Ischua Valley Historical Society

HALLOWEEN DEVILTRY

It was a rainy disagreeable night, but it didn't deter the boys from getting out and raising cain. Things around town were out of place. Signs and door stops and steps were planted in new places. Ladders were across highways. This was not the work of witches and goblins, but a reckless gang of boys on mischief bent.

The Academy as usual was the principal scene of deviltry. A horse in the chapel was something out of the ordinary. George Parker's gray trotter was taken from the stable, led up the winding stairs to the chapel and found there in the morning. The animal was carefully tied to the bell rope and a wisp of hay put just beyond reach. So in effort to get a morsel of feed the horse would keep the bell continually jingling.

Everything worked except that Principal Terry had anticipated them and removed the bell clapper.

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