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To stay at home is best.”

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Editorials.

We wish to call your attention to our first issue of the Somerset Breeze which leaps into life under the hands of the Somerset High School graduating class of 1910. We intend to please with this paper and are ready to welcome criticism and indeed, we want plenty of it, but we also want your encouragement and support.

Our columns are open to everything of interest to the school children of Somerset, parents, alumni and public spirited citizens. We ask teachers and children to send in articles and notes from their schools, as we want any interesting incidents in Somerset school life to find a pleasant place in our issues. The professional men and the literary ladies of the town and the directors of public education are invited to contribute articles, and all alumni are asked to

keep us posted as to their adventures and successes in life, so that our column of alumni notes may be up to date and of wide and lively interest.

Every year sees some fruitful effort to improve the High School grounds. Last June our efficient Supt. of streets, kindly had the front walk covered with a good layer of cinders, which as they get trodden down hard will make a very smooth and firm walk not so weedy as it used to be. He also had several loads of good earth from the road sides dumped in the back yard where it could be used to lay out flower beds. For the last two years the pupils have striven to keep a well kept lawn and some gardens, and have succeeded to a certain extent. The old diagonal foot path across the lawn has disappeared forever. Some dahlia bulbs and Sweet William plants given by Mr. Braley were set out last Spring, and bloomed through the summer and fall, Lilies and Asters from the Eddy Gardens added a bit of color at the foot of the flagstaff, and Woodbine and Honeysuckle presented by Mrs. Lewis Moulton are already climbing around it. There is no pleasanter way of showing appreciation of the interest the pupils take in their yard than

by contributing a wee bit of seed, bulbs, or roots from last summer's garden to the public gardens on the High School grounds. We are little, but oh my! just watch us grow! Take a look into the future when the hustling City of Somerset shall have swallowed up the outlying hamlets of Swansea and Fall River, and our humble monthly Breeze has become the Somerset Daily Gale.

Speaking of swallowing, just think of whats' coming! Rooster is all right of course; but Oh, You Turkey!

Our Policies.

To all good things in Somerset
We'll lend a helping hand,
No finer town was ever yet
In this, our native land.
Of politics we're innocent
Just let the best man win;
And we will always be content
To help him when he's in.
No knocking on the other fellow,
No slander nor sensation yellow,
For foul will be the hand that
touches pitch.
We promise to have mercy,
Not engage in controversy
Lest we find ourselves bemired in
the ditch.
Not a line to make you weary;
Not a word of Cook or Peary
'Till Roosevelt gets back and tells
us which.
Just one more promise add to these
That every month we're going to
please,
With a Bigger, Brighter, Better
Breeze.

It is our intention to publish in every issue a bit of original verse born and brought up in Somerset. Having failed to get a contribution for this first number we had to have the above made to order. We feel free to promise we will never print anything worse.

The Shadowing Wing.

The Breeze esteems it a privilege to notice with deserved appreciation a Somerset contribution to the literature of the day, "The Shadowing Wing," by Rev. Edward L. Krumreig, D. D. The book relates vividly the experiences of the author in early youth leading to his conversion, and later to his hearing the call of God to service in his ministry. Several chapters are devoted to the fruit of faithful thought and wide study, and to the message of his mature years. Stories of travel and numerous attractive illustrations add a great deal to the interest of the book, and help to make it one that will hold the attention of young readers as well as old to their measure and profit. As a fine example of the printer's and book binder's art the book also deserves high commendation.

The Polytechnic Institute.

The Worcester Polytechnic Institute was founded in 1865, by John Boynton. He set apart \$100,000 for the perpetual support of the school. Since then many similar endowments have been made, making it possible to erect new and more thoroughly equipped laboratories, and today the Institute is one of the leading schools of engineering in the world.

"Tech" as it is called, is situated on a rather high hill, in the residential section of Worcester. Scientific schools and dormitories do not hitch very well, so to speak, so it has been deemed wise by the officials of the school to abolish a small dormitory which was established a few years ago. The fact, that "Tech" is situated in the residential part of the city, makes it possible for students to obtain board and lodging nearby.

The conditions of admission are such, that a pupil attending the Somerset, or B. M. C. Durfee High School, may easily plan his course, so that he may take up all required subjects.

Engineering has been well defined as "the utilization of the forces of nature in the service and for the benefit of man" "Tech" endeavors to teach young fellows how this may be accomplished. At present there are five courses, leading to a degree of Bachelor of Science, after the completion of four years' work. Of course, an Electrical Engineer must be instructed in branches, belonging to the Civil Engineering Department, as much as a Mechanical Engineer must be familiar with Chemistry, in order to do his work properly. There is also a General Science course, planned for those who intend to teach Mathematics, Physics or Chemistry.

Practice and theory are combined in the best possible manner at "Tech." The Salisbury Laboratories are used for the work in Physics and Chemistry. Pattern-making and machine work are done in the extensive Washburn Shops. In the Mechanical Engineering Laboratory large and well-lighted rooms are to be found for Mechanical and Free-hand Drawing. In the basement of this building many powerful machines are located, which are used to make tests in Concrete, Steel and Cast-iron. The Electrical Engineering Laboratory, completed in 1907, is equipped better than any similar building in America.

An Experimental Test Car, fitted with all modern appliances, may be used on any of the electric lines in Worcester. The total floor area of the Electrical Laboratory is about 48,000 square feet, which makes the building undoubtedly the largest devoted exclusively to Electrical Engineering to be found in any college. A Hydraulic Testing plant is located at Chaffinville. A contains an eighty horse-power Turbine and the meters, wires, and other apparatus used in conducting hydraulic tests and experiments. It well equipped Foundry and also a Forge Shop are to be found at the Institute. Sensitive drills, drill-grinders, drawing boards, drawing stands and many other commercial products are manufactured by the students and sold throughout the world. An order has recently been received for a number of Upright Drills, from a large firm in Berlin.

Athletics are encouraged, in as much as they do not conflict with the regular work. The foot-ball, base-ball and basket-ball teams always do creditable work. A large field adjacent to the Institute has been recently purchased, at a great cost, by the Alumni Association. Plans are being worked out for the construction of a \$100,000 gymnasium.

The Journal is published bi-monthly and contains articles by "Tech" graduates on modern engineering practice. "Tech News" which is published weekly is a great help in maintaining a high standard of school spirit.

Apparatus has been secured and will soon be installed, which will enable us to talk with New York by wireless.

ALLEN SIMMONS, W. P. I., 1913.

Personals.

One of the most enjoyable social events since the beginning of school was Gladys Slade's birthday party, when relatives and friends forty or more in number were entertained at her home in a delightful manner. Violin selections by Edgar Forrest, a solo by Cora Brightman accompanied by Vancy Drape, and readings by Mammie Larter were much enjoyed.

If Miss Anna Wilbur ever again entertains at luncheon any members of the base ball team on the afternoon before the game, the manager will have to buy a megaphone to call them across the creek.



Alumni.

Albert Almy, '07, is learning the jewelry business with I. T. Boyd, Fall River.

Agnes Harrington, '07, is taking a post graduate course at the B. M. C. Durfee High School.

Olive Whittier, '08, is attending the Bridgewater Normal School.

Israel Almy, Howard Sanborn, May Hinchey, Norah Brighty, Cora Brightman, Helen Simmons and Jennie Lynch, all S. H. S. '09, are now members of the Junior Class, B. M. C. D. Among the Seniors are Lida Chace, Elsie Hathaway, Hattie King and Anna Harrington, S. H. S. '08. Other Somerset pupils at the B. M. C. Durfee, are Walter Sprague, Charles Hathaway, Frances Rodgers, and Harold Reagon.

Look for some interesting contributions to the Breeze from Alumni at home and abroad.

All out to the piano supper! It will be there and we want you to be satisfied with it. Class of '09 come and see your gift placed in its position. You will be happy.



Basket Ball Game.

The local basket ball team that will line up against the High School Thanksgiving Day will be made up as follows: FRED WILLIAMS AND JOHN HEGERTY, forwards; EDWARD SIMMONS, center; STANLEY ABBOTT, AND RALPH SIMMONS, guards. Come and see the game with a nickel in your pocket to pay for a seat on the fence.

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where our work is wanted and paid for, will trade where the best trade is offered, and will live — **in Somerset.**

Trade in Fall River! Why? Our columns are open to you, gentlemen. Get out from behind those Bill Boards. Come out where there is a BREEZE and refresh your business. Let it blow for you. Nail signs on our trees and the U. T. S. "ll git yer if yer don't watch out." Scatter hand bills over our streets and a little red hand cart will take them to the dump and thats all the good it will do you. There's only one way to advertise in Somerset. Wide awake advertisers of Fall River will have space in the next issue of the Breeze. Are you wide awake? Dont wait for our advertisng man, he will call on you—but **dont wait**; there's going to be a rush. Drop a card today to the Manager of the SOMERSET BREEZE, Somerset, Mass. And your fortune is made.



Hallowe'en.

(REPRODUCTION.)

The first trace of Hallowe'en we have is in the days of the Druids, early inhabitants of the British Islands. They worshipped the Sun and built altars upon the hills and kept fires burning on them all night. The ashes from these fires were scattered to form a circle, inside this there was an inner circle made of stones to which everyone contributed a stone with a sacred mark upon it, so that if one of the stones were missing they would know whom it belonged to.

In England they kindled bon-fires with the charred sticks that were left from the previous year's fire.

They celebrated Hallowe'en on May first, after awhile they changed the date to November second, All Saints Day.

In the Island of Lewes, the people went to the church to sacrifice to "Shony," the God of the sea. After the people came home from the church they assembled on the shore where one of the men was chosen who waded out into the water holding a mug of ale which he threw into the sea as King "Shony" to send them enough sea-weed to enrich their land the coming season. Each one brought a peck of malt which was made into ale. They spent the rest of the night in dancing, drinking ale and playing games till the sun rose.

In England the people went around to the different houses, knocked loud upon the doors and sang; then they asked for "Shony Cakes." The women knew they were coming and baked an extra number of cakes that day.

In Scotland, two hundred years ago, they built bon fires at midnight on the top of each hill. Indoors was brilliantly lighted with torches and lanterns to ward off the "Evil eye." The next best thing to a bon fire was to have something red in the room because witches don't like red, it frightens them. Hallowe'en was imported to America from England and Scotland. There are many games and tricks.

One game is this; three dishes are filled with clear water, dirty water, and the third one is left empty. Each player is blind folded and in turn dips the tip of his finger into one of the dishes, the position of the dish is changed before each trial after the player's eyes are blind folded. The clear water means a happy marriage, the dirty, an unhappy one, and the empty dish single blessedness.

FLORENCE STETSON,

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Witches and Black Cats.

A merry Hallowe'en party was given at the home of Misses Anna and Esther Wilbur on Saturday evening, October the thirtieth. A very enjoyable twenty minutes was spent in general conversation and then were played some lively Hallowe'en games.

There was first a guessing contest for which a prize was given and then cranberries were carried from a table to a shelf, the one carrying all his cranberries from his dish on the table to the empty dish on the shelf, first winning the game. Other very interesting Hallowe'en games were played; among them a Peanut Hunt (the most enjoyable) for which also a prize was given.

Supper was served at nine-fifteen in the dining room, which was very novel and appropriate in its decorations. Festoons of Jack-o-lanterns and grinning pumpkins were hung from the ceiling, while on the walls and curtain draperies were black cats, witches on their brooms, and pumpkins galore. The table was exceptionally pretty. Hallowe'en orange crepe paper ran from corner to corner, with witches, black cats, pumpkins and bats running havoc over it in black.

A fateful cake (with the word Hallowe'en written in eight candies on it,) tiny pumpkin pies and hot chocolate were part of the goodies served. When the cake was cut, Master Weston Gifford discovered the key, then all enjoyed a laugh on seeing Frank Oldmixon bringing from his cake, the thimble; Miss May Hinchey found her piece of cake to contain the raisin while Miss Norah Brighty nearly bit the ring in two,

Charles Hathaway was pleased to find the Lincoln penny in his pastry. Souvenirs were given to the guests in honor of the occasion. The other guests were Miss Sadie Gifford, Master Harold Hood and Thomas Pierce.

Merry good nights echoed in the air as the ten o'clock car stopped to take the south bound guests to their homes.



Social.

Among the happy parties of the Hallowe'en season was one given by Miss Ruth Krumreig to her classmates of the High School. The guests were met very solemnly at the door and ushered up stairs by a very attractive ghost who was thoughtlessly addressed as Dora by another ghost at the head of the stairs which turned out to be the hostess herself. The popular games of wink, ring on the string, and others were played, in the light of numerous jack-o-lanterns, while a sofa just large enough for two, and a roomy arm chair rather exclusively arranged in the corner of the room were rather monopolized by some who got tired of play. Refreshments were served and a guessing cake divided, in which was hidden a ring, thimble and coins. Seward Simmons got the ring but quickly found that it just fitted a certain smaller finger than his. Thomas Smith got the thimble, and Celia Almy the coin. About ten o'clock the happy party broke up, each guest carrying a lighted candle as long as it would burn.

S. H. S. Athletics.

At the beginning of the school year all the fellows came to school with base ball, at least on their minds. After practice on the school diamond for about a week the officers were elected. By a unanimous vote Everett Sanderson was made captain, and Joe Harrington manager and bearer of the money bag. Dues of five cents a week were voted as last year. The team was put at practice early with Harrington, catcher, Babbitt, pitcher. Capt. Sanderson took the first sack and put Deane on second, where he just fits and Pierce at his old place at third, Smith the old reliable, covers short again this year. Simmons, brother to that big first baseman of last year, Hampton, Grime, Whittier and Ernsley, were tried in the out field; Simmons and Hampton securing positions, and Grime and Whittier dividing chances for the ninth place on the team. Sanderson and Whittier are the only left hand batters on the team. The nine will be in good condition to open the season in the Spring, having had experience of nine good practice games this fall, six of which they won.

When the weather got too cold for base ball, first and second basket ball teams were organized, goals erected, and all hands turned to get ready for the coming season. Most of them have the game to learn from bottom up. Sanderson and Harrington were chosen captain and manager. The first team is made up with Sanderson and Harrington, forwards; Babbitt, center; and Simmons and Pierce, guards. Deane and Hampton are working hard for a

place on the first team, and all the seconds are in the game. Grime, the smallest of the lot is about the spryest. In the practice games at recess, the first team have to work hard to keep in the lead. The first match game will be played Thanksgiving day, when the team will line up against a local five of husky players who will make them work to win.

The school will take up a new sport this winter by putting a hockey team on the ice. It is believed a very fast team can be picked of which more anon.

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