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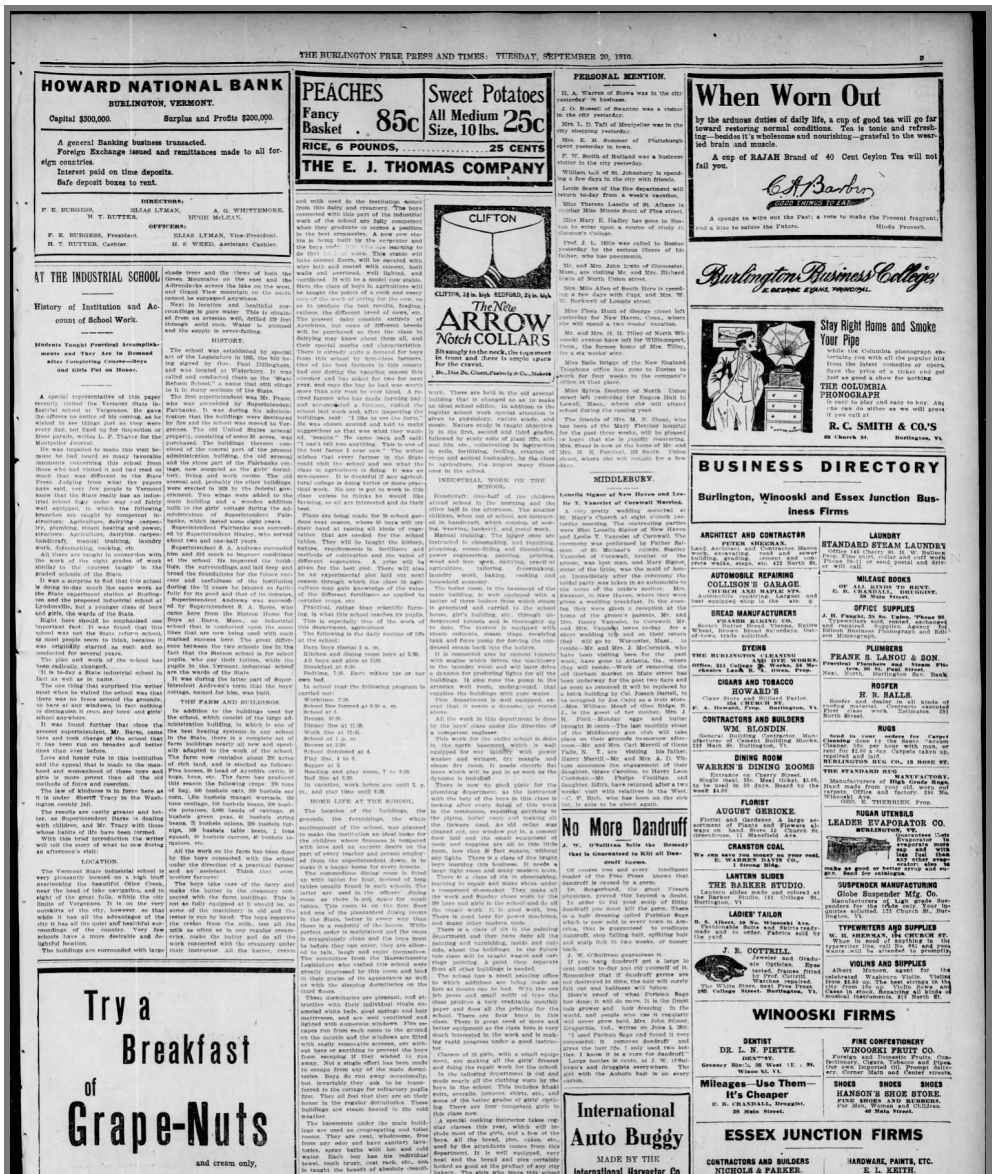

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AT THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

History of Institution and Account of School Work.

Students Taught Practical Accomplishments and They Are in Demand after Completing Course—Boys and Girls Put on Home.

A special representative of this paper recently visited the Vermont State Industrial school at Vergennes. He gave the officers no notice of his coming, as he wished to see things just as they were every day, not fixed up for inspection or three parade, writes L. F. Thayer for the Montpelier Journal.

He was impelled to make this visit because he had heard so many favorable comments concerning the school from those who had visited it and had read so much that was different in the State Press. Judging from what the papers have said, very few people in Vermont know that the State really has an industrial school fully under way and fairly well equipped, in which the following branches are taught by competent instructors: Agriculture, dairying, carpentry, plumbing, steam heating and power, structure; Agriculture, dairying, carpenter, handicraft, manual training, laundry work, housework, cooking, etc.

All these are taught in connection with the school. The general plan of work similar to the courses taught in the graded schools of the State.

It was a surprise to find that the school is doing to-day much the same work as the State experiment station at Burlington and the proposed industrial school at Londonderry, but a younger class of boys and girls, the wards of the State.

Right here should be emphasized one important fact. It was found that this school was not the State reform school, as most people seem to think, because it was originally started as such and so conducted for several years.

The plan and work of the school has been radically changed.

The name of the industrial school is in fact as well as in name.

The one thing that surprised the writer most when he visited the school was that there was no fence around the grounds; so bare at any windows, in fact nothing to distinguish it from any boys' and girls' school anywhere.

It was found further that since the present superintendent, Mr. Barns, came here and took charge of the school that it has been run on broader and better lines than ever before.

Love and honor rule in this institution and the appeal that is made to the manhood and womanhood in the boys and girls is more potent than all the old methods of force and coercion.

The law of kindness is in force here as it is under Sheriff Tracy in the Washington county jail.

The results are vastly greater and better, as Superintendent Barns is dealing with children, and Mr. Tracy with those whose habits of life have been formed.

With this brief introduction the writer will tell the story of what he saw during an afternoon's visit.

LOCATION.

The Vermont State industrial school is very pleasantly located on a high bluff overlooking the beautiful Otter Creek, near the head of lake navigation, and in sight of the green hills of the Champlain Valley. It is in the very suburbs of the city, however, so that while it has all the advantages of the city it has all the quiet and healthful surroundings of the country. Very few schools have a more desirable and delightful location.

The buildings are surrounded with large shade trees and the views of both the Green Mountains on the east and the Adirondacks across the lake on the west, and Grand View mountain on the south cannot be surpassed anywhere.

Next to location and healthful surroundings is pure water. This is obtained from an artesian well, drilled 320 feet through solid rock. Water is pumped and the supply is never-failing.

HISTORY.

This school was established by special act of the Legislature in 1865, the bill being signed by Gov. Paul. Dillingham, and was located at Waterbury. It was called and conducted there as the "State Reform School," a name that still clings to it in many sections of the State.

The first superintendent was Mr. Pease, who was succeeded by Superintendent Fairbanks. It was during his administration that the buildings were destroyed by fire and the school was moved to Vergennes. The old United States arsenal property, consisting of some 30 acres, was purchased. The buildings thereon consisted of the central part of the present administration building, the old arsenal barracks, which are the present cottages, now occupied as the girls' dormitory, living and work rooms. The old arsenal and, probably the other buildings, were erected in 1826 by the federal government. Two wings were added to the main building and a wooden addition built to the girls' cottage during the administration of Superintendent Fairbanks, which lasted some eight years.

Superintendent Fairbanks was succeeded by Superintendent Hosley, who served about two and one-half years.

Superintendent E. A. Andrews succeeded him and did much to improve conditions and to make the institution more like home, the surroundings and laid it deep and broad the foundations of the future success and usefulness of the institution during its 12 years he labored so faithfully for its good and that of its inmates.

Superintendent Andrews was succeeded by Superintendent S. A. Burns, who came here from the Hutson Home for Boys at Barre, Mass., an industrial school that is conducted upon the same lines that are now being used with such marked success here. The great difference between the two schools lies in the fact that the Hutson school is for select pupils, who pay their tuition, while the pupils in the Vermont industrial school are the wards of the State.

It was during the latter part of Superintendent Andrews's term that the boys' cottage, named for him, was built.

THE FARM AND BUILDINGS.

In addition to the buildings used for the school, which consist of the large administration building, in which is one of the best heating systems in any school in the State, there is a complete set of farm buildings consisting of new and specially adapted to the work of the school. The farm now consists about 200 acres of rich land, and is stocked as follows: Horses, 10; cows, 30; young cattle, 20; hogs, 100; sheep, 40; hens, etc. The farm has yielded this season the following crops: Hay, 400 tons; buckwheat, 400 bushels; corn, 1,200 bushels; mangel wurtzels, 10,000 bushels; potatoes, 3,000 bushels; cabbages, 5,000 heads; carrots, 40 bushels; onions, 60 bushels; beans, 75 bushels; squash, 50 bushels; turnips, 200 bushels; beets, 1 ton; pumpkins, etc.

All the work on the farm has been done by the boys connected with the school under the direction of a practical farmer and an assistant. Think of it, seven brother farmers!

The boys take care of the dairy and make the butter in the creamery connected with the farm buildings. This is now so fully equipped as it should be, as none of the boys have had any chance to learn to run the machinery. The boys separate the cream from the milk, test all the milk as often as in any regular cream eries, make the butter and do all the work connected with the creamery under their instructor. All the butter, cream and milk used in the institution comes from this dairy and creamery. The boys connected with this part of the industrial work of the school are fully competent when they graduate to accept a position in the best creameries. A new cow stable is being built by the carpenter and the boys under his instruction are learning to do their part of work. This stable will have cement floors, will be covered with slate, will have steel stalls, modern conveniences, well lighted, and ventilated. It will be a model cow stable. Here the class of boys in agriculture will be taught the points of a cook and every detail of work of caring for the cow, so as to produce the best results, feeding, rations, the different breed of cows, etc. The present dairy consists entirely of Ayrshires, but cows of different breeds will be purchased so that the class in dairying may know about them all, and their special merits and characteristics. There is already quite a demand for boys from this school by first-class farmers. The cattle bred from the stock on the farm had now during the transition season this year reached the number of 100 head, and soon the boy he had was worth more than any man he ever hired. A retired farmer who has made farming pay and accumulated a fortune, visited the school last week and after inspecting the buildings, said: "I like to see the farm. He was shown around and told to make suggestions as that was what they wanted. "Realize." He came back and said: "I can't tell you anything. This is one of the best farms I ever saw." The writer wishes that every farmer in the State could visit the school and see what the class in agriculture is doing. It was an inspiration to him to see the boys in agricultural college in doing better or more practical work. No boy is put to work in the class unless he thinks he would like farming, so all are interested and do their best.

Plans are being made for 30 school garden next season, where the boys will try their hand at raising all kinds of vegetables that are needed for the school tables. They will be taught the history, nature, requirements in fertilizers and methods of cultivation and the value of different vegetables. A prize will be given for the best plot. There will also be a class organized in floriculture and ornamental gardening, where the class in agriculture may go to learn how to lay out the different flower beds as applied to certain crops, etc.

Practical, rather than scientific farming, is what this school teaches its pupils.

This is especially true of the work in this department, agriculture.

The following is the daily routine of life at the school:

Turn boys clothes 5 a. m.
Kitchen and dining room boys at 5:30.
All boys and girls at 6:30.
Breakfast at 6:30.
Bedtime, 7:30. Each milkers his or her own bed.

The school year the following program is carried out:

Worktime, 7:30.
School line formed at 8:30 a. m.
School at 9.
Recess, 10:30.
Dismiss line at 11:30.
Work line at 12:45.
School at 1 p. m.
Recess at 3:30.
School dismissed at 4.
Play line, 4 to 5.
Supper at 6.
Reading and other room, 7 to 8:30.
Bed line at 8:30.

Saturday work hours are until 3 p. m., and play time until 8:30.

HOME LIFE AT THE SCHOOL.

The location of the buildings, the grounds, the furnishings, the whole environment of the school, was planned to make the institution as ideal home for the children as possible, to surround them with love and an earnest desire on the part of every teacher and person employed, from the superintendent down, to make it a happy home for every inmate.

The commodious dining room is fitted up with tables for four, instead of long tables, and each table is provided with a butler are used in the officers' dining room and in the girls' room for small tables. This room is on the first floor and one of the handsomest dining rooms in the State, better in every way than those in a number of the best hotels. The perfect order is maintained and the room is as homelike as possible. There is nothing to hurry one; they are encouraged to talk, laugh and enjoy themselves. The committee from the Massachusetts Legislature who visited this school were greatly impressed by this room and look in their praise of its appearance as well as with the sleeping dormitories on the third floors.

These dormitories are pleasant, and attractive with their individual single unenameled white beds, good springs and hair mattresses, and are well ventilated and lighted with numerous windows. The averages run from each room to the ground on the outside and the windows are fitted with easily removable screens, so that the boys can sleep outdoors without the bars from escaping if they wished to run away. Not a single effort has been made to escape from any of the main dormitories. Boys do run away occasionally, but invariably they ask to be transferred to the cottage for refractory pupils first. They all feel that they are on their honor in the regular dormitories. These buildings are steam heated in the cold weather.

The basements under the main buildings are used as congregating and toilet rooms. They are neat, wholesome, free from any odor and have sanitary fixtures, spray baths with hot and cold water. Each boy has his individual towel, tooth brush, comb, etc., and is taught the benefit of absolute cleanliness.

A feature of the school is the reading rooms, where the officers mingle with the children each evening in a helpful way and try to help them all have a good time. The washboard here, as everywhere, is "kindness and cheerfulness."

Entertainments in the chapel, lectures, lantern exhibits, talks on subjects that will interest as well as instruct the children, song services, social evenings in the reading rooms, games of various kinds on the outdoor grounds, one for the boys and one for the girls, swimming classes in the river, etc., make life pleasant.

Sunday mornings the children are called to attend some church service in the city with Sunday school in the afternoon and church again in the evening, for those who care to go, and mid-week prayer service.

There are eight grades of public school work. These are held in the old arsenal building that is changed so as to make an ideal school edifice. In addition to the regular school work special attention is given to psychology, nature study, and music. Nature study is taught objective by in the first, second and third grades, followed by study cells of plant life, animal life, etc., culminating in instruction in soils, fertilizing, feeding, relation of crops and animal husbandry, by the class in agriculture, the largest many things over in the school.

MIDDLEBURY.

Louella Signor of New Haven and Lester T. Vanoclet of Cornwall Married.

A very pretty wedding occurred at St. Mary's Church at eight o'clock yesterday morning. The contracting parties were Miss Louella Signor of New Haven and Lester T. Vanoclet of Cornwall. The ceremony was performed by Father Salmon, assisted by Father Scanlan. Vanoclet of Cornwall, brother of the groom, was best man, and Mary Signor, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party was taken in an automobile to the home of the bride's parents in New Haven, where they were given a wedding breakfast. In the evening they were given a reception at the home of the groom's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vanoclet of Cornwall. Mr. and Mrs. Vanoclet leave to-day for a short wedding trip and on their return they will go to Worcester, Mass., to reside. Mr. and Mrs. J. McCormick, who have been visiting here for the past week, have gone to Atlanta, Ga., where they will reside. Work of removing the old Gorham market on Main street has been underway for the past two days and is now completed. The building will be occupied by Dr. Jesse Bartlett, to be occupied by Joe Cairi as a fruit store. Miss William Head of Otter Ridge, N. J., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. J. H. Ford. Monday eggs and butter brought 30 cents. The last monthly about of the Middlebury gun club will take place on their grounds to-morrow afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Merrill of Glen Falls, N. Y., are visiting his father, Harry Merrill. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Tilton announce the engagement of their daughter, Grace Caroline, to Harry Lee Cushman. Mr. Phelps Cushman and daughter, Miss Cushman, have returned to Brandon visit with relatives in the West.

C. F. Rich, who has been on the sick list, is able to be about again.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

H. A. Warren of Stowe was in the city yesterday on business.

J. O. Russell of Swanton was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Mrs. L. D. Taft of Montpelier was in the city shopping yesterday.

Mrs. E. M. Sumner of Plattsburgh spent yesterday in town.

F. W. Smith of Rutland was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

William Lash of St. Johnsbury is spending a few days in the city with friends.

Mrs. Frank Bartlett of Fairfield will return to-day from a week's vacation.

Miss Theresa Laselle of St. Albans is visiting Miss Bessie Allen on Pearl street.

Miss Mary E. Hadley has gone to Boston to enter upon a course of study in Simmon's College.

Prof. J. L. Hills was called to Boston yesterday by the serious illness of his father, who has pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. John Irwin of Gloucester, Mass., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Richard Irwin of North Union street.

Miss Milo Allen of South Hero is spending a few days in the city with Mrs. W. H. Rockwell of Loomis street.

Miss Flora Hunt of Prospect street left yesterday for New Haven, Conn., where she will spend a two weeks' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Tilley of North Winooski avenue have left for Williamsport, Penn., the former home of Mrs. Tilley, for a six weeks' stay.

Miss Belle Briggs of the New England Telephone office has gone to Boston to work for four weeks in the company's office at that place.

Miss Sylvia Dauterive of North Union street left yesterday for Bascom Hall in Lowell, Mass., where she will attend school during the coming year.

The friends of Mrs. M. N. Shaw, who has been at the Mary Fletcher hospital for the past three weeks, will be pleased to learn that she is rapidly recovering. Mrs. Shaw is now at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Percival, 38 South Union street, where she will remain for a few days.