Two Former Boys Now Operate Overlook Farm

Mike and Al Have Been Father Flanagan’s Boys for Many Years

Helping his boys to help themselves has always been the plan of Father Flanagan. So when two of his former boys found themselves grown young men and wanting to farm, Father Flanagan gave them the chance.

Alfred Witkowski came to Father Flanagan on September 18, 1919. He was then a little fellow of eight years. In these intervening years “Al” as he is known at the Home, grew up and wanted to farm. So Father Flanagan made him one of the two farmers at the Home.

The other farmer is Michael Kelly, also a former boy who entered the Home in 1925. He is now 22 years old. Just last spring Mike returned here to help with the farm work, and he and Al, with the help of the boys, operate 320 acres of land.

These two former boys, who have known of the advantages which Father Flanagan gives his boys, are now helping to make Overlook Farm pay to help support the 200 homeless boys now being cared for here. Al has never left the Home in the 13 years since he came. When he entered the Home it was then situated in Omaha and so he has known of its growth and its service almost from its beginning.

These young men now are doing their bit to help Father Flanagan.

Brother Paul Greatly Concerned About Boys’ Clothing

November is here and the colder weather brings me to a new problem about clothing for the boys. I need overalls for the larger boys, really men’s sizes, just plain blue denim overalls. The clothes they wore during the summer are pretty badly worn now and the patches are giving away.

Dear me, it seems as if these older boys are my worst concern now. We need shirts for them too, with collar size 15. Some of these boys I have to look after are only 14 and 15 years old but they seem to wear men’s size clothes. If any of my dear friends would like to help me with some larger sized shoes, 9 to 11, how much I would appreciate it. I never cease to be grateful for all the wonderful help I have had from my friends who come to my rescue in these clothing problems. Taking care of 200 husky boys, just imagine what a job that is!

Just anything in wearing apparel for boys, no matter what it is, is always most appreciated. My response for pajamas was wonderful, but oh, I still need some more.

DAN’S PLACE STILL VACANT

Last month the boys at the Home lost one of their best friends, Old Dan, the trusty horse who gave his life in the service of the homeless boy. With the hard work of the past summer the remaining horses at the Home are badly in need of rest and two of them are so old and crippled they are unable to work.

One horse or mule would help the boys so much, and they are wondering if there is not some friend within a hundred miles or so of the Home who would not give the boys a horse. It need not be the best, but just a horse that will help with the work at the Home. Please!

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The boys welcomed the Governor with rousing cheers as he drove up and waved to them all. Mr. Roosevelt declared Overlook Farm was one of the most beautiful places he had visited in his entire trip. Mrs. Roosevelt was with the Governor.

GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT VISITS HOME

When Governor Roosevelt made his trip into Nebraska and to the Summick farm near Omaha he included in his itinerary Father Flanagan’s Boys Home. The boys

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