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SERVICE WITH A SMILE

Recently I had occasion to travel about 3,000 miles through the South, unfortunately, it had to be done in a hurry. We stayed at 8 different places and we ate at 25 different restaurants. In every single instance our stay and our meal was enjoyable because we received, "Service with a smile."

I can't believe that all the people who served us were just naturally happy smiling people. People are not made that way. No, I believe that these friendly folks have learned that life is much more pleasant, and business a lot better because they smile and say a few pleasant words to their guests.

If I were a boy at S. H. B., I believe, I would try to smile in spite of my desire to go home. I think I would try to smile even if my tasks were not all pleasant ones. Just close your eyes a minute and picture some one you like a lot. Notice that they have a smile on their face. Do people remember you as one with a smile? Think it over carefully, watch how fast time goes and how pleasant things can be when you give "Service with a Smile."

Frederic A. Fitch.

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Major League Players Visit S.H.B.

During the winter months we were lucky enough to have two visits from Major League ball players. They were Gene Herman-ski of the Brooklyn Dodgers, Phil Rizzuto of the New York Yan-kees, Don Newcombe of the Brooklyn Dodgers and Monte Irwin of the New York Giants. They came through the kindness of Lt. Edward J. Durning of the Irvington Police Department.



The players said they had visited many institutions but had never seen one like this and especially the shop in cottage No. 3.

They joked with each other about the other fellow's team and did a lot of kidding. We all had a good time. They told how they had played ball when they were boys and how they had made the big leagues.

The players left some autographed balls to be awarded to the boys who wrote the best sport's compositions.

One of the nights they were here we also saw a very exciting basket ball game between two girl's teams, the New Brunswick Flashs and the New York Amazons. The Amazons won.

We thank all the folks who helped us have these fine times.

Henry J. Mayer

First Aid Class at S. H. B.

On February 2nd a class of 38 completed the standard 18 hour Red Cross First Aid Course. The group was made up of teachers from Monroe School No.1, Wilson School S. H. B. and other personnel from both schools.



Pupils were dismissed and the group met at the State Home from 2 to 4 P. M. Mr. John E. Moore, Director of Education at the S.H.B. and an experienced instructor in both Standard and Advanced First Aid Courses, taught the group. For some who had had the training before it was a very worthwhile refresher and as a whole it was part of the extensive Red Cross plan to have millions trained in First Aid during the next 2 years.

Several members of the group signed up for an advanced course which will be offered if enough people are interested.

A short social time was enjoyed the last afternoon with refreshments and gifts presented to Mr. Moore by Miss Martin for the Monroe School and Mr. Primka for the Wilson School.

Special Class Teacher Resigns from Faculty of Wilson School

Mrs. Eleanor Reeves who has had charge of the Special III group for a number of years resigned January 1st. At the present time she is attending classes in Occupational Therapy at Richmond Professional Institute. The Institute is connected with William and Mary College in Richmond, Virginia.

Mrs. Reeves, a graduate of Iowa State University, will be greatly missed at the Home as she so willingly cooperated in all Community House and school activities. Holiday and special occasions found her busy assisting with plays and costumes.

As a result of her guidance in class room work the boys succeeded in making beautiful rugs, both hooked and loomed, place mats, pot holders, and shopping bags. Many rugs and chair pads were hooked from patterns designed by Mrs. Reeves. Chair caning was taught in her group and the wood burning on the athletic award plaques was done there.

The finished products of her classes made a beautiful display at the State Fair and open house affairs here at the Home.

The friends made over a period of years wish Mrs. Reeves all success in her new undertaking.

HOW DO YOU "CLICK?"

All of us like to "click" with the people we meet. We like to be able to meet others and be able to speak well, to look right, to act in the acceptable manner. We all want to be able to make a good impression whether we are talking to a prospective employer, our present boss, the people we work with or the people we go to school with.

In order to make this good impression there are several things which we must know about ourselves, we must ask ourselves:

1. What can we do best? (What kind of a job, at a party, as a member of a team, as a member of a class.)
2. What are my personal assets? (Good physique, pleasant smile, ready wit, clean skin, good manners, etc.)
3. What are my responsibilities, how well do I accept them and carry them out? (Assignments, work, school, community—Be as good as my word, make good on my promises, help others in my group when I can.)

After we have checked up on ourselves we need to develop the ability to "click" and to help us in this we can go to a friend, usually an older more mature person, perhaps our parents, a teacher, or the leader of a group to which we belong and ask that person to discuss both our good and bad points. Sometimes we are so close to our problems that we cannot see them, we are constantly in trouble and we do not know why. Then the help and advise of a true friend reveals our real difficulty.

At S. H. B. the Staff members, the Teachers, the Officers and the Chaplains are here to help you. Make a friend of one of them and then talk it over, ask him—HOW DO I "CLICK?"

John E. Moore
Director of Education

SPRING—BASEBALL

In many cases spring for boys means baseball. The boys here at the State Home are no different from others in that thought.

In keeping with the opening of the baseball season, Mrs. Perrine has set up in the library a bulletin board display and a shelf of books in connection with the greatest sport of all. Among the books are, The Boston Braves, The Cleveland Indians, Detroit Tigers, Pittsburgh Pirates, Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Yankees to mention a few of the major league stories. There are also biographies of some of the great players, a few books giving the points of the games from the playing end and some good stories by such writers as Tunis, O'Rourke, Bowen, McCormick and Decker.

To add to the display the boys who have been making baseball scrapbooks were invited to bring those in to show.

Come in and enjoy the exhibit. See if you can solve the cartoon problems.

Acad. I--II and Sp. Cl. I

Teacher, Mrs. Cozzens

As Christmas approached we began to plan our table project. We liked to have it different each year. This year our ornaments, balls, cones, stars, angels, Santa heads, were all made from paper. We had four gingerbread boys made from cork and tinsel was strung on the branches. Also on the table were our paper mache Santa Claus, the Holy Family and a village scene.

Our teacher gave us a good party two days before school closed so the furlough boys could also enjoy it. We had eats and eats until all of us were chockful. Mr. Moran and Mr. Moore joined us for for a while. We each received a box of hard candy and a necktie. We called our teacher mother as she sat at the table and served us with goodies. More than half of our group made furlough. We knew they were wise fellows to behave themselves so they could go home for 10 days.

Now we are busy learning all we can in our regular subjects so when spring tests come along we will be ready. For our handwork we will make paper flowers to make our work table bloom with a lot of color.

During our story hour Mrs. Cozzens reads to us. We love Bam-

bi, Pinocchio, Blaze and all the animal stories because they help us to appreciate our own animal friends.

Academic II-III

Teacher, Mrs. Bennett

In Academic 2 and 3 we have been reading stories about animals, the beaver and ground-hog (who saw his shadow on February 2 and so we are supposed to have six weeks of winter).

The horse story about Silver that Mrs. Bennett just finished was especially interesting.

Since there are so many important days to celebrate in February, we have been making several kinds of decorations and listening to our teacher read the life story of each historical hero.

Louis Jacobs

Academic IV

Teacher, Mr. Bernas

During the winter we made snowflakes for our room and window decorations. I'd like to tell you how to make a snowflake but that is hard to do.

When I see a lot of snowflakes falling to the ground I get the idea that I would like to make a snow man. All you have to do for this is to roll a big ball for the body, and then a small one for the head. Now get some coal to use for eyes, nose and mouth.

Do you know that snow flakes are not wanted in the city because the snow covers the streets and sidewalks? When it covers the streets so that cars can not be used workmen have to shovel the snow on trucks and carry it away. I think that is too bad for the boys and girls.

In our room we have made nice snow men out of paper.

Gilbert Norris

Academic V

Teacher, Mrs. McNiece

A LESSON FROM THE NAVAJOS

In January our class saw a picture called "The Navajos Witch." It showed us how these Indians live, make their homes and some of their customs. They are very superstitious. The thing that surprised

me most was that their boys are never punished. I wonder why. The answer followed. "They learn to obey early." Maybe we boys could learn a lesson from these Indians and avoid a lot of trouble.

Alfred Harris

Academic VI

Teacher, Mr. Kuhn

The Sixth Grade pupils have organized a Dramatic Club which has been meeting evenings for several weeks. The members have been reading the book, "Tom Sawyer" by Mark Twain. A script, based on the book, is being prepared for rehearsals. It is hoped that the Club will be able to present the play in the school auditorium sometime in March.

Junior High English

Teacher, Mrs. Lingel

I entered the ninth grade at Wilson School on January 18th so this is the viewpoint of a boy as a member of this group. I think things are pretty swell in this class.

A short time ago we heard records on "The Merchant of Venice" and on which the boys are currently making reports.

I've found that English can be interesting and the boys are looking forward to the spring and summer terms.

William Troy

Junior High Social Studies

Teacher, Mr. Tengowski

Recently the painters gave our classroom the "new look." The ceiling is white, the wall ballet green and the woodwork avocada green. All three add up to a beautiful room, soft and pleasing in color and very restful to the eyes after a period of studying. Thanks to the painters for a good job.

The United Nations declaring Communist China the aggressor in Korea, the experiments with atomic shell explosions in Nevada, and the drafting of young men into the service were topics of interest to our Social Studies class.

I haved just finished Unit VIII dealing with the problems our country faced after the First World War and during the depression of 1929. At that time between 13 and 17 million employees were out



of work due to lay-off, shut downs and bankruptcy of companies. It was also very interesting to learn how our nation struggled to keep the democratic way of living safe for us. Some of our parents and grandparents will always remember the depression of 1929. All people had to make sacrifices in order to help one another.

Robert C. Errickson

Junior High Science

Teacher, Mr. Fisanick

Biology and Science as we all know, is the study of life and our environment. This study is useful in that it brings us closer to nature. In our modern classrooms we learn things about man and animals and plant life that ancient scholars did not know. For instance we know that blood letting does no good. In ancient times there was no such thing as First Aid, grafting of bones and plants and many other things we now know. Through science we have such wonders as plastics, atom bombs, synthetic rubber, artificial rain and many more useful things. Medical science has made great advancements in its branch of study. Many new drugs have been perfected and without these we would have a hard time existing.

Don Lowe

M. E. Ceramics

Teacher, Miss Burke

As one of the boys in Miss Burke's class I am learning to pour slip. This is a mixture of clay and water which goes into plaster of Paris molds. I strained wet clay through a wire screen, added some water and stirred the slip until it was creamy. The class is pouring heart shaped boxes for Valentine Day and colonial figures for Washington's birthday. I made a heart box, a Toby jug, several shoes, and a cup and saucer. To-day I am making pins for the basketball team and flowers for my heart box and shoes. Joe Love is painting a beautiful landscape picture. Last week I glazed and fired my cup and saucer in the kiln.

Oliver Cook

M. E. 2

Teacher, Miss Kenny

We the boys of M. E. have been studying Alaska, the geography and history of it.

Alaska is in the northwestern part of North America. It extends beyond the Arctic Circle. The Japanese current gives it a mild climate.

Uncle Sam bought Alaska from Russia in 1867, for about \$17,000,000. Most people thought we had got an ice box but it turned out to be a Treasure Chest. We found gold, copper, iron, oil and many other minerals there. Fish and furs have paid for the purchase price many times.

Alaska draws many tourists every summer, to see the high mountains, glaciers and the midnight sun.

Some day and maybe soon, Alaska will be the 49th state in the Union. We hope it will be soon as we need her to help protect the United States.

Joseph Bronner

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I ntelligent
N eat
C ourageous
O bedient
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Done and arranged by M. E. 2

M. E. Woodworking

Teacher, Mr. Haussmann

The boys of M. E. IV would like to tell you what we have done this winter.

We are learning more and more about our work. How it is supposed to be done through classroom talks, then putting it in practice in the wood shop.

The academic side of our training is not passed over, for extra time in shop. At our mid-year examinations this was clearly shown when Joseph Pietrowski, Charles Monks, Henry Mayer, Peter Bleeker, Charles Strothers, Edward Bowers and Joseph Bronner were promoted to M. E. V. This should prove that some of us are trying to do our best.

We had a soldier, a former State Home boy, visit us. A letter to our teacher from Jerry states that he is leaving Fort Dix and expects to be in Korea soon.

We have confidence that he will return and feel assured that he will again visit the State Home.

Joseph Bronner
Walter Hoffman

Wood Working Shop

Teacher, Mr. Lettau

The boys of wood-work are really "on the ball" so to speak. Projects are being completed left and right.

Some of the projects recently completed include a colonial four gate leg table, a tavern table and six empire chairs all made of South American cherry. Eight colonial end tables of Honduras mahogany, ten square and rectangular tables of Honduras mahogany and walnut, one colonial drop leaf, inlaid checker-board table were finished. Thirty lamps of various types were made from the following woods; cherry, mahogany, walnut, maple, rosewood, koa, birch and Hungarian ash.

Right now we are working on some furniture of colonial design which will be made of curly maple. Our lathe boys are designing new types of table and floor lamps for our display room and I am turning out thirty cherry table lamps for Camp Kilmer.

Stephen Zaludek

Coaching

Teacher, Mrs. Kuhn

The other day we stopped our arithmetic and reading to look out of the window and watch a small gray bird. Our teacher told us it was a slate colored junco, one of the birds which spend the winter months with us. In a little while several other juncos landed on the wires outside our school window. They are pretty gray birds with white tail feathers. They eat most all kinds of seeds. We are going to try to get them to come to the window sill here at school. We are going to put out bird seed and bread crumbs for them.

Richard Jazikoff

Glee Club

The Glee Club has had an active season so far with a growing organization and many opportunities to perform in the future. Included among the engagements so far have been:

1. The annual Christmas Play where we sang carols of many nations as a background for the play action.
2. The annual Christmas Eve candlelight service.
3. The Lincroft Parents and Teachers Association.
4. The Christmas party given by the Lions Clubs.
5. The Men's Club of the Cranbury Presbyterian Church.
6. The Scoutorama of Monmouth Council.
7. The March of Dimes program.
8. The Roosevelt Hospital for Veterans.
9. The two visits of nationally known athletes.

Twenty-four of us from the Home attended the concert of the Civic Symphony Orchestra in New Brunswick at the Roosevelt Junior High School. The music was beautiful and we enjoyed it very much.

An unknown friend provided the tickets and we thank this friend and Mr. Fitch for letting us go.

William Volk

A sunny temper gilds the edges of life's blackest clouds.

Auto Shop

I have been in the Auto Shop since July and I think that it is a good shop. We work on cars, trucks, tractors and a lot of other machines. Mr. Kent teaches me things that I didn't know and Mr. Ogden helps me a lot, too. What I have learned in the Auto Shop will be a big help to me when I go home because I want to get work in a garage.

Kenneth Green

Bakery

Hi Boys!

We hope you enjoyed our cake, bread and other pastries that we have been turning out during the year. We are very proud of our bakery and training. You would not blame us if you could see us in action.

During the Christmas holidays we were very busy getting the pies and cakes ready but we were finished on time, thanks to the splendid cooperation of the boys and the excellent training of Mr. Kuhne.

Thank you,
Bakery Boys

Carpenter Shop

The boys of the shop have been very busy reassembling, gluing and bracing and refitting drawers in a number of desks received from the Veterans Administration.

Mr. Flanagan and his army of eleven boys are also busy getting things ready for the warmer weather—making new basketball posts, repairing screens of which one boy said there are about a thousand too many and any number of other jobs.

Joseph Mitchell 6'4", the Hercules, of the shop is preparing for his parole. He will be missed not only in the shop but also on the basketball team.

Until the next issue we ask you to be very careful in handling the state's furniture.

Mitchell Smith

Lawn Force

TIMBER! Oh yes, that's the life for me. I love to hear those singing saws and the singing of the axes as they chop their way through the trees.

With one more step to take we will have completed the life cycle of a tree. You see we have already planted young ones, transplanted them and etc. Now we are cutting those big ones in the woods for lumber, they will go to the saw mill where they will turn them into boards for us. We are all anxiously waiting for this part because we think it should prove interesting.

True it's hard work but we enjoy every minute of it because we really see something being accomplished.

A word of caution—when you hear "TIMBER" look out, an other big one is on the way down.

Robert Leary

Tailor Shop

The boys in the tailor shop are very busy. Since the tailor shop and salvage room have been combined we have a huge program. We are happy though because we are kept so busy and we know that we are learning a trade that can be a big help to us when we go home to be self-supporting.

We make and mend many things that benefit everybody in the Institution. Right now we are making scout trousers which is a hard job. We are proud of our work on them and of our other work and hope you feel that way about our job, too.

Robert VanOrden



INDUSTRY need not wish, and he that lives upon hopes will die fasting. There are no gains without pains. He that hath a trade hath an estate, and he that hath a calling hath an office of profit and honor; but then the trade must be worked at, and the calling followed, or neither the estate nor the office will enable us to pay our debts. If we work we shall never starve; for, at the workingman's house hunger looks in but dares not enter. Nor will the bailiff or the constables enter, for industries pay debts, while idleness and neglect increase them.—*Benjamin Franklin.*

COTTAGE NEWS

Reception Cottage

Reception Cottage had a very nice Christmas holiday and season. The Lions Clubs of Red Bank and Jamesburg provided for all and I might add that the tree in Reception was especially beautiful.

We had many visitors on Christmas Day and Mr. and Mrs. Turner and Mr. Smith were gracious hosts.

The boys in Reception are very interested in the orientations by the various staff members. As we have quite a bit of free time in Reception through the day we are allowed to play games, read books and magazines and listen to the radio. We enjoy these privileges and the movies very much.

William Troy

Senior Honor Cottage

The main objective in our cottage is our Paper Drive. The boys from No. 1 collect paper from all sources. We bale and stack it ready to sell. From our profits we hope to better our cottage. The last load brought us in \$37.10. We have a collection every Monday. If you have any papers, magazines and etc. that you would like to get rid of just put them out on your doorstep please. We would appreciate this very much.

On February 8th our cottage is going to have a meeting on the stage in the auditorium preceding the movies. We plan to conduct a model meeting showing how the self-government plan works.

Donald Lowe

Cottage 2

The boys in cottage 2 had a lot of fun trimming our cottage for Christmas. The girls from Belmonte Telephone Exchange, through Mr. Bradley, gave us a nice party and gifts on Christmas morning. We also had a nice Christmas party from the Princeton students.

Now that Christmas is over we are ready to start some new projects. Mr. Figulski is teaching us wood carving and how to make articles from leather. In the leather craft we will make key cases, wallets and belts and hope to eventually work up to making ladies' carved leather handbags.

Mrs. Figulski, who has been on sick leave for some time, spends some of the evenings with the boys who are interested in plant life. We started a sweet potatoe plant and now it is a lovely green vine.

We had a pool tournament between Cottage 1 and Cottage 2. Cottage 1 came out the winner 2 to 1.

Francis Richardson

Cottage 3

Well now that the excitement of Christmas is over, we are gradually returning to a normal routine.

Gez whiz, it really was something around here from about the middle of November up to Christmas day. Cars, station wagons, trucks unloading old and broken toys and reloading with repaired and brightly painted ones. People coming in to pick dolls and carriages, visitors, curious to see what was all the hub-bub at the North Pole. Boys preparing for furloughs, some going to the Honor Cottage, judges coming in—a couple of recalls granted on the spot.

I'm telling you the pace and excitement was terrific. On top of all this there was the constant push to get more toys finished. It was strictly fix and paint until late hours of the night. By keeping this fast pace we were able to complete over 2,200 pieces. But we loved every minute of it. Now we have slowed down some and are able to concentrate more on fine details. We would like to beat last year's production.

At this time we would like to thank everyone who helped us with our project because we are positive without this assistance we would not have had such a high figure nor such a variety of toys.

Anthony LaQualia

Cottage 4

Cottage 4 has many activities to keep the boys busy. In the woodworking shop we make trays to be used as ornaments throughout the cottage. We hope to have the lathe repaired soon so we can make bowls, bats, candlesticks and etc.

We have three boys who play instruments, the trumpet, drums and guitar.

At night after we return from the dining room we have card games ping pong, monopoly and checkers. We plan to introduce in

the future a Round Table for discussion and solving of cottage problems. This will be held once a week. Right now we are working on our cottage play which we hope will be a success. Cottage 4 scouts will be going to Asbury Park to march with the drum corps.

In the spring we are planning to build an outdoor fireplace with bricks that we find around. We also plan to re-institute the flag raising ceremony which will be accompanied by appropriate bugle calls and impressive retreat ceremony.

We hope to do some painting and redecorating in the backroom of the cottage. We would like to do the ping pong tables, benches and other things so they will harmonize.

We are looking forward to a fine future for Cottage 4.

Our Christmas celebration deserves a note, when William Kilpatrick acted as Santa Claus and greeted the guests on Christmas Day. He also led the boys to the dining room with every one singing "Jingle Bells." There, Santa wished every one a Merry Christmas.

Martin Garcia

Cottage 5

About a week before Christmas Mr. Dinkle and some of the boys gathered greens so that we could decorate the dining room. It really looked nice.

Every Monday night we have a meeting like a class so that we can discuss our dining room problems and at the same time learn something about the care of food. Mr. Fitch and the dietician, Miss VanMarter, are at the class as well as Mr. and Mrs. Dinkle.

The scouts are getting along fine. Mr. Dinkle has taken five or six boys down to camp for overnight hikes each week. Two boys have slept outside of the cottage in a tent a few nights. We are working hard to take first place at camp this summer.

Thanks to Mrs. Dinkle we see a lot of movies, several of the films are new ones that we received at Christmas time.

The boys from Cottage 5 hope that you have a very happy Easter.

Earl Ladlee

Cottage 6

In reporting on our social activities we want to say thanks for

the party the Lions gave us at Christmas also the Salvation Army and the Star Theatre of Jamesburg. They were enjoyed by all.

Our shop is open to all the boys who want to use it. Here they can learn to make a lot of useful things. Mr. Max runs the shop as well as the laundry and takes part in the cottage activities.

Come on fellows, get in and enjoy life and be thankful that you are able to live in a free country. The old saying "It is nicer to be on the outside looking in than on the inside looking out" should make us anxious to get home and stay there.

C. Miller

Cottage 7

We know when you read this Christmas 1950 will be just a memory but we would like you to know that the boys in 7 had a wonderful Christmas.

Sleigh bells awoke us about five o'clock and our cottage parents calling "Merry Christmas." We were wide awake in a jiffy and out under the tree singing carols. Santa had left plenty of packages and we soon tore off paper and string to find gifts of candy, cake, fruit, clothing and games of all kinds. In a little while it was time for the boys who had not had packages from home to go to the chapel where their good friends, the Lions had prepared gifts of candy, fruit, games and money slips for them. The boys appreciated their thoughtfulness and work very much. After having so much fun all morning it was soon time for dinner and how we enjoyed the turkey and all the fixin's! After visiting with our parents who came in after dinner we sang more songs and it soon was time for lights-out. For once we were glad to hop into bed.

I guess by now, you folks saw the "Hamboners'" picture in Look magazine. Did you know also that we were invited to Chicago to appear on the Don McNeil show? With Christmas activities and furloughs for the Hamboners we were not able to go but we are proud that we were asked to be Don's guests.

On February 3rd., Mr. and Mrs. Hanson took the "Hamboners" to Asbury Park to see the Ted Mack show which was put on as a U. S. O. benefit. When Mr. Mack found out they were in the audience he called for them to come to the stage where he introduced them as a three time winner and had them put on the act for the audience. This was done during the part of the program given over to the

professional acts. The Hamboners are still going strong and looking forward to Madison Square Garden in the spring and your votes.

We certainly have enjoyed our television set. Every night we watch a program. On fight nights we have boys from other cottages come in as our guests and they too enjoy watching the events.

It won't be too long now before we will be busy working outside, getting the lawns in shape and our gardens prepared for the flowers and shrubs. After clearing snow from the walks and spreading sand the good green grass will look pretty good to us.

Royce Elam
Herbert Green

Cottage 8

This is cottage 8 coming to tell you about the very nice parties we have had this winter. Mr. and Mrs. Espinos, Mr. Sabatino and Mr. and Mrs. Williams gave us grand refreshments. After the feast we always played games. We want to thank all of those from outside who helped to make our Christmas such a nice one. The Lions Clubs gave us several very useful sports articles such as baseball bats, softballs, basketballs and games. We had several boys who made furlough but those who stayed were happy because these friends thought of them.

We are now getting into our scout program in a big way. Seven new scouts joined the first two weeks of January and we hope to have from 80 to 95% of our group registered by February 12th. We have a hike with all equipment for camping and eating out planned for that date.

We are ready to defend our championship in softball again this year after having won for five years in succession. We are also carrying on a self-government program which is working out very well and we hope soon to have all boys active in some way or other.

There never is a dull moment in Cottage 8. Now we are working on our cottage play with the help of Mrs. Williams and Mr. Sabatino. We have our hobbies which the Princeton students help us with as well as the cottage people. One of the students taught us to box and helped us with soccer, basketball and ping pong.

We are looking forward to a good year at Camp Derrick with the help of Mr. Miner, Mr. Lesko and Mr. Williams.

John Adams
Edward Krieger

Cottage 11

Christmas, Oh Boy! There really is a Santa Claus. Here it is February and we still are eating Christmas candy. Thanks to all the nice people who made it possible for us to have a nice Christmas, especially Mr. Fitch who gave us the best present, Mr. and Mrs. Kasmarek as cottage parents.

Our cottage program is getting better every day, we are working on our cottage play and also learning a lot about music. The Ladies Social Club of Eatontown adopted cottage 11. They visit us once a month bringing us gifts and giving us a party. Our Scout program is being reorganized under the leadership of Mr. Kasmarek. He is one of the cottage masters on the grounds who has been awarded a scout master key and certificate.

We have two boys on the February parole list and four new boys just came from Reception.

We are looking forward to a hike and spending the day at Camp Derrick.

Norman Palmer

Cottage 12

The boys of cottage 12 hoped to contribute \$4.20 to the polio fund drive when it was announced in the auditorium February 1st. But since some boys were generous enough to give more than a dime our total came to \$8.35 which we think is very good. We were all glad to give to such a worthy cause. We hope that no one here at the Home will contract this terrible disease but it is nice to know that if anyone does have polio we have helped to give them the best of care.

Mr. Bauman bought tools and airplane models with the \$20.00 Christmas gift money for hobbies. We have several boys who make wonderful looking models. We use our Reception Room to read in, paste pictures in our scrap books, knot tying, playing cards, checkers and other inside games. We are also making baskets from cards. We try to keep up the record of the institution by keeping our cottage clean and neat.

Walter Higgins
Cosmo Liaci
Robert Wood

WINTER ACTIVITIES

So many activities are carried on by the Scouts and Scouters, that a summary covering the winter months must of necessity be itemized. The hours of preparation, rehearsal and training put in by both boys and officers does not always show itself in such items as "6 acts were staged for the Council Scoutorama." They were there however, as evidenced by the perfection of their preparation.

Congratulations are in order for the many men and Scouts who have made this report possible. It is a grand job, you have accomplished, and it would not have been possible had your interest lagged. All Scout Units can be proud of the part they played in the events and activities listed below.

GENERAL ACTIVITY —

1. An orientation class on Scouting activity has been reactivated in the Reception Cottage for all new boys.
2. Fourteen large red Christmas candles were made and distributed by Scouts to cottages, hospital and dining rooms.
3. The annual roll call and inspection was held in every Scout Unit with the Scout Committee members acting as inspectors. Our Scouts would top most all Scout Units anywhere in neatness of appearance.
4. In December, a plan for sending Scout transfers of paroled Scouts directly to the Scout Executive interested, was launched. So far 52 Scout transfers have been sent and from the letters received an enthusiastic follow thru' is being made. The Regional Staff has given its full hearted endorsement and encouragement to the plan.
5. The Scouts made over \$15.00 in the sale of birch log candelabra and bracelets at Christmas time to add to their Scout fund for incidentals.
6. Ninety-nine boys have been registered as Scouts up to February 1, 1951.
7. Cottage 8 is using the Green Bar Council plan as a basis for self-government in the cottage.

8. A plaque is being awarded in May to the Scout Unit showing the most activity during the winter months. Included in these activities are new boys becoming Scouts, advancement, civic projects and "Good Turns", general activity sponsored by Scout Units, contests and training.



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9. Eight of the twelve Scout Units at the State Home were awarded Certificates of Merit by the Monmouth Council for their accomplishment towards their goals in the Crusade to Strengthen Liberty.
10. Fifty seven Scouts from the Home participated in 6 acts at the Council Scutorama. Outstanding performances were made in every act which included glee club, quartette, trumpet solo, tumbling team, fancy drill squad, first aid demonstration and our own Ham Bone Boys.

TRAINING —

1. Seven Scouters are attending a six weeks Council University of Scouting; two being registered in the Basic Scoutmaster's

Course and the remaining five men in the Explorer Leaders Course.

2. Three Scouters have taken the Council Course in Emergency Service.
3. Thirty eight Den Mothers of the Council were instructed in 10 craft projects.

CAMPING AND HIKES —

1. Scouts from Cottages 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 11 have taken hikes during the winter months.
2. Five Scouts and their Scoutmaster from Cottage 5 took the overnight hike to Camp Derrick.
3. So far cottages 5, 7 and 12 have had Scouts pitching pup tents and sleeping out behind their cottages.
4. Twelve Scouts from cottages 1, 3 and 6 have spent week end. at the Council Camp Housman as part of the Ranger Patrol.
5. Two troops from the surrounding area have made use of Camp Derrick for winter camping.

GOOD TURNS CIVIC PROJECTS —

1. Cottage one, Post 856, cleaned and straightened all of the silverware in the dining room.
2. Many cottages have been feeding the birds all winter, notably cottage 7, troop 859.
3. Practically all cottages helped to clean up brush and cut down fallen trees after the hurricane.
4. Many cottages have cleared the snow from walks and drive-ways not just around their cottages but throughout the cam-
pus.
5. Cottage 5, troop 851 made Christmas wreaths and garlands, not only for the dining rooms but also for many homes on the campus.
6. Cottage 3, Ship 804, has rebuilt and refinished over 1800 toys, contributed by the Lions Clubs, for distribution to those less fortunate youngsters in many towns in the state.
7. Cottage 4, troop 855 helped with repairing and painting of their cottage.

Many projects are yet to be completed this season, but as is the rule, recognition is held up unless projects are completed and reports turned in.

Plans for the rest of the winter season include:

1. Stepping up outdoor programs with more camping and cooking behind cottages, more use of Camp Derrick and Camp Housman for overnight hikes.
2. First Aid contest with training teams competing in council contest.
3. Visit to other scout units by troops and ships.
4. Cubbing advancement program encouraged.
5. General encouragement of scout advancement and merit badge program.
6. Encouragement of civic projects.

We can all feel proud of this report and at the same time realize that much more can be done to more fully live up to all parts of the Scout Oath and Law.

E. E. Miner,
Field Scout Executive

For the first time in a number of years the Kite Tournament will be held again this spring.

The contest is scheduled for the afternoon of March 31st. on the Athletic Field.

The kites are to be made by the boys from materials available around the institution and can be entered in a number of different types of contests. However each boy can enter only one contest. These entries can be made up of boys, a helper or starter and a flyer.

Good health and good sense are two of life's greatest blessings.

Annual Ping Pong and Checker Tournament

The annual Ping Pong and Checker Tournament is underway with a great deal of interest shown by all the boys taking part. The boys are grouped into leagues according to their age and play-offs conducted in each league to determine the champion. In the senior league the two finalists will play their match game on the stage of the Wilson School Auditorium before all the boys on the evening of April 5th at 6:30 P. M.

PRIZES— Ping Pong Paddles and Medals to the Ping Pong Champions.

Medals and Checker Sets to the Checker Champions.

Tumblers Going to Asbury Park

The following boys have been working out for the tumbling group that will represent the State Home at Asbury Park on Saturday, February 10th. They will take part in the Boy Scout Program to be conducted there on that day. The following boys will make the trip: W. Brown, L. Hurley, C. Gunk, E. Cox, Green, H. Bell, E. Gilbert, J. Cherry, D. Brown, J. Hoeffler, G. Jones, G. Harris, E. Holton, E. Jacobs, and T. Delaney.

Varsity Basketball Team Defeats Perth Amboy High School Freshmen 48-29.

In a return game on the State Home court the S.H.B. varsity defeated the Perth Amboy High School Freshmen by a score of 48-29. In a previous game at Perth Amboy they were the victors in an over time game by the score of 36-35.

Scoring was divided among the five State Home starters, C. Bacote, and R. Johnson took scoring honors for the State Home. S. Roznicki led the Perth Amboy Freshmen.

Score

S.H.B.		F.G.	F.	Pts.
Bacote	F.	6	1	13
Johnson	F.	4	1	9
Mitchell	C.	2	2	6
Davis	G.	4	0	8
Rawnsley	G.	3	2	8
J. Brown	G.	0	0	0
Dean	F.	2	0	4
C. Johnson	F.	0	0	0
Williams	C.	0	0	0
Totals		21	6	48

Perth Amboy Freshmen

		F.G.	F.	Pts.
Kelly	F.	0	0	0
Roznicki	F.	2	3	7
Snuszka	C.	1	0	2
Grnish	G.	2	1	5
Szatmoy	G.	2	1	5
Halasz	G.	1	0	2
Hudanish	G.	1	1	3
Bialecki	F.	0	2	2
Seaman	F.	1	1	3
Totals		10	9	29

Referee Cool

The annual Easter Kit Hunt will be held on the State Home Campus the Saturday before Easter.

The awards in the hunt are made possible by contributions of staff members for the purchase of candy.





