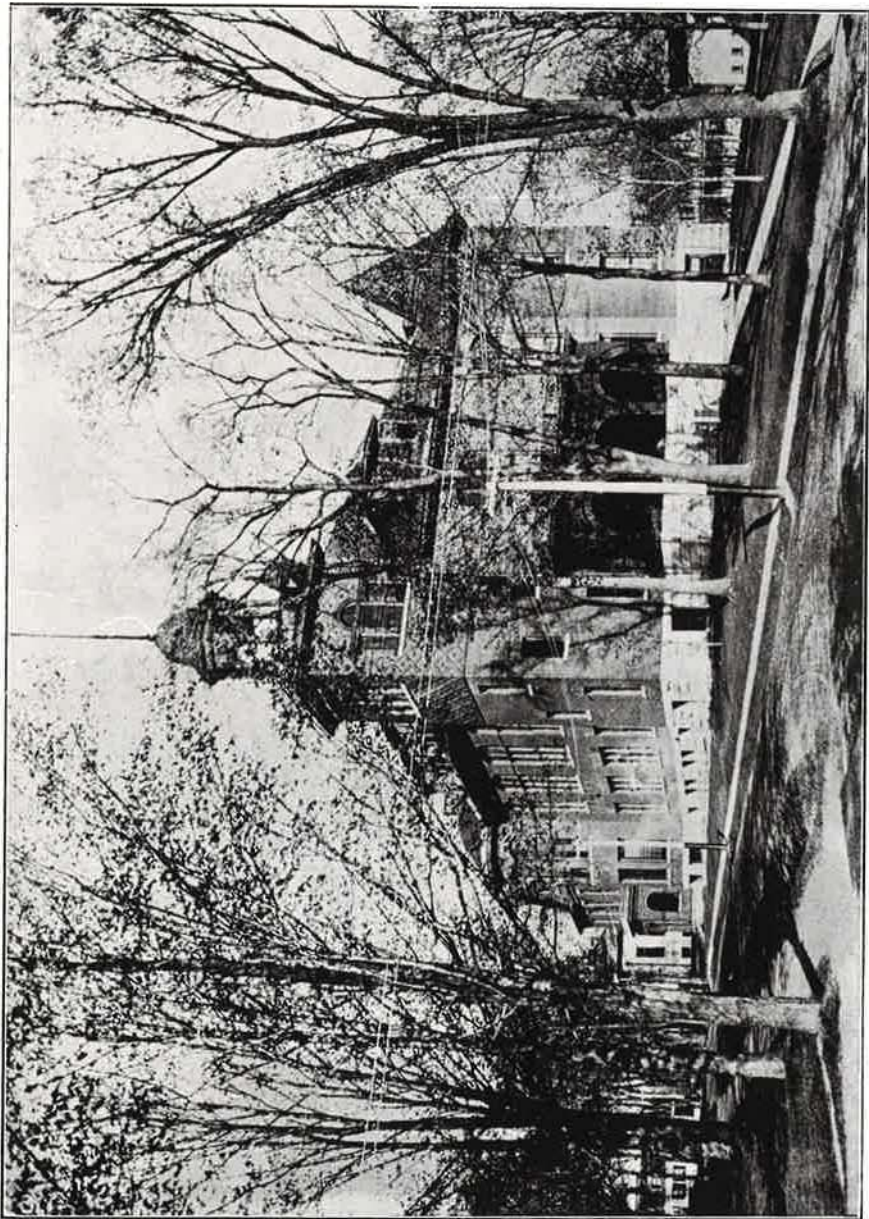


## School Calendar, 1922-1923

- Sept. 12 Fall term opens with an enrollment of 287, entering class 162.
- Sept. 14 A new motto, "When the day breaks, save the pieces."
- Sept. 15 Reception to 1st year class in Merrill Hall, auspices of the Christian Association.
- Sept. 19-20 Franklin County Fair and two half holidays. "Baby Thelma" proves an interesting topic for discussion in psychology.
- Sept. 25 Student Government is adopted by the Dormitory and first House Committee is elected.
- Oct. 1 Say, what happened to the piazza railing?!!!
- Oct. 5 School picture.
- Oct. 18 Fire drill at the Dorm. Baby dolls, hot water bottles and choice photographs prove to be valued possessions.
- Oct. 23-27 Mid-term examinations.
- Oct. 26 Maine Teachers' Convention in Bangor. Miss Lincoln, Miss Porter, Miss Abbott, Miss Stone, Miss Mantor, Miss Havey and Mr. Preble attend.
- Oct. 26 Speech by Supt. of Schools Augustus O. Thomas in Springfield, Mass., heard here by radio.
- Oct. 27 Hallowe'en Masquerade in the Gym. Hon. Napoleon Bones host in Room 1.
- Nov. 2 Dramatic Club organized.
- Nov. 7 Tom Skeyhill, Australian veteran of the World War, lectured on "The New Elizabethans."
- Nov. 10 Social at Merrill Hall, benefit of basketball team. Mr. Mallett proves a dabster in the millinery line.
- Nov. 11 Armistice Day. We shan't soon forget Mr. Mallett and Arlene Plummer in the dog fight. Anyway, what's the matter with the Greens? They're ALL RIGHT.
- Nov. 23 Lantern slide lecture by Mr. Fred H. Daniels, author of "The Furnishing of a Modest Home."
- Nov. 24 Franklin County Teachers' Convention.
- Nov. 30-Dec. 2 Thanksgiving Recess.
- Dec. 1 Thanksgiving Dance in dining room, auspices of House Committee.
- Dec. 11-16 Final term examinations.
- Dec. 9 C. A. Fair with Dramatic and Glee Clubs in evidence in the evening. Mr. Dearborn proves himself an able auctioneer.
- Dec. 13 Christmas Party at Purington Hall. Vinal Merrill, Santa Claus by proxy.
- Dec. 14 Fall term closes for Christmas vacation.
- Jan. 3 Winter term opens.
- Jan. 19 Basketball at Wilton and "Oh, That Last Cold Mile." Nothing the matter with hot oyster stew, is there, Mr. Dearborn?
- Jan. 30 Traveling must be fashionable. Nearly everyone has a "grip"(pe).
- Feb. 19 Miss Frances Porter sings for us.

- Feb. 20 Mr. Mallett starts for the west.  
Feb. 22 A holiday, Washington's Birthday.  
Mar. 9 B Hop.  
Mar 12-16 Final term exams.  
Mar. 19 Mr. Mallett returns.  
Mar. 23 Winter term closes.  
Apr. 4 Spring term opens.  
Apr. 19 Holiday. Baseball season opens with F. S. N. S. vs. New Sharon.  
Apr. 20 Masquerade and Farce, benefit Athletics.  
Apr. 22 Turkey dinner.  
May 14 Lecture on Eye Defects, by Dr. S. J. Beach of Portland.  
May 17 Dr. Hamilton Holt of New York speaks on the League of Nations.  
May 18 D Hop.  
May 22 Blanche Harrington Sampson, F. S. N. S., '86, delightfully entertained the school and citizens, assisted by members of the D Class, who gave musical numbers.  
May 30 Memorial Day. A Rhode Island Clam Bake at the Dorm.  
June 10 Baccalaureate.  
June 13 Class Day.  
June 14 Commencement. End of Spring term.  
July 2-Aug. 3 Summer Session.  
Sept. 11, 1923 Fall term opens.





THE NORMAL SCHOOL, 1923

## The Normal Building

### Merrill Hall

THE principal room of the Normal School, and the one which is of greatest interest to visitors, is Merrill Hall, so named in honor of I. Warren Merrill, who was a member of the Board of Trustees during a critical period of the school's history and who worked faithfully and untiringly for its betterment. Here every morning the students gather for morning exercises among surroundings which are in themselves an inspiration and incentive to them to do their best. Here also they have their "home seats" where they spend their study periods. It is in this room that the various entertainment and social functions of the school are held. The room seats about three hundred students, but for entertainment purposes it can be arranged to accommodate twice that number. The room, which is attractively finished in quartered oak, the walls being tinted a restful green, is decorated with portraits, pictures and statuary, gifts of various graduating classes and of individuals.

The platform upon which are the principal's desk and seats for the faculty is convertible at a moment's notice into a good sized stage upon which the dramatic talent of the school may find expression. At the right of the platform, facing the front of the room, is the piano, the victrola, and a cast of Citharoedus, all gifts of graduating classes, and a bookcase filled with reference books. At the left of the platform are casts of Diana and the Stag, and Niobe, also a bust of Apollo on pedestal. Above the platform are hung two pictures, Christ and the Young Ruler, and The Boy Christ in the Temple. At the back of the room are bookcases and closets containing reference books and current magazines. Above these is a cast of the Della Robbia Frieze, and above the door is The Flying Mercury. In the southeast corner is a cast of Pudicitia, and in the northeast corner a cast of Minerva.

Here also is found a bronze bas-relief of the former principal, George C. Purington.

From this description of Merrill Hall one may get some idea of its arrangement, but it is only through actually seeing it that its charm and artistic beauty can be fully realized.

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### Room Five

ONE of the pleasantest rooms in the building is Room Five, which occupies the northwest corner of the ground floor. Although intended primarily for instruction in drawing, it is used by various classes because of overcrowded conditions. A few years ago much improvement was made by the addition of adjustable drawing desks. The room is well lighted and always made attractive by plants and flowers in their season. Upon the blackboard are drawings made by the students to illustrate various uses of drawing in the public schools.

Room Five may well boast that it is the only room in the building in which the pictures are hung according to principles of art. "The Gleaners" and "The Mouse" were obtained with funds received from an art exhibition given several years ago. "The Weavers", "Sir Galahad", and "Canterbury Cathedral" were gifts to the school by the class of 1900. A recent gift presented by Governor Baxter is an excellent collection of foreign photographs, some of which are colored. Miss Abbott's collection of art materials adds much to that owned by the school, for use in courses in home decoration, architecture, and art appreciation. In addition the reading table is always supplied with the leading magazines pertaining to art.

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### Room Eight

THROUGH the generosity of a friend the room in the Normal School building, commonly known as Number 8, was completely

renovated during the winter vacation. It was enlarged by including the former newspaper alcove and the walls and ceiling were freshly tinted. The new furnishings, desk and chair for the platform, classroom chairs for students, bookcases and fine cork bulletin board make the room altogether adequate for the work of health training. A new bookcase is another feature of the room. The Campfires find a table in this room upon which their literature is to be found.

In this room hangs the picture of Harriet Young Keith, who in her years of service in the school so successfully established and developed the course in physical education.

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### Room Nine

THE physics laboratory is commonly known to us as Room 9. On first entering this room one gets the impression that it is a small moving picture house, with its arrangement of settees on the floor graded in receding tiers from the front of the room. Perhaps, too, the reflectoscope with the curtain at the front emphasizes this idea. But a glance around tells us that this room is not wholly given over to recreation, for cabinets containing many kinds of physical and chemical apparatus, and shelves of reference books, tells us that it is a room where serious thought and hard study are necessary for understanding of the subjects taught here.

A small room opens off the laboratory which is used as the office of the instructor. In this department, where Mr. Thomas has presided for some time, Mr. Dearborn has directed the work of this year.

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### A Glimpse into the Chemical Laboratory

IN a remote corner on the top floor of the Normal building is a room which upon first sight might not be especially interesting to the visitor, but to the students who have

spent many hours there trying to find out how to make soap or what effect ozone has upon clothes, or to solve some other difficult problem, the chemical laboratory is a place of great interest. Imagine the problem of the teacher who is trying to keep track of a group of thirty girls busy performing different experiments at the same time. Here you see a group standing at the long white tile topped tables, another at the chemical closet, still another at the built-in cabinet, which contains all kinds of dry chemicals. Intent upon bringing their experiments to a successful finish we see them moving quickly but cautiously from one place to another. The period is nearly over, things seem to be progressing well, when suddenly—a loud report, a test tube flies into a hundred pieces, the student gives the teacher a despairing look, the bell rings, the class is dismissed, but the teacher's task is not completed.

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### Room A

IF one wishes to study Geography, of course the best and most beneficial method is by traveling; if Nature is the subject time must be spent in the great out of doors. Here at F. S. N. S. we have courses in both these interesting subjects. Our opportunities for traveling are limited, but we do spend hours studying in the woods and fields in and about Farmington, though most of our instruction in these subjects is given in Room A, an interesting room and excellent place for such work. It is well equipped with geographical specimens from various parts of the world, rocks and minerals of all kinds, and with maps and other material.

Two aquariums and a terrarium contain many interesting specimens for nature study. Girls, we all know, are inquisitive creatures. They sometimes take an interest in what they are doing for mere curiosity's sake, but when one reaches in the terrarium to examine a peculiar root and finds she has picked up a cold salamander, interest sud-

denly increases and with the increase of interest usually comes a scream of terror. After a little teaching and a little coaxing, the frightened ones overcome their emotions and handle the inoffensive creatures in a most nonchalant manner.

For the study of birds we have a large variety of specimens from which we can learn the names, and we have opportunity to learn to identify their notes when we are taking walks for flower study.

We have spent many profitable hours in this room on the top floor.

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### The Manual Training Room

WHAT a busy workshop this is! Arranged in rows are the benches, twenty-one in all, each of which is equipped with coping, splitting and back saws, chisels, planes, tri-square and ruler, while at the back of the room are large cabinets which contain shelves on which the students may keep their material. On the wall hang models of some of the articles to be made, and charts for demonstration purposes. To see the articles being made one could hardly imagine the finished product would be so fine. Desks, tables, book-cases, baskets, trays, all having passed inspection, go out to be enjoyed in the homes of the students.

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### Room Seven

LITERATURE, history, civics, current events, a miscellaneous list — but classes in these and some other subjects are glad to assemble in No. 7 which though not a room of unusual interest, is pleasant and well arranged for recitation. The well chosen pictures and fine bust of Longfellow create an atmosphere that makes work in this room enjoyable, *if* the lessons are well prepared.

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### The Gymnasium

THE gymnasium of Farmington Normal, which is in the basement of the building,

is a rectangular room containing all the equipment for physical training exercise. Here are presented the exercises in which the students learn how to conduct physical exercises in their own schools.

The piano standing in a screened off recess is indispensable for the work in exercises and drill of all kinds. Dumb bells, hoops, Indian clubs, and wands ranged on the side walls give some idea of the nature of special drills, while the chest weights and swinging bar show that certain exercises test physical strength and agility.

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## The Home Economics Cottage

I AM a little mouse. I had never seen much of this world, so one day last week having decided to go traveling, I ran along eagerly drinking in all the strange sights. I had often heard the girl who lived in my last home tell about Farmington and what a wonderful place it was. Now I was surely on my way to Farmington!

I arrived in the middle of the forenoon and seeing a group of girls walking along decided to follow them, and listening to their conversation I found that they were going to the Home Economics Cottage. I was delighted and ran along with them. There was a great big brick building across the street which they called the Dormitory. I hoped they would go into that but they went into a house like almost any other, a two-story building painted yellow with white trimmings, with grass in front and some beautiful shrubs around it. I thought it looked much like my former home.

I went up on the front porch and squeezed through a crack in the door as the girls had not shut it tight. Well, the first thing I saw was the nicest sitting room. It contained almost everything — one of those nice big fireplaces, a victrola, chairs, a table and all sorts of comforts.

After I had investigated thoroughly, I ran into the next room. My! but it was

funny! There were three desks and all around the walls were those queer things they call books. Just for fun I looked at their names. There were books on Clothing, Household Management, and Food. My! the word food sounded good, but I wanted the real thing. Well, next I went upstairs and what do you think I saw? There were a lot of girls all sitting in rows in one end of the room. They were sewing, making little bags. The room seemed very pleasant and I was greatly interested in what they called sewing machines. There were five or six of them in one end of the room.

However, I didn't remain much longer for I smelled food. I ran downstairs and over into the other side of the house, and there sure enough was a kitchen, but it was

the queerest kitchen I ever saw. In one corner was a large cook stove, and the rest of the room was nearly filled with desks. At these desks sat girls all dressed in white. On every desk was a small gas stove, and the desks were fitted up with all sorts of cooking dishes, but all very tiny. In a closet I found lots of food, but it was all put up in glass jars. The girls were cooking and when they finished they ate all they had cooked. I called them mean. Then I ran on a further tour of inspection and found another kitchen and a lovely dining room. I soon decided that this was no place for me. Nothing to eat, and I knew that if I showed myself, or seemed at all friendly, those girls would scream, so I continued my journey and went to a new home.

*D. H.*





PURINGTON HALL AS IT LOOKED IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITS COMPLETION



## Purington Hall



MRS. L. ESTELLE ALLEN

**F**ORTUNATE indeed are the girls who have the privilege of living in Purington Hall, and of knowing Mother Allen, the very efficient and big-hearted matron of the house. Few people could accomplish the task which Mrs. Allen does, keeping all the cogs and wheels of the establishment running smoothly, and looking out for the welfare of all the girls. Those who had the "flu" last winter will remember gratefully the kind attention and care bestowed upon them by Mother Allen who visited them every day and fixed up all kinds of special dainties to tempt capricious appetites. Especially grateful were those who went to Wilton and arrived home at 2.45 A. M. to

find Mrs. Allen still up to greet them and to serve them with delicious hot oyster stew, a very welcome dish to half frozen travelers. The Thanksgiving Dinner and the Rhode Island Clam Bake certainly deserve mention as illustrations of Mother Allen's spreads.

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THROUGH savings made in the management of Purington Hall, an electric dish washer and an electric mixer have been added to the culinary equipment, and the laundry has been equipped with washer and mangle. Electric irons are also furnished for the use of the students.

### The House Committee

IN the fall of 1922 when we returned to take up our work for the coming year, those who were to live in Purington Hall were summoned to a special meeting at which Miss Mantor suggested that an experiment in student government be tried in the dormitory.

After a week's consideration we voted to try it for the fall term whereupon we voted ourselves the Student Government Organization of Purington Hall, which should be known by the name of House Committee. The purpose of this organization is to enable the girls of Purington Hall, all of whom are members, to govern themselves with the idea of loyalty to themselves and to the school.

The experiment has proved so successful that it was continued through the year.

Our aim has been to bring into the dormitory a more coöperative spirit and to teach the girls to carry some of the responsibilities which before this time had been borne by others.

As a result of the experiment we have become a united family and nearly every individual has developed a sense of responsibility which has helped in understanding the need for regulations in a home where so many people live together.

In the few cases where discipline has been necessary, a satisfactory understanding has been reached and improvement has been made.

In addition to the regular work of the organization the House Committee has conducted some of the social affairs during the year. Place cards for Thanksgiving dinner were provided, arrangements made for a dance on the following Friday night, and

plans for a Christmas tree party during the last week of the fall term were carried out.

We believe the principle to be right and hope that in 1924 the students will coöperate to make the second year of the government even more successful than the first.

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE

##### FALL TERM

*President*, Rachel Stickney  
*Sec. and Treas.*, Arlene Plummer

##### *Committee Members*

Grace Smith	Leora Tomlinson
Marjorie Hebb	Doris Kerr
Julia Joy	Elsie Potter
Vivian Allinson	

##### WINTER TERM

*President*, Ethel Flavin  
*Sec. and Treas.*, Thelma Caswell

##### *Committee Members*

Edna Runnells	Georgia MacFarland
Madeline Nason	Winona Butts
Thelma Jordan	Mary Harris

##### SPRING TERM

*President*, Cecile Scriptor  
*Sec. and Treas.*, Anna Hayes

##### *Committee Members*

Doris Kendall	Leona Coy
Gwendolyn Wing	Dorothy Hammons
Lois Hallowell	Geneva Additon

PURINGTON HALL is to have a twin!

The new dormitory, work upon which will be commenced next summer, is to be almost an exact copy of the present dormitory. The chief difference will be in the location of the matron's suite which will occupy what corresponds to rooms 5, 6, and 7, in Purington Hall. In this dormitory also will be found the office of the matron, Mrs. Allen, who will have charge of the dining rooms of both houses. A second matron will be located in Purington Hall.

A petition signed by many of the students, asking that the new dormitory be named "Mallett Hall", in honor of Mr. Mallett, has been sent to the trustees.

