. Having Saturdays free, they have opened the "Bill and Joe's Housecleaning Service" on that day. We suspect they will do well in this business venture, and wish them good luck.





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### The Boston Farm School Offering

A copy of "The Boston Farm School Offering," Vol. I, No. 2, published May, 1859, has just turned up, found among old papers in an attic of a friend of the School following his decease. Mr. Alfred C. Malm '00, Treasurer of the School, presented this rare copy for our archives. We are especially grateful to Mr. Malm for this very rare and valuable original publication of nearly 100 years ago.

Another alumnus, George O. Poole '27, has been urging the BEACON to resume reprinting the column "90 Years Ago." This old copy of "The Boston Farm School Offering" is ideal for that purpose. We propose, therefore, in each Beacon issue during the next twenty months to run one of those items or articles which was first printed in 1859.

We have searched the files at the School and we have found no copies of that series of publications nor any record of same. Can any reader of the BEACON find a copy of the first issue, date of December, 1858? Your own attic or one of the Public Libraries in Boston or vicinity, Dublin, N. H., the home town of the School's Superintendent of that era, Mr. William A. Morse, may be holding a copy. A find like this is priceless and a very real contribution.

### Our Minstrel Show

Each class prepares an entertainment for our weekly assemblies. Our teacher, Mr. Rose, told our class that it would be our turn before we knew it, and we had better get ready. He asked for suggestions. A few were given, but were not very well received by the class. Then a minstrel show was proposed. This seemed to be a good project for us. Mr. Rose got several minstrel show books for us to look over. We picked one we thought we could do best. Not long after this rehearsals began.

The show opened with the entire cast singing a rousing song to the tune of "California Here I Come." The four end men followed with a tambourine routine which everyone enjoyed very much. The melody used was "Show Me The Way to Go Home," and the four end men had their parts learned perfectly. "Camptown Races" was next sung, and this was followed by a baritone solo by Dave Pulsifer, "The Darktown Strutter's Ball." Between numbers the interlocutor and end men kept up a stream of conversation and told many jokes. At one time there was a series of conundrums by the interlocutor and end men which was very funny.

The show continued with Norman Sellevaag singing "Buffalo Gals." After a comic speech by one of the endmen, Teyet Ramar played for a cornet solo the always popular Stephen Foster song, "Old

Black Joe." The end men did another tambourine routine which brought the show to the finale, which was a clever arrangement of the song "Good Night Ladies."

Everyone enjoyed the show and we had plenty of fun getting it ready. The cast was as follows:

#### THE CAST

Interlocutor	William H. Dillon
Mr. Fantail	David B. Pulsifer
Mr. Avalanche	David W. Howard
Mr. Firefly	S. Newcomb Graham
Mr. Agony	Richard A. Ostrander
Mr. Cotton Hull	Norman S. Sellevaag

#### CHORUS

David E. LeVeille	Edward A. Atton
Teyet Ramar II	Ralph F. Hopkins
	Robert Fabello

#### A Happy Surprise

It was Thanksgiving morning, and the Holden family were gathering at the family homestead for the holiday feast. It was a big family, Ma and Pa and nine children, six girls and three boys. Three of the children were married, and the grandchildren helped swell the total at the big table to fourteen. But there was one empty chair.

Everyone would be present, everyone, that is, except Eddie. He was in the Navy, and would not be home for Thanksgiving.

"It isn't right, keeping our boy away on Thanksgiving," said Pa, with a snap in his voice.

"Oh, let's not argue again," replied Ma. "It would be silly to go to the Secretary of the Navy. He doesn't know Eddie. Besides, Washington is 700 miles away."

The morning passed, and it had been a busy period. As time for the Dinner approached the family wondered who would fill the vacant seat. The Holdens

had asked a nearby naval base to send a sailor who wouldn't be home for the holiday. Eddie was in California and couldn't possibly get there.

The doorbell rang, and to the surprise of all, in walked Eddie. After five minutes of hugs, kisses, and handshaking Eddie explained how he managed to be present. He had replaced a man in a great emergency in a plane crew and the plane had landed at the naval base in their town. He was handed an address to report to for Thanksgiving, and to his great joy it was his own home.

"Eddie, see, it just goes to prove that the Golden Rule works. How happy we all are," said Ma, with a little tear in her eye.

You can be sure that no family anywhere had a happier Thanksgiving, even though Eddie's plane took off late that evening for another leg in its long flight.

Richard A. Ostrander

#### Our Lost Cat

On Friday I helped with the early milking, going to the cowbarn at five o'clock. I fed the calves while two other boys stripped after the milking machine. We decided that something was missing, and we were right, because our pet cat had not made an appearance. We went looking for him and finally found him contentedly sleeping in the hay. What does this prove? That cats don't get up at five in the morning, even to get a dish of warm Guernsey milk.

Larry E. Garside

#### Range Work

After the chickens had been taken from the range and put in the laying house we began getting ready for next year. The range fences were taken down, and the wire rolled and placed with the

posts. Then the seed boxes and egg laying boxes were collected and put away. The water pipe was disconnected to prevent damage. The range location is changed every year and it won't be long before we'll have the job of making the place ready for the new chicks.

Stanton H. Pearson

### Customs

Some of the customs people have in other lands seem strange to us, yet they are rather nice, I think. For instance, on Christmas Eve in the Netherlands the children put their shoes before the fireplace, while here we hang stockings. In many European lands our Santa Claus is known as St. Nicholas. Our homes are decorated for Christmas with a tree laden with bright tinsel and gold and silver bells. In Europe homes are also decorated. The one custom which we all have is that we learn how much pleasure we get out of giving presents, as well as receiving them.

John W. Cronin

### Captain Kidd vs. Blackbeard

In the days of pirates Captain Kidd and Blackbeard were the most feared. They were bitter enemies and one day Captain Kidd saw a Spanish ship off his bow. He began to pursue it when another ship appeared, that of his hated rival, Blackbeard. The Spanish ship was forgotten and the pirates began a terrific battle. The Spanish fleet appeared and the pirates sailed for safety and got away. Both the pirates had vast treasures hidden, and each wanted them. Blackbeard tracked Captain Kidd to Haiti but misfortune struck both, for they were captured, and sentenced to be hanged. The pirates' crews, however, stormed the prison and rescued their leaders. This didn't do

Blackbeard much good though, because Captain Kidd ran a sword through him. Upon finding out, Captain Kidd got Blackbeard's treasure and then he had a great fortune, which he hid so that no one could find it. He never could use it though, because he was captured, tried, sentenced and hung. Thus ended his adventurous life.

I think that someday someone may find this treasure, for many hunt for it. It is the most valuable of pirate treasures, and I think the only one not to be discovered. If you find it you will be very rich.

Roy W. Ganong

### Sloyd

Sloyd is very popular with most of the boys. The course begins in the eighth grade, and the first lessons deal with mechanical drawing, because a drawing is made of each model before the work can be started.

The first model is a pencil pointer, which teaches the use of the knife. This is the only tool used for the model. Each succeeding model employs different tools so that when the course is completed all of the principal woodworking tools have been studied.

As the boys develop skill they make extra models for their own use, such as chests, tables, lamps and other pieces of furniture. These are often given as gifts at Christmas and at other times. A good workman can finish the course in two years, although many take longer. We have one period a day and many of us work our playtime so as to keep ahead of the class.

The last model is a tool chest, and we are certainly proud of our work when this chest is finished.

Loren E. Cain

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## Editorial

We shall again interrupt our proposed editorials on the progress of the School because we would like to use the space to tell our readers about several exceptionally fine tributes which have come to the School.

A series of historical articles entitled "Early Dorchester" by the *late* Lawrence F. Berry was published by *The Dorchester Beacon* with six weekly issues from July 31, 1953 through September 4, 1953 headed, "Thompson's Island."

*The Dorchester Beacon* headline says, "Serving the Community for Over Eighty-five Years. More Than 250,000 Live Here. Most of Them Read This Newspaper."

These writings are well documented, interesting and accurate, and show the essential and fascinating activity here all the way from 1621 when the Island was first named "The Island of Trevore" by a member of Captain Myles Standish's crew by the name of Trevore when they first explored Boston Harbor.

It is interesting to note, as stated by Mr. Berry, that, "Dorchester Town Records furnish the following historic entry to substantiate her claim as founder of the 'First Free Public School Supported by a General Tax on the residents (or Free-men) of a town.' It is ordered the 20th May 1639, that there shall be a rent of 20 pounds yeerely foreu'r imposed vpon Tomson's Iland to bee pay'd b' eu'ry p'son that hath p'rtie in the said Iland according to the p'portion that any such p'son shall fro' tyme to tyme injoy and possesse there, and this towards the mayntenance of a school in Dorchester."

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

We have made improvements on our basketball court from time to time and this month some carpentry work has been done under the baskets at each end of the court. The backboards and baskets have also been strengthened. Our gym gives more pleasure and fun than any room at the School, and is always available for the use of the boys.

Our sympathies are expressed to Mrs. Marion Nichols Walker upon the death of her husband, Kirk W. Walker, on Jan. 24. Mrs. Walker served as kitchen instructor here for more than a quarter century. Her hosts of Farm and Trades School friends will be saddened to hear of her great loss.

The juniors and sophomores joined together to give us an excellent entertainment at our weekly assembly on January 25. The program, in the form of an old-time minstrel show, included vocal and instrumental musical selections, stories, jokes and tambourine specialties. The costumes and makeup added much to the show.

Mr. Williams, of the Wirthmore Feeds Company, was here this summer to gather information and take pictures of the activities of the school. This material was incorporated into a feature article in "Spatters," the monthly publication of the company, and was printed in the November issue. The article is very well written, and is illustrated with twelve excellent photographs of everyday life here. The closing paragraph of the article reads: "All in all, The Farm and Trades School provides more than scholastic and vocational training—it supplies a well-rounded, complete, and happy living experience for all its boys."

Our Scout troop held an impressive investiture ceremony on the evening of January 28, at which time fourteen received the rank of Tenderfoot. The older scouts did a fine job in staging the ceremony, and welcomed the new boys into the troop in a fitting manner. A social period followed the investiture ceremony.

This month our Band has made much progress under the direction of Major Frank L. Warren, our band instructor since 1923. There are several appearances in town scheduled for the boys and we are confident that the 1954 Band will uphold the high honors earned by our Band throughout its illustrious life of nearly a century.

Basketball has been the principal sport this month. The varsity teams are well along on the schedule, and are pointing towards the small school tournament in March. The Sears League is having an exciting season, and it is difficult to name the championship team as yet. The Nut League, made up of the younger, less-experienced players, has played several games on its schedule, all of which have been well contested.

Our paint shop crew did a good job in painting the band hall this month. The hall is used almost daily by more than forty of the boys, and it is well to have it redecorated in the colorful two-tone plan which our painters have used.

Forestry Associates, Inc. is a new company organized to provide efficient and technically sound forestry service. We have an interest in this project, for Stephen L. Jacobs, son of the late Alfred W. Jacobs, '10, is one of the two partners operating the business. We wish the new Gorham, Maine, company the best of success!

### Abraham Lincoln

Our wonderful president, Abraham Lincoln, was the 16th president of our country. He was born in a log cabin in Kentucky. He got his first big chance as a young lawyer in Springfield, Illinois. He became a representative in 1847 and later became well known through his debates with Stephen Douglas. Although an abolitionist, he thought slavery unlawful. The Emancipation Proclamation and the Gettysburg Address expressed his inspired beliefs. He was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth in 1865 at a Washington theatre. His death caused nation-wide mourning, for he was a symbol of freedom for all. Probably the best loved phrase he said was, "With malice towards none; with charity for all."

John A. Fritz

### Varsity Basketball

Basketball is my favorite sport and I play on the varsity. The team has improved very much and we are looking ahead to the small school tournament, which begins March 5. In our games so far we have won three games and lost four. We had some good games with Christian High, New Prep, Braintree Freshman and other teams.

Norman W. Sellevaag

### The Bears

I play basketball in the Sears League. There are four teams and we play a game every week. Our team, the Bears, is the best team and John Lennon is the captain. We are in first place and have a good chance of staying on top. Our captain is our best player, and Ralph Schofield is second best. In the last game he scored 22 points. Other good players on our team are Stan Pearson, Dan Dockham, and Edward Walker.

Joseph S. Lombardo

### Dressing a Pig

Not long ago I had a "first" experience. This was to get a pig ready for the table. Albert Ellis, Robert Wright and I held the animal while Mr. Baird did the butchering. As soon as the animal was dead we scraped the hair from the hide, washed the carcass and hung it. Then we cleaned out the innards and buried them. Later the pig was taken to the meat room where it was carved in sections for storage in the deep freezer. Soon we will be enjoying tasty roast pork and pork chops.

Carlton G. Skinner, Jr.

### Bible Club

A project we have started in our Bible Club is writing to Christian missionaries. Mrs. Dockham has the names of those with whom we may correspond. Already some of us have written letters, and almost any day we may get answers to our letters. It will be fun to get mail from foreign lands.

Malcolm E. Cameron, Jr.

### My First Visit

I visited this school on January 20, to see if I would like to be here. First the offices were visited, and then we were shown through some of the shops and dormitories. I went to the gym and played basketball for a little while. We saw the dining room and right away I thought how nice it was. A few days later I came to the School and am a pupil in the sixth grade.

Richard Ayers

### Snow Owls

Have you ever seen a snow owl? We have two at the school, which have been here most of the winter. One is about a foot tall, with a wing span of approximately four feet, and is a light grey. The other stands two and a half feet tall, and

has a wing span of five or six feet. It is a clear white.

Snow owls eat field mice, pheasants and chickens, if they can get them. What do you say? Are they doing more harm than good? They might reduce the number of field mice, but the snow owl would multiply. More snow owls would eat the pheasants, spoiling the sport of hunting. The snow owls next would begin raiding chicken farms, causing much trouble.

Should we do away with snow owls? Someday we may have to answer this question, but now they are not too common here, and are interesting to study.

Richard T. Castonguay

### Boat Trips

I work on the boat each afternoon. Our first trip is at one o'clock when the mail boy goes over. Sometimes we have freight to bring back to the school. Often visitors come on the one o'clock trip and we make another trip in mid-afternoon to bring them back. Our last trip is almost always at five o'clock. This is when most of the freight comes. I make a report of each trip, time of departure, names of passengers and crew, and a list of the freight handled. Between trips I work on maintenance jobs.

William H. Dillon

### Additional Alumni News

CARL H. KUPHAL, '25, is Community Service Officer of the State Prison Colony at Norfolk, Mass. This is a position of considerable importance, and one which Mr. Kuphal has held for many years. He is much interested in Alumni happenings, and is one of the "Regulars" at the annual field day outing of the Alumni Association, held in June of each year.

JAMES L. KEITH, '47, now works in an accounting office in Indianapolis. He

hopes and expects soon to be called to work in the General Motors plant there. He lives at 3415 Oliver Avenue, Indianapolis. He writes that his brother, Paul D. Keith, '47, is going to an army school at Fort Ord, California, and that he is in his final year of enlistment.

We hope to have Paul's address soon, and will print it in the alumni news.

WILLIAM L. GLENNON '52 writes that he is looking forward to a visit here, probably at Graduation in June. He is a member of an Air Force Band, and after his service "hitch" is up he hopes to begin his study for the ministry at Moody Bible Institute. His address is: William L. Glennon, A-3c, AF112353323, 509th Air Force Band, Webb Air Force Base, Big Springs, Texas.

HENRY C. LOWELL, '20, is married, has three children and lives at 2018 Main St., Athol, Mass. He is employed at the Western Auto Stores, in Athol. At a recent dinner and entertainment of the Rotary Club in that town he and MALCOLM E. CAMERON, '19, who provided the entertainment, had a pleasant visit talking over old times at F. T. S.

CECIL A. MORSE, '28, was given special mention in a recent sports column in the Houston, Texas, "Chronicle." Morris Frank, the columnist, states that Mr. Morse is an avid sport fan, coaches, officiates and upon occasion fills in as sports reporter for the newspaper. Herb Gray, the Texas tackle, is certain to reach All-American rating at least twice in his college career, and was coached by Mr. Morse.

Mr. Morse does his athletic coaching as a sideline. Daily he is busy in a petroleum distillery plant. His home address is 409 E. Defee Avenue, Baytown, Texas.

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ALFRED C. MALM, '00, resigned as Treasurer of the School at the 1954 annual meeting of the Corporation. Mr. Malm expressed his reluctance at retiring from the responsible position but decided that after 37 years of handling the accounts of the School it was time that another should carry on. No persuasion would change his mind. Mr. Malm is the only alumnus who has ever been Treasurer of the School and after finding that he would not yield in his decision to retire as Treasurer he was promptly promoted to the position of Vice President of the Board of Trustees. This is another first for our devoted alumnus. No alumnus has ever been Vice President of the Board. Mr. Malm has often acted as President in the absence of our Chief and now there will doubtless be many occasions through the coming years when he will be filling the post and be required to perform the duties of President.

Alfred C. Malm (affectionately called "Carl" by many of his large circle of friends) came to the School as a little boy 60 years ago, January 31st. During all those years he has been closely attached to the School. Upon finishing his course here he became employed in the office of the then President of the Board and continued in that office in Financial Trust work until he went to the First National Bank of Boston as Trust Officer in 1926. Later when the Old Colony Trust Company affiliated with the First National Bank he was appointed Trust Officer of Old Colony, a position he held until he recently retired and promptly assumed management of the physical plant and financial affairs of Trinity Church.

After graduating from The Farm and Trades School Carl continued his education at night school, graduated from Northeastern Law School in 1911 and was promptly admitted to The Bar.

Alfred Carl Malm and Susan Williams married and bought a home in Melrose, where their three children were born and raised. All three graduated from Melrose High School and all went on to college. Mr. and Mrs. Malm have continuously taken very active part in the affairs of their community. Carl has served as Alderman, President of the Y. M. C. A. and Deacon of the Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Malm have two daughters, Elizabeth and Susan, and a granddaughter, Dorothy Elizabeth Malm. Their son, John, an alumnus of Middlebury College and an aviation officer in World War II, was lost in action.

REV. THEODORE B. HADLEY, '21, graduated from Bangor Theological Seminary and from Middlebury College, where he also did graduate work for his Master's degree, which he received in 1934. He was married in 1932, and he and Mrs. Hadley have devoted their lives to doing God's work in parishes in Vermont and New Hampshire. Mr. Hadley is accomplished in many fields, one of them being poetry, and we look forward each year to receiving his distinctive Christmas greeting in the form of an original poem.

Mr. Hadley, and Mrs. Hadley also, are very much interested in every phase of school life at F. T. S.

The Hadleys are always at home to their F. T. S. friends at the parsonage in Hamstead, N. H.





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#### EDITORIAL

The Farm School Offering was established, and its first number issued, in December, 1858. Its publication presented a new feature in the operations of this School; and met with such favor, that we are now encouraged to issue another number.

It is designed as a cordial Offering to our patrons and friends at large; a pleasant mode of shaking hands, and exchanging congratulations and sympathies, after being long denied the privilege of personal interviews; and to acquaint them in a slight degree with our transactions here.

Being separated from the mainland by strong natural barriers, we are left much to ourselves, especially during the cold season. We form a little community of our own; and, though our kind and interested Managers contribute in every possible way to our comfort and happiness, we must necessarily depend principally upon local means for profitable entertainment and amusement.

Do not think, dear reader, that our isolated position produces unhappiness or discontent? Far otherwise. Our heads and hands are too much occupied, and

our hearts too deeply interested in our charge, to admit of any such feelings. If we are isolated from society, we are also isolated from many of its vices and temptations.

During the past winter, our School has consisted of one hundred and two boys, who have been instructed by kind and faithful teachers in branches suited to their various capacities. Much attention has been given to writing, and vocal and instrumental music. We have now a band—of brass and stringed instruments—composed of boys from the School. All are much interested in it, and its effect is plainly visible upon the whole school.

We have a well-organized *Band of Hope*, the officers of which are chosen once in four weeks from among the boys. The meetings are held weekly. The exercises consist of the discussion of some appropriate question, declamation, reading of composition, and singing. The meetings are interesting, and do much good.

We have also a post-office with weekly mail arrangements; giving boys an opportunity to write to one another, and to their friends on and off the island. The revenue from this office may not assist in paying government debts; but it will certainly assist in forming correct habits and fixed principles. It will assist in forming men.

We also admit boys into our family,

and contrive various means for their amusement.

Winter out-of-door sports consist of coasting, skating, sleighing, &c. In summer, they are of a greater variety.

Contentment is a ruling feature of this School.

Our heavenly Father, who has in times past so signally blessed us, has vouchsafed to us his richest blessing—*health*—during the past season. We have had no sickness worthy of the name. We sincerely hope that the future may prove as pleasant and prosperous to us as the past has been.

Kind readers, we present you with our little sheet, and hope you will receive no unfavorable impressions of our institution by its perusal. We make no pretensions as journalists, being young and inexperienced in the business. We therefore hardly dare propose an exchange with any of the popular journals of the times; but will throw ourselves entirely upon their clemency, assuring them that any encouragement offered to us in our work of reform and improvement will be like seed sown in good ground, and its increase will be an hundred-fold.

WILLIAM A. MORSE

### Pets

Here on Thompson's Island we have many pets. The ones seen most are the dogs, five of them. They are all owned by instructors, but they are everyone's pets. Besides the dogs there must be around twenty cats. Seems as though we are always finding homes for kittens. Would you like one?

Larry Garside has a rabbit named Pebbles. Although the rabbit has a good cage, he always finds a way to get out. Then a dog finds him and a merry chase is on. After Pebbles is cornered he simply

leaps over the dog and the chase is on again.

Down at the barn there is a little yellow kitten named Squirt. This kitten likes the boys and often follows them to the dormitories. Squirt has a habit of going to sleep anywhere, sometimes so that we can't get by. All the pets are liked very much.

Albert K. Ellis

### A Wish

I wish I could go for a plane ride. I haven't yet had such a chance. Planes fly overhead all the time, and there are many kinds. I keep wondering what flying is like. The planes make quite a sight at night when they head towards the airport with their very bright searchlights picking up the runways. One of these days I hope my wish to fly will come true.

Richard L. Sawyer

### Sloyd

I have only been here a short time and have just began to take sloyd. I am sure I will like this. I want to learn how to make trays, mirrors, chests, and other articles which the boys make. I can use them for gifts to send home. Then, learning about tools and woodworking is preparation for either a lifetime trade or hobby.

Gary D. Schoonmaker

### My Hobby

I am very much interested in woodworking, and I am lucky, too, because I work in the afternoon dining room and have spare time every day to work on my hobby. I am now making a mirror frame, with gumwood decorations and an inlay. I take sloyd and often work on the sloyd models in my playtime. Our instructor is always patient with us and helps us on the kinds of work we find hard.

Edward M. Walker

### Hamsters

Hamsters are small rodents, and burrow like rats. They come from Asia and Europe and have been imported to this country for pets. They got their odd name from the paunches on the sides of their cheeks. They must be kept in cages at all times, because they will burrow and make holes in almost anything. They are interesting and fascinating to watch, and make very nice pets. They like to be petted. Unlike some pets, hamsters are extremely clean. If you are not acquainted with hamsters you should get some as pets.

Richard A. Ostrander

### A Heavy Fog

This morning James Anderson and I got permission to go to the beach. It was the foggiest morning I could remember. We could see nothing out on the water, although we knew there were ships going by because we heard the whistles. Even though it was very foggy there were no accidents in the harbor.

Joel C. Robbins

### Relievo

Last Sunday the weather was so good that we decided to have a game of relievo at Bowditch Grove. Mr. Beauregard was with us. Each team had twelve players. In case you don't know, Relievo is a game where the players run, chase, hide, are captured, freed and in general have few rules or handicaps.

John E. Lennon

### Painting

We have been very busy in the paint shop this winter. The major jobs which we have done were to paint the old dining room in the main building, the corridors and stairways in that building, the band hall, and the printing office and laundry. We have just begun to paint B Building,

and we expect to paint the complete interior of the building. This will take us some time.

Every so often we stop the big job we are doing to make minor repairs on windows, such as replacing worn sash cords, broken lights of glass, and so forth.

Edward A. Atton

### School Work

In school we are studying about the Panama Canal. By treaty in 1903 our country secured the rights to build a canal across the Isthmus of Panama. A strip of land five miles deep on each side of the canal, known as the Canal Zone, is also United States Territory.

Building the canal was a very difficult piece of engineering. After ten years of hard work the canal was open for traffic, but it was not until 1920 that our government announced the official opening. The canal is a little less than 51 statute miles in length.

Donald J. Oke

### Show Boat

I had a monitor's week end recently and went to see the movie "Show Boat." This is a good picture for anyone to see, for it is full of fun and good music. The color is wonderful. There are so many people in the picture I couldn't list them all, but they do a wonderful job of entertaining. See the picture if you can.

Ralph R. Schofield

### Kitchen Work

Two weeks ago I had my work changed to the kitchen, which I like very much. We alternate our jobs each week from vegetable room to kitchen to bakery. The instructors have let me do quite a little cooking. I have also made ice cream, baked, and did other work which I liked.

Steven R. Wellington

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This is the third of a series of nine editorials pertaining to the major features of progress of our school. The first two appeared in the November and December issues of the BEACON. Those two and this one have to do with *The Present—Where Are We?*

In our first article we emphasized the importance of a well organized extra-curricular program and indicated the great strides of progress of our school, even as a pioneer in music and intramural sports for *every* boy. The second article outlined our very broad program of the academic and practical experience, with the emphasis on *taking responsibility*.

There are many, many important factors in achievement such as this school is noted for, and they all boil down to one word, *People*, the founders, the supporters, the Trustees, Alumni, boys, and the Staff.

Fifty per cent of the present staff members have an average length of service of 16 years, 8 months. Length of service does not in itself prove quality, but when long service is linked with ability, integrity and the other essentials of leadership of boys you have a total organizational structure hard to beat, and which, incidentally, takes years of continuously persistent effort to assemble.

The other part of the team, and a vitally important part, consists of the Boys, the enrolled boys living at this home school and the graduates. The Public knows any school or college principally by its product, and ours is no exception.

The Farm and Trades School is well known, but not widely known, for the solid citizenship of its boys and alumni. One of the many indications of outstanding quality was shown in World War II, where 62 per cent of our lads in service became officers, as against 45 per cent for the entire American Armed Services.

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?



Many tributes come to the School, your school and our school. You would be even more proud of her if you could hear them all. One recent tribute picked at random, because of its brevity, is written by Dr. Ray Johns, General Secretary of the Boston Y. M. C. A.: "The School is doing a very fundamental work. The quality of its work and the high regard in which it is held is a fine tribute to you."

### Topics in Brief

Our school basketball team entered the small schools tournament and played Chatham high school on March 5. The game was played at Falmouth and our boys were defeated 89-52. Even though defeated, the boys had a grand trip of 80 miles, going by private bus and being accompanied by many of their parents. This game ended the varsity schedule for this year, the boys winning three and losing five games.

The annual King Philip's War took place on February 22. There was no snow, which took away some of the fun, yet the armies managed to stage quite a battle. The Indians, led by Teyet "King Philip" Ramar, defeated the Settlers, led by Robert Fabello. After the battle refreshments were served to both armies in the gymnasium. A fine biographical movie was enjoyed in the evening.

Basketball has been the main recreational feature of the month, nine teams having played at least one regularly scheduled game each week, and numerous informal games also being staged. The varsity, Sears League and Nut League make it possible for every boy to take part in the game. The interest has remained at a high pitch throughout the season.

Our bandmaster, Frank L. Warren, has returned from a month's vacation in Florida, where he became associated with musical groups. He was guest conductor of the St. Petersburg Concert Band, and played with and directed other bands. He is now hard at work drilling our boys for several appearances this spring and early summer, a very important one being the annual spring concert at Faneuil Hall on May 2.

The sixth and seventh graders combined to present an instructive and entertaining program at the weekly assembly on February 15. A review of the year 1953 was given, with each pupil presenting an article on the historical significance of an outstanding event. Musical selections by class members rounded out an excellent program.

Everyone at the school is very grateful to the Alumni Association for the gift of a pound of delicious chocolates on George Washington's Birthday. Funds for the chocolates came from the Richard Bell Fund, of which Merton P. Ellis, '97, is an honorary committee member. Mr. Ellis saw to it that the chocolates were purchased and delivered to our boat in time for the holiday.

The paint shop crew has painted both the printing office and laundry this month, and is well underway with the work of painting the interior of Dormitory B. Many minor repair jobs have been done day by day by the painters.

The freshman class entertained at the weekly assembly on February 1, by giving an amateur "Talent Scout" program. The program was built on the idea of pure fun, and both the contestants and the audience had many laughs as the boys went through their routines.

We had a gala party on the evening of March 2, the occasion being the birthday of Mr. Meacham. A buffet supper was served in the gym, and was concluded with the cutting and serving of a huge birthday cake. Later, in the assembly hall, many of the boys and instructors combined to present a program of entertainment, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

It is an appropriate time to note that birthdays and notable anniversaries are given recognition throughout the year. Once each month those who have birthdays during that month are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Meacham for a "Birthday Supper," and this happy custom has grown to be a tradition.

### A Change

Mr. John Bartram, who has been our minister for the past year and a half decided to leave us to work for a church in Portsmouth, N.H. In his place Mr. John Beauregard has come. Mr. Beauregard was here for several Sundays last summer, and most of the boys know him. We all know we will like Mr. Beauregard, even though we were sorry to see Mr. Bartram go.

John W. Cronin

### Bats

A baby bat is approximately the size of a honeybee. It clings to its mother as she hangs her head downward. Bats are born in dark corners of attics, barns and caves. At dusk the mother bat creeps to an opening, then flies to a tree. She settles on a high branch, hangs her baby from a twig and wraps a leaf about him. While the baby bat sleeps, its mother hunts insects for food.

Henry T. Murphy

### Office Boy

When I first came here I wanted to be office boy. But I did not get the chance

right away. I first worked in Dormitory B. Then I was given dining room work. Finally I was changed to the office. Here I do quite a variety of things, and I have found that it is a very responsible job. I like the work very much, and am glad I was assigned the duty.

Walter E. Grignon

### Printing Lessons

Each afternoon the seventh graders go to the printing office. We learn how to set up type, lock the type forms in the chases and run the presses. This week we have been setting articles for the BEACON. The name of the type we use is Recut Caslon for the body of the article and New Caslon for the title and author's name. Each line is sixteen picas in width.

Donald E. Robicheau

### My Work

Until a few weeks ago I worked in the dining room. Then I was changed to the sewing room. Here we have the job of looking over all the boys' laundry and mending it. We also have charge of all the linen. Baskets of clothing come to us from the laundry. After mending we fold and pack the laundry, and deliver the baskets to the dormitories. The sewing room is a busy place.

Thomas C. Cronin

### King Philip's War

On Washington's Birthday we played a game called "King Philip's War." This is usually played with snow forts, and it is better that way, but this year the ground was bare and muddy, so we made changes in the rules. The battleground was the field west of the play ground. Two fort areas were marked out. The purpose of the game was to capture small sacks and hold them in the fort until the end of each of the three periods.

There were two teams, the Indians and the Settlers. The Indians were the first to attack, the Settlers fighting to keep the bags they had. In the next period the Indians had the sacks and were attacked by the Settlers. In the third and deciding period the sacks were placed midway between the forts and the armies charged to capture, secure and deliver the sacks to their forts.

After the final whistle the points were counted and the Indians were the winners. Teyet Ramar was King Philip, and Robert Fabello General of the Settlers. Each army cheered the other, and then everyone went to the gymnasium for refreshments of cocoa and doughnuts.

The leaders of the Indians, who won, were:

King Philip	Teyet Ramar
Big Chief	Robert W. Wright
Little Chief	Albert E. Merrill
First Warrior	Alexander D. Marinakis
Second Warrior	Bruce Alexander
Third Warrior	Larry E. Garside
Medicine Man	Kenneth C. Alexander

The officers of the Settler's army were:

General of the Army	Robert Fabello
Captain	William H. Dillon
First Lieutenant	Stanton H. Pearson
Second Lieutenant	Loren E. Cain
First Sergeant	Edward M. Walker
Second Sergeant	Gerald Briggs
Color Bearer	Douglas Boyd

Richard B. Pulsifer

### Honor Roll — Winter Term

The highest academic averages in each class group

#### Junior Class

Ralph A. Hopkins  
David A. Pulsifer

#### Sophomore Class

William H. Dillon  
Richard A. Ostrander

#### Freshman Class

William F. James  
Richard T. Castonguay

#### Eighth Grade Division A

Larry E. Garside

Barry R. Fuller

#### Eighth Grade Division B

Howard E. Murphy, II

Bruce Alexander

#### Seventh Grade

Robert H. Grignon

Malcolm E. Cameron, Jr.

#### Sixth Grade

Walter E. Grignon, Jr.

George D. McPeck

### Best Citizenship

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

#### Sophomore Class

Edward A. Atton

William H. Dillon

Robert Fabello

S. Newcomb Graham

David W. Howard

David E. LeVeille

Richard A. Ostrander

Norman W. Sellevaag

#### Freshman Class

Thomas Angelos

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Hyde Park, Mass.

DARWIN C. BAIRD, '45, grew from babyhood to young manhood on Thompson's Island. During this span of nearly two decades he gained the friendship of a large percentage of our Alumni membership, all of whom will be gratified to learn of his notable accomplishments.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark C. Baird, instructors here since 1928, he became a member of our sixth grade in 1940, and graduated in 1945. He participated in all of the school activities, being especially prominent in the band, dramatics, and athletics. In the fall of 1945 he continued his preparatory school work at Mount Hermon School, graduating in 1948. At Mount Hermon he excelled in athletics, as well as taking an active interest in the many and varied Hermon functions.

In September, 1948, he enrolled at Park College, Parkville, Missouri, majoring in Social Sciences and Economics. His college career was one of continual activity, for he was an enthusiastic member of the college athletic teams, and drama and music clubs. He received his degree in 1952. Among many honors he won were membership in the Beta Chapter of Mu Sigma, the national music fraternity, and being listed as outstanding in the American College Student Leaders Handbook.

He gave considerable thought to the immediate future and decided that his best interests lay with the United States Air Force. He enrolled at Northwestern University for a short intensive course in specialized mathematics. Completing this work, he enlisted in the air force program for college graduates and was assigned to

Ellington Air Force Base in Texas. He soon discovered that there was little time for anything but work, hard work, and plenty of it. Eventually his first goal was achieved, that of his commission in the air corps as a lieutenant. Soon after he was awarded his wings.

On last December 12 he was married to Miss Patricia Louise Cole, of Dallas, Texas, a classmate at Park. The young couple had known each other for years, and the bride has visited us here, so that we at the School had a very personal interest in the marriage. Darwin's parents flew to Dallas for the ceremony, which was performed by Dr. William Elliot, Jr. Lieut. and Mrs. Baird left after the reception for a honeymoon trip to the West Coast. They are now at home at 1550 Orange Avenue, Apartment E, East Del Paso Heights, California. Lieut. Baird is on duty at a Sacramento air force base.

Our heartiest wishes for continued success is extended to our young graduate. To Darwin and Pat, as they are known to their Thompson's Island friends, we extend sincere congratulations. Perhaps circumstances may permit them to visit here in the not too distant future. We hope so!

JOHN B. MASON, '51, was married on February 14 to Miss Concetta Natale Morganti. Our best wishes are extended the happy couple, who are at home at 299 Cross St., Malden, Mass. John joined the Navy in 1951. His brother, Joseph B. Mason, is also in the Navy. He has kept up his study of the euphonium, and enjoys his musical connections. His home address is 276 Cambridge St., Boston.





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### LINES TO MY MOTHER

O Mother dear! if you should die,  
And leave me all alone,  
How bitterly would I then cry!—  
For then all would be gone.

And mother, mother, ever dear,  
Who loves me more than you?—  
Who always wished to have me near,  
Some kindly act to do.

Yes Mother dear, I, too, love *you*,  
And long your voice to hear:  
I'll ne'er forget you; if I do,  
'Twill break your heart, I fear.

Mother, so kind and always true,  
When I become a man,  
I then will take all care of you,  
And do the best I can.

And, when we've lived in peace and love  
And happiness together,  
Our God will take us high above,  
To dwell with Him for ever.

H. D. Forest Gurney  
Farm School, April 10, 1859. Age 12.

### Faneuil Hall Band Concert Notice

The Annual Spring Concert of our  
school Band will be given at Faneuil Hall,  
in Boston, on May 2, at two o'clock. A  
most cordial invitation is extended to all

our friends to attend this concert, and we  
do hope that you will come. This will be  
the eighteenth successive year that the boys  
have given their spring concert in historic  
Faneuil Hall.

Those who have attended the Faneuil  
Hall concerts have enjoyed them very  
much, and we know that this year the  
music will be equal, or even surpass, that  
of all of the concerts in this series. A  
varied, interesting program is assured  
which we are sure will please all those in  
attendance.

The boys have rehearsed painstakingly  
and diligently throughout the winter  
months, and they welcome this opportunity  
to show their friends what has been  
accomplished. We feel sure that you will  
agree that their music study has been  
fruitful.

In May the Band will participate in  
the regional and New England school  
music festivals. These events are attended  
by thousands of school musicians, and  
are a great inspiration to the young school  
musicians. It is a wonderful experience  
to be a participant in these school music  
festivals.

The expenses for the Festivals, as well  
as the Faneuil Hall concert, are met by  
contributions. If you feel disposed towards  
helping meet these expenses, a small gift  
sent to the Band Fund at the School will  
be gratefully received and acknowledged.

Please do not make any contributions at Faneuil Hall.

The success of our Band depends in a large measure upon the always faithful interest of the hosts of friends who have been interested in the boys over a period of many years. Indeed, our friends are a vital factor in promoting interest and enthusiasm. We do hope that you will attend the Faneuil Hall concert, and bring friends if you wish. No further invitation than this is necessary. May we see you at Faneuil Hall on May 2?

### A Real Pal

A dog is a real pal and an ideal companion, bringing joy and happiness to the master's heart. Although human friendships can be hurt by unkind words or deeds, the loyalty of a dog to his master is always true. Therefore whoever owns a dog should try and make it happy. It is good for children to own dogs. Dogs will play with them, and watch out for them. Sometimes it seems as though dogs like children more than they do grown ups. I like dogs, and have one, who is now getting quite old. She is an ideal companion.

Norman W. Sellevaag

### Sunday Afternoon Activities

Last Sunday afternoon some of the boys went on a beach walk. When we got to Bowditch Grove we stopped and chose sides to play relieve. We played for a long time. Then we continued on our beach walk. After supper we watched television. Then we had our Sunday night church service. Mr. Beauregard is our minister.

George D. McPeck

### Sophomore Assembly

This week, on March 22, the sophomores had the privilege of giving the entertainment at the weekly assembly.

Our principal, Mr. Rose, was in charge of the rehearsals and it took two weeks to prepare the show.

The assembly opened by the school singing a favorite song, then the class program began. It opened with a group of songs by the class quartette, called the Monotones. One of the songs was written especially for the quartette and was called, "Across the Bay." Those in the quartette were David LeVeille, William Dillon, David Pulsifer and Teyet Ramar.

Second on the program was a monologue by Norman Sellevaag. His stage name was Dusty Brake Beans. There were plenty of laughs as he gave "I Am Whom?" Following this there was a blackface monologue by David Howard. As Romeo Howard he gave "Me and My Gal." The third monologue was by Robert Fabello. As Harry the Hobo he gave "The Knight of the Ties."

The third and closing part of the entertainment was another group of songs by the Monotones.

The school band followed the class program with a group of selections including the Determination Overture and Gate City March.

Mr. Meacham then made the interesting and important announcement of scholastic honors of the graduating class. The valedictorian for the class of 1954 is William H. Dillon and the salutatorian is David E. LeVeille. They were warmly applauded.

The singing of another song by the school completed the assembly.

David W. Howard

### Our Major Sport

In the minds of many of the boys here football is the major sport. Of course baseball, basketball and other games have their place but we all long for the fall season and the first football drill. We

begin in the early part of September and drill daily. After a few days our coach has determined who will be on the varsity squad. He keeps twenty-two boys, and a first and second team is organized. After a month of practice the squad is ready for the first of a seven game season. Each boy gives his all for his team and thus for his school. Truly, football is our major sport, and from it we learn loyalty, sportsmanship and courage.

Teyet Ramar II

### The Library

Our library room is opened several times every day so that we can read magazines and exchange books. Mr. Rose is the librarian and he has assistants from the boys. Most of the popular magazines are on the library table and back issues are kept on file. There is a wide variety of fiction, as well as a good selection of books on biography, history and travel. Many reference books are on hand to help us with our school work.

The library is used for school work, for we get the books we need for required reading there. Also most of us like to read for pleasure, and the library has many steady borrowers. New books are being added almost every week.

Larry E. Garside

### Pleasant Weather

We don't seem to have the cold, snowy weather that used to be the New England winter. For the past months the days have been mild and pleasant. On Saturdays and Sundays the weather has been perfect for hiking around the beach and playing games in the north end grove. On some days the ocean has been as calm as a lake. Of course winter is not over yet and we may still get an old-fashioned winter snowstorm.

Robert H. Grignon

### Astronomy

Astronomy is the scientific study of the stars and other heavenly bodies. It originated when the need of designated time intervals came into being. The Greeks were the first people to make a serious study of astronomy. Among the great students of the science were Pythagoras, Ptolemy, Copernicus, and Galileo, among others. To them we owe much of our present knowledge of the stars. In the years to come, as we learn more and more about astronomy, we may be able to explore other planets in our solar system.

John A. Fritz

### A New Boy's Opinion

I came to this School about two months ago, and must admit I didn't think I would like it. Before long I found out I was certainly wrong, for F. T. S. is a very good place. The boys are all friendly, and it didn't take me long to get to know everyone. Someone asked me if I was homesick at first. No, I wasn't. This is all I am going to write for now.

Joseph F. McDonough

### A Driving Lesson

Last week I took my first driving lesson. It lasted about 30 minutes. When we started I was shown how the controls of the car were operated, and given instruction on some rules of the road. We drove through town and out into the country. Then I took the wheel. I first learned how to start and stop smoothly. Then I learned how to back up. We stayed on a side road for twenty minutes practicing. When the lesson was over I had a test, that of driving the car to my home, which I did without any trouble. I might say that I was a little proud of myself.

Robert Fabello

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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 Past—Where have we been? To condense more than a century of glorious history into one column is impossible but a few significant milestones can be spotted.

From the time in 1814 when the first of three schools was organized, and all since been joined as one, the aim and objectives has been to provide an education, vocational and academic, and the other essentials of normal, happy living for the development of good boys who by unfortunate circumstances or inadequate facilities would otherwise be deprived of the advantages which every American boy ought to have.

In spite of meagre finances for this worthy project the men of Boston who had this vision were tenacious in their determination to establish and maintain a real haven for boys. The purchase of Thompson's Island, almost barren, treeless, unimproved, a 157-acre sheep pasture, in 1832, marked the most courageous and important step in the real birth of our present school.

It is safe to say that there was never a time when the school was not confronted with problems. The record indicates many discouragements along the way, but with the objective of smoothing the road of life and bridging turbulent waters of stress for future youth to follow, the School continued ever toward higher goals for its young charges.

Her accomplishments are not unlike the satisfactions of middle aged parents who have successfully reared and provided for a large family of outstanding youngsters and seen them take their places as leaders in our great American way of life, multiplied a thousand-fold.

As in every household, there are problems. Our greatest problem of the moment consists of our inability to render maximum service because of lowered



enrollment brought about by "Government Aid" and the reluctance of the School to wage a vigorous, continuous campaign of publicity and field work, which, indeed, was not until recent years necessary.

The association of islands of Boston Harbor as places of penal institutions, in the minds of many uninformed people, has led to much inaccurate and unfavorable opinion. This has been dispelled to a considerable degree in the last twenty-five years by our Band's annual appearances throughout New England and our athletic teams playing in eastern Massachusetts, talks given at many civic clubs and churches, generous free publicity in the Press and over the Radio, and by a considerable number of book and magazine articles. Not the least of these items of publicity was the colorful blotter of the First National Bank of Boston given very wide distribution, portraying America's First Boys' Band established at The Farm and Trades School in 1857.

### Topics in Brief

Our school band entertained the members of the Blue Room Club, a Masonic organization, on March 13. Howard B. Ellis, '98, was host to the boys and saw that they were well taken care of. The boys had an excellent dinner and then played their concert in the George Brown auditorium of the New England Conservatory of Music. Several hundred members of the Club made up an enthusiastic audience. Following the hour-long concert there was an entertainment by professional talent.

A special meeting of a representative group of alumni was held at the Parker House on April 5, at the suggestion of the school's Board of Trustees. The purpose

of the meeting was to suggest a program of advancement for our school to cover a period of the next ten years, or longer. An enthusiastic group was present, and many valuable suggestions received. The meeting was adjourned until April 20, at the Parker House.

The boys in the sixth grade are engaged in the fascinating hobby of corresponding with youngsters in foreign lands, through association with the International Friendship League. Many times in the past our school has had pleasant contacts with the League, and our Band has furnished music upon occasion for the short wave broadcasts sponsored by the League.

Our library has been enriched through the gift of a set of Encyclopedia Britannica, which we appreciate highly. These volumes, and others, were received from Miss C. Ina Carrigan. Our library, which was completely reorganized last year, is a source of considerable interest to most of our boys, and several have served as assistant librarians.

The recreational interests of the boys have been centered upon the beginning of the baseball season. The work of getting both the softball and baseball fields in good condition is almost finished, and we expect games in these sports to be played by mid-April. The basketball season, which has just ended, was completed by the annual foul shooting competition, in which most of the boys took part.

The sophomore class entertained on March 22 at the regular weekly assembly. The boys gave very clever monologues, in costume, and a class quartet sang four numbers. One of the songs was written especially for the occasion. The program was very much enjoyed.

Our paint shop crew is rapidly nearing the completion of completely redecorating Dormitory B, and the boys are very proud of their fine job. Some linoleum in the basement corridors of the dormitories is being replaced. These, with routine maintenance jobs, keep the painters busy.

The freshman class prepared a costumed entertainment on March 29, which featured instrumental and vocal popular selections. Most of the class members took part. Harold Spurling acted as the master of ceremony for his class.

Some of the boys had the opportunity of seeing the popular, colorful musical "Oklahoma," at the Boston Opera House on April 3. They enjoyed the musical very much, and were thrilled by the stage settings.

Our maintenance crew has built a rugged cart to be tractor pulled. This will be utilized in many ways, and will prove to be a valuable piece of equipment.

The farm boys have done a good job in making carpentry repairs to the storage barn. The east end of the barn was completely shingled.

### My Thoughts

I like school on Thompson's Island. Here we have the chance to learn how to do so many things that if I listed them it would take a whole column. It is a lot different than going to public school where all I had was class work. Here we have farming, sloyd, music, printing and athletics which I like especially and many other interests which the other boys like.

Barry R. Fuller

### An Unusual Hobby

One of my friends has an interesting hobby. He catches field mice and puts them through an intelligence test. He

puts a mouse in a box with a hole in it to see how long it will take the mouse to find the hole. Next he puts the mouse in a box which has a maze of mirrors and sees how long it takes the mouse to find an escape hole. The last test is the most exciting. The mouse is put on a little island, with a rope ladder leading to a block of cheese. A smart mouse will climb the ladder, while another will swim, hunting for an exit.

This is what I call a very unusual hobby.

Loren E. Cain

### Spring on Thompson's Island

The spring season at the School is very interesting. There are so many things to be done that we wonder whether we are going to have time to do them. The lawns, shrubbery, walks, baseball and softball fields all need to be put in shape. The flower gardens are planted. On the farm the land has to be made ready for the seed, and the farm crews work hard, because the spring season is short and time is precious. The island is certainly beautiful in May. The boys pitch in so that everything will be in top shape by the time early summer arrives. Yes, in the spring-time there is a lot to be done, and we do it. Then all through the summer we enjoy the results of our spring work.

David E. LeVeille

### City Life

Although it must be said that there are advantages when one lives in the city, it must also be admitted that there are many disadvantages. In a crowded section of a city especially, one will wake up to the noise of trucks and cars, and often to odors from factories or mills. The sunlight which comes through the windows isn't much, and the view is the side of the next house. When going to work one is pushed and jostled in a bus or subway car.

There are many disadvantages to life in a city.

In the country one wakes to the sounds of birds. The houses have big yards. Shrubbery and flower gardens are common. One walks to work along a pretty road, or drives on a quiet highway. There isn't the haste, noise or crowds, and life seems much more peaceful.

William H. Dillon

### Printing Office Painted

You will be glad to see our printing office, for it has just been painted. The new color is a light green with brown trimmings. The paint shop crew did a very excellent and speedy job. On your next trip to the school be sure to visit the printing office.

David W. Howard

### Competition

Open competition is the life of trade. In the manufacturing of any item the management tries to produce a better article, to be sold at less cost, than that of his competitors. The competition in business must be met, and when it is the company prospers. Some big companies spend much money experimenting to discover new products and better, cheaper ways of manufacturing old ones.

S. Newcomb Graham

### Additional Alumni Notes

Among visitors to the School during the month were two of our younger graduates, Wayne D. Suitor, '50 and Malcolm C. Wiley, '49. Both are Korean war veterans, having joined the service after their graduation from Waltham and Weymouth high schools respectively. They have been assigned duty in this country to finish out their enlistment.

FREDERICK E. MUNICH, '20, is very much interested in the activities of his

Alma Mater, and plans at least one visit to an alumni gathering annually. He has been for many years associated with the Western Union Telegraph Company, and is listed in "Who's Who in Engineering." He was recently awarded the Pratt Institute Engineers Alumni Association Key for 1953 for "outstanding services for the alumni association." He lives in Glen Rock, N. J., at 474 South Maple Avenue.

ROBERT W. SANBORN, '50, is a sophomore at Rutgers University. His principal subjects include English, Latin, Psychology and Sociology. He is active in many college activities, including the R. O. T. C., the French Club, Political Science Club and the fencing team. Bob is to be congratulated on his fine work, for he has earned most of his high school and college expenses by excellent scholastic attainments and initiative. He was awarded scholarships which completely cover his tuition, and works part time in the college book store and cafeteria to pay for his living expenses. He has won numerous prizes for his public speaking ability.

The above article pertaining to Bob Sanborn gives us the opportunity to reflect on the fine records our alumni achieve in advanced schools. The lessons which they learned here have developed their responsibility, initiative, enterprise, and, above all, gives them a character which makes them "stand out." It gives us tremendous satisfaction to have these boys do so well, and to have them look back on their Thompson's Island days as the firm foundation upon which they have been able to build their educational careers. Good luck to our young graduates now making a name for themselves in high school and college!

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We are saddened to report the death of NORMAN F. MORSE, '85, at his home on Bridge Street, Chatham, on March 17. He was 77 at the time of his death and had enjoyed reasonably good health.

Mr. Morse was born on Thompson's Island, in the farm house at the southern part of the island. He was the son of John Ripley and Sarah J. Morse. His father was active as a member of the school staff for many years, and organized and directed the school band for half a century.

One of our older alumni, Mr. Morse retained a deep interest in the School throughout his lifetime, and served as an alumni representative on the Board of Trustees. He was a frequent visitor here, especially on Alumni Field Days. His hobby was photography, and he had many excellent collections of photographs of the school and its work taken through the years, which he was always happy to show at alumni gatherings.

He retired three years ago, after having served for many years as office manager of the Master Builders, a Boston concern.

He was a fifty year member of the Old Colony Lodge, A. F. & A. M., past high priest of Wompatuck Royal Arch Chapter and past president of the High Street Cemetery Association, all in Hingham, in which town he made his home until a year ago when he moved to Chatham.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bessie Wilder Morse; a daughter, Mrs. Eunice Shuebruk of Darien, Conn.; and a granddaughter, Miss Serena Shuebruk, a senior at the University of Connecticut.

Masonic services were held at the Downing Cottage Chapel, Pond Street, Hingham on March 19. On the following day funeral services were conducted at the Old Ship Church under the direction of the Rev. Richard W. F. Seebode. Representatives of the School and Alumni Association were present.

We have lost a good friend and loyal alumnus, one whose ever present interest and warm friendliness will be greatly missed. The BEACON expresses its sympathy to the family.

DONALD J. DEWOLF, a former pupil here, according to a Boston Herald account on March 28, is engaged to be married to Miss Davena Rogers. Miss Rogers is the daughter of Vincent D. Rogers, principal of Brewster Academy, in Wolfeboro, N. H. Mr. DeWolf will resume his studies in the fall at the University of Massachusetts. He has completed three years of service with the U. S. Marine Corps, and is a Korean War Veteran.

ROBERT W. DUQUET, '43, received his law degree from Suffolk Law School in June, and recently was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar. He served in the armed forces in World War II. We were glad to see him at a recent alumni gathering, and to wish him well on his law career.

ROBERT O. CAIN, '53, is a third year student at Brockton Trade School. He earns a good share of his living expenses by part time work. He lives at 51 Rosetter Street, Brockton, Mass.