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The Superintendent's Message always tries to leave some thoughts from which boys or staff members will be helped in conducting their own life or job. It is with this idea in mind that I submit the copy of a letter I received in connection with the toy project of Cottage Three. Please read the letter carefully, then read it a second time thinking of what its contents mean. Some may even want to read it, as I have done, three times with additional thoughts each time. Then think of what it means to us and you:

"The South Amboy Lions Club feels it a privilege to be able to thank you and the boys for the wonderful toys we were able to deliver to some unfortunate children in South Amboy. I especially want the boys to know of the happiness they brought to five small children, three boys and two

girls, in a family where their father, who is their only means of support, has been bed-ridden for 19 months, which leaves his family and most any man's family very poor.

"Before taking these presents to the children, we asked the father if he objected to accepting help from this source, and to quote his own words he said, "If it were not for the help of other people, my whole family would be dead."

"These toys were left at the house and we returned after Christmas to find the happiest bunch of kids you ever saw. Because I cannot find words to express the joy of these children, I'm afraid you boys will never know what you have done.

"And one of the most amazing things about the whole thing is the quality and skill of the work performed on these toys. When we first heard of these toys, they were referred to as "Broken Toys Repaired." I feel this reference does not do justice to the finished products you produce and would like to suggest that you boys decide on a title such as "remodel," "Recondition" or Redo," or some other name worthy of their quality.

"May I again thank you and hope that the sunshine you spread becomes more brilliant with each ensuing day of the New Year, and that you may find a greater joy in the work you are doing."

Frederic A. Fitch,
Superintendent

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THE CHRISTMAS PLAY

IN January 1949, one of our officials suggested that the 1949 Christmas play be woven around the Christmas card. He began showering us with

of a boy home on furlough. While the family was at midnight church services the cards became true living pictures.

It was very beautiful and taught a good lesson but we are going to write



Nativity Scene from the Christmas Play.

cards for ideas which just sat and waited until along in November.

It was decided that some sort of story of interest and help to the boys should be used and embody the card idea in that. Since furloughs were the chief topic at that time, it was natural that the story developed into the story

a behind the scene report.

The play was written and all details worked out before Thanksgiving. That was very necessary because our Glee Club director and artistic scenery expert (all wrapped up in one man) was to go on vacation and would return just a week before play date.

All arrangements were made and the play was mimeographed directly after Thanksgiving vacation. Copies were given to the teachers working on costumes and props and both of these departments started work immediately. Soon we had our shadow box in which to place our card tableaux and the costumes were being put together.

The actors were chosen and spot rehearsals were held during regular classroom periods.

In the meantime the "in betweeners," the acts to hold the audience during scenery shifts, were in classroom rehearsals.

We all enjoyed the boy in the play who had to overcome a selfish attitude and to learn that freedom

includes consideration for others.

After the message of the cards had spread a feeling of love, cooperation and true Christmas spirit throughout the household the nativity scene was brought on the stage using the tree and shadow box for background.

Many discussions were held concerning this scene and some of us gained a fuller meaning of Christmas than ever before.

Two full rehearsals were held to experiment with lighting and scene setting and the play went on ready or not. Surprisingly it was readier than even we had dared hope and another Christmas play was written into history.

Charles Cerbone

GLEE CLUB

On the Thursday evening before Christmas, December 22, 1949, thirty excited youngsters of the Chapel Choir from the New Jersey State Home for Boys sang on the stage of the State Theater in New Brunswick. This program was one of five during that week when representative choral groups from the schools of Middlesex County each gave a fifteen minute program of carols. While the boys sang for the audience the program was being broadcast over station WDHN.

Among the numbers sung by the choir were the familiar Austrian carol, "Silent Night;" a Sicilian folk song, "Praise God," featuring the soprano and alto sections; "Oh Come Little Children," a German carol; "In Excelsis Deo," the French carol, and "Win-

ter Wonderland" an American seasonal ballad. Thomas Jaconia of the choir sang as a solo the appropriately popular song, "Dear Hearts and Gentle People." The program ended with the singing of a round, "Oh How Lovely Is the Evening."

These boys were part of the Glee Club of 65 boys who weekly attend rehearsals at the Home. Starting from scratch, with no previous musical training in singing four part harmony, the Glee Club learned 12 carols for the annual Christmas Play at the school. Besides the broadcast and the play, members of the Chapel Choir sang at a meeting of the Parole Supervisors of the state and the Red Bank Rotary Club.

Academic 1 and Special Class 1

The boys in Mrs. Cozzens' class really had a wonderful Christmas.

Three weeks before Christmas we started making a five foot tall Santa Claus of newspapers, twine and paste. The finished product is called a "Paper Mache" project. He stood on our work table with lots of red paper streamers running from his mitts to packages of mixed candies. These were a special treat for our Christmas Party. Also on the table was our little village with lots of snow hanging over it making it look like the right setting for a "White Christmas."

A group of six boys sang in the Christmas play. They were dressed in pajamas and standing by a fireplace with Santa Claus while they sang "Jolly Old St. Nicholas".

Mrs. Cozzens set our party up on a large table decorated with red crepe paper and a silver center piece. Around this were piled oranges for every one. We certainly enjoyed the "eats", some of us were so full we could not eat our dinner when we reached the dining room and that is something.

About half of our class made Christmas furlough but we fellows who stayed had a good time.

Now the holidays are over, we are down to real work thinking about our tests which will come the last of

January with high hopes of making a passing grade.

Academic 2 and 3

The boys of Mrs. Bennett's class are doing fine. We have so many things to do that we all have fun working together.

Mrs. Bennett reads us stories such as: "The Boxcar Children," "Cow Country," "Robinhood" and many others.

Our regular reading, writing and arithmetic is our work daily. Now we are learning Roman numerals which we all like.

After Christmas time we made snowmen to decorate our windows and doors.

We are now reading, "Cow Country" and it's very exciting, too.

We were in the Christmas play "between acts" and we learned one big lesson. That lesson is, "the show must go on."

On the way up from the balcony to the stage I lost something I had to carry in the drill and I ran to get it. When I came back I found that the act was already on stage and my partner and I had been left out. We felt awful and then the director said that if we were smart enough to go in and get in place during the marching we could do so. We surprised her. We did and no one knew that we were sneaking in late. It was an awful feel-

ing though and if I'm in any play again I'm going to be on time.

Louis Jacobs

Academic 5

The new year is here. It is a good time for us to start a better year. The past is past and it cannot be changed but the future is yet to come. It is easy to make resolutions but hard to keep them. My New Year's resolution is to be good and go home. I hope I can keep mine. Can you keep yours for 1950?

Adam Brenner

As it is a new year and most people make resolutions, I made one to get home quickly and forget about Jamesburg. My mother said that when I come home and join the right kind of company I may get a bike for being good and keeping out of trouble.

Robert Schwarze

Usually we have a lot of snow in January but this year we have only had a few flakes that didn't amount to anything. It doesn't seem like winter without some snow on the ground.

We put snow men on our windows hoping to coax the snow to fall. I hope it works.

LeRoy Stellate

I think the boys of Cottage No. 3 are very kind for repairing toys for children who had none at Christmas. That goes to show they have consideration for other people not so lucky. Cottage No. 3 is almost like an Honor Cottage, I wish I were bigger so I could go there.

Clifford Essinger

Academic 6

As we are sitting at our desks in the classroom, we are thinking of the wonderful time we all had at Christmas. A large number of boys went home on parole. Now that the new year is here, we all should try to get on the right track for a better start.

The boys of the Sixth Grade are planning to make a study of several boys' books that have over the years achieved the status of great literature. Among the first of these will be "Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain. We are looking forward to a great deal of enjoyment in reading these books. The boys in our class are trying to write stories as a hobby and are very much interested.

John Hickey

Academic 7

Recently a number of the boys in the Jr. High Social Studies class have been studying the U. S. Navy Career Pattern Chart together with the United States Navy Occupational hand book. Mr. Tengowski obtained the material at the Teachers' Convention at Atlantic City. The hand book gives information about sixty four vocations offered the enlisted man by the navy. Anchors Aweigh!

Shortly before Christmas the Academic 7 boys made a clean sweep of some 100 books in the classroom. These, Mr. Kasmarek willingly took for the boys in Reception Cottage.

From Annandale we received 12 copies of "Other World Neighbors"

and "Socialized History of the United States" which are being used as reference books in our work.

Joseph Gribbin

Academic 9

The Junior High English classes saw a very interesting picture last Friday. It was called, "Jane Eyre." It was first written as a book and then made into the movie. The author of the book was Charlotte Bronte who was born in 1816. She put a little of her own life into the story.

The movie starts when Jane was nine years old and living with an aunt. Her aunt did not like Jane so she sent her away to an institution. She stayed there for ten years and was treated very cruelly. The other girls were not allowed to play with her. She finally left the institution to be a governess to a little girl who lived at Thornfield. She stayed at Thornfield for some time and fell in love with the owner of the house. On the day that she was to be married she found out that the man she loved was already married to a woman locked in his home because she had been insane for years. After finding this out she left Thornfield and went back to her aunt's house.

Here she found that her aunt's son had killed himself and her aunt was also ready to die. After her aunt's death she returned to Thornfield only to find that the wife of the man whom she loved had burned down the house and had died in the fire. Her husband had been made

blind but Jane who was still in love with him married him just the same.

It was a very interesting picture and I wish all the boys could see it. Pictures help us to understand books and make us want to learn something of the author's life. It would be nice if more good books were made into movies that are available to us. I'm sure that if they were available we'd see them because our teachers are watching for all things that help us.

Robert LaBance

Junior High Co-op

Things are moving along fine these days but I have been thinking for weeks of what might interest our readers. I find that there is a necessity in keeping ourselves physically fit in order to be healthy, wealthy, and wise.

I've picked for my topic of discussion one of the most needful body organs, "The Human Heart."

The heart is divided into four separate chambers, the right and the left auricles which are at the top and the right and left ventricles which are the two lower parts of the heart. The heart is unbalanced in shape for the left side is larger than the right side. This unbalance in shape is brought about because the right side of the heart sends blood to the lungs only, while the left side of the heart pumps the blood to all parts of the body.

It is needless to say that the heart is a necessary organ in the hu-

man body which none of us could live without. Let's keep our bodies fit so that our hearts will last a long, long time.

Paul Saunders

Special III

From my classroom I see farm boys working. I see birds flying around the school everyday.

Our teacher reads a story to the boys in class.

We make nice rugs in school. We make nice pot holders and pocket books in school.

Excerpts from article by
Derek Jones

M. E. I

We, the M. E. I boys, have been studying the early history of our country especially New Jersey. Let's go back and see what it looked like three hundred years ago.

It was the happy hunting ground of the Lenne Lenape tribe of Indians. They had an easy life—they could get clams, oysters and fish at the shore and hunt wild animals such as bears, deer, foxes and wolves in the dense forest that covered the land.

Wouldn't they be surprised to see New Jersey as it is today? One of the smallest states but one of the greatest in the union it is called the "Garden State." It has great industries, schools, churches and a dense population. Her people are loyal citizens of the U.S.A.

Henry Davies
William Brantley

M. E. Ceramics

I made a vase on the potter's wheel, flowers for the vase, and for my teacher, Miss Burke, a cigarette box using a slip mold. I mixed clay and water until it was a thick, creamy slip. I poured this into the mold and let it stand for a short time. I poured the soft clay out of the mold, the other that stuck to the sides of the mold, formed the box which fell out when it was dry. I made a dogwood flower to put on the top of it.

Marvin Mathis

I shaped a vase with my wet hands, as the potter's wheel revolved. Now I am modeling a large Easter rabbit for my mother.

Robert Westcoat

I am making a heart-shaped ceramics ash tray for Valentine's Day. First, I rolled out the clay with a rolling pin. Then I placed a pattern of a heart on the clay and cut it out. I cut a long strip of clay to fit around the edge of the clay heart. I stuck the pieces together with slip and made grooves for the cigarettes to fit into and added flowers for decorations. Now the tray has to be fired and glazed.

Cosmo Liaci

I made a beautiful pair of candle holders for Valentine's Day. They are heart-shaped and are decorated with flowers and leaves. I cut out two flat, rectangular pieces of clay, which I wound around in a circle to hold the candle. Then I shaped the

leaves and the flowers to the heart. They will be bisque and glazed fired by Valentine's Day.

James Brown is the class artist. He draws winter scenes and still life, which he colors with oil crayons and turpentine.

James Williams

M. E. II

As I write this in January the M. E. II boys are getting ready for their mid-term examinations, and many of us hope that we will be promoted.

Our shopwork, this month, is the preparation for our Scout exhibit in the Convention Hall in Asbury Park on February 11. We are working on the requirements for the woodworking and woodturning merit badges. Andrew Alli will represent our group and operate the wood lathe. We will have on display all the various wood projects that a boy must make before he can earn these badges.

We are trying to make our classroom and shop the best in the school. My job is cleaning up the shop and looking after the tools and equipment. It is an important assignment, but more than that it is something that I like to do.

Harold Evans

Library

HOW ABOUT A MYSTERY?

"Everyone loves a mystery," that is if everyone is of school age.

One of the good mysteries from our juvenile collection can provide a motive for reading. Sometimes it is

not hard to put down a book of average interest and fail to pick it up again but the chances are that even a reluctant reader will not put down a mystery until he finishes it to find the solution of the plot.

There are some good teen-age mysteries on the shelves in the library and a number of new ones have been ordered. Dust doesn't gather on these but perhaps more boys could enjoy them and really speed up their rate of reading.

Come in and get a mystery.

GETTING ALONG WITH PEOPLE

One of the concepts of our great American Democracy is: "Liberty and Justice for All." Our pledge of Allegiance ends with these words, let us see what they mean to you and me.

To me liberty means the right to do as we please, to worship as we please, to make our own choice of work or vocation, to select our own way of life. Liberty in a sense means freedom; freedom to develop our own character, our own skills and talents. Justice means fair dealing and the right to conduct our own lives without interference by other people.

If we are to continue to have Liberty and Justice we must accept the fact that Liberty means privilege and Justice means responsibility. If we are free to live our lives as we see fit we must accept the responsibility to live in such a way that we do not interfere with the rights and privileges of others.

This brings me to the main point which I wish to make, namely: It is important to learn to live with other people in peace and harmony without friction or arguments or outbursts of temper. Outbursts of temper do not settle any problems, often they merely show that we need to grow up and frequently they get us into trouble.

Employers today are as much concerned with how we get along with

others as they are with how much skill or talent we possess. The business of manners, good manners comes into this discussion, too, since the fellow with good manners seldom has trouble in getting along with people.

Let's make Cooperation and Good Will our watch words.

John E. Moore
Dir. of Education

Christmas Night

It was Christmas Eve of December 1949, at the State Home for Boys when a hush came over those in the little chapel. The lights went out and twelve Apostles came down the aisle, walking slowly to the altar where they lighted the candles they were carrying, turning they lighted the candles that were placed along the aisle. As the last candle was done and the red glow showered the inside of the church the three Wise Men came looking for the Christ Child. When they saw the star they ventured forth to the Christ Child laying the gifts they had brought at the foot of His cradle. While all this was taking place William Kenny of cottage No. 6 was reading from the Bible.

The Wise Men and the Apostles were dressed in robes of soft colors.

The costumes and dressing were in charge of Mrs. Poole, Mrs. Kasmarek and Mrs. Dinkel. The music and supervision of the choir was under the direction of Mr. Miner.

The staff members and their families enjoyed the service very much as did the boys themselves. The boys who participated appreciated the privilege of doing so.

The candlelight service is part of the traditional Christmas program here at the State Home.

Norman Warren

The test of an oak or of a man is "How sound is he at the heart."

Reception Cottage

After being here a few days the boys of Reception all agree that there should be a reception cottage where we learn about the institution before being sent to our own cottage.

Mr. Dey and Mr. Lesko are starting us off on cord craft which we will continue in school. We make plastic patterns and tie clips.

Mr. Kasmarek is starting us in a band, which we hope will turn out to be a success. Mr. Kasmarek says if we are good enough we can play in the school auditorium.

We are being kept very busy with these activities and the work that we do here in Reception.

Leon Thomas
Stephen Zaludek

Junior Honor Cottage

We boys of the Junior Honor Cottage had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's holiday. We were given many presents from the Lions Club and the Salvation Army. They made us feel at home. Some of the boys had earned Christmas furlough at home and so spent Christmas with their parents. We had a beautiful tree here at No. 9. Mrs. Selig helped us decorate it.

Just after the holidays cottage No. 9 had a new cottage father and mother assigned to it. We are very happy to have Mr. and Mrs. Barton

with us and think they will make excellent cottage parents.

We had a nice party New Year's day.

The self-government plan in Cottage No. 9 is progressing rapidly.

Frank Martini
Walter Wright

Senior Honor Cottage

This is station S. H. B. Cottage One reporting.

Yes, Cottage One is now in full swing again after being closed for about two months. The cottage opened with the two boys who were in it before it closed and fifteen new boys who were eligible.

We have many duties to perform such as junior night watchmen, escorts and to be ready for special duties and jobs when they come up.

In working together to perform our daily tasks we find that very fact makes us better citizens and that the only road to progress is in cooperation.

Paul Saunders

Cottage Two

Hallowe'en night was about the best party Cottage Two ever had. Such eats! Chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, soda and a lot of other good things. When a party in No. 2 is talked of Mr. and Mrs. Onda always see that we have everything that we need."

The month of November went quickly by and it was December and time to think about Christmas decorations. The boys had a fine time doing the decorating in the cottage and in the boys' dining room under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Onda.

On Christmas Day the boys who did not receive gifts from home had a wonderful time at the Lions party. New Year's came and again we had a party with grand eats.

Now the holidays are over and we are settling down to work. We hope that we shall have another fine year and one in which we enjoy good health.

Joel Bonner

Cottage Three

Our toy project has won us a great deal of publicity and many friends. Well over 600 items were distributed. At this time we would like to thank Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Corrigan, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Kasprzak and Miss Mirabella for making dresses for that stack of dolls. We can repair cradles and carriages but sew dresses—well that's different.

We were very glad to help those children who were missed by Santa Claus. This year we actually acted out the part, "That it is better to give than to receive." It is a wonderful feeling—believe us. The one thing that we would like to have seen would have been the smiling faces of the children receiving the toys. Our project will continue to operate all the year long and from now on Cottage No. 3 will be known as North Pole II.

On January 1st. an election was held to elect new officers to serve on our self-government panel. A good choice was made in all departments. We hope to do even better this year than last.

We have had a big turn-over in our Sea-Scouts but even so we are 100% enrolled—every boy a scout. Our mate and his assistants are planning a well rounded program for this year. Week-end trips to Camp Brisbane will be included as they were last year.

Working as a team, we are very busy and happy in all the things that we undertake to do.

Thomas Jaconia

Cottage Four

At last after months of waiting Christmas had arrived. Cottage No. 4 was especially full of Christmas spirit, having loads of fun and eating plenty, too, thanks to the kind and generous attitude of Mr. and Mrs. Mendel.

The boys who didn't expect visits went to the Lions party and came back with some really swell presents with which we played all day. We had fun with the things we received from home, too.

Some of us are working in the workshop now. With Mr. Mendel's help it doesn't look so much like an abandoned warehouse as it did. Soon we hope to enlarge our shop so that more boys can work in it.

Even tho' we had a happy time during the holidays there were many sad faces as we thought of home. We all hope to be home next Christmas, it really is nicer to be there.

Frank Pacelli

Cottage Five

The boys in our cottage had a swell Christmas. The cottage was decorated with greens that had been gathered by the boys and Mr. Dinkel. We had a grand party with eats for all and a lot of fun. At New Year's we had a very nice party given in the dining room by Miss Riess. We also gave Mr. Dinkel a birthday party.

One Christmas present that the cottage received and which we are enjoying very much was the moving picture machine. We have a nice lot of films and we are always happy when we can go up into the living room and see movies.

We had a good season in soccer, took first place in the junior league, and now we are doing alright in the basketball games.

The self-government plan set up a while back is working out very smoothly now, with the help of Mr. Dinkel and our new assistant cottage father, Mr. Taylor.

Boy! Overnight in the woods! Well, that's just what we're going to do very soon in our scouting program. Almost everyone is a scout now.

The boys of our cottage are to

start ping-pong and checker tournaments and I'm sure we'll have some good players.

We want to thank the Lions Club and the Salvation Army for helping to make our Christmas such a pleasant one.

Joseph Moore
Raymond Piatt

Cottage Six

Another Christmas over and the ending of another year. It was the first Christmas for a lot of boys to be away from home but it was a merry one. This was made possible by a lot of fine people. We had lots of nice presents and good things to eat.

Happy New Year! Let us all strive to make this a better and happier year and aim to reach the goal.

Self-government is in progress but due to the real meaning of self-government and the mis-understanding of it by some of the boys, it is sort of tough going.

Mr. Max is back in the cottage again and we hope to get it in shape as it was before he went into the laundry. We want to have cottage six on the list again as one of no run-aways.

Come on boys, let's wise up and get on the ball. Learn the easy way and show just a little appreciation and then we will go places.

William Kenny

Cottage Seven

We will start our newsy column by wishing everyone a prosperous 1950.

Christmas in our cottage was a merry one, rising time Christmas morning was 5:30 A.M., and believe it or not we were all awake when our cottage father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Hansen, greeted us with a call of Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas. Rushing to see what Santa had left, we found lots of goodies. Mr. Oman had told Santa to leave some games under the tree. He did and we liked them very much. After a day of fun and plenty to eat we were ready for bed when bedtime arrived.

Our "Ham Bone Quartet" has been quite busy entertaining State Home friends. They were at Nassau Inn, Princeton—Camp Kilmer, entertaining the convalescent soldiers and again to entertain the officers and their wives, the Lions luncheon at the Roger Smith Hotel, the Middlesex County 4 H Club, the Monroe P.T.A. and the Baptist Church in Jamesburg. The boys were always praised for their good singing and their conduct.

We started the New Year by having a bang up party in the cottage New Year's night. You should have seen William McMillan biting through his submarine sandwich. It was so huge half was taken to breakfast the next morning. We all had so much to eat half the group asked to go to bed at 6:30, which they did and not a peep was heard from those quarters.

We are now holding our scout meeting on Sunday evenings. William Grimsley is our new scribe as Joe Cherry was paroled.

More news another time.

Leonard Atkinson
Thomas Moore

Cottage Eight

The boys of Cottage No. 8 are again bringing you the latest news of our cottage activities. So far we've had very good luck in winning basket ball games. Now we are getting ready for the ping-pong and checker tournaments.

We had a very nice Christmas. We sang carols for all the visitors to our cottage. All the boys enjoyed the Candlelight Service in the Chapel on Christmas Eve. The Christmas dinner was grand, thanks to the food department for that. A lot of the boys received gifts from home and the others went to the Lions party where they received games and gifts of different kinds. Our Princeton student gave us a monopoly game which we use a lot when we cannot go outside on account of the weather.

Our cottage father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. O. Williams, put in a lot of time making the holidays pleasant for us. Our assistant cottage master, Mr. Sabatino, gave us a lot of chocolate candy that we certainly enjoyed. When we ate in the cottage on New Year's day, Mr. and Mrs. Espino gave us ham and a dish of ice cream for each boy that helped to complete the meal.

We received a lot of new tools for our shop so we can work there the nights that we do not have scout meetings.

We are planning an all day hike on Lincoln's birthday and are also getting ready for our cottage play in the school auditorium.

Richard Chavies

Cottage Eleven

What have we done during the winter evenings? We have had lots of fun with our new games and toys.

If you try to walk into our living room in the evening you will find toys and boys all over the place.

I said winter evening! What winter?

No snow! No sled! No skates!
Because Mr. Winter waits.
Warm coats! Warm gloves! So what!
The weather keeps us hot.

Lilac buds! Green grass! Muddy shoes!
Oh, what in the world to do?
White fields! Snow balls! Coasting!
Of those we'd rather be boasting.

LeRoy Stellate

Cottage Twelve

We didn't have a white Christmas here at cottage No. 12 but we did have an enjoyable one. The many visitors admired the decorations set up by Mr. Bauman and Mr. Wright assisted by the boys. The tree was placed in the center of the reception room, as suggested by Mrs. Bauman, instead of in the corner as had been the custom in the past. This made a very pleasing picture with all the gifts underneath.

On Christmas day, the boys without visits were presented with gifts and money slips by the Lions. Mr. Esposito presented a vaudeville show which was greatly appreciated by all the boys. We also attended the Star Theatre as guests of the management. Last but not least our own Christmas play in the auditorium will long live in our memories.

A few days before Christmas we had a meeting with Mr. Bauman to discuss what to purchase with the money given to the cottage by the Lions and we decided on a much needed set of tools for our hobby club. Lack of tools has greatly handicapped our activities in the past but now we are looking forward to having an extensive hobby program this winter.

Mr. Bauman and Mr. Wright have many other activities planned for the boys but none of them can materialize without the cooperation of all of us.

Francis O'Brien

Vincent Bailey

Cottage Basketball Leagues

Our cottage basketball leagues are well underway with eleven teams taking part in our leagues. Plaques and certificates will be awarded to the winners of these leagues at the end of the basketball season.

Members of our varsity basketball team act as officials, timers and score keepers.

Plans are underway for the institution ping pong and checker tournament with play-offs for the champions scheduled in March.

Christmas in the Cottages

The Christmas Holidays mean so much to us here at "State Home."

The collections of greens and pine cones gathered by boys on hikes added much to the gay, colorful decorations in the cottages.

The brightly lighted doorways and windows and the most beautiful sparkling Christmas tree in front of the

trees while others prepared to go to the Lions Party at the Chapel where they received gifts because none came from home. All the boys had an abundance of candy and very suitable gifts.

After the usual fine Christmas dinner the boys entertained their parents at their cottages all afternoon.



Cottage No. 3 Boys at Work—North Pole II

chapel seemed to send out the message "Merry Christmas to All" as all made their way to the Candle Light Service Christmas Eve.

Christmas morning there were happy boys with shining faces and much merry-making. Some eagerly unwrapped the gifts from the folks at home which they found under their

The parents seemed so grateful to be able to spend the time with their boys on Christmas Day.

After such a busy day there were those, who, after an hour or so of play following supper, were heard to remark, "Me for my bed, I've had a day of days."

Tailor Shop

In an earlier issue of the "Wilson Review" we told how a tailor must understand and study the anatomy of a human being if he is to make clothes successfully. In this issue I am going to write about the style which is so indispensable for a tailor to know.

A person is known by the style of clothes he or she wears thus it is up to the tailor to study his customer and dress him in a style that will fit him best.

In order to be up with the style of the season the tailor attends conferences held twice a year. In these conferences new garments made by leading tailors all over the world are brought in and discussed. If the new innovations in these garments are approved a new style is conceived at this meeting. Therefore it is imperative that a tailor attend these conferences if he wishes to be a progressive one.

He also subscribes for a fashion book called, "The American General". This book lists the conference meetings and brings to his attention new styles that come out between meetings.

Because one style cannot be applied to all customers it is the duty of the tailor to adapt the style to each individual customer.

In order to become an experienced tailor it takes several years of training and much practice.

Paul Saunders

Print Shop

"WHAT IS PRINTING?"

Printing is the great constructive force of the modern civilized world that plays the indispensable part in the spreading of news, in the expression and progression of political ideals, in the records and exchange of commerce and industry.

It democratizes education, science, art, music and broadens the scope of everything it touches. Its service is vital in building up an enduring business through advertising.

If anyone should ask you, "What is printing?," to make it short, you would only have to answer, "Printing is one of the greatest inventions ever made."

The Fall issue of the Wilson Review was a bit late due to the illness of our instructor, Mr. Williams. Now he is well again and the "presses is rolling."

T. Jaconia
Steve Machousky

Truck Garden

The work in the truck garden at this time of the year is the cleaning and painting of the wagons and machines. We raised lots of things for winter like sweet potatoes, celery, onions, cabbage, apples, kale and turnips.

We all like the new credit cards. They help us to do better.

Robert Cheeks

Barber Shop

We of the barber shop under the supervision of Mr. Sabitino are doing our best to keep the boys hair neat. It's hard because we are breaking in two new boys.

We started off with one machine and a pair of scissors, now we have a complete shop. All we need is to have the paint shop brush it up a bit. How about it? A neat shop for neat boys.

J. R. Sherwood

Carpenter Shop

The boys of the shop are all glad to report. Spenser Parker has finally made his parole. When he was told to get ready to go home he actually leaped in the air with joy.

The shop is like a bee hive these winter days repairing desks, chairs, stools and etc. received as surplus from the army.

We are all competing for the title of "First Boy" of the shop, a title earned by our behavior, trustworthiness and mechanical ability. With the title we are allowed to go out by ourselves to do small jobs and have other privileges.

Raymond Burke
Andrew Masker
Fred Aue

Lawn Force

This winter has been mild so far but don't let's get fooled. At this time we would like to ask you not to

forget our tiny feathered friends. A few crumbs of bread are all that they need. Let's keep them from going hungry this winter especially when the snow does come down. Yes, folks we do expect it --- we won't get caught napping either because we have had our shovels ready and ice scrapers sharpened for a long time now. So-o-o let'er come.

James Baker

Electric Shop

We have been helping with the wiring in the boiler room where they are changing from coal burning furnaces to oil burning. We have also been doing some wiring at the superintendent's home.

Mr. Dey shows the movies in the auditorium. We have some very good pictures. We really ought to remember not to whistle and stamp while the records are being played and that goes for the pictures, too.

John M. Hickey

Wood Working Shop

The boys have had a very busy year and are looking forward to another good one. We have about twenty eight in the shop and they are working on trays, lamps, bowls and different designed tables. We have just completed some more picture frames for the Salvation Army.

The eucalyptus leaf trays are made out of walnut, rosewood, applewood and striped mahogany. Last week the boys refinished a piano for the school.

Donald O'Donoghue

The Pasteurizer

This year we have 47 Holstein cows with 43 of them giving milk. There are 6 calves and 1 bull.

Mr. Riley has been sick for the last two months and we all hope that he will soon be well. Mr. Hart is tak-

During the half hour it is left here all the germs and bacteria are killed. Next it is cooled down to 100 degrees while still in the vat, then pumped to the cooler where it goes down to about 36 degrees. Now the milk is pasteur-



The New Pasteurizer, Mr. Arndt in Charge

ing his place in the dairy. Lots of boys are learning to milk and we all get along by working together.

Something new has been added to the State Home for Boys. Since January 16, 1950 you have been drinking pasteurized milk. The whole process takes about one and a half hours.

First the milk is poured into a tank then pumped into the vat. Here the milk is heated to 145 degrees.

ized and the real work begins. Arthur Rudiger and I, under the supervision of Mr. Arndt, have to take down every pipe which the milk flows through. All these pipes have to be washed and sterilized. It is then put together again. Still the floors and walls have to be done.

We hope you like the pasteurized milk.

Edward Shinski and Joel Bonner

SOCCER AWARD NIGHT

Members of our varsity soccer team received their letters, certificates, and miniature soccer balls at our annual soccer award night on November 22, 1949. Mr. Hall, Assistant Superintendent, presented these awards.

Don Sutton, Coach of Soccer at Bordentown Military School, was our guest speaker for the evening and delivered one of the finest talks given here.

Mr. Fitch, our superintendent, made the closing remarks to the squad stressing the value of athletics.

Team Record

George School	6	State Home	1
Lawrenceville J. V.	4	State Home	0
Jamesburg High School	1	State Home	0
State Home	2	Trenton H. S. J. V.	1
State Home	0	Peddie Prep J. V.	0
State Home	4	Trenton Catholic J. V.	1
State Home	2	Bordentown Military	2
State Home	1	Jamesburg High School	1
State Home	3	Peddie Prep J. V.	1
State Home	1	Bordentown Military	0
State Home	1	Trenton Catholic J. V.	0

Won 5

Tied 3

Lost 3

Members of Squad

Fred Sauermilch	Jerome Anderson	Orlando Kornegay
Joseph Britto	Philip Russo	Ralph Boston
Henry Davis	Eugene Jacobs	Gary Roy
Russell Harper	Eugene Rech	William Kinney
John Brown	Thomas Jaconia	Joseph Collins
William Jones	Max Lohman	Clarence Owens
John Riggs	Norman Warren	Alfred Riley
John DeVito	Hershel Saylor	Charles Lambert

Varsity Basketball Team
Wins Ninth Straight

On January 13 our varsity basketball team defeated the New Brunswick High School Freshmen at Jamesburg by a score of 36-30 for their ninth straight victory.

John Riggs and William Kinney led the State Home in scoring, Riggs with 19 and Kinney with 8. Dunbar

and Hairston led the New Brunswick Freshmen.

Members of the squad. Henry Davis, James Wilson, John Riggs, Phil. Russo, John Cain, Francis Kopp, Max Lohman, Albert Meola, Ralph Boston, Leonard Fenter, Wm. Kinney, Charles Lambert, Alfred Riley, Gary Roy, John Brown, Isaac Gray.

J. Riggs, G. Roy, A. Riley have been paroled.

Records

State Home	39	Highland Park H. S. J. V.	34
State Home	41	Jamesburg H. S. J. V.	38
State Home	34	Peddie Prep J. V.	32
State Home	54	St. Emerys	29
State Home	58	Bound Brook H. S. Freshmen	23
State Home	38	Long Branch	31
State Home	44	New Brunswick Vocational J. V.	35
State Home	36	New Brunswick H. S. Fresh	30
State Home	33	Freehold H. S. Fresh	16

Remainder of Schedule

January 17	South River H. S. J. V.	Home
January 20	Perth Amboy H. S. Freshmen	Away
January 24	South River H. S. J. V.	Away
January 26	Bound Brook H. S. Freshmen	Home
January 30	Peddie School J. V.	Away
February 3	New Brunswick Freshmen	Away
February 8	Jamesburg H. S. J. V.	Away
February 15	Freehold H. S. J. V.	Away
February 17	Perth Amboy H. S. Freshmen	Home
February 21	Rutgers Prep J. V.	Away
February 28	Highland Park H. S. J. V.	Away

