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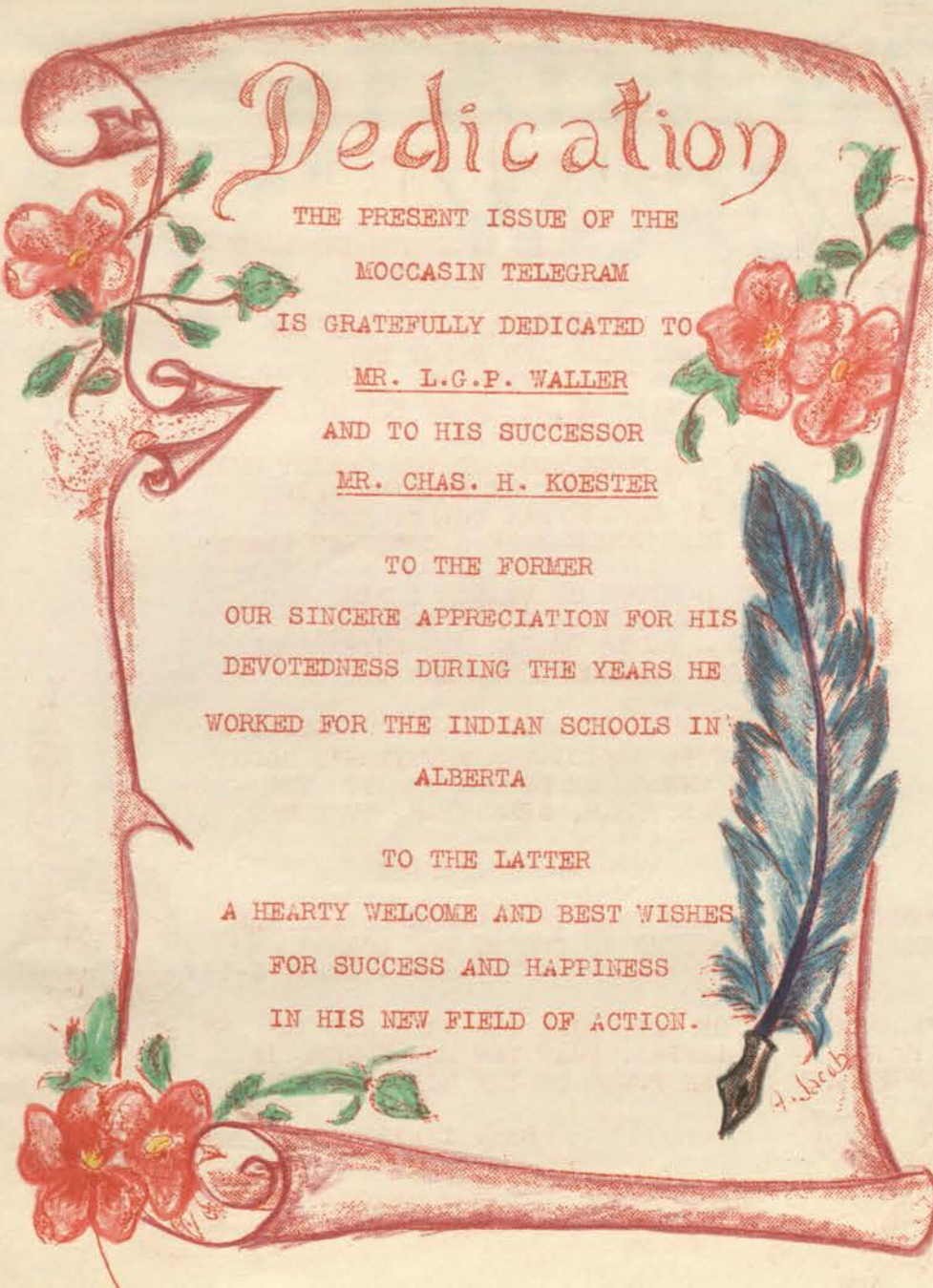
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BLUE QUILLS SCHOOL

ST-PAUL, ALBERTA



Dedication

THE PRESENT ISSUE OF THE
MOCCASIN TELEGRAM

IS GRATEFULLY DEDICATED TO

MR. L.G.P. WALLER

AND TO HIS SUCCESSOR

MR. CHAS. H. KOESTER

TO THE FORMER

OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR HIS
DEVOTEDNESS DURING THE YEARS HE
WORKED FOR THE INDIAN SCHOOLS IN

ALBERTA

TO THE LATTER

A HEARTY WELCOME AND BEST WISHES
FOR SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS
IN HIS NEW FIELD OF ACTION.





Greetings

THIS YEAR AND EVERMORE

MAY THE PEACE OF GOD BE WITH YOU
EVERY MORN AND EVERY EVE
WHEN YOU LAUGH WITH JOY AND GLADNESS
OR WITH WEARY HEART YOU GRIEVE.

MAY THE SWEETNESS OF THE CHRIST CHILD
IN YOUR SOUL BE SHINING FAIR;
MAY IT BANISH ALL THINGS EVIL
THAT WOULD SEEK A CONQUEST THERE

NOT A STORE OF WEALTH I WISH YOU
JUST ENOUGH FOR EVERY DAY,
AND A LAUGH TO WIN YOU FRIENDSHIP
ON THE RUGGED UPWARD WAY.

TAKE OUR WISH AND TAKE OUR BLESSING,
HERE BESIDE THE NEW YEAR'S DOOR;
MAY THE GRACE OF GOD BE WITH YOU
THIS YEAR, NEXT YEAR, EVERMORE.

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"FOR TODAY IN THE TOWN OF DAVID A SAVIOR HAS
BEEN BORN TO YOU, WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD."

St. Luke, 2-11.

"MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND
PEACE IN BELIEVING, THAT YOU MAY ABOUND IN
HOPE AND IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT."

Rom. 15, 13.



FATHER'S WORD

Blue Quills School
December 15, 1956

Dear Friends:

You will receive our little School paper around Christmas and we want it to bring to all of you our best wishes of the Season.

May Christmas be more and more a reminder of the love of God for all mankind and of His Love for you personally. "Greater love than this no one has, that one lay down his life for his friends." John, 15:13. That is the reason for the coming of the Son of God. May we never incur the reproach: "He came unto his own and his own received Him not."

Our best wishes on this festive day is that you open your heart and mind to the heavenly realities.

May this happy disposition be with you all along the New Year and influence all your thoughts and deeds; then peace and order will be with you generating TRUE HAPPINESS.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Fr. E. Bernet-Rollande, O.M.I.
Principal

December 20, 1956

Dear Parents:

Has the Moccasin Telegram forgotten you? Indeed not! We are always very anxious to let you know the important or recent events of our school. This is our first issue this year. We were too busy to publish one sooner.

We are glad to take this opportunity to thank you for all we owe you. Supposing we would only stop to think back on all the hardships that you have borne for our sake when we were small children, we would realize that we owe you our very existence. You have loved us so much that you have often sacrificed all you had to give us what we needed.

How can we pay back all that? There is only one way, but I think it is the best...that is by praying for you. In the morning, before doing anything else, we often go into the chapel and there with Christ, we pray for you. We ask Him to bless you and all you do.

We will soon be with you for the Christmas holidays. We are leaving Blue Quills on December 21 st. in the afternoon. We are supposed to come back on January 6, 1957.

We are very anxious to see you and we will try to be good and helpful during our stay with you. We will try to give you proofs that our words are sincere, that they come from hearts and not only from our lips.

In the meantime, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Your loving children

by Alfred John
Grade VIII



PRINCIPAL
BURSAR
BAKER

Fr. E. BERNET-ROLLANDE
FR. J. ANGIN
BROTHER DORABIALA

SUPERIOR
NURSE
SACRISTAN, ORGANIST
SEAMSTRESS

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SISTER C. COSTELLO
SISTER A. CORRIVEAU
SISTER B. GAILACHE

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS, Singing.
SENIOR GIRLS

SISTER M. COMEAU
SISTER I. LEFEBRE
SISTER I. PERFOR
SISTER M. LEDUC
MISS ALINE JEAN

JUNIOR GIRLS

MR. T. CARDINAL
SISTER B. BOURGET
MRS. DION

SENIOR BOYS
" " (SEWING)

SISTER D. BOURQUE
MRS. T. CARDINAL

JUNIOR BOYS
" "

TEACHERS

GRADE I
GRADE II
GRADE III
GRADE IV
GRADES V & VI
GRADES VII & VIII

SISTER G. LAPOINTE
MISS G. DARIMONT
MISS L. PIGEAU
MRS. H. LAVOIE
MR. H. TASCHOW
Sister A. Potvin

COOKS

SISTER M. HURTUBISE
MRS. ZIAK
MRS. PIGEON
MRS. SHIRT

ENGINEER FARMERS

MR. COTE
MR. ZIAK
MR. REDCROW
MR. GIROUX

Welcome Visitors

Since the beginning of the term we have had the visit of at least four inspectors. Mr. Racette, the Inspector for the St-Paul School Division spent several days visiting the classrooms. Mr. Koester, successor of Mr. Waller has spent a day with us, visiting all the grades. Our devoted agent or Superintendent, Mr. Knapp also came to encourage us in each classroom. Mr. Climenhaga an assistant of Mr. Racette stayed a whole morning with the grade 1 pupils.

Several Fathers have also come to Blue Quills. Father Michaud, Provincial Superior, Father Charron, Father Lafrance, Father Larose from Bonnyville, Father Gagnon from Onion Lake, Father Gaudette and others whom I do not know very well. Of course we see Father Lyons and Father Martorella often, almost every week. They sometimes bring the Missionary Sisters one of whom is a former pupil of Blue Quills, Sister Louisa, (Jenny Shirt) who has come back from Quebec and hopes to do a lot of good to her people on the Reserve of Saddle Lake. There are now three Missionary Sisters at Good Fish too.

Miss Gacouette came back a few weeks ago and she still has that cheerful smile on her face. Alex Janvier stepped in for a few hours last Sunday.

Naturally we had many visitors for Father Principal's feast. Among the most distinguished guests was our dear Bishop, Mgr. P. Lussier. We never tire of hearing his kind paternal words.

Sister Larammee and Sister Dupont from St-Albert also came for a few days. We were glad to see some Sisters from the Assumption Convent, from Onion Lake, the Hospital, from Lafond, etc. It would be too long to enumerate all our visitors. Please come again.

Lillian Cardinal
Grade VIII

(St-Paul Journal) July, 1956

H.M.C.S. ARROWHEAD CADETS SAIL AWAY TO WESTCOAST FOR SEVEN-WEEK TRAINING IN SEAMANSHIP COURSE

Fledgling Sea Cadets from the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps, H.M.C.S. "Arrowhead" sailed away in convoy, recently, to attend courses at H.M.C.S. Quadra, Comox on Vancouver Island.

First contingent to leave under the command of Sub/Lieutenant Tommy Cardinal was the band division of 14 cadets who will be away on a seven week band course and seamanship training.

In the group were. Denis Cardinal, Roderigue Charland, Rolland Dion, Allan Jacob, John Janvier, Alfred John, Lawrence Large, Frank Noel, Eric Piche, William Shirt, Ben Whiskyjack, Jerome Woods.

Sub/Lieutenant Cardinal has returned after two weeks and reports the boys are happy and doing exceptionally well for their first and initial year of camp training.

Another escort of fourteen boys left again this week for a two week period. Father Bernet-Rollande, Principal of Blue Quills School and Chaplain of the corps will leave on August 5th for a two-week tour of duty and return with the band division at the end of their seven-week course.

At this camp, training includes seamanship, field training, signalling, boat work, physical and recreational sports, etc. Summer Training Establishments are conducted and Cadets who have qualified are eligible to attend. Again there is no charge. Navy Service pay transportation costs, meals, etc. In fact, the only expense is personal spending money. Summer training includes sailing in Navy dinghies, whalers, cutters and various types of boats. Instruction is given in shooting and other activities enjoyable to boys of Cadet age.



There was one exciting day which I'll never forget. It started when the Quindra Band was on leave. In the afternoon we went ashore to the Main Island. As we were stepping off the Jetty, Rolland suggested that we should go to the Comox Orchard since we had only a dollar to our name. Bill, my other companion, and I were very enthusiastic about this plan.

We walked to the orchard which was located about one mile from the Camp. We sneaked into the orchard and began helping ourselves to the newly-ripened apples. Suddenly, we saw the orchard guard with a loaded shot-gun. Luckily, he didn't see us. About five minutes later, we were tackling the pears, cherries and plums but we were on our guard. Rolland happened to see a rosy pear, but he was too short to reach it. Bill saw it also, so they started wrestling for it. I guess Rolland pushed Bill down the steep hill and when I saw Rolland on his stomach and Bill rolling down. I just dropped my pears and dashed to reach them. When I reached them at the bottom of the hill they told me they were fighting for a pear. I was so mad, that I threw my highly-polished sea Cadet cap in the dirt.

We then filled our bags with fruits and started on our way back to Camp. There were only two ways of going to Camp, first by walking near the farm house or by sliding down the steep cliff. We held a council for a while and agreed to go by the house. We tried but the risk was too great so we went down the hill. We had to bend very low to go through the thick dark bushes, ferns and thorns. We were just going to jump over a fence when a cow came charging at us. I scrambled to a tree and started to climb. But Bill taking hold of my jumper pulled me down. There was only one thing to do: jump the fence. Then we started throwing apples to the Jersey cow and we finally got rid of that cow. As we came close to the Chicken coop the hens started to cackle. The cliff was definitely better. But here were about twenty tourists down at the foot of the steep cliff. We stood, wondering what we should do, when we saw some young guys chasing each other. So we decided we just had time to go down. Bill, who was rather scared didn't want to meet those guys so he went astray from us. He happened to be the one who met them. We finally got safely to the Camp.

Jerome Woods, Gr. IX

One fine sunny afternoon in Camp, after a long Band practice, we were told to go for a good cooling off.

Away I went for my bathing suit in my dormitory. As soon as I took my bathing suit, I started out to join the other Cadets. I wanted to take a short cut by going through two other dormitories which was not permitted. If I were caught in another dorm without a good reason, I would be a defaulter. Defaulters were Cadets who lagged behind from their classes. If they were caught, they would have to do some extra work such as filling an empty barrel carrying the water with a pop bottle. And this had to be done while the other cadets were swimming or enjoying themselves somewhere else.

I was walking cautiously. When I came to the second dorm, I saw an officer and he saw me too. So I started to sneak back but the officer started after me. I began to run. When I had cleared out of the second dormitory, I stopped at one corner and pretended I was tying my shoe lace. A second after the officer showed up. He came to me and asked: "Did you see anybody running here?" I replied: "Yes Sir, one cadet just ran out of this door." He, the officer believed me. Away he went around the building.

I never saw this officer again, but I never took another chance in taking a short cut either.

Wilfred Large
Grade VIII

AWARDS

At the end of our seven week course, special awards were given. We surely were glad to win several of them.

We boys from Blue Quills won the softball championship. It was a surprise to those who did not want to let us play at first because they thought we were not good enough. The players on our team were John Janvier, Alfred John, Rolland Dion, August Dion, Lawrence Large and three other boys from Regina, and myself.

Three more of our boys won a trophy and a crest for sailing. They had never handled a sail boat before going to Comox, yet they joined the race, and believe or not they won. These famous sailors are John Janvier, Rolland Dion and Lawrence Large.

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Another award was won by Alfred John for being an all round boy. He certainly deserved it...Who does not get along with such a good fellow?

A special award went to Ben Whiskyjack. This is what was written about it in the St-Paul Journal. "Special mention goes to little Ben Whiskyjack for whom the Navy created a new award for being the most congenial cadet in camp." Little Ben got a beautiful wallet.

Last, but not least come our hero Frank Noel. He won two crests. One for being the best shooter in Camp. The other was given by the Dominion Canadian Rifle Association because Frank was the best shooter not only in our Camp but the best from the Army, Navy and Air Force. Four other Cadets across Canada made the same score as Frank.

Eric Fiche
Grade VIII

NEW AWARD(December)

What did the cadets win this time? On top of all the awards we won in H.M.C.S. Quadra, Comox, B.C., a three hundred and fifty dollar telescope is given to our home base because our corps has the best attendance record in Alberta.

This trophy was presented to us by the Reverend Father McGrane, Commanding Officer of R.C.S.C.C. Exeter from Lake La Biche. Fr. McGrane was accompanied by five of his Cadets. Lieutenant Prescott, from H.M.C.S Nonsuch came all the way from Edmonton for the presentation of this trophy. He also gave us a "Leading Cadet Examination". We are very anxious to get the results.

During the intermissions, Father McGrane amused the Cadets with a few magic stunts. Some of his tricks are wonderful. For instance, he swallowed a fifty cent piece and made it come out from his ear. He swallowed a ball and threw out four.

We Cadets look forward to get more trophies and more visits from Father McGrane. We have invited him for a special evening of "Magic".

Wilfre Large
Grade VIII



CONCERT

This year our concert is said to be the best we've had so far in Blue Quills. I guess it is because this time all the entr'actes were as good as the play.

The program opened with O Canada played by the Band. It was followed by the festal song, sung in three voices by the senior pupils. This beautiful song especially dedicated to our devoted Father Principal, ended with the words: "Hail! All Hail! Hail to our Father most dear." An address was then recited by a grade eleven pupil, Miss Irene Dion.

"Welcome to the guest came from five midgets--- two girls and three boys, who settled the audience in their seats, with a professional greeting, appealing and humorous, promising a very entertaining evening which did not fail to materialize."

"At half time intermission, little Frank Large strutted on the stage, Al Jolson style, made up for the occasion, expounded some sound Negro advice on "Being what you is, and not what you ain't." His casual natural and almost professional stage manner drew a large ovation from the audience. He is a student of Mrs. H. Lavoie." (St-Paul Journal)

Another very good number was the Virginia Reel professionally danced by eight boys and girls. Their very colorful costumes as well as manners of grown-ups made the dancers attractive indeed.

An interesting Dumbbell Drill directed by Mr. T. Cardinal gave us an idea of what our Phys. Ed. Classes can produce.

The Brass Band was also a great success. Under the direction of Mr. H. Taschow, the Band interpreted several beautiful pieces.

After the concert, His Excellency, Bishop Lussier, congratulated all the actors and the persons who had organized this wonderful concert. He said that each number we had performed indicated the very fine education we are getting in Blue Quills School.

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His Excellency also told us about his visit to Rome where he had the chance to speak with our Holy Father the Pope. He said that the Pope is pleased with the prayers we are making for him. He wants us to keep on praying for peace in the world.

Mr. Jules Van Brabant, mayor of St-Paul also made a short speech. He congratulated the children and their teachers for the success of the evening.

Then Father thanked us also and gave us a holiday. Lunch was served to the seventy guests by the senior girls.

Alfred John
Grade VIII

The Martyrdom of Father Pro

Our main play was about a priest who lived during the persecution in Mexico. The priest was Padre Miguel Pro. It is a true story.

General Cruz, the chief of Police, had often attempted to catch the Padre. His assistant Senor Pedro thought it was a waste of time to follow his trail.

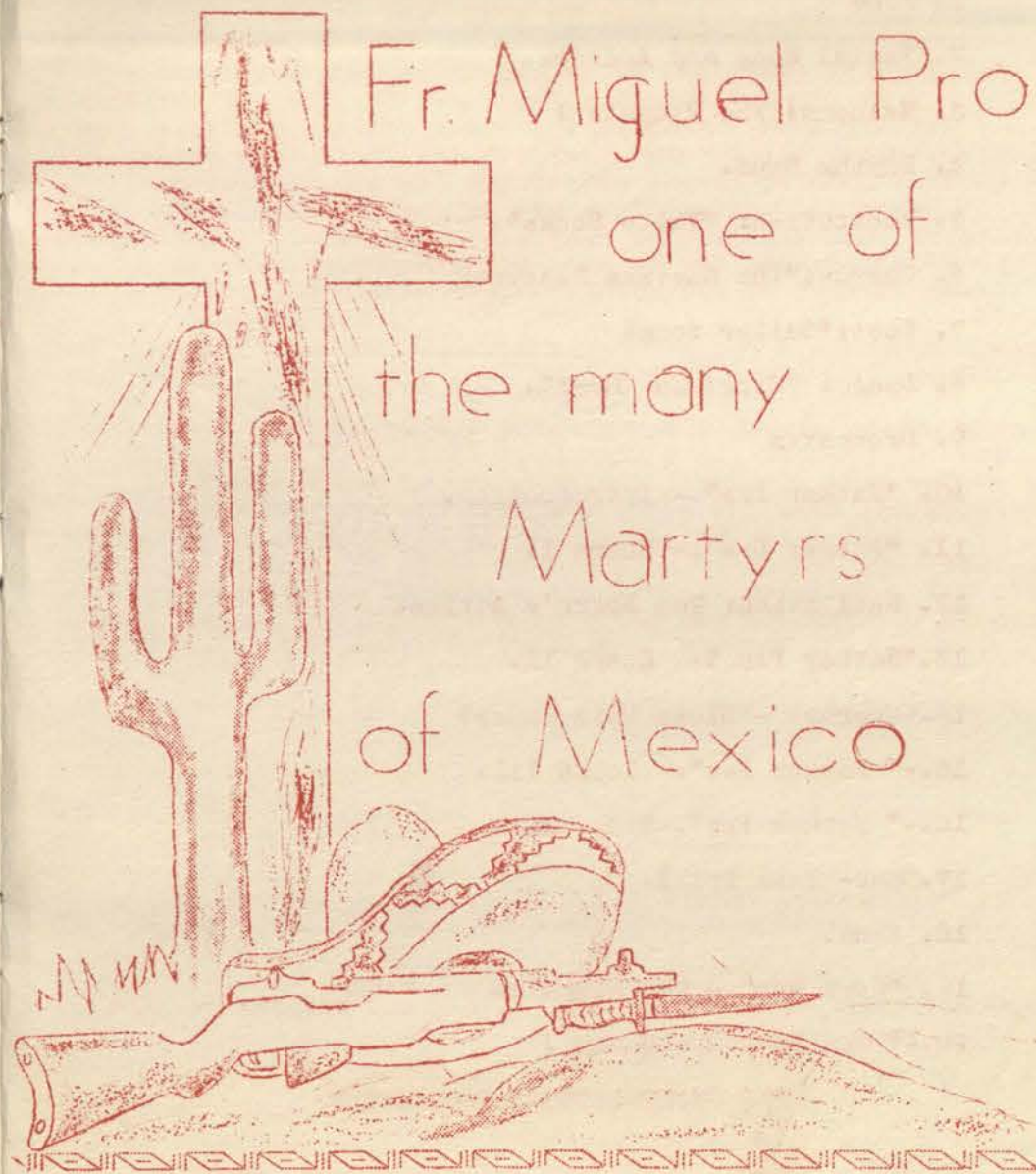
One day General Obregon was visiting the city of Mexico. Someone tried to kill him by throwing a bomb into his car. The police caught some of the culprits, but the others escaped. The police had the number of the car used by the assassins. It was the car which Humberto, Padre Miguel's brother had sold a few weeks before. Now they were in real trouble.

Cruz finally succeeded in capturing Padre Miguel, threw him into jail with his brother and other friends who had tried to shield him.

General Obregon was convinced that the Padre was innocent so he sent a message to General Cruz. Cruz knew that if he delayed any longer, Obregon would interfere. So he wrote back saying that the Padre had confessed to the attempt to kill Obregon. The secretary of Cruz, Benito, did not send the message, but went to visit the Padre in his cell.

The next day, Cruz received a telephone call from Senor Orsi, lawyer of Obregon. Senor Orsi said he would be at the headquarters in about fifteen mi-

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Program.

1. Band
2. Festal Song and Address.
3. Welcome! The Midgets !
4. Rhythm Band.
5. Recitation: "White Socks".
6. Chorus: "The Heavens Resound".
7. Duet: "Sailor Song".
8. Dance: "Virginia Reel".
9. Orchestra
10. "Father Pro".- Introduction.
11. "Father Pro".- Scene I.
12. Recitation: The Negro's Advice.
13. "Father Pro".- Scene II.
- 14.-Chorus: -"Bless This House"
- 15.-" Father Pro".- Scene III.
- 16.-" Father Pro".-Scene IV.
- 17.Dumb- bell Drill.
18. Band.
19. "Good Bye".- The Midgets.
- 20.-" God Save The Queen !

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Martyrdom of Father Pro.

Ever since Cortez conquered Mexico, the Missionaries have taught, defended and even gave up their lives for the people of that country.

The history of Mexico is one of unrest, revolution, and bloodshed. In 1857, 33 years after Mexico had become a Republic, its president Juarez, laid down a Constitution, that seized ecclesiastical property, comprising universities, schools, hospitals and all charitable organizations. Periods of strain and unrest, succeeded one another till the tragic persecution of 1910 broke out. When the priests were arrested and the Blessed Sacrament taken out of the churches, the lay people formed a Catholic League, which was to furnish many martyrs to the Church.

Characters of the Play:

August Dion: Father Miguel Pro. He was a Jesuit novice when the persecution broke out. To complete his studies, he was sent to Europe where he was ordained a priest. Confined to a sanatorium with T.B., he bore all suffering with patience. The news of his mother's death was another blow to his sensitive nature. In 1926, he returned to Mexico, determined to work as a priest in hiding and die, if necessary, for his people and his Faith. He was arrested and executed by General Cruz through the orders of President Calles.

Eric Piche: Senor Pro, Miguel's father, a rich mine owner. His property was taken away from him because of his staunch faith.

Alfred John: Humberto Pro, Padre Miguel's brother, who was very active in the Catholic Youth Movement.

Margaret Lapatak: Ana, Padre Miguel's sister, who stayed by her father's side, after the death of her mother.

Irene Cardinal: Senora Valdes, a sincere Catholic and a friend of the Pro family.

Raymond Cardinal: Rodrigo, Senora Valdes' son.

Gordon Youngchief: Gocho, a charitable friend.

ARCHIVES ON ATES

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EDMONTON, ALBERTA

Rolland Dion: General Cruz, Chief of police, tool of Calles, the President of Mexico.

Jerome Woods: Senor Pedro Hernandez, Attache of the Calles regime, confident of General Cruz.

John Janvier: Senor Benito Cortez, Secretary to General Cruz.

Allen Jacob: Senor Arturo Orci, Lawyer of General Obregon.

Lawrence Large }
Billy Shirt } Soldiers.

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A Short Account of Father Pro's Death.

On the morning of Nov. 23, 1927, Father Pro, his brother Humberto, and two companions were killed. Father Pro was brought out first before the firing squad. Unbound and unblinded, he stood facing them. He raised his arm with a wide gesture and said: "Lord, Thou knowest that I am innocent! With all my heart, I forgive my enemies!" In his right hand, he held a small metal crucifix, and in the other, the rosary beads.

As the word of command: "Prepare", was given and the five rifles were levelled at him, Father Pro opened his arms in the form of a cross and said distinctly: "Hail, Christ, the King!"

"Fire!" There was the loud report of the rifles and five bullets pierced his breast. He fell at the foot of the stockade and in his extended hand, Father Pro still grasped his little crucifix.

As during his lifetime, Father Pro was a friend to the working class and the poor, after his death he continued to help them. In Mexico and elsewhere, many favors have been obtained through the intercession of Father Pro. We say favors, as we cannot call them miracles until Father Pro has been proclaimed a saint.

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-nutes to see the written confession of the Padre.

Cruz knew he had to act quickly. He had the firing squad prepared for immediate action. Benito who had been absent for a day arrived. He was busy digging in the drawers for the special keys to the secret entrance to the jail. He was planning to set the Padre free. He was startled by the entry of Senor Orsi. They were talking about the confession of the Padre when they heard four shots outside. Benito dashed to the window and saw that the prisoners were dead.

Cruz came in and Orsi asked him why he had not heeded Obregon's message. Cruz got furious and said: "I did answer it with full particulars."

When Cruz saw Benito, he was still more furious. "Stand out here you cur!" he said. "You did not send the message to Obregon?" Benito replied: "I could not, the Padre was innocent. I had once denounced the faith of Christ. I see now how blind and foolish I was. I am a Catholic." Upon hearing these words, Cruz got so mad that he stabbed Benito right on the spot. As Benito fell, he said: "God forgive you and me. Long live Christ the King." This was the last words of all those who were killed during this persecution. It was in 1927.

Irene Shirt
Grade VIII

HOME MADE GIFT

We always like to give something to Father for his feast. This year we gave him a beautiful photo album. It is a loose leaf binder covered with cariboo hide. The picture of a little Indian boy blowing a bugle and a little girl holding a quill is painted on the front cover. On the back cover, is seen the crest of the school.

This wonderful painting is the product of Frank Noel's first lesson in oil painting. Two other artists Lawrence Large and Roderigue Charland followed that lesson when Sister gave it to Frank. They'll have their turn in doing something later.

The first page of the album was the "Spiritual Bouquet" also done by Frank Noel.

Lillian Shirt, Gr. VII

CL. NEWS

GRADE 1

We are happy in school. We like our class. There are pretty pictures that we like. We have many toys in our toy store. We play with them sometimes. See the pictures we make for the story of little pigs.

Now we are making things for Christmas. We will make a Christmas tree. Ah! that will be fun. We will have a little crib under the tree.

Note: I went to the beginners' class and I asked Sister Lapointe for some news of her class for the M.T. So she made me sit at her desk to write the above answers to the questions she was asking the pupils. I was surprised to see how well these little ones could answer.

L. Large, Reporter.
Grade VIII

GRADE 11

Chicken Pox

Five girls and two boys in our room had chicken pox. I was one of them. First I had a headache and then I began to have pimples all over. I was so sick that I stayed in bed all day.

Theresa Charland

Fun SKATING

We have a lot of fun skating this winter. We have our own place to skate. Most of us are just learning how to skate. We fall down many times. But we like to skate anyway. It is so much fun.

Our teacher is Miss Darimont. We like her very much.
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Dorothy Cardinal

GRADE 111

Our classroom is very pretty. It has many pictures. In our classroom there is an Arithmetic corner, a Health corner and another corner with Winter pictures. Miss Pigeau has given us some tests for our report cards. We have been busy doing our Christmas Enterprises.

Our motto is "Be pure, Be kind, Be true." Since now Christmas is so near, we are starting our Christmas decorations. At the back of the room we have a picture of little children pulling on a "Yule Log". This is what I like best in all the classroom. I am anxious to go home for Christmas.

Cecilia Matchatis

THE JUNGLE

We saw a show on Saturday about the jungle. In the jungle there are many kinds of animals. There are tigers, lions, cougars, snakes and monkeys. I liked the movie very much, when the mean old snake caught a little monkey and killed it. Then it hid in the top of a tree. It was all twisted around the tree. From the top of the tree it could see the other little animals passing by. All at once it saw a man under the tree. It started after him. But the man got away safely.

Elmer Cardinal

GRADE 1V

BACK IN SCHOOL

Last fall it was not easy to settle down to school work at once; the weather was so beautiful. Before long though we were very busy with all the things there are to learn.

Mrs. Lavoie is our new grade four teacher. She tries to encourage us to do our very best in every thing we do, even at play. Every morning she writes a special motto for us to copy and think about through the day, such as "An idle brain is the devil's workshop." Nobody wants to house Satan, so we try to improve ourselves and get our names up on the Roll of Honour which is a drawing of large flower garden by a school house. On
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it are the words: "The schoolroom is a garden fair, the children are the flowers that blossom there. In our classroom, we are divided into two groups, fifteen boys and sixteen girls, and it is a fight to see who will have the most flowers picked by Christmas. Right now it is half and half.

We have a clock or minute reminder not to waste our precious time, or we will not be crowned with the Indian head-dress standing on the shelf waiting to be used.

Each month we have a different decoration up about the holidays in it. We learn songs and poems with the meanings of each one. We try to make our classroom interesting for ourselves and all the visitors.

We now have a pretty Christmas crib. It plays Silent Night. There are many other beautiful things in our classroom. I cannot tell you all there is.

Joseph Minoose
Grade IV

OUR ENTERPRISES, BOOKS AND STORIES

Mrs. Lavoie has read us many stories. She makes us give a report on what we have read or heard. At first we found it hard, but now we are a little less frightened at the job. The stories I liked best were "The Boy and the Cherries", "The Disagreeable Lesson" and "Sighing and Trying." They were funny, but each one taught us a good lesson. The most interesting book we have read is Strange Customs in Otherlands. It taught us many things about the people in the world around us.

We have finished two enterprises, one on Health and Politeness, the other one on Autumn. We cut and colored pictures to hang up on the bulletin board. Mr. Inspector said he would have liked to take a picture of our Autumn scenes and colorings.

We are making an enterprise on the Christmas Story. Our bulletin board is all changed now to Winter time pictures.

Flora Steinhauer, Gr. IV.

"Young man, when I started life I had to walk."

"You were lucky----I had to be carried."

Grade V & VI

This year the grades V & VI classroom is very beautiful. There seems to be sunshine in the classroom with the walls painted pastel yellow and the ceiling white. The blackboard is green now with a yellow trimming all around. On the top of the blackboard there is an Alphabet to help us write well. In September when we came back to school, our writing was horrible but now we are improving.

Another thing which helps to brighten our classroom is that the floor is covered with light gray tile.

We have three bulletin boards, one for Science, one for Social Studies and one for Health. On the Science board we have pictures about animals and plants. On the Social Studies bulletin board, there are beautiful pictures of Egypt which we have taken for our Enterprise.

This year, we have two teachers. Mr. Taschow teaches us Religion, Math, Science, Health and Spelling in the morning. In the afternoon Sister Potvin teaches us Language, Reading and Social Studies, while Mr. Taschow is in her class teaching something else. I think he teaches Math, Science and Health.

Elizabeth Redcrow
Grade VI

NEW GLASSES

I was so anxious to get my new glasses! I had to go to Edmonton to get them because I had to see a special doctor for my eyes.

I went with Father Lyonnais and some Sisters from Saddle Lake. On the way we had lunch. I ate some hot dogs and chocolate, and I drank soft drinks.

We arrived at Camell Hospital at seven o'clock. A nurse was waiting for me. I was scared to go into the room with some other girls. But after a while I was not scared at all. I made many friends out there.

I stayed there three weeks and then I got my glasses. I was glad to come back home.

Rosie Hunter
Grade V

A little boy was sent with a note to the clinic doctor. The note ran: "Please will you do something to Willie's face. He's had it a long time and it's spreading."

Grade 1: Sister Germaine Lapointe is an old timer in our school. Last year she attended University in Edmonton and we were glad to see her come back here in September. She has over eight years experience in teaching the non-English speaking pupils....and she does marvels with them. By Christmas they can speak fluent English.

Grade 11: Miss Darimont was born in Alberta, took her elementary grades at Blueberry School and attended the Stony Plain School for grade XII. She then went to the University of Alberta. She has to her credit, six years of teaching to English speaking children and is now taking her second year in an Indian school. She says she likes it and we hope to keep her with us many more years.

Grade 111: Miss Pigeau was born and educated in Lafond. After completing her grade XII, she took the Six Week Teacher Course at the U. of A. last summer. This is her first experience but she does marvellously well and judging from the work accomplished so far, she is a promising teacher.

Grade 1V: Mrs. Lavoie comes from Lafond. She is the mother of three children, Ronald employed at Jasper Park, Norman at home and Dolores, student at the Assomtion convent, Edmonton.

Born in Quebec city, Mrs Lavoie moved to the West at the age of seven, started her studies in Calgary and completed them in Red Deer; attended Calgary Normal School in 1929, taught ten years in the following places: Sylvan Lake, Ste Lina, Cortier, Lafond Warwick and has now come back to B.Q. where she taught four years ago. She is very happy with us.....and we are happy to have her.

Grades V & VI: Born and educated in Germany, Mr. H. Taschow graduated from the University of Hochschule, Hirschberg. After World War II, he taught four years in West Germany. In 1949 he immigrated to Bolivia where he taught in Spanish at the Collegio Mariscal Brown. He came to Canada in 1952, enrolled for a course in Higher Accountancy with La Salle Extension University of Chicago. In September of this year he joined the teaching staff of Blue Quills. He is happy in his own profession. Besides being a competent teacher, Mr. Taschow is a musician and the director of our Band. He is married and has a sweet nine year old daughter.

We are proud of the pupils who have attended school in Blue Quills in the past years.

Alex Janvier has finished his grade XII at St-Thomas College North Battleford and is now attending a four year Art Course in Calgary.

Charlie Woods has completed his grade XI at St-Thomas and is now taking a business at Alberta College in Edmonton and he has a part time job at the C.N.R.

Emma Jackknife who past her grade IX here last year, is taking a two year Home Economics Course at the School of Agriculture, Vermillion.

Eliza Marie Large, who has also completed her grade IX, Leona Cardinal, Matilda Janvier, and Lydia Cardinal are taking the Nurse Aid Course in Calgary.

Marcel Piche has joined the Air Force.

Jenny Shirt (Sister Louise) who has joined the Dominican order is now back on the reserve with her own people. Bella Whiskyjack (Sister Kateri) has also joined the same order of Sisters. We hope she will persevere in her studies for the Sisterhood. She will very likely come back to work for her people too, when she has taken her vows.

We sincerely hope that all these former pupils will attain the goal they are seeking.

Irene Shirt
Grade VIII

In School presently, there are
100 boys and 106 girls, of whom 15 are attending High School in St-Paul, 5 boys and 10 girls.

SKATING RINK

When the teachers were gone for the Indian School Teachers Convention in Jousard, we were all very busy. The girls helped inside with the fall cleaning and the boys were making aSKATING RINK.....for the Girls.

We are so glad to have our Own skating rink! We will be able to skate whenever we like without disturbing the boys. We are very gratefull and we thank the boys and Master for all their work on our Rink.

Now we have started skating. Oh! What fun! Almost all the girls have a pair of skates...Thanks to Father's generosity.

Louise Makokis
Grade VIII



Has our Band improved?
Certainly it has..a lot.
You should hear our Band
play this year.

The cause of this great improvement is that thirteen of us had the opportunity of going to Comox B.C. for a seven week course in Band music. Our Band master at camp, was one of the famous Regina

Conductors, Mr. L. Blackman. On week days we practiced in the forenoon from 9 to 12 and from 2 to 4 in the afternoon. On Saturdays we had leaves from 1:30 to 8:30 p.m. On Sundays we had Mass and then free time.

Since we are back in Blue Quills Mr. Taschow our Band Master has done his utmost to continue the lessons we have had during the summer. Twice a week, he directs our practices. We had been practicing for three months in view of our Concert. This is why we played so well. Some of our famous marches are Washington Post, Thunderer, Semper Fedelis, High School Cadets. Our Concert music comprise Poor People of Paris, Blue Nocturne and Phantom Lake.

Out of the \$100 (one hundred) each cadet of the R.C.S.C. Arrowhead received at the end of the summer course, we willingly donated \$ 20.00 each to the Chairman of the Arrowhead Corps to help him buy other instruments for our Band. A French clarinet, a bugle, five new stands, some music books and a silver mace were bought.

Denis Cardinal
Grade VIII

REMEMBRANCE

On November 11th, the Sea Cadet Band from B.Q.S. attended the ceremonies that took place in town, and took part in the Parade.

The order of the parade was as follows: Legionnaires, Militia, Sea Cadet Band, Sea Cadets and the Army Cadets.

At the Memorial Square near the Flag Pole, the
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Bugler, Wilfred Large played "Last Post". Then there was one minute silence. After that we heard the Bugler play "Reveille". Later the leaders of the town and some officers marched up to the Memorial Square, saluted and placed wreaths in a circle.

We marched from the Legion Hall to the Co-op Store and back again. Honorable Rierson, Minister of Labor and Industries, took the salute. Then we turned to the north from the Elite Theatre and went to the Park.

A few days before the eleventh, we had a Chinook wind that melted the snow and then on the tenth it got very cold....So the roads were indeed slippery. Therefore every now and then during the parade, you would see someone staggering or sliding...sometimes down to the sidewalk. Besides that, we were just about frozen as well as the valves of our instruments. Finally we managed to make it, we slid to the Legion Hall.

Lawrence Large
Grade VIII

During the Arithmetic class

Teacher: If you had five apples, and ten friends came to see you, what would you do?

Billy Half: I would hide them.

Bernice: I would make apple sauce.

PICNIC

At the end of October, about twenty girls and boys were given the pleasure of going for a picnic at Long Lake by bus. I was one of them.

When we arrived at the play ground which is near Mr. Joe Dion's home, there were many teams already. Many of us had the chance to meet our parents.

We had two baseball games and some other games too in which many of us took part.

After the games we had lunch and the Band boys played several sweet melodies. The people marvelled at such beautiful music by our boys.

We came back home for supper.

Rosalie Houle
Grade VIII

NEW EQUIPMENT

Besides the painting and the tile floors in the house, we have other beautiful things and handy things too. In the laundry there is a new washing machine, a drier for all the clothes and a drier for the stockings, and also several new green boxes for the clothes. The latter were made here but the machines come from Ottawa.

The little boys have received four see-saws. The bigger boys with Master's help, made the base in cement for those see-saws.

Another improvement is that the Septic tank has been fixed. The little red house that was on top of it is gone, and there is a cement platform instead. There is a wide cement sidewalk that starts from the Big Girls' Room door, comes in front of the school and goes up to the Junior Boys' Room. Father Angin walks on it everyday.

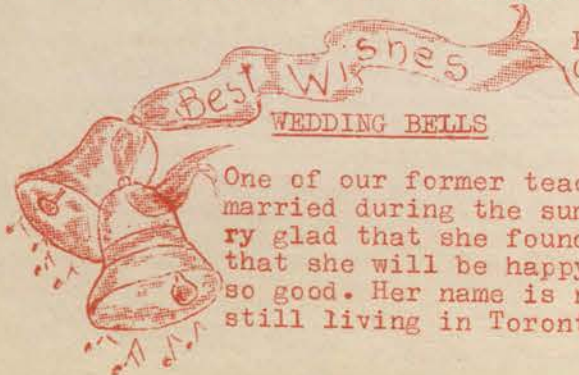
John Shirt
Grade VI

NEW ROOMS

The High School girls have a Room of their own now. It is where the Beginners' Classroom was last year. This used to be a dormitory. It is now very beautiful. The walls are pink and the linoleum is cream. There are pretty tables and other furniture.

The High School boys were also given a special room, but only to do their studies. It used to be the largest room in the infirmary. This is also nicely decorated. These big pupils are very fortunate to have these rooms.

Raymond Cardinal
Grade V.

WEDDING BELLS

One of our former teachers, Miss May Zook got married during the summer holidays. We are very glad that she found a good husband. We know that she will be happy because she was always so good. Her name is now "Mrs Devreau. She is still living in Toronto. We often pray for her.

Gordon Youchief

DARKY'S ADVICE

Hello folks,...how is you'all?
From your smiling faces
I need no answer at all.

Jes' be what yo' is
Don't be what yo ain't
Cause, if you're not what yo am
Then you're not what you is.

If you're jes' a leetle tadpole,
Don't try to be a frog
If you're just a leetle tail
Don't try to wag the dog.

You can always pass the plate
If you can't go out and preach
If you're just a leetle pebble
Don't try to be the beach

If you're just a humble servant
Don't try to be the boss.
If you're just a Blue Quills pupil
Don't make Father Principal cross

Jes' be what you is
Don't be what you ain't.

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JOINING THE APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

Lately, most of us have enrolled in the Apostleship of Prayer. This is a wonderful organization. Many millions of people throughout the world belong to it. Sister came to our classroom to explain to us what it was. To be a member of this organization, you don't have to pay any money. All you are asked to do is to say the "Morning Offering" every day. This is a prayer in which we offer to our Lord, all our work, prayers, joys and sufferings of the day, and we offer this for the intentions of all our associates. Every month we pray also for a different intention. This month, it is to ask "strength against modern persecution.

We are indeed very happy to have joined this organization, and we hope many people will join soon.  
Raymond Cardinal, Gr. V



HIGH RATING STUDENT

Among the six high rating pupils who were honored at the St-Paul Public School for the highest average in the Grade IX examinations.....there was one lone boy....an Indian boy....from Blue Quills, Allen Jacob. In all the St-Paul Inspectorate there were seven, six of whom were from the St-Paul School, who passed their grade with an average of over 80 per cent.

One girl, Miss Donna Wolstenholme received the medal given by the Governor General. The others received purses of \$25.00 each. These purses were given by the Home and School Association and others. Allen's purse of \$25.00 was given by a benefactor of Houston, Texas, Mr. Webster jointly with our devoted Principal, Father Bernet-Rollande.

The photo of these lucky and talented winners appeared in the St-Paul Journal. We were very proud to see that the only boy was an Indian boy from our dear Blue Quills School. This was Allen's first year at the St-Paul Public School.

Irene Cardinal  
Grade VIII

SO BEAUTIFUL; SO GAY

If some old timers came back to our school, they probably would think they are in the wrong house. It has changed so much. It is now so beautiful and clear.

Walls all over the house have been painted during the summer holidays. The classroom of grades 7 & 8, is aquamarine, the hallway of the first floor, olive green, as is the parlor, the Fathers' Smoking Room, old rose, Father Angin's taste, the Junior Girls' Play Room, pale green, the Senior Girls Play Room, old rose and gray, the Refectory, rose and green, the Junior Boys' Play R. gray and buff and the corridor, light gray. Besides all this wonderful painting, the floors in the Junior Boys' Playroom, the Kitchen, the Junior Girls Playroom, the Sewing Room and the two classrooms on first floor, are covered with bright and beautiful asphalt tile. It is so beautiful, I sometimes wonder if I'm dreaming.

Jean Cardinal, Grade VIII







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# TELEGRAM



Blue Quills School  
St-Paul, Alberta  
June 25, 1957

Dear Friends:

Another school year is coming to a close. Let us give to God endless thanks for all His blessings. Our pupils have shown good will, interest in their studies and improvement in all aspects.

Our greatest concern after their spiritual welfare is their advancement in the academic field. Results are already showing: Our number of High School students is increasing and their standing among their co-students in the Public School in Saint-Paul shows that they are generally ready to hold their place under the sun, if they are properly trained in the primary and intermediate grades.

From two High School students in 1952, the number has increased to fifteen this year and we are expecting another group of fourteen to be added up to these this coming September. Our greatest problem is "accommodation". It is evident that the officials are taken by surprise, and unprepared. The solution is clear; some building must be erected to house our older pupils and give them what their age and activities require. Separation from younger children is a necessity if we want to see our High School pupils persevere and attain the goal so long desired. To send them back to the reserve or to abandon the control and encouragement that they receive here would endanger their future and retard their integration by 25 years.

Let us hope that the sacrifices that must be made at this time will be made soon and that the efforts of all will not be wasted. THE FUTURE OF A PROUD PEOPLE IS AT STAKE.

Sincerely yours,

Fr. E. Bernet-Rollande, O.M.I.  
Principal





Dear Parents,

A wonderful school year is coming to an end. In a few days we shall be with you for the summer holidays. You can imagine how anxious we are! However, we are sorry to leave our dear Blue Quills School, our kind Principal, our devoted teachers and supervisors and all the other members of the Staff who are constantly working for us. We are well aware of all they are doing for our welfare.

This year again, we have had many privileges. The Band Boys and Sea Cadets have gone to several towns to entertain people with their music. The girls sometimes accompanied them. We went to the May Time, Career Nights, hockey games, Rodeo in St-Paul. Besides that we had several picnics, and we girls were often allowed to go and play ball with the boys. All the films we've seen this year were given free to us...and we have enjoyed them very much. For all these favors and many others, we are very grateful and we shall try to behave well in order to show that we appreciate whatever is done for us here.

We are presently sweating over our final exams. We certainly have been studying hard. Many of us were taking note books down to the room to study during recess. We all hope that the results of our tests will be good and that we will be promoted. We are almost sure that all the grade eight pupils will all pass because they are all fairly good. The teachers from all the grades have been working hard typing tests and pulling copies on the Gestetner. Unfortunately we could not help them because these tests were for us. Even the little grade ones had typed tests. They thought they were important. At recess they were trying to explain how they had written their tests.

During the holidays you might have more work to do on account of us. But we do not wish to make your burden heavier. We want to relieve you from some of them. Therefore we will try to help you in every way. We shall try to remember what we are told here "...to behave as well at home as we do at school". We shall try to be obedient and helpful.

So long now, and God bless you.

Your loving children  
By Irene Shirt, Gr. Vlll

April 1

NEW STYLE

3.

The last term of the school year has begun and we are overloaded with work such as Exhibition drawings, Essay contest, Reports, June Exams to prepare and to write, and many other activities. Therefore, we have decided to write the Moccasin Telegram in a different style, that is in "diary form". Writing it this way would save us a lot of time, because when we write it the usual way, we have to finish all our compositions before the typist can start typing them, and it is always a rush at the end. So we have discussed this problem together and we have thought that if we wrote our magazine, diary form, we could write a little each day, type it immediately, and pull the copies that are ready. In this manner, only the stapling and wrapping would have to be done at the end of June.

SHIRLEY MATCHATIS, Gr. Vll

April 2

WONDERFUL NEWS

Oh! How wonderful! Can it be true? Are my ears deceiving me? Never before has this happened in Blue Quills' history. The news spreads like wild fire. Everybody is up in the air. Some are dancing, some are prancing, some are almost jumping to the ceiling and shouts are heard while a few of the older pupils are simply smiling calmly, trying to hide their deep joy as did their forefathers.

Can you guess what the news is???? We have heard that we are allowed to go home for the Easter Holidays. We are hurrying to write to our parents to let them know that we are going to leave on April 18th, by school bus. Hip, hip, hurrah!

Denis Cardinal, Gr. Vlll

April 3

CAREER NIGHT

This evening, the pupils of grades Vll to Xl, plus a few of grade Vl, have the opportunity of attending Career Night in St-Paul. They are taken over by school bus. Here is what the St-Paul Journal reports about it.

"Thirteen speakers, experts in their professions and occupations, gave practical talks and advice to parents and children at a Career's Night held in the St-Paul Public school on Wednesday evening. The sessions were promoted by the Provincial department of Education and sponsored by the



#### 4. St-Paul Home and School Association.

Opening address of welcome was given by Mayor Jules Van Brabant. Mr. Sylvain Lefebvre, principal of the St-Paul Public School, introduced the speakers, and lined up the program of events. Students and speakers then broke off into private groups for the one hour sessions given by each speaker present. Students had opportunity to hear two lectures. After, the parents and children congregated again in the main auditorium to hear a brief resume and recommendations by the guest speakers.

A key address which led off the panel of speakers was given by Rev. Fr. Campbell. He took a hard look at education from the point of Christian doctrine over the academic outlook and in concise expressions, acceptable to all denominations, exhorted students to an unselfish approach to a career of devotion and usefulness to others, predominant over the personal aspects usually associated with the selection of an occupation. In the choice of a career, dedication to God should come first, service to country and fellowmen along with the protection of our rights for progress of our society.

Other speakers following, were Rev. Eskdale, United Church Minister in Elk Point, Miss Madeleine Quirk, Director of Nurse Recruitment, Department of Health, Calgary; Mr. Stan Powers, Field Supervisor for the Municipality of St-Paul who spoke on Agriculture; Mr. A. D. McTavish, Principal of McTavish Business College, Edmonton, commercial Activities; Cons. Mike Herb, St-Paul RCMP Detachment; Mr. Frank McDermid and George Petterson, representing the Oil Industry spoke on opportunities in that field; Mr. Ken Wolstenholme, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, St-Paul, Banking opportunities; Lt. C. Belzile, Canadian Army recruiting centre, Edmonton; Mr. L. Morgan, Assistant Registrar University of Alberta, on University training; Mr. S. Wallator, supervisor of apprenticeship, Dept. of Industries and Labour, Technogical and training; Mr. A.A. Aldridge, supervisor of guidance; Mr. R. Racette, supt. of schools, the teaching profession. "

I believe that this Career Night has done a lot of good. It gave us an idea of what we can do later on. Several of us want or are dreaming of becoming teachers or nurses.

Rosalie Houle, Gr. Vlll

April 4

P.O. Test

5.

Last night we had a Petty Officer Test given to us by Lieutenant Prescott, our Area Officer.

The test was rather hard, but were eager to become P.O. so we did our best to succeed. However, three only were fortunate enough to pass. The lucky fellows are Allan Jacob, Jerome Woods, and Alfred John.

Besides the Certificate, Alfred had a special award, the boatswains pipe similar to the one Jerome got last year.

Lawrence Large, Gr. Vlll

April 6

PASCAL CANDLE

This morning when I came into the class for a short visit to Sister, Allan Jacob was busy painting the Pascal Candle. With oil paints, he was making beautiful Indian designs in bright lovely colours, on a huge candle. The colors as well as the designs match very well with our Indian chapel.

Shirley Matchatis, Gr.Vll

April 10

GRADUATION DAY

One of our former classmates, Emma Jackknife, who attended the full-year Home Economics Course at the Vermilion School of Agriculture, has graduated. Sister Marie Hurtubise and I. Perron attended the Graduation Day and brought Emma back with them at Blue Quills where she is now working as seamstress.

Emma has passed with honours, and received a special award for "Sewing". We are very proud of her.

Irene Cardinal, Gr. Vlll

April 11

FAREWELL

Sister Berthe Gamache, who had been seamstress here for over five years has left us for Portage La Loche, Sask, where she will be Superior.

We are going to miss Sister Gamache very much. Besides being seamstress, she was also in charge of the MAMI. She has accomplished much in trying to help the missionaries on our Reserves. She had started to organize a Bazar for the benefit of the Missions. May God bless her for her zeal and charity.

Doris Makokis, Gr. Vll



6. April 13

PRIVATE DINING ROOM

The high school girls are not the only lucky birds who enjoy a private dining room. The high-school boys have now moved from the children's refectory, into the Teachers' former dining room. The Teachers' dining room is now located on the first floor.

Irene Shirt, Gr. VIII

April 17

SAFETY CONTEST

Everyone of us is sweating over an essay for Farm Fire Safety Contest. The two best compositions from the Grades 5 & 6, and 7 & 8 will be chosen.

The choice falls on Rodrigue Charland, Irene Shirt, Raymond Cardinal and Annie Charland.

Louise Makokis, Gr. VIII

April 27

Our T.V. Star

Frank Large, stepped into the semi-finals in the Search for Talent Show, by winning the St-Paul Talent Show with an overwhelming popular vote, on January 19th.

Saturday, April 27th, he came out fifth, in Edmonton for the Semi-finals. That means that he will now take part in the Finals held in Edmonton, on May 11th. We all hope that he will be able to keep his standing.

April 28

COMING BACK TO SCHOOL

It was one o'clock p.m. and the bus had not arrived yet. We were all waiting by the Mission and anxious to go back to our dear Blue Quills School.

Suddenly, on the crest of the hill, appeared a large figure. Is it a team of horses? Hey, this one roars! Horses do not roar....It's the bus! Hurray! Cheerfully, the pupils scramble in the bus, and away we go.

As we were approaching Blue Quills, we saw several Sisters taking a stroll. They caught sight of us. Right away they waved and came to meet us. And mind you, that wasn't all. Our dear Father Principal also greeted us from a distance with a winsome smile. How happy we were to be welcomed so warmly.

The buses from Cold Lake, Legoff and Saddle Lake got here a little while after we did. Surely, we were all happy to be back together again.

Alfred John, Gr. VIII

May 1

'TIS THE MONTH OF OUR MOTHER

7.

'Tis the month of our Mother,  
The blessed and beautiful days,  
When our lips and our spirits  
Are glowing with love and with praise.

All hail! to dear Mary,  
The guardian of our way,  
To the fairest of Queens  
Be the fairest of seasons, sweet May.

May 3

POTATOES

Spring is here...and it's time for planting. After class, Mr. Ziak asked for some boys to go and give him a hand in planting potatoes. Ten boys volunteered. We enjoyed it.

Martin Makokis, Gr. VII

May 4

CONCERT-----BAZAAR

Even before Easter, we have been preparing to give a musical concert in Saddle Lake. For a long time, we had been wishing to play for our dear brothers on the reserves.

At 2.15 p.m. we took our places on the stage in Saddle Lake. O Canada, was the opening number followed by several others. A few songs, duets, comical acts were also given.

Frank Large, Search for Talent Show winner for St-Paul, appeared on the stage of Saddle Lake, his own reserve. He sang a few songs which brought forth a roar of laughter.

The MAMI girls had come along to raise funds for the Missions. They did this by selling the articles they had made during the winter. There was also an Italian auction sale which turned out pretty well. It was a good bazaar.

We were back home just in time for supper.

Alfred John, Gr. VIII

May 5

BASEBALL

Sunday afternoon, Jerome Woods came and invited the girls to attend their baseball game. The boys from St-Paul were playing with them. During the first inning, none of the players made a run. But they certainly woke up later. Finally Blue Quills won with a score of 6 to 5.

That evening we had a film entitled "The Law of the Yukon. It was very interesting.

Cecilia Dion, Gr. VII



8. May 6

### INSPECTOR'S VISIT

This afternoon, Mr. Clementhager, assistant of Mr. Racette, inspector for the St-Paul School Division, came to visit us. He is now visiting the baby class, and we are anxious to have him in ours.

May 7

### PARADE SQUARE

You should see our parade square. The flower garden in front of the school has been ploughed, leveled and transformed into a parade square for the Cadets.

The farmers worked on it and then several truck loads of gravel were spread over it and leveled again. We boys, did our share by picking up the largest stones and taking them somewhere else. Now the parade square is in good shape ready for the Cadet Review.

Denis Cardinal, Gr. VIII

May 8

### CADET REVIEW

May 8th, was a long awaited day by the Cadets of the Arrowhead Corps, because for them it was the annual inspection.

At 4.30 p.m. we were all lined up on the parade square, in three columns of three and we were waiting for the inspection party to arrive. A light blue car pulled in front of the school, and Commander N. Allison, escorted by Lieutenant Prescott and Sub. L. Tachiw stepped out. The bugler played the General Salute as they came marching towards us. They inspected us and we marched twice. Speeches were then made by Commander Allison and Lt. Prescott. An award was given to Alfred for being the best seaman of our Corps. Alfred as well as Allan Jacob and Jerome Woods were given Certificates for the Petty Officer Test they had written some time before.

Mr. Knapp, Superintendent of the Saddle Lake Agency was present as well as our band master, Mr. H. Taschow. Of course, our Chaplain, Father Principal was proudly taking part in the ceremonies.

Freddie Minoose  
Grade VIII

May 9

### VISITOR

Dr. T. J. Orford, Zone Superintendent for Alberta, from Camshell Hospital, paid us a short visit.

May 10

### Pow-Wow

9.

Our Inspector, Mr. Clementhager has spent most of the week with us. He stayed half a day in each classroom. All the members of the Staff and the pupils have enjoyed his visit. He is very nice and gentle. We all felt at ease in his presence. I think he also liked us. I turned back during class to look at him while he was reading our composition books. He had a smile on his face and seemed to enjoy reading our compositions. He also gave a spelling test which prove to be quite successful.

On Friday afternoon, we thought we would celebrate this pleasant visit by having a pow-wow from 3:00 to 3:30 in the gym. It wasn't a real pow-wow. It was a demonstration of what the boys, Frank Large, Wilfred Large, Gordon McGilvery and Gabriel Dion would be doing at the Search for Talent Show in Edmonton the next day. Frank had only a little buckskin skirt on, and with his braids he really looked like an Indian of long ago that we see on pictures. Wilfred and Gordon wore bright ornamented war dance suits and the typical Cree "porcupine headgear" while Gabriel wore the eagle feather war bonnet. The latter played the tum-tum while the others danced. It was very good.

Sylvia Cardinal, Gr. VII

May 10

### MAYTIME IN ALBERTA MAKES HIT

(St-Paul Journal)

"St-Paul audiences showed themselves very receptive to music, art and drama, last week when appreciative numbers came to see, hear and enjoy "Maytime In Alberta" three nights of cultural entertainment presented by the Cultural Activities Branch of the Provincial Department of Economic Affairs. Featured were the University of Alberta Chorus, the RCAF Tactical Band, and "Love of Four Colonels" a comedy presented by the Studio Theatre, Drama Division of the University of Alberta.

The theme of "Maytime In Alberta", a provincial movement to promote cultural education, was presented in the St-Paul Public School and the Parish Hall, on May 8, 9, 10th.

We boys, of the Blue Quills Band had the opportunity of attending the Concert of Band music by the RCAF Tactical Band. We certainly enjoyed it. Of course they play a lot better than we do and they set an example for us. We hope that one day, we too, will be able to give such a Concert in St-Paul.



We had a very interesting trip to Edmonton. On the way, we saw several buffaloes in the Elk Island National Park. We found out that the highway 16, was "Speed Radar Controlled". I didn't know what that meant but Father Principal gladly explained it to us.

When we arrived in Edmonton, we went at the "Sunwapta Broadcasting Corporation. A young lady showed us how they transfer music to records, how copies of news are kept, and a large collection of records. It was very interesting.

Dressed in our Indian War Dance costumes we went to the Hudson Bay where we had dinner. The people were astonished and were asking Mrs. Lavoie who was also accompanying us: "Are these Indians hostile?" "Can they speak English?" "Are they real warriors?" and all kinds of other silly questions.

After five o'clock, we went back to CFRN to appear on television. Father had phoned to Blue Quills to tell them that we would be on TV at the time so we knew that at home the other pupils would be looking at us. It was quite exciting to dance on TV for the first time.

But the big event came in the evening....the Finals for the Search for Talent Show in which my brother Frank was taking part. Every contestant did his best, some doing better than at the Semi-finals. Frank did better than he had ever done before. This helped him to jump from fifth place to third place, and win a \$25 voucher.

After the intermission, my school mates, my little brother, Frank and I danced. When we were through, we enjoyed a comical show given by the members of CFRN. We came back to St-Paul late in the night. We were tired but happy after such a wonderful day.

Wilfred Large, Gr. VIII

### MY LUCK

My luck began last December on Father Principal's feast. Dressed as a negro I recited a Darkie's Advice.

On January 19, the Search for Talent Show came to St-Paul. My teacher took me over to take part in it. There were twenty five contestants from all the St-Paul district. I repeated the Darkie's Advice. It clicked...I got first prize, \$15.00 which I shared with the crippled children. Mrs. Webber the secretary of the Fund for crippled children wrote me a nice thank you letter.

On February 14, I was invited to appear on television.

Father Principal and my teacher, Mrs. Lavoie drove me 11. to Edmonton. I was so excited... the trip was wonderful.

My visit at the Monastery of the Precious Blood, where Mrs. Lavoie's sister is Superior, was the best. The Sisters were so kind to me. They treated me with candies, pop and ice cream. I gave them a little concert. I recited and sang even a cowboy song. They clapped and also laughed. Those Sisters live behind bars or squares almost like a jail. I guess they like it.

Teacher had forgotten my negro wig at home. She had to curl my hair. She burnt my head too, the hair was so short. I don't think she was sorry because she laughed a lot. Maybe she was because she said so. She had to make me look like a negro.

At the T. V. Station the lights were so bright and so many, I thought I would go blind. I was shaky too. Teacher stayed around so it helped me a little. I know many people were seeing me on their T.V. set at home. I could see myself acting on the television set close by. It felt so funny and queer to watch myself acting.

The Semi-final Show was held in Edmonton at the Sales Pavillion on March 27. Teacher taught me another poem for that day, "My Best Girl". I had to say both Darkie's Advice and that one. I can't tell exactly how I felt. My heart was beating much too fast. It was pounding in my chest. My throat was dry. The travellers and announcers were very kind to me, but they could not stop my shaking. I don't think they saw it. Maybe I was only shaking inside. I was glad when it was over. That time I won fifth prize, a \$ 10.00 voucher. We came back very late. Edmonton is like fairy land at night with all the coloured lights.

The Final Show was held on May 11. The last try brought me the third prize, a \$ 25.00 voucher. There was a large crowd. They made so much noise whistling and clapping. That day, Gabriel Dion dressed as an Indian chief, Gordon McGilvery and Wilfred Large, my brother, dressed like Indian warriors danced with me, the Indian, Owl, Chicken and War dances. I should say I was undressed. All I had on was a short beaded, fringed leather skirt like little children of long ago. Besides my skirt, I had long black braids, a feather in my hair, a necklace made out of bear claws and sea shells around my neck, and moccasins with bells around my ankles. We were shown on T.V. and danced that night at the Search for Talent Show too. The people wanted us to come back again. Maybe they thought we were cute. I didn't feel that way.

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12. My Luck (continued)  
I am very happy about all these adventures. I'll never forget all these events even when I grow to be an old wrinkled grandpa. I've repeated those poems so often, I believe that I'll never forget them. I wish I knew all my other work as well.

I am very thankful to Father Principal, to my teacher, Mrs. Lavoie, to the Sister who designed and made my costume, to the others who have helped me to win. Alone I could not have gone through all this. My heart is full of gratitude.

Frank Large

May 12

To-night we have a wonderful show entitled "Pieus X".

### BASEBALL GAME

On Sunday afternoon, we played a wonderful game with the St-Paul Lamberts. There was quite a large number of spectators.

At the first inning, our opponents were beating us by 6 runs. Afterwards we put our former pitcher, "Roland Dion" back in his proper place. Boy, you should have seen him pitch. We could hear the ball whiz right in front of our opponents' nose. From then on we held them down with the runs of 9-9 towards the end.

Finally, one of our players made a very wonderful hit and send the ball landing over the left fielder. This brought two more players in. Now the score was 11-9 in our favour...and everybody started cheering wildly. We players were overjoyed because this was the final score.

Eric Piche, Gr. VII

### In HOSPITAL

Today, I am rather down hearted because my pal Gene Aotry (Rodrigue Charland) is not here. He left for the hospital last Friday. He has an abcess on the arm. I certainly hope that he will come back soon, because life in class is a little dull without him....for me at least.

Bill Shirt, Gr. VII

"A FRIEND IN NEED IS A PAL INDEED"

13.



Our Famous Dancers

Frank Noel



14. May 20

# M A M I DAY

On Victoria day there was no class, so the MAMI under the direction of Sister Irene Lefebvre and the help of the boys' Supervisor Mr. T. Cardinal and other members of the Staff organized a Sports day to raise money for the profit of the Missions.

When we got up, the sky was gray and it was cold. We were quite disappointed, but around ten o'clock it cleared up and we were able to start the group games. There were fourteen groups competing. The group that won most games was that of Eric Piche. They got each a dollar.

The Canteen was open for dinner. At one o'clock, we had the big event of the day....the Parade. It was headed by Martin Makokis on horseback. The Blue Quills Band came first, then all the children followed by the different floats. The best float was the Cadets' ship. In front of the school, the parade halted and Margaret Lapatak made a little speech in English while Irene Dion made one in Cree. We also witnessed a little Indian War dance and a few stunts by the clowns.

After the parade, some roamed around in the yard, others went to the Canteen while others watched the baseball game between the school girls and the old men of the reserve. It was really funny to see them play. A little later, a Bingo was held in the children's dining room. Benediction was given around five o'clock. After supper, we had another ball game by the boys of the Blue Quills school and the boys of the reserve.

Lillian Cardinal, Gr. VIII



May 23.

Back Home

15.

Last night, one of our former classmates, Alex Janvier arrived from Calgary where he is taking an Art Course. He is coming home for the summer holidays. Alex enjoys his studies. His success encourages him to make dreams for the future.

May 25

## A CHASE FOR A TAIL



On Saturday we went hunting at Sandy Hill. After roaming in the bush for several hours and finding no game, we decided to come back to the road. There, as if waiting for us, were two bush gophers.

Suddenly we remembered that Sister had asked us for weasel tails to put on the Indian Headdress. Perhaps gopher tails would be just as good. So began the chase.

I went on the other side of the fence to get a better aim. By the time I had taken my aim, Little Ben, a sharp shooter, had thrown a rock which put its deadly mark on the head of the animal I intended to kill. While Ben was picking up his gopher, another one came running in my direction. It was being chased by Mickey who soon managed to get hold of it. Goodie! That meant two tails for the headdress. Sister was glad when we brought her these two gray bushy tails.

Felix Houle, Gr. VII

May 26.

## WELCOME VISITORS

On Sunday afternoon we were playing ball when we saw two priests walking on the sidewalk in front of the school. We left our game to go and see who they were, and we soon recognized Father Charron because we see him quite often when he comes with Father Provincial. But how surprised we were to see that the other priest was Father Renaud from Ottawa.

Father Renaud started to talk to us and with him we all walked around the yard. We found him to be a very nice and gay person so we started asking him all kinds of questions. Some went as far as to ask him if he liked Elvis Presley.

After talking with us for about half an hour, Father left us to go and see Father Principal who was gone for a picnic with the Altar Boys.

Sylvia Cardinal, Gr. VII



May 26.

PICNIC FOR ALTAR BOYS

We Knights of the Altar, went for a picnic on Sunday afternoon. With a school bus, we went to the Saddle Lake Reserve where we had Benediction, followed by a baseball game with the boys of the reserve. After loosing the famous game we were glad to leave for the Lake. There we played for a while and then we had a wiener roast. We had a wonderful time.

Denis Cardinal, Gr. VIII

May 29

BAND CONCERT

On May 29th, the Blue Quills School Band under the direction of Mr. H. Taschow, staged a Musical Concert at the St-Paul Public School auditorium.

Clad in their Sea Cadet navy blue uniforms, the twenty-two enthusiastic bandsmen made a wonderful background for their shining brass instruments.

The program started with marches such as "Semper Fidelis", "Thunderer," "Washington Post" and "Liberty Bell". To make our program a little more interesting we had a song "Sunshine and Shadow" by the girls of grades VII and VIII accompanied by the Band, and "Anchors Awigh" by a group of boys also accompanied by the Band. Another good number was a recitation "My Best Girl" by Billy Half. Frank

Large entertained us with another recitation "Dog Manners". With Frank, was Mr. Cote's little black dog...all dolled up with a red bow about the neck.

Here is what the St-Paul Journal reported about our Concert: "Blue Quills' Indian Residential School can feel justly proud of its Navy Sea Cadet Band. Their talent and ability was on review at a variety Band Concert presented at the St-Paul Public School recently, where they performed and sailed along a smooth and melodious sea of band music interspersed with symphonic numbers, bringing to the audience a varied program which was highly appreciated."

Mr. Horst Taschow, patient and able conductor of the 22 piece band received congratulations from Mayor Jules Van Brabant. The boys were complimented for their willingness and sense of co-operation which has made the band the pride

of Blue Quills School and the St-Paul District, where it is in great demand for parades and in the entertainment field.

Special recognition was given humble Father Lyonnais, the organizer of the band some six years ago, for having started a fruitful work greatly appreciated today.

"A band such as Blue Quills is sponsoring, is a great asset to any community" said Mr. Sylvain Lefebvre, Principal of the St-Paul School. Mr. Taschow's ability as a band master is without question and the tremendous work of rehearsing and practising the arrangements is certainly appreciated by both the school authorities and the audience.

"The performance of the Blue Quills Band establishes a strong link between St-Paul", said Mr. Racette. He pointed out that no education is complete without musical appreciation and performance and the progress of the school is being accentuated by the presentation of such a concert as was heard in the St-Paul School."

During the intermission during our program, four boys donned their colourful Indian costumes and gave us some of their War dances. It was really gorgeous.

Wilfred Large, Gr. VIII

May 30

FIRST COMMUNION

On Ascension day I made my first communion. It was a beautiful day. There were 12 girls and 10 boys. We dressed in white and the boys in blue.

Vivian Cardinal, Gr. 1

May 31.

RODEO

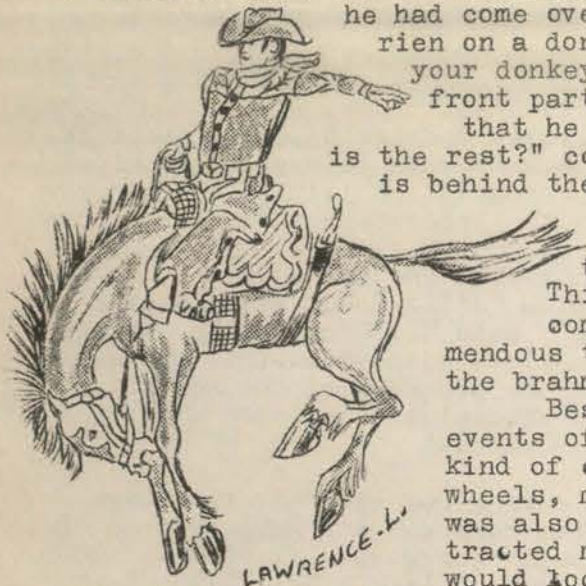
We were invited to join the parade that opened the St-Paul Rodeo. The famous ship we had built for our own parade was led by Mr. Ziak on the tractor. While the RCAF Band from Cold Lake opened the parade, the Blue Quills Band came in the rear.

Father Principal granted us the privilege of attending the rodeo in the afternoon of Friday and all day Saturday as long as we were with our parents.

"Ride em Cowboy"! What a great day it was. Cowboys from all over the country, even from the United States participated in the event. A particularly outstanding cowboy was



Mike Cervi, the funny looking clown who came all the way from Denver, Colorado. The Rodeo announcer asked him how he had come over. Mike answered: "I came rien on a donkey". "Where did you leave your donkey?" Mike said: "I left the front part over there" As he said that he pointed west. "And where is the rest?" continued the announcer. "It is behind the microphone" replied Mike.



That was a good joke on the announcer. This fellow Mike was a very comical clown. We had a tremendous time watching him challenge the brahma bulls.

Besides these very thrilling events of the rodeo, there was some kind of circus. There were ferris wheels, merry-go-rounds, etc. There was also a fortune teller who attracted many people. For 25¢ he would look at our handwriting and tell us some of our characteristics. Alfred John brought back the sheet on which his characteristics were checked and he gave it to Sister. We had a good laugh but we also learned several new words such as speculative, affectionate, calculating, sarcastic, extravagant, etc. Sister said we could all sit down together and discuss these characteristics and find out which ones apply to each of us.

Laurence Large, Gr. VIII

June 2.

#### VEGREVILLE

The citizens of Vegreville were celebrating the Golden Anniversary of St-Martin School and they invited the Blue Quills Band to go and play for them. We went by bus.

We opened their program with "O Canada". In between their numbers we played several marches and waltzes. After the program we were served hot dogs and soft drinks.

While we were having lunch, many girls came streaming in asking us for our autographs. Some of the boys played tricks on them by signing someone else's name. We had a lot of fun.

Freddie Minoose, Grade VIII

June 7

#### FIRST OUTING

For the first time the Blue Quills Girls <sup>vent</sup> out to St-Paul to play a ball game. We were on the St-Paul team competing with Ashmont team.

Due to short notice and little practice we let the Ashmont team win a thrilling victory with a score of 28-10. However when we had been given a half an hour practice that afternoon, everyone seemed to play her position very well, but at 5:30 when the game started our hands and feet were like melting wax. Nevertheless we weren't skunked and we hope that we'll have another chance to meet these good opponents again. We have enjoyed the game immensely.

We are very grateful towards Father Principal for taking us to St-Paul for that game.

Joyce Matchatis and Marge.

June 10

#### ELECTION DAY

To-day we have been following the news over the radio, in order to find out who would win the elections. Although we do not vote, we must learn how voting is done....it's part of the Social Studies Program....and perhaps some day, we'll be able to vote too.

June 14

#### ELK POINT

This year seems to be the year for Golden Jubilees. On Farmers' Day it was the turn of Elk Point to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary. The Blue Quills Band was again invited. We got there by bus, just in time to join the parade. Leading the parade was a pioneer float followed by a group of Scottish Legionnaires who played the bagpipes. Several floats followed and then came the Blue Quills Band.

The march was fairly long. We paraded through the streets and then we went to the Sports Grounds. There, it was something like a circus, with ferris wheels and other interesting things. We saw cowboys and a beautiful cowgirl from CFRN. They sang songs like the ones we hear over the radio. Some cowboys had long beards. We heard that they were having a beard contest and that some girls would be the judges.

We had a very pleasant day.

Ben Whiskyjack, Gr. VI



THE INSPECTOR'S VISIT

On Monday, May 6, in the morning we heard the news ...that the inspector was around. We felt kind of shaky in our shoes. After Tuesday had passed our turn came. At half past nine we heard a soft knock. It was the inspector. The teacher was walking faster than usual. We recited and sang for the inspector. He looked at some of the enterprises and said "This is a very interesting class." He was very good and gentle to us. Time was short for me. Pretty soon it was recess. After recess the inspector gave us a spelling test. First he gave us easy words than harder and harder ones. I made ten mistakes. Then when dinner came I felt hungry indeed. It was a tough morning.

Teacher told us we behaved very well, she was proud of us. For a reward she gave us a treat that afternoon. We played bingo. I won a bag of peanuts. Teacher played a trick on Esther and Billy. They made us laugh heartily. Some children were stamping their feet, the trick was so funny! Sister Bourget who works in the room under our classroom thought the ceiling would drop on her head.

I like school and find my work very interesting. We try to follow one of our class mottos "Hard work brings success and reward."

Ronald Janvier, Gr. 1V

News from Grade 1V

In our class after a week's hard work, when we deserve it, we have a little party on Friday. We get a little treat, play bingo, tell jokes and ask riddles. These riddles are picked out by the pupils who finish their work before the others during the week. Our teacher has two big books full of jokes. She collects them for us. Here are some that made us giggle.

Billy Half, Gr. 1V

Teacher: "Do you say 'It is me' or 'It is I'? Always remember the rhyme 'It is I' said the spider to the fly."

Pupil: "Well, couldn't you say 'It is me' said the spider to the flea'?"

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Mother: "What's your little brother crying about Jack?"  
Jack: "He's dug a hole out in the yard and he wants to bring it into the house to play with."

MORE JOKES

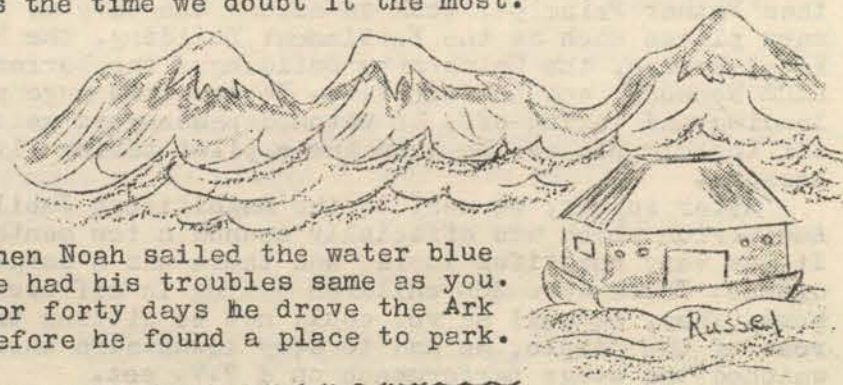
Friend: "Have any of your childhood dreams come true?"  
John: "Yes, when my mother used to comb my hair, I always wished that I didn't have any. It has come true."

A fellow was filling out an application for life insurance. His father had hanged himself but he did not like to admit the fact. So when he came to the line... 'Cause of father's death', he wrote:

"Father met his death while taking part in a public function during which the platform on which he was standing suddenly gave way beneath him."

RHYMES BY THE GRADE 1V

We don't think we're afraid of burglars  
And we doubt if we're scared of a ghost  
But all alone in a house in the night hours  
Is the time we doubt it the most.



When Noah sailed the water blue  
He had his troubles same as you.  
For forty days he drove the Ark  
Before he found a place to park.

IT TAKES SO LITTLE (Author, unknown)

It takes so little to make us sad;  
Just a slighting word or a doubting sneer,  
Just a scornful smile on some lips held dear;  
And our footsteps lag, though the goal seemed near,  
And we lose the courage and hope we had--  
So little it takes to make us sad.

It takes so little to make us glad  
Just the cheering clasp of a friendly hand,  
Just a word from one who can understand;  
And we finish the task we long had planned  
And we lose the doubt and the fear we had  
So little it takes to make us glad.



Blue Quills School was honored by an invitation from the CFRN Television Officials to have its famous dancers take part in the Variety Talent Show held in the New Jubilee Auditorium in Edmonton. This program was sponsored by the Catholic Youth Organization.

### ANOTHER WONDERFUL DAY

On and on we sped over the paved highway. We didn't know we were traveling, not a jerk was felt in our big Pontiac station wagon. I was just beginning to sleep when Mrs. Lavoie and Sister Superior shouted "Buffaloes". Sure enough, there were about six of them standing near the fence licking salt.

We arrived in Edmonton at 10:30 a.m. There Sister Superior left us because she was going to St-Albert for a ten day retreat. We had dinner at the Grand Hotel and then Father Principal took us around the city to visit many places such as the Parliament Building, the High Level Bridge, the University Buildings, the barracks of HMCS Nonsuch, and the Air Port. We saw some huge planes landing and taking off. We watched passengers getting off the big planes. We even saw a pilot taking flight lessons.

After supper, we went to the magnificent Jubilee Auditorium which was officially opened a few months ago. It was very beautiful inside and there was a large audience. There were 300 children acting in different numbers. They, as well as we, could not be sitting with the rest of the people, we had to stay downstairs where we watched the stage performance on a T.V. set.

Our turn came toward the end of the program. We were with the "Home on the Range" part. We were seated while the cowboys sang and played music. When they were through they sat down and we danced in front of the huge bonfire.

When all was over, we went down to undress. We each had our own dressing room. On our way back, Mrs. Lavoie went to buy some fish and chips while we stayed in the car with Father. We ate our lunch on the way and then we took a nap. We got home at 3:00 a.m. What a beautiful day we had!

How fortunate we are in having someone like our Fa-

ther Principal who is so willing at all times to take out and who takes time to drive us, no matter how far, to see beautiful and interesting places. All these sights help us to understand better what we learn in class. The nice thing about it is that it doesn't cost us a penny. Father is so kind that he pays all our expenses. We should also be grateful to Mrs. Lavoie who is also very generous in paying us treats.

Gordon McGilvery, Gr. VII

June 16

### RADIO RAFFLE

Three years ago, Fr. Principal had bought a battery radio for our classroom because the fluorescent lights affected our electric radio. At that time we had given our electric radio to the grade two classroom.

Now that the electric system has been changed and we have new fixtures in our class, we decided to raffle our battery radio to raise money to buy an electric one. As soon as we had sold enough tickets, we bought a little Marconi.

Last night, before the show, we drew the tickets and the lucky number was that of Mr. Stanley Redcrow. Mrs. Redcrow and her children came to get the radio after the show. We are very glad that Mr. Redcrow was the winner, because he is always a very good sport.

Rodrigue Lapatak, Gr. VII

June 18

### FATHER PRINCIPAL'S BIRTHDAY

FOR THE LOVING PRAYERS YOU OFFER  
FOR THOSE WHO PASS YOUR WAY  
FOR THE HELP AND INSPIRATION  
THAT YOU GIVE FROM DAY TO DAY  
THIS BIRTHDAY MESSAGE BRINGS A PRAYER  
THAT NOW AND ALWAYS? TOO  
OUR SAVIOUR'S LOVE AND BLESSINGS  
WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU.

June 20

We were just given a description of the famous ship which the boys had built for the parade which took place here in Blue Quills School on our Sports Day. We think



that some readers might like to read about it.

#### H.M.C.S. UNITY

I was built and launched by the Senior boys in the back yard of the B.Q.S. I can say that have seen a lot of dry land sailing.

My skeleton comprises fragments of wood collected from the old shed; my hull consists of old white sheets pulled snugly over my skeleton; my two fenders are jaw bone(whether of horse or cow I couldn't tell); my mast is an old hay fork with a radar screen on top; my steering wheel is a barrel cover; my anchor is made out of wood; my rudder is an old shovel, my life buoys are old painted tires; my cannons are old discarded plumbing pipes; my ammunition, fire crackers; my funnel is a five gallon pail, burning sawdust and grass which give off plenty of black smoke; my engine is a tractor; but my bell is a genuine one. My flag is that of a pirate's ship and my crew .... a bunch of landlubbers.

Jerome Woods, Grade IX

June 22

#### Leadership Course

Saturday morning, Teresa Martin and I will leave for Banff where we will take a Junior Red Cross Leadership Course for High School Students. This course will last a week.

In the fall we might have a chance to let you know how much we have appreciated the course.

Beatrice Makokis

#### GOING HOME

On the 28th, we'll be leaving to go home for the holidays. However some pupils will go elsewhere. Billy Shirt will go to Calgary for a 6 week Welding course, John Janvier will work at Brosseau Store in Bonnyville, Irene Dion and Margaret Lapatak will work at the Hospital in St-Paul, Sophie Mooswa will also work in St-Paul, while Alfred John will take a 7 week Leadership course at Naden, B.C., and Wilfred Large, Lucas Redcrow and Rodrigue Lapatak will go to Camp at Quadra, B.C.

To all these classmates and the others, but especially to our Supervisors, Teachers, and all the members of the Staff we wish good holidays full of rest and pleasure. At the end of this school year, we wish to thank them for all they have done for us. A special word of thanks to Father Principal to whom we owe so much. Sincere thanks also to Sister Superior for all her help and service. We shall not forget you nor any of B.Q.S. during the holidays. Please pray that we may all come back safe in September.



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# Easter Greetings

JESUS STOOD IN THEIR MIDST AND SAID  
TO THEM "PEACE TO YOU! IT IS I, DO NOT  
BE AFRAID." LUKE 24,36.

May you, kind friends, from far and near  
Find in these words, on Easter morn  
The radiant light calming your fear  
Then love.....and feel  
no more forlorn.





Blue Quills School  
April 8, 1957

Dear Parents:

We are very glad to have this opportunity to offer you our greetings through the Moccasin Telegram.

On this great feast of Easter, let us rejoice with the Risen Christ! He rose victoriously from the grave to prove that he was God and to show us that one day, we too, shall rise from the dead and that we shall enjoy the bliss of heaven with him, if we walk in the right road that leads there. So to-day, we pray Jesus to give us the grace to do our duty always, in this life in the hope of gaining life everlasting.

The spring season which we have eagerly awaited is here at last. The spring's sweet fragrance in the air reminds us that we will soon tread the beautiful green grass. The sun is chasing away the last bits of snow, the birds are back and practicing their Easter songs, the rivulets are running in every direction the trees are waking up, the lakes and rivers are alive again, all in nature is busy. Even we, are in a mood for work.

We are all working hard to prepare for our Easter and final exams which will prove whether or not we are fit to be promoted to another grade. Everyone is eager to succeed in his studies.

Since our skating rink is only mud now, we have said good-bye to hockey which we had enjoyed very much. We are now having indoor games such as marbles and basket ball. We also get a film once in a while. We'll soon be able to play baseball. And we'll soon be going back home for the summer holidays....time flies so fast.

Hoping that you will come and visit us sometime around Easter, we remain

Your loving children

By Alfred John  
Grade VIII

## Father's Word

Dear Friends:

The month of March is nearing to an end. It is the month of our Patron Saint. Yes, Blue Quills is under the patronage or protection of Saint Joseph, who is, after our Blessed Mother, the greatest saint. He is seen here on a painting behind the main altar in our chapel. At the work bench, he reminds us that through work and prayer one can please God immensely if one's life is a prompt and joyous obedience to God's Will, not in things extraordinary, but in the duties of one's state of life.

May Saint Joseph, the obscure Saint receive here a public expression of our thanks for his constant protection. To him, after God, we attribute the success, prosperity and health of all in our Blue Quills' family. May Saint Joseph extend his blessings to our many friends and benefactors.

April is at the door bringing once more the joyful Feast of Easter after the sorrowful days of Lent.

After the shameful death on the Cross, the triumph of the empty tomb. Christ is risen! Let us praise Him. In the preface for the Mass of Easter we say: "It is truly meet and just, right and availing unto salvation, that at all times but more especially on this day, we should extol Thy glory, O Lord, when Christ our Pasch was sacrificed. For He is the true Lamb that hath taken away the sins of the world. Who by dying hath overcome our death, and by rising again hath restored our life."

Yes let us rejoice with Him! May Christ's boundless love and His choicest blessings, fill with deep joy at Eastertide, your hearts and the lives of those you hold most dear!

Father E. Bernet-Rollande  
Principal O.M.I.





# TV STAR

FRANK LARGE, A GRADE IV PUPIL OF BLUE QUILLS SCHOOL WINS FIRST PLACE IN THE "SEARCH FOR TALENT SHOW" AGAINST 25 COMPETITORS.

FRANK APPEARS ON T.V.

Early in January, the St-Paul Journal announced that a "Search for Talent Show" sponsored by the St-Paul Musical Society would be presented by the Alberta Travellers Association and the Radio Station CFRN, on January 19th, at the St-Paul Parish Hall.

It was suggested that, Frank Large, who had succeeded so well in his recitation "The Darkie's Advice" for our Christmas Concert, should go and take part in the contest.

When the date came Mrs. Lavoie, Frank's teacher and tutor, took him to the Parish Hall to let him try his wings.

The next morning, the Sister who had suggested that Frank should take part in the Show, hurried to go and see Frank while he was at breakfast. "Well, Frank, how did you make out last night?" she asked. "Not too bad" he answered placidly. Eager to know more Sister asked: "Did they give the results ..... did they say who was first, second and third?" As calmly as ever Frank simply said "Yes." "And who was first?" "Me" said the wee voice.

On February 14th, Frank went with Father Principal, Sister Superior and Mrs. Lavoie to Edmonton. At 6 p.m. Frank appeared on the T.V. Spotlight show. Here in Blue Quills some members of the Staff and some children were lucky enough to see him on T.V. But I was not able to crowd into the room which was too small.

Frank will be going back to Edmonton for the provincial semi-finals on April 27th. We do hope he will hold tight to his place.

Denis Cardinal  
Grade VIII



# RETREAT

This year our retreat was held from January 13th to 16th. It was preached by Father Campbell who is living at the Bishop's palace.

Father Campbell is Chief Assistant of the Catholic Action for the diocese of St-Paul. He is a young a very convincing priest.

During our three day retreat we had Mass in the morning followed by a half hour sermon. In the evening there was Benediction followed by another good sermon.

Father Campbell's sermons were so interesting that before we knew it they were over. Father spent many hours hearing confessions. The children were eager to use their free time for praying. After the evening sermon and during recess they went to the chapel for the stations of the cross, or other private prayers.

His Excellency Bishop Lussier was kind enough to come over for the closing of our retreat. He gave us a short sermon and a special blessing. We have enjoyed both His Excellency and Father Campbell. We shall try to live up to the standard they have tried to teach us.

Irene Shirt  
Grade VIII

HEART OF JESUS, THOU HAST TAUGHT US  
HOW TO SEEK AND HOW TO FIND,  
AND THE LESSON NOW HAS BROUGHT US  
TO THY HEART SO SWEET AND KIND.  
WHAT WE ASK, WITH FAITH BELIEVING  
THOU HAST PLEDGED THY WORD TO GIVE  
AND THY WORD IS NOT DECEIVING,  
BUT THE TRUTH BY WHICH WE LIVE.





# Classroom News

## GRADE 1



Look at my bunny. My bunny can jump and hop.  
Can you hop like my bunny?

Dorothy Cardinal

Bridget

I have a yellow duck. See my duck swim. My duck said quack. My duck will swim. My duck is funny.

Bridget Matchatis

## GRADE 11

One of the girls from our room, Winnie Jackson, has gone to the Camsell Hospital. We pray for her every day.

In our enterprise on the post office we are learning how to write letters. Soon we will write letters to Winnie.

Teacher reads us many stories. The one I liked best was David and the Giant. I saw David in the picture killing the giant with a sling shot.

Francis Whiskyjack

## What Happened at the Dentist

First of all he put me on the chair. And then he froze my gum. He walked around. Then he pulled my teeth. Then he let me spit. When he was walking around he shook my nose. He pulled three teeth.

Gloria Muskego

I was scared. My lips were very fat. The dentist pulled three teeth. We played puzzles while we waited.

Judy Cardinal

The dentist pulled my teeth. It hurt. My lips hurt. I could not turn. I said ouch. The blood ran way down. My teacher gave me kleenex.

Charlotte Cardinal

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# Musical Concert

On Friday we had a wonderful evening listening to the good program given to us in our gymnasium by several members of the St-Paul Musical Society under the direction of Mrs. R. Decosse.

The program consisted of songs, piano and accordion music. Mrs. Decosse sang several songs. "Mozart's Cradle Song" was so beautifully sung that all the children seemed to be entranced like the children were by the music of the Pied Piper.

Mrs. Turkula, another wonderful singer, sang "Galway Bay" an Irish song which spoke of her country. Mrs. Turkula had told us she had a cold, but really, she managed to get through her song with no difficulty.

There were several other singers namely the famous Male Quartet of St-Paul. Besides other songs they sang "Bless This House" with Mrs. Decosse joining in. It was indeed very beautiful.

We also had the pleasure to hear some beautiful music. Mr. and Mrs. Taschow played several accordion duos, and then their sweet daughter Cornelia joined them for a trio. Cornelia also played an accordion solo. I never had thought that such a little could play so well.

We heard two selections on the piano by Miss Tremblay a grade XII student from St-Paul. She plays very well too. Another piano player was Mrs. Letourneau who accompanied her husband when he sang "You Old Sun".

Mr. Richard, the announcer invited Frank Large to recite "The Negroe's Advice", after which his brother Wilfred thanked the members of the Musical Society for their kindness in coming out to give us such a pleasant evening. Father Principal also said a few words and then all the visitors were invited for lunch.

Irene Cardinal  
Grade VIII



GRADE IIIA Visit to Lac Ste Anne

Last year my grandfather and I went to Lac Ste Anne. We saw many interesting things. We saw a rattlesnake. A Lady saw it first. It was in a creek. We all went to see the rattlesnake. We would like to go to Lac Ste Anne again.  
Eric Shirt

MY TOYS

These are the toys I like to play with. They are all pretty. The toy I like best is the blue bus. Some of my other toys are the train, some zoo animals, a truck, two big yellow ducks, and last of all is my little drum. I like to play with all these toys.

Elmer Cardinal

GRADE IV"STOP"

Once I was out on a stroll in the woods with a few friends. We played Cowboys and Indians. After the Indians had hidden, we thought it was about time to go after them with our guns. I had just gone through some underbrush... when suddenly I saw something beside a tree. It surely had something like feathers and two shining eyes, but it was not an Indian. One boy was about to prance on it, but I held him back. I just suddenly realized what it was. I called everybody. I was so excited I did not know what I was saying. "Come on I found an Injun, no, a groundhog, no, a badger, oh! no, a porcupine!" That's what it was, a huge ball of quills.

Ronald Janvier

A JOKE ON ME

Not long ago in our enterprise on Alberta, our teacher told us to draw a Hudson's Bay Co. Trading Post. I did so. I drew a store of the Hudson Bay Co. In it I put knives, axes, guns, pots, pans, beads, and bracelets. Then I drew some Indian tepees all over. Right in the middle I  
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# GREETINGS ON ST-PATRICK'S DAY

WITHIN THIS HAT  
ALL TUCKED AWAY  
ARE WISHES TRUE  
FOR ST-PATRICK'S DAY

## LOURDES HALL

Lourdes Hall is the name of the High School Girls' Room

A DREAM COMES TRUE

Did you ever dream of having your own kitchenette? Well we have ours...and it is no castle in the air....It is a down to earth reality.

About two weeks ago Sister Comeau was bustling around like a busy bee. This aroused my curiosity, but she wouldn't give a hint concerning the cause of her activity. We were all expecting a pleasant surprise. This surprise surpassed all our hopes. Imagine, a wonderful kitchenette has been organized for the High School Girls.

We now have our meals in our own room instead of going down to the big dining room with the other children. In our kitchenette we have a hot plate, toaster and all the other necessary equipment. Our meals are served in trays which we bring to our room ... Mmmmmmm and aren't our meals delicious!

Margaret Lapatak (Gr. XI)

OPEN HOUSE AT ST-THERESA

To add a little more color to the Education Week, St. Theresa Hospital held two open-house days, on March 2,  
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# MAMI

In September, we reorganized the "Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate. We elected as President- Linda Houle, Vice-President-Joyce Matchatis, Secretary-Beatrice Makokis, Treasurer-Irene Dion. The members comprise all the girls from grades v to XI under the guidance of our devoted Principal as Director, Sister B. Gamache, Directress and Sister I. Lefebvre, Assistant.

At our first meeting we discussed the means by which we could help our missionaries and prepare ourselves for later activities on our reserves. We decided to make articles for a bazaar to be held at the end of the school year, the proceeds of which would go for the missions.

In October we put on an Amateur Hour, for the children to gather up funds to buy materials necessary to start our work. Since then, every Wednesday evening the grades V to VIII and on Friday evening the High School girls work in the Sewing-room at sewing, knitting or embroidering different articles for our bazaar.

At Christmas we were able to give drapes and an embroidered altar felt covering for the little newly built church at Long Lake. To Saddle Lake an offering in money together with an embroidered altar covering.

On February 16th, we managed to put up another Amateur Show, with the cooperation of all the members of Staff who helped by practicing each a number for our program. Sister Comeau was kind enough to help us with the invitations sent out to our parents and with the program.

Most of our parents came and enjoyed our concert. On that day, we also had the raffle of a blanket which went to Mrs. Emery of Elk Point. Mrs. Emery is Irene Dion's Aunt.

All these little successes encourage us to keep on working to help our missionaries, not only while we are in school but also to keep on when we'll be on the reserves. It makes us feel happy to know we are making other fellowmen happy.

The M.A.M.I. Girls

# T.B. Poster Contest

This year, our success in the T.B. Poster Contest was greater than ever before. The total sum of money awarded to Blue Quills School was \$46.75.

The fortunate pupils who won some prizes are: Lawrence Bernard and Vivian Cardinal, Grade 1, Francis Whiskeyjack, Grade 2, Ennis Cardinal, Grade 3, Ned Mamenook, Mary Cardinal and William Half, Grade 4, Martin Makokis and William Shirt, Grade 7, Wilfred Large and Lawrence Large, Grade 8.

We are very lucky to take part in this competition annually. It helps us to follow the rules to fight T.B. We are very grateful to the T.B. Association for awarding such a large amount of money to our school.

What is our policy concerning the prize money? We feel it is only fair that the lucky winner should share the money with the other unfortunate competitors who have all tried their best. It happens sometimes that the winner is not the toilsome pupil, but the one who has simply followed the teacher's advice and ideas, while others have worked long hours starting the drawing over and over again and yet get no prize. Therefore the efforts of all those who tried should be rewarded.

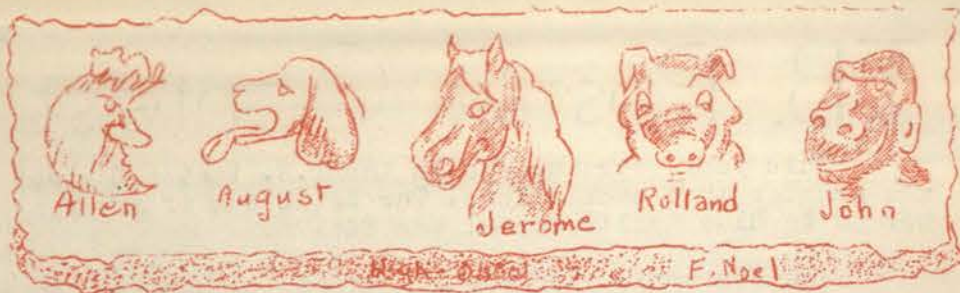
Therefore each winner got a twenty-five percent commission and the rest of the money was used to buy something for his or her classroom. Some of the things that were purchased with the prize money were alphabetical cards, flash cards, prisma colours, phonograph records. etc.

Wilfred Large (Gr. VIII)

## VISITORS

Since Christmas we have welcomed several visitors some of whom are Sister Marcou, Sr. Gagnon, Sister Jeanne Pinnard from Edmonton, several Sisters from the Hospital in St-Paul, Miss Norquay from Camsel Hospital, Miss B. Nergaard, Field Nurse from Bonnyville, Doctor and Mrs. Wagnop, and Dr. Willigar, dentist. The latter has spent several weeks with us. Naturally we are always glad to see the Fathers and Sisters from Good Fish and Saddle Lake.



Allan Jacob

Favorite Expression: "You want to bet?"  
 Pet Peeve: Paul  
 Best Friend: Moffat  
 Striking Feature: Dimple on the chin  
 Favorite Pastime: Scribbling  
 Ambition: Prime Minister of Canada

August Dion

Favorite Expression: "Get out of here."  
 Pet Peeve: The guitar  
 Striking feature: Glasses  
 Pastime: Smiling  
 Ambition: Carpenter

Jerome Woods

Favorite Expression: "Ghkft!!!! Ghkft!!!!"  
 Pet Peeve: Noise  
 Striking feature: Blond hair  
 Pastime: Browsing through Navy books  
 Ambition: Navy Pilot

Rolland Dion

Favorite Expression: "Hi Doc"  
 Pet Peeve: Monkeys  
 Striking feature: Grew cut  
 Ambition: Electrician

John Janvier

Favorite Expression: "No, do you?"  
 Favorite Pastime: Listening to classical music  
 Best Friend: Eric Piche  
 Striking features: Fiery black eyes, Nasser's jaw  
 Ambition: Greatest Mathematician of all times  
 Nickname: See above

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and on the following Saturday. On both days Sister An. Potvin gave a film on nursing. The second time she asked if one of the girls could accompany her. I was the chosen one. So right after dinner I started to get ready. At one thirty our taxi arrived and in no time we were at the hospital.

We had waited in the parlor only a little while when another nun came to tell Sister Potvin that things were all set to start the show. As I had seen part of that show before, I didn't go down with Sister. Instead I went to the second floor to visit the different departments. First, I visited the Lab, where the technician explained the various types of blood and how it is tested. Then came the operating room where a nurse gave us some details about how an operation is performed. We then saw the X-Ray room. Here Doctor Turkula gave us a demonstration on how the heart beats. We actually saw the heart beat of a little girl through the X-Ray.

After visiting some patients I went down to the basement to see the end of the film. We came back before supper. I really had spent a wonderful afternoon.

Joyce Matchatis (Gr. X)

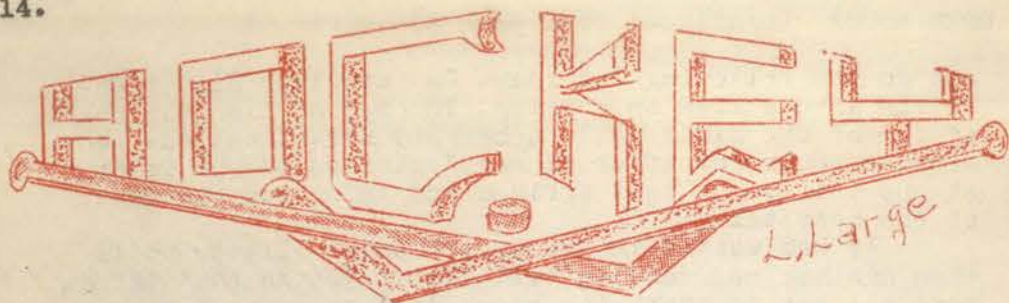
KNIGHTS' INITIATION

One Saturday evening, the Knights of the Altar put on spooky looking masks which that had made during the afternoon. They rolled up their pants above their knees. They really were a funny sight. Led by the Grand Knight John Janvier, they paraded through the house, scaring everybody they met.

They were then blindfolded and led to the senior classroom for the initiation of the new members. John Janvier with the help of our supervisor Mr. T. Cardinal and the grade 7 & 8 teacher, had prepared some tests, tricks and stunts for us. As we were all blindfolded, we could not see what was going on. It is only after we had gone through the test that we could enjoy seeing the others go through. Did we ever laugh! This was one of the best parties we ever had. I am very sorry that I am not able to tell you what it was all about since this must remain a secret among the Knights just as the Knights of Columbus do. But, believe me, it was fun!

Frank Noel  
 Grade VIII





| <u>PLAYERS</u>               | <u>Date</u> | <u>Score</u> | <u>Winners</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| B.Q.Pee-Wees - St-Paul       | Jan. 12     | 4-2          | Blue Quills    |
| Blue Quills - Bonnyville     | " 19        | 3-0          | " "            |
| Blue Quills - Saddle Lake    | " 19        | 3-1          | " "            |
| Blue Quills - St-Paul        | " 20        | 5-2          | St-Paul        |
| Blue Quills - Bonnyville     | " 26        | 6-0          | Blue Quills    |
| Blue Quills - Saddle Lake    | " 27        | 7-5          | Saddle Lake    |
| Blue Quills - Wee-Wees St-P. | " 31        | 5-3          | Wee-Wees       |
| Blue Quills - Vegreville     | Feb. 2      | 7-0          | Vegreville     |
| Blue Quills - St-Vincent     | " 8         | 3-2          | Blue Quills    |
| Blue Quills - Myrnum         | " 16        | 3-3          | .....          |
| Blue Quills - St-Paul        | " 26        | 8-6          | Blue Quills    |
| Blue Quills - Long Lake      | March 3     | 7-5          | Blue Quills    |
| Blue Quills - " "            | " 4         | 6-0          | " "            |
| Blue Quills - St-Paul        | " 7         | 8-6          | " "            |
| Blue Quills - St-Paul        | " 10        | 8-1          | " "            |
| Blue Quills - Bonnyville     | " 10        | 7-4          | " "            |
| Blue Quills - Myrnum         | " 16        | 4-2          | Myrnum         |
| Blue Quills - Long Lake      | " 17        | 13-2         | Blue Quills    |

Besides these games in which we played, we attended other games as spectators. The best game we saw was that played in the St-Paul Arena between the Edmonton Oil Kings and the St-Paul Hornets. Edmonton won with a score of 9-5.

One of our best players was invited to play for his Reserve's newly organized team, the Long Lakers. This lucky fellow who takes everything with a smile is Alfred John. According to what he says, the game was a success.

Eric Piche  
Sports Reporter

put a big brown stout post. When Mrs. Lavoie was correcting my drawing, she asked me "What is this supposed to be?" I said "That's the trading post." All of a sudden she started to laugh. I wondered what was wrong. Teacher said that I didn't need a post. I told her "I thought that when you said 'trading post' you meant that there was a big post and that was where the Indians and traders met to trade furs and the rest."

Flora Steinhauer



Teacher: "Class, give me sentence with the word 'tariff'."

Pupil: "My pants are so thin they will tear if..if I bend too low."

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If with pleasure you are viewing any work a man is doing  
 If you like him, or love him, tell him now.  
 Don't with-hold your approbation till the pastor makes  
 And he lies with snowy lilies on his brow, oration  
 For no matter how you shout it, he won't really care  
 about it,  
 He won't know how many teardrops you have shed.  
 If you think some praise is due him, now's the time to  
 slip it to him,  
 For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead.

More than fame and more than money is the comment kind  
 and sunny  
 And the hearty, warm approval of a friend,  
 For it gives to life a savor and it makes you stronger,  
 braver,  
 And it gives you heart and spirit to the end.  
 If he earns your praise, bestow it, if you like him, let  
 him know it,  
 Let the words of true encouragement be said.  
 Do not wait till life is over and he's underneath the  
 clover  
 For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead.

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 To put the above in practice, we have sent Valentines  
 to all those we love and appreciate, especially those who  
 work here in school for our welfare.

CLASS POEM

Grade four has plenty of fun  
 But only when our work is done  
 For, we have very much to do  
 Reading, Spelling, 'Rithmetic too  
 Language, Enterprise and even Art.  
 In everything we must take part  
 We must work hard, you see  
 We're growing up and hope to be  
 Grade five next year and be happy  
 Meeting new problems day by day  
 And so we try to do our best  
 To measure up to every test  
 But we have fun, we joke and sing  
 And find our work most interesting.

GRADES V & VI

We had a very big surprise one morning when we came  
 into our classroom. Everybody was looking toward the  
 front. There above the blackboard was a beautiful statue  
 of Our Lady of the Cape. This statue used to be in the  
 Grades 7 & 8 classroom. They got another one now.

Nine pupils in our classroom have glasses. They got  
 them lately. They have a special kind of dark brown rim.  
 They can see and study better with them.

We now have finished four units in Science, so our  
 teacher Mr. Taschow has put some beautiful charts on the  
 bulletin board. These charts which he made are to help  
 us in our review for the final exams.

Gordon Youngchief  
 Grade VI

SHE WASN'T SCARED

One pleasant afternoon when the sun was shining  
 brightly, a little muskrat left the pond and ventured to  
 take a stroll on our skating rink. He had not skated more  
 than five feet that the boys spotted him. Immediately, they  
 pounded on it with their hockey sticks. In no time, the

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# and CADETS

This year, the Sea Cadets of R.C.S.C.C. Arrowhead have weighed anchors once again and are doing a better job than ever. The new Entries have stretched the population of the Ship's Company to forty. The Ship's Company is divided into two divisions. The Leading Cadet Division is under the "gentle" command of A/PO J. Janvier and I am in charge of the Able Cadet Division.

The Sea Cadet Committee comprise:

Father B. Rollande: President, Chaplain, Range Officer  
 Lieut. J. Mahdiuk: Commanding Officer  
 Surgeon Lieut. Trottier: Medical Officer, Instructor  
 Sub/Lieut Leroux: Training Officer, Executive Officer  
 S/L Cardinal: Instructor for rope work and boat work  
 S/L Hurtubise: Stores (Supply) Officer  
 Leading Cadet Alfred John: Quartermaster  
 A/PO Leading Cadet John Janvier: Division Officer  
 A/PO Leading Cadet J. Woods: Divisional Officer  
 Assistants: B. Shirt, D. Cardinal, J. Masse

On Parade Nights we have "Communications (More & semaphore) Boatwork, Seamanship, Ropework, Pilotage, Gunnery, Physical & Recreation Training" Lately we've had several naval films. But our main activity presently is gunnery. The two rifle teams of the Corps are keeping the Range Officer quite busy, practicing for the Dominion Canadian Rifle Association and Provincial Competitions. The practices take place at our indoor range in the gym. The team's shooting is progressing but there is still room for improvement.

Jerome Woods (Gr. 1X)



poor little adventurer was dead. The boys quickly skinned it, and Mickey Redcrow managed to swipe the tail.

Now, Mickey is a very cute fellow and he likes good jokes. He planned to bring that tail to the classroom to scare the teacher and the girls. So one afternoon, after school was started, he went up to the teacher's desk and said: "I found this pencil." Mickey had his hand in his pocket. So Sister said "Show it to me." Out came the rat tail. Do you think Sister was scared? No, not at all. She just said: "Oh! a muskrat tail! Mickey was much astonished to see that Sister took the tail in her hands and started to tell us how it was all covered with little scales. So instead of a fright, we got a good lesson in Science. Poor Mickey, I guess he was disappointed but he smiled.

A few days later we gave the skin to Sister. It will be used to make a beard for the actors when we have a play.

Hector Cardinal  
 Grade VI

## GRADES VII & VIII

Every Monday morning at 10 o'clock the girls go out for Home Ec. We, boys are left behind but not idle. We all do scrap book work for about twenty minutes and then we get an Art lesson. We do some drawings and we learn some rules too. Later we will take oil painting.

Before we left for the Christmas holidays, we had made a surprise party for our teacher to thank her for all she does for us, and we had offered her a gift with the kind help of Mrs. Lavoie. With that money, Sister bought a beautiful statue of "Our Lady of the Smile". She also bought a picture of that statue for each one of us.

We have new electric lights in our classroom just as in all the other rooms in the whole house. The three men changing all the electric wires and bulbs are now working in the classrooms above the gym. All the lights are prettier and brighter. In the refectory there are more lights than before. We are very glad and happy about it.

Rodrick Lapatack  
 Grade VII





On Sunday afternoon January 20th, we went home for the wedding of my sister Lena to Nelson Bernard from Good Fish. We had to bring the beautiful three layer wedding cake which had been made by our cook Sister M. Hurtubise.

I had a big surprise when my sister asked me to be bridesmaid with Mary Cardinal and Joseph Cardinal and Howard Styner as bestmen.

We went to church in the big sleigh which was beautifully decorated as well as the horses. When we started off, several men shot with their guns. The horses got scared and began galloping.

The marriage was blessed by reverend Father P. Lyonnais who also presided over the wedding dinner. Many speeches were given during the banquet which lasted from 12 to 5 p.m.

Jean Cardinal  
Grade VIII

I was very glad to be allowed to go home for the wedding of my sister Ursula and Phillip Collins, a Half-breed whom she met in Saddle Lake. Miss Genevieve Woods was bridesmaid and Frank Cardinal was bestman.

Ursula was very beautiful in her long white dress and veil.

The wedding dinner was given at Mrs. A. Cardinal's place. Father Lyonnais was there to bless the dinner. The pretty wedding cake had been decorated by Sister Louisa, Ursula's sister. We had many guests for the banquet as well as for the dance which took place at the Community Hall.

Pauline Shirt  
Grade VI

MAY THE GOD OF ISRAEL JOIN YOU TOGETHER; AND MAY HE  
BE WITH YOU, (Introit- Nuptial Mass)



