No. 11 Cottage and No. 14 held the second place.

As in preceding years all the boys of the different groups were entertained in the Superintendent's House.

A beginning was made in dressing the boys in citizen suits rather than in uniforms and thus far the results have been most gratifying.

There have been fewer changes in the personnel of house officers during the year than at any other time in the past decade. The general coming back to normal conditions in the business world, together with the increased pay which it is possible to offer, has resulted in a much more satisfactory class of applicants than heretofore.

Farming operations have been fairly successful, the wheat crop excepted. The Winter of 1924-25 was particularly severe on Winter grains and the yield of wheat was only about one-half the ordinary yields. Oats and corn both yielded abundantly. The potato crop was fair but still sufficiently large for the needs of the School. Peaches were a failure as they were all through this section. The apple crop was the largest in the history of the School, due to the fact that the young orchard came into effective bearing for the first time. A separate report on farm and garden products will give exact data on field, orchard and garden crops.

A toilet and bathroom were built at No. 19 from materials on hand and from bath and toilet room at old No. 5 Cottage the plumbing fixtures of which were moved to the new location with the result that No. 19 now has the same sanitary outfit as the other cottages of the institution, in fact more complete than some because it has a septic tank and sewage disposal drains.

The exterior woodwork of the Warehouse, Laundry, Grist Mill, Carpenter Shop Building, No. 10, No. 11, No. 12 and No. 16 was painted. The exteriors of No. 2, No. 18, the Superintendent's House, the Dairy Building, the Service Building and Garage at the Service Building were painted also. The interiors of No. 16, the Inspector's Cottage, Superintendent's House, No. 11, and the rear lobby of the School Building were painted.

A new line fence was built from the Southeast corner of the Robinson Farm to a distance of 135 rods. The line fence was also renewed between Farm No. 19 and the Schrom property, a distance of 135 rods. One hundred seventy rods of pasture fence were renewed.

An addition to the Infirmary, 20x60 ft. with a connecting wing 20x20 ft. has been under construction and at the close of the year was entirely under roof except the entrance vestibule. Funds were not available for the beginning of the work on this building until August. This building, as the Board will recall, is of brick and tile

construction with fire-proof floors and ceiling, one story and basement.

The trestle over the sand pit was rebuilt, concrete walls taking the place of timber construction at either end and concrete foundation walls for the middle timber bents. 391 new ties were laid on the spur track leading from the Harmony Route to the Warehouse.

That portion of the road leading to No. 15 Cottage that had not previously been slagged was covered with slag. Places on this road and on the road to No. 6, which had previously been slagged, where wear had resulted in impairment of the road, were given a fresh coating. The road into the Warehouse was given a coating of fine slag early in the season and subsequently one of coarse slag with finer screening by the County Road Department after it had finished resurfacing the main road through the School property. The road leading to Cottages 18 and 19 was covered with slag as far as the corner house, a fine covering having been put on the coarse slag as far as the bridge in the hollow near the forks of the road.

Two new water wells were drilled, one near the Grist Mill and one at Cottage 19 where because of continued drought there had been a shortage of water during the late Summer.

A garage for the Steward and the Superintendent's Secretary was provided by the conversion of an old barracks building into a very presentable shelter for cars.

Praise is due and most cheerfully given to the Inspector, Mr. John E. Graham; the Superintendent's Secretary, Mr. D. L. Rees; the Steward, Mr. O. B. McKinley; the General Matron, Miss Edith L. Merwin; and Miss Anna Harshaw, Principal of schools; for their unflagging loyalty, interest and efficiency throughout all the experiences of the year.

To you, Gentlemen of the Board of Managers, I tender grateful recognition of my indebtedness for your unfailing support, your wise counsel and your unselfish service to the School.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent.