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BIRTHDAYS HERE AT SCHUTZ

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Birthdays here at Schutz are quite frequent, but I imagine not too frequent for some people, for we usually have cake and ice cream in the evening. It seems that on one's birthday wherever one goes you find a little boy waiting to spank you. Then there is the expectation of a box of something from home.

Miss Sturges usually comes during the course of the day to ask you what kind of ice cream you want.

In the evening at supper time we have the cake and ice cream. The lights are turned out and all are looking towards the door from which the lighted cakes are brought in. The person whose birthday we are celebrating has the privilege of cutting the cake and removing the candles, but before the candles are blown out, he or she, as the case may be, makes a wish. From the time the candles are blown out until that person's piece of cake has been eaten, he must not talk, if he does, his wish wouldn't come true.

As soon as the cakes have come in, everybody begins to sing (doubtful singing) "Happy Birthday" to you and "Stand Up."

After this performance, to the embarrassment, perhaps, of the honored one, everyone resumes his eating with more vigor.

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