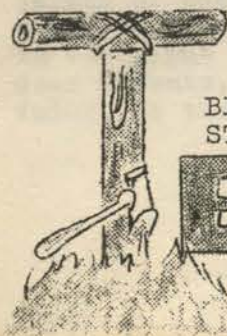


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Blue Quills
ST-PAUL, ALTA

TELEGRAM

Blue Quills Ind. Res. School,
St-Paul, Alberta
October 30, 1955.

Dear Parents:

Through our little Magazine, we are glad to come and pay you a visit. You'll find in these pages news concerning our School and our pupils' activities. We hope that these lines will create a contact between us, and increase the interest that you must have in the education of your children.

With the approaching New Year, we come to a very important event: the Silver Jubilee of the Blue Quills School. This is to say that we have operated our institution here in St-Paul for twenty-five years,

Before that period since 1889, there was a school on the Saddle-Lake Reserve, but very few were fortunate enough to attend. We find that in all, 184 girls and 201 boys went to the Sacred Heart School during those 40 years. These pupils were mostly from Saddle-Lake, Beaver Lake, Good Fish Lake. It was a beginning, a first step towards education.

When Blue Quills was opened in 1931, we find 55 pupils but soon more interest is shown and by 1936, 142 pupils are registered. Today, we have more than 200 attending. Altogether during the past 25 years, 700 children have come here. Some stayed for a few months, others remained several years and attained the grade VIII, which was considered an achievement at that time.

A new generation is coming up for whom education is a necessity. To-day, High School is the normal goal of the majority of the students. In a short time, a great stride forward has been made. There is very much to do yet, but we are in the right direction. With your support and comprehension, dear Parents, we will do more progress, preparing a better future to the growing generation.

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

Principal

WE ARE GLAD TO PUBLISH A LETTER WHICH WE HAVE RECEIVED IN ANSWER TO THE "DEDICATION" OF OUR MAY-JUNE ISSUE OF THE MOCCASIN TELEGRAM TO MR. S.C. KNAPP.

Saddle Lake Indian Agency
St-Paul, Alberta
September 9th, 1955.

Reverend Father Bernet-Rollande,
Principal,
Blue Quills Indian Residential School,
St-Paul, Alberta.

Dear Father B. Rollande, Sisters and Pupils,

Now that you have returned to school, I wish to express my appreciation and thanks for the welcome you have extended to me in your school magazine "The Moccasin Telegram". I do hope that I can live up to your expectations.

I want you all to realize that education is the most important thing in a young Indian's life. Without it he will be unable to meet the competitive challenge that will face him when reaching manhood or womanhood. Work hard, be obedient and rest assured that the Fathers, the Sisters and the Agency staff are working as hard as they can to improve our education and give you the very best education possible.

Good luck for the coming year.

Yours truly,

S.C. Knapp
Superintendent

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" Lack of educational opportunity is no longer an excuse for illiteracy and a low level of scholastic achievement among Indians. Educational facilities for Indian children in federal church and public schools can now cater to the needs of every Indian Child in Alberta."

Handbook for Teachers

Blue Quills School
St-Paul, Alberta
October 30, 1955.

Dear Parents:

This year, we have been granted a special privilege of writing a letter to you in our school magazine each time it will be published. Many of us have already paid a subscription to the Moccasin Telegram for you.

We are all very happy in school and are also trying hard to be successful in our studies. Many of us like Social Studies, Science and Art. But language is pretty hard. Writing our compositions for the Moccasin Telegram is quite a job. We have to start over many times until our teacher says "That's not too bad." However, we are glad to do that, because we wouldn't be very happy if all our mistakes were copied in the magazine. We hope that some day we'll be able to write a whole composition without a mistake. We'll try anyway.

We also enjoy our sports. Before the snow came, baseball, softball and rugby were the most popular games. But the best was rugby when it started being too cold for the other sports. Now we have begun our skating rink. We are very anxious to skate. Most of the pupils have skates.

On October 29th., we had an Amateur Hour which we had prepared patiently. Many of our parents came. Mr. Knapp and Father Principal were present.

We are now preparing for Father's feast and we hope you will all come. It will be held on December 17 th., at about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. We'll be expecting you! So, do please come. We'll do our very best to act well.

We pray for you every day. So good-bye and God bless you all.

Your loving children

of Blue Quills School
by August Dion
Grade VIII

NEW STAFF

Fr. E. Bernet-Rollande	Principal
Fr. Joseph Angin	Bursar
Br. Dorabiala	Baker
Sr. M. du Carmel	Superior
Sr. I. Lefebvre	Senior Girls' Supervisor
Sr. Annette Potvin	Teacher Grades VII & VIII
Sr. C. Costello	Nurse
Sr. M. Comeau	Sacristan
Sr. M. Hurtubise	Cook
Sr. F. Morin	Assistant cook
Sr. C. Leduc	Refectory
Sr. B. Gamache	Scamstress
Sr. I. Perron	Assistant Senior Girls' Supervisor
Sr. Marie Leduc	Supervisor Junior Girls
Sr. Delia Bourque	Junior Boys' Supervisor
Miss Ward	Teacher Grades V & VI
Miss W. Ker	Teacher Grade IV
Miss Perkin	Teacher Grade III
Miss Hugo	Teacher Grade II
Miss Darimont	Teacher Grade I
Miss Sophie Cardinal	Teacher Grade I (Beginners)
Mrs. Zsiak	Assistant Cook
Mrs. T. Cardinal	Assistant Junior Boys' Supervisor
Mrs. C. Metchawois	Assistant Junior Girls' Supervisor
Miss Leona Cardinal	Assistant Cook
Miss J. Whiskyjack	Assistant Cook
Mr. Thomas Cardinal	Senior Boys' Supervisor
Mr. Zsiak	Farmer
Mr. S. Rederow	Farm hand
Mr. C. Metchawois	Farm hand
M	
Mr. R. Rondeau	Engineer
Mr. Noury	Assistant Engineer

"THIS WORLD THAT WE'RE A-LIVIN' IN IS MIGHTY HARD TO BEAT
WITH EVERY ROSE YOU GET A THORN, BUT AIN'T THE ROSES SWEET?"
Frank Stanton

DEPARTURES AND ARRIVALS

When we came back to school after the holidays, five Sisters had left and been replaced by other Sisters.

Sister Martel has left us for Ile a la Crosse, in Sask. She is replaced as Sacristan by Sister M. Comeau and as organist by our teacher, Sister Potvin.

Sister I. Chartier has also left us for Ile a la Crosse. She has changed place with Sister I. Lefebvre who is now in charge of the girls here.

Sister Cooper who was wupervisor in the little girls' room is gone back to the far North. Sister Marie Leduc from Beauval, is taking her place here.

Sister M.A. Vachon is now in Brocket, and Sister Delia Bourgue is now in charge of the little Boys' room.

Sister Germaine Lapointe is at the University in Edmonton, while two teachers are replacing her here for the pupils of grade one, who have been divided into two groups.

Miss May Zook, who was teaching in the Grades V & VI class is now in Toronto. Miss Ward from England has taken her class.

Miss O'Sullivan has also left us to join the Gray Nuns. She is taking her training in St-Albert. Miss Perkin, also from England took the grade III class.

Mrs. Dion who was Assistant Supervisor for the Junior Boys is now in Bonnyville. She is replaced by Mrs. T. Cardinal.

To all the kind Sisters and other members of the Staff who have worked in this school for several years and who have now left us, we offer our most sincere thanks and assure them of our very kind souvenir.

To the new-comers, we extend a hearty welcome. We hope that you will feel at home here and that you will be happy with us. We'll try our best to co-operate in every way possible.

Jerome Woods
Grade VIII

Former PUPIL TEACHER

We are very proud to have one of our former pupils, teaching in Blue Quills School. Sophie Cardinal completed her grade XII in Red Deer last June, and now she is teaching in the beginners' class. At last, we have one girl who is working for her own people and we hope that she will work for us many more years. Sophie is my mother's sister.

Linda Houle
Grade VIII

RECEIVED

Last week the senior boys were delighted to receive the long expected lockers.

Most of the lockers were put together but some were all apart. Mr. Noury and Mr. Rondeau have been busy putting the pieces together.

Several lockers were given to the Junior boys, and to other places in the house where they were needed.

We now have plenty of space to put our clothes away.

For our Library, we have received also from Ottawa, a beautiful four-drawer file to store our Picture File.

We are very grateful towards the Department of Indian Affairs for all the things they give us.

Wilfred Large
Grade VII

DONATED TO THE LIBRARY

A Collection of beautiful

Post Cards	by	Miss Perkin
Classics	by	Irene Cardinal
		Frank Noel
		Mike Cardinal

THANKS MILLIONS! WE APPRECIATE EVERYTHING!

AMATEUR HOUR

Last year we very seldom had amateur shows, but this year we 'll have them frequently, because we have more big boys and big girls and the children all cooperate so well.

Our last Amateur Show was a good one! The boys and girls divided into groups with a leader to practice them. Each group did very well.

The numbers given by the girls and boys were very good and well chosen. Some numbers were very comical, such as the girls' play, and that of the Dentist and His Patient. "Cat Pie" was funny too. But I think the best number was the cowboy and his girl friend. They came on the stage sitting on a funny looking horse with six legs. The girl was a boy dressed like a girl. When the little cowboy took her (him) in his arms to help her get on the horse, the dress was too short and we saw the overall legs rolled up above the knees. Oh! It was so funny!

We had this Amateur Show for the Staff the first time and then we repeated it for our parents. We charged them an entry fee of 35¢. The profits were then given to Father Lynnais to help him finish his new church in Saddle Lake. We were very glad to help the mission, to which so many of us belong.

Alfred John
Grade VII

MEDICAL CARE

X-Ray: On Sept. 29th., the X-Ray survey, Mr. R. Harkness and Mr. M. Goodall came to take a picture of our lungs. Then about a month later they had to come back to take nearly one hundred films that had been spoiled. This time Mr. Goodall was accompanied by a young Indian assistant, Roland Joe, from Vancouver. Of course we boys, took Joe all over the house for a visit.

Dentist: The dentist for Indian Schools, Dr. W. G. Willingar, was here from Oct. 4th., to Oct. 22 th. He took all the pupils for dental work.

Oculist: On October 19th., and 22 nd., the oculist, Dr. Wannop and his wife came to examine the pupils eyes, throat and ears. Fourteen pupils have to get glasses.

Nurse: We are very glad to have our field Nurse come to see us. Miss Richardson came several times since the beginning of the school year. She gave the B.C.G. test for tuberculosis to all the pupils. She also gave the diphtheria toxoid to the new-comers.

Dennis Cardinal
Grade VII

KNIGHT
OF THE ALTAR

The Knights of the Altar have made a few steps ahead this year. Fourteen boys including the Brocket boys have now joined. Several have now become Grand Knights.

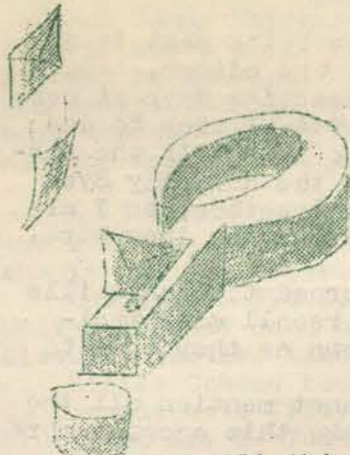
At the last meeting they had the election of the officers:

President : John Janvier
Secretary: Allen Jacob
Treasurer: August Dion

All the Alter boys are trying hard to learn the answers of the Mass properly.

One Sunday, after Benediction they all stood in the chapel to make their pledge. After the ceremony, they all went outside and our teacher took their photo. It turned out pretty well.

Lawrence Large
Grade VII

Question Box

This year we have decided to have a question box in which we may put any written question we'd like to ask.

I was asked to choose among all the questions, those that were worth asking. Charlie Cardinal helped me to sort them out. Of course, many questions were not very good so we are not writing them here. I hope those we've chosen will interest you. They have been answered by a reliable authority.

Freddi Minoose

1. Who built this school?
-- Contractor Mac Diarmid from Winnipeg.
2. Who was the first Principal of this school?
-- Reverend Angin who is now Bursar of the same school.
3. Has many years ago has this school been built?
-- It has been built since 1931.
4. Who was the first pries to live in Saddle Lake?
-- Reverend Father Merer.
5. What preparation do we need to become a priest?
-- College or High School with Latin---then, six yrs. Seminary.
6. Can a priest be ordained before the age of 26?
-- Yes, with a dispensation.
7. Is it wrong to have a girl friend or a boy friend?
-- No, if you're old enough, and if you do not expose yourself to sin.
8. Is it a sin to miss Benediction on Sunday?
-- No, it is not.
9. Where did St. Mark go after the death of Christ?
To Alexandria, Egypt.

S O U V E N I R S

Since the "Moccasin Telegram" is now being sent to all the parents of our pupils, Sister Potvin, the editor, kindly invited me to write reminiscences of my teaching days at our dear Blue Quills School from 1932 until 1944. I wish to dedicate this article in a special manner to the girls who passed in my class-room, during the years we had the Half-day System. For three years I had boys and girls together, so I also salute these boys, men of to-day, as I mention them here.

Sister Margaret Comeau has now returned to Blue Quills and she and I often speak your names and recall many incidents of the old days which I will jot down as they come to mind.

In writing this brief summary I cannot mention all the pupils and Staff members, as I wish to make this account more interesting than historical.

With the memory of "Moving Day" and the early years at Blue Quills, we must pay tribute to Father Angin, Principal, Mr. W. E. Gullion, Indian Agent, and Sister A. Gosselin, Superior, for their ingenuity and extensive labors in organizing and obtaining equipment for the new School.

In recalling past events, the Concerts, Amateur Hours, and Entertainments, hold the first place in our memories. Don't you still see Father Bouchard driving the rattling ... "Saddle-Lake Bus" into the School yard amid the cheers of the boys, who ran after it, shouting, "Now we will have a picture show to-night." Yes, Father Bouchard was always ready to show "Charlie Chaplin" or to organize a "Broadcast" or a picnic at "Oul's Eye."

Then we recall the School Festivals at St-Paul and the Diplomas we won for the Action-Songs and Plays. It was Margaret Makokis, who took the part of Florence Nightingale in "The Founding of The Red Cross", but it was Frank Anderson dressed in Fr. Bouchard's long black coat, who almost turned the play into a comedy, by the laughter, and so he had to stay at home, when we went to St-Paul. Who has forgotten "The Magic Mouth Organ" which Sister Marie Ange Burque exercised and in which Veronique Sunday (Prudens) danced as if bewitched? That was during Christmas Week. Then also the Impromptu Act we put on, at this time, in which Caroline Cardinal Whiskyjack was the leader of a girls' band, who played on combs covered with tissue paper; but the former saw many

friends of hers to wave to in the audience.

And Jenny Whiskyjack, who was the Ugly Duckling but who turned into a beautiful white swan, and the boy, who was dressed as the cat, can still remember drinking the milk in the sacker. Then to conclude the concerts with: the seven boys dressed as the Dwarfs, with false faces, and played a band of which the instruments were kitchen utensils.

As I mentioned Sister Burque, the gentle sister, who was in charge of the Sewing Room, I wish to tell you that she is now the superior at Beauval Indian School, Sask.

During the Flu Epidemic one year, Rose Anna Cardinal Houle, dressed as a nurse in cap and white apron, helped Sister Loisel, take care of the sick girls.

Sister Comeau recalls very vividly how she and Sister C. Menard, with fifty boys and girls, Fr. Bouchard, Fr. Pratt and Mr. T. Tuck went to Edmonton in two trucks to see the King and Queen and the next day they took in the Sights of Edmonton, visiting the City Dairy and St. John College.

Sister Paulin still thinks of her Baker-boys, Jimmy Whiskyjack and John Peter Cardinal dressed in white caps and aprons, but she would not know them now.

Across the stage of memory many familiar faces, some now gone beyond this earth, pass as we recall these by-gone days. We remember Father Balter for his fatherly love; Sister Elizabeth Champagen, is now at Fort Rae, N.W.T. and still prays for the girls whom, I know, still lovingly remember her.

Then the boys cannot forget their teacher for so many years, Mr. Stanislaus Pitre, now deceased, also their disciplinarian, Mr. T. Tuck, who is working at Ponoda. And we must not forget the School-doctor, Dr. J.P. Decosse, who came regularly to the School for the medical care of the pupils.

Yes, dear Friends, these years have passed and gone, but I am confident that deep down in your hearts, the good advice that you received while in School, will be a shining light to guide you all down the years, and it is my prayerful wish that we may all reach "Home" ..at last.

An old timer who does not forget

Sister Catherine Costello

EXHIBITION PRIZES

We are quite pleased with the prizes we got for our Exhibition work this year.

From Calgary we got 28 1st. Prizes
32 2nd. "
21 3rd. "

From Edmonton we got 28 1st. prizes
26 2nd. "
14 3rd. "

From St-Paul we got 32 1st. Prizes
27 2nd. "
20 3rd. "

TEACHERS' CONVENTION

The Convention for the Indian School Teachers was held in Edmonton on the 12, 13 and 14th., of October. Father Principal, Sister Potvin and Sister Jeanne D'Aza from Saddle Lake, Miss Ward, Miss Walker, Miss Perkin, Miss Hugo and Miss Darimont, all went to the Convention. We had a long holiday and we enjoyed it very much. We had a picnic at Owl's Eye. But we were glad to go back to school.

Frank Noel

A PRODIGAL

MY HEART FORGOT ITS GOD FOR LOVE OF YOU
AND YOU FORGOT ME, OTHER LOVES TO LEARN
NOW THROUGH A WILDERNESS OF THORN AND RUE
BACK TO MY GOD I TURN.

AND JUST BECAUSE MY GOD FORGETS THE PAST,
AND IN FORGETTING DOES NOT ASK TO KNOW
WHY I ONCE LEFT HIS ARMS FOR YOURS, AT LAST
BACK TO MY GOD I GO.

PAULINE JOHNSON

(Flint and Feather)

MONTH OF THE ROSARY (Western Catholic)

October, month of Our Lady's Rosary, brings again into focus that wonderful devotion which should be a cherished part of the daily devotion of every Catholic.

Mary's Rosary is a fountainhead of holiness which never grows less. There we learn that holiness is not for the scattered few; that heroic deeds are not necessary for reaching the heights of spiritual perfection. Joseph labored as a carpenter. Mary performed such tasks as fall to the lot of the mothers of the poor--waiting on a simple, tired man, watching her little Son from dawn to dusk; and yet never before or since has God received such perfect homage and adoration in any sanctuary of the earth.

And millions have reached holiness through this simple yet beautiful devotion to the Rosary. For fully six centuries the Church has recommended this devotion as a means of destroying error and of obtaining relief in pressing necessities.

Ever since the days when Saint Dominic used the Rosary as a sure means of obtaining Our Lady's powerful protection against the great calamities pressing down upon the Church the Popes have been insistent in urging Catholics to practice this great devotion. From the days of the victory of the Christian armies over the Turks at Lepanto to the present hour, God's kingdom is daily being extended through Mary's intercession.

We shall never in this life ever fully understand or appreciate the wonders accomplished through the Rosary---both on a world-wide scale and in our own personal lives. The millions of Rosaries said daily by Catholics may well have averted staggering and world shaking catastrophies of which we can have no knowledge. And we can be sure that those same Rosaries have brought individual Catholics closer to holiness filling their hearts with love of Mary and her Son as they so ardently desire.

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Ni ka n'tawapamaw
Nete kitchikisikok
Ni ka nataw Marie
Nakataskeyani

Ni ka n'tawapamaw
Ni ka nakaten askiy
Ni ka pitukahik
Ni Manitom wikik.

Kitchikisikonak Ni ka n'tawapamaw.1.....



This year the band is slightly improving although we do not have all the practice we should. With Tommy Cardinal, our supervisor as leader we certainly will be ready to play pretty well for Father's feast.

We have two new band players this year, Mike Cardinal and John Shirt. We sometimes laugh at Mike Cardinal, especially when he blows his instrument so loud that his big nose certainly shines as much as his instrument itself. Well, I think he'll be one of the top players in a year or so.

Father Lyonnais very seldom comes to practice us now that he is a full time missionary at Saddle Lake.

Eric Piche
Grade VII

Good Fish

There was an "Institute" in St-Paul on Oct. 28th., so the High School pupils had no class that day. Some of them namely, Emma Jackknife, Beatrice Makokis, Therese Martin and Eliza Marie Large went with Sister Perron and Sister Morin to the mission of Good Fish Lake. Father Gagnon had just completed the inside of his new church, and the finishing touch had to be put to the cleaning. Everybody enjoyed the work and the trip.

A few weeks earlier, Sisters Morin, Lefebvre, B. Gamache and H. Craft had gone to Frog Lake to help Father Bouchard to do his cleaning. They brought sacristy clothes to mend and to wash.

M.R. White

1955 MOCCASIN TELEGRAM NEW STAFF

Editor in chief: Sister Annette Potvin
Assistant Editors: All the pupils of grades VII & VIII
Artists: Frank Noel
Rodrigue Charland
Reporters: All the pupils of the Class
Managers: Linda Houle
August Dion

SUBSCRIPTIONS

This year, we have decided to sell subscriptions for our Magazine, the Moccasin Telegram. The class nominated Hazel Dion and Jerome Woods to sell the subscriptions to the children in the school for their parents.

The subscription rates for one year are:

25¢ for Indians

50¢ for our White Brothers

Nearly 80 subscriptions have already been sold. That means that our little school journal will reach every family or all the parents of the pupils in school. We are sure that our parents will enjoy reading about the things we do here.

Hazel and Jerome will get a 10% commission on the subscriptions they sell. They have already sold for about \$10.00 each, which means that they are entitled to \$1.00.

We have used part of the money to buy envelopes to mail our magazine. We intend to use the rest to buy Prisma Colors for our Art Lessons.

Irene Cardinal
Grade VII

We are printing 275 copies each issue of the Moccasin Telegram. We are glad to exchange our magazine with other school magazines. We are also glad to send it free of charge to any Indian school or hospital.

If any reader is really interested in our work, we are also glad to send it. Simply send us your address.

OUR PARTY

At the last meeting of the Dramatics Club, we decided to have a party in our class. It was an Indian party, but we invited our Principal, Father Bernet-Rollande and Father Angin.

Our party started after Benediction at 7.30 p.m. At first we all sang "The More We Get Together." Then, we had different games such as "broom dance", "peas and straws" etc. But the game I enjoyed most was "tooth-picks and rings".

We also enjoyed the "fortune telling". It was really very comical to see the expressions on the faces of the pupils being told of their future.

During our party, we passed candies around. Hazel Dion was hostess and Jerome Woods was host. They did that not too bad.

All the other classrooms had a party too.

Louise Makokis
Grade VII

DRAMATIC CLUB

Since we are going to take Dramatics in school this year we have decided to organize a Dramatics Club.

We had our first meeting in our classroom on Oct. 19th. We had the election of the officers. Here are the results.

President: Jerome Woods
Secretary: Hazel Dion
Treasurer: August Dion
Director: Sister Annette Potvin

After the elections, Jerome took the chair in front of the class to preside over the meeting and Hazel started to write the minutes.

Several things were discussed and motions were made to improve certain things. We decided to learn a special song for our Club. We have started practicing a few songs among which we will choose the one we like best.

Linda Houle
Grade VIII

VISITORS

September 9--- Two Dominican Sisters from Saddle Lake have their supper here. They are taken around the school for a visit.

September 15--- Sister Marie Larammee and Sister Helene Desmarais arrive to day. They have come for the ordination to the Priesthood of Fr. Desmarais, brother of Sister Desmarais.

September 16--- Father D. Desmarais who was ordained at the Cathedral in St-Paul, last Sunday is here to say one of his first Masses. After breakfast, he met some of us. He also came to pay us a little visit in our classroom.

September 19--- Father Lessard, Principal of St-Anthony School in Onion Lake accompanied by three Sisters, two gentlemen and two young ladies, all teachers of his school, spend the day with us.

September 25--- Doctor Beauchemin of Calgary pays a visit to our dear Sister Superior whom he used to know while Sister Superior was a nurse at Holy Cross hospital in Calgary.

September 26--- The reverend Father Provincial is here with reverend Father Serrurot.

September 25--- Reverend Father Lessard came with Mr. Lemay from Ottawa.

October 15--- Mr. R.F. Davey Superintendent of the Indian Affairs Branch in Ottawa, with Mr. L.G.P. Waller, Regional Inspector of Indian Schools are here on business.

October 29--- We welcome to-day, our parents who are here for the Amateur Hour. Mr. Knapp is also among us. He seems to enjoy our show.

We also had the visit of our Field Nurse, Miss Richardson, several times during these past two months. But Miss Richardson comes here to work. She gives us vaccination for different kinds of sicknesses. To her, we are very grateful for her kind services.

To all the other visitors as well as to our Nurse, to wish to extend a hearty welcome.....Come again!

Irene Shurt
Grade VII

BROCKET BOYS

The Big Boys were very surprised and happy when news of the coming of three Piegan Boys from Brocket. They are here now and we like them. Their names are Floyd Smith, Jimmy Knoulton and Dennis Muggins. They and other High School pupils from here go to school in St-Paul. A special school bus takes them back and forth. They have their dinner in town at Mrs. Taschow.

We are expecting quite a bit from the Brocket boys. We are anxious to have them on our hockey team. I bet, they'll scare the White boys....they are so tall, taller than any of us, even taller than our supervisor.

We hope to have many more to keep on their studies because we, Indians, now need more education to have a better living and do good business.

Jerome Woods
Grade VIII

At COLLEGE

Alex Janvier and Charlie Woods have returned to College in North Battleford. Alex is taking his grade XII and Charlie his grade XI.

HERE

Fourteen pupils are staying here in Blue Quills and attend school in St-Paul. Two girls who took their grade nine in Red Deer last year, are taking their grade X. Seven girls and five boys are taking their grade IX. We wish them every success in their studies.

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Results of the Grade IX exams:

Irene Dion

Reading	B
Eng. Lit.	A
Eng. Lang.	A
Soc. Studies	A
Math.	A
Science	A
Music	H
Typewriting	A

Margaret Lapatak

Reading	B
Eng. Lit.	B
Eng. Lang.	A
So. Studies	B
Math.	A
Science	B
Music	A
Typewriting	A



SEPTEMBER marks a new beginning
Endless prizes for the winning
Pleasant mornings are the rule
Trudging children off to school
Early dusk, nights clear and cool
May this BIRTHDAY bring to you
Bright new joys, and promise too,
Extra measures of success,
Real content and happiness.

Date November Age

2	Mary R. White	15
7	Sylvia Cardinal	12
9	Lorraine Loth	11
10	Delia Mooswa	11
10	Lena Delver	8
10	J. Mooswa	11
14	Isabell G/Bois	14
19	Iric Large	10
20	Linda Whiskyja	12
22	Vernon Gladu	10
29	Roland Janvier	9

Date December Age

5	Louis B, Cardinal	10
5	Felix Houle	12
7	Frank Noel	14
14	Ei. Whiskyjack	12
17	Rosalie Houle	14
28	August Dion	15
29	Beatrice Makokis	10
29	Sophie Mooswa	15

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Die when I may, I want
it said of me by those
who know me best, that
I always plucked a this-
tle and planted a flow-
er where I thought a
flower would grow.

It is not the work, but the worry,
That makes the world grow old;
That numbers the years of its children
Ere half their story is told;
That weakens their faith in heaven
And the wisdom of God's great plan
Ah! tis not the work, but the worry,
That breaks the heart of man.

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Lincoln

"Face the sunshine.
You will find that the shadows always fall behind you."

TURTLE IN BLUE QUILLS

This summer, our teacher went to Ottawa where she took a few courses at the University. At the end of August she went to Montreal. While she was there, a Sister happened to catch a turtle in Lake St-Louis. This turtle was given to our teacher, who was very glad to bring all the way from Montreal so that we would see a live turtle. it

On the way, the little creature was not accepted to get a special ride in the car with the passengers. It happened however that a kind conductor helped our teacher hide the turtle in a cupboard for sometime, until the chief conductor got off the train. So with lots of difficulty, our teacher and the turtle managed to get back home in Blue Quills School.

The only drawback was that our dear little turtle was not in its own environment. We tried to make it as comfortable as possible. We put some sand in a box and a dish a water too. If it wanted, it could have been very happy, but it did not want to eat the food that we were feeding it. Sometimes Jerome Woods and Roland Mion would force it to eat pieces of apples or lettuce. The poor little turtle was getting thinner and thinner. Finally it got so thin that our teacher said that it might be better to kill it than to let it die. So we voted to see who wanted to spare his life or kill it. John Janvier said: "Don't you think that it would be acting like a traitor to have brought him all the way from Montreal and kill it now?" So we decided to keep it. We bought some turtle food and since then it has been getting along well.

We have baptized him "Sergeant". Sometimes we let him walk on the floor around the classroom. When the bell rings for recess, Sister says: "Don't forget to put Sergeant back in his headquarters, he might run away on us."

Sergeant has been of great help to all of us. In our Science, we have been taking the classification of animals. In this study, we learned about reptiles, and we found out that our little turtle is a reptile. We examined its legs to see if it had scales and it has. The turtle's head is like that of a snake. Its shell is very pretty. It has red marks on it. I suppose this is the reason why it is called a painted turtle. We have enjoyed studying about reptiles because we had a real live turtle to see.

We are very grateful to all the kind sisters who had something to do in giving us this turtle.

M. Madeleine Redorow
Grade VIII

MOCCASIN



Blue Quills
St-Paul, Alta

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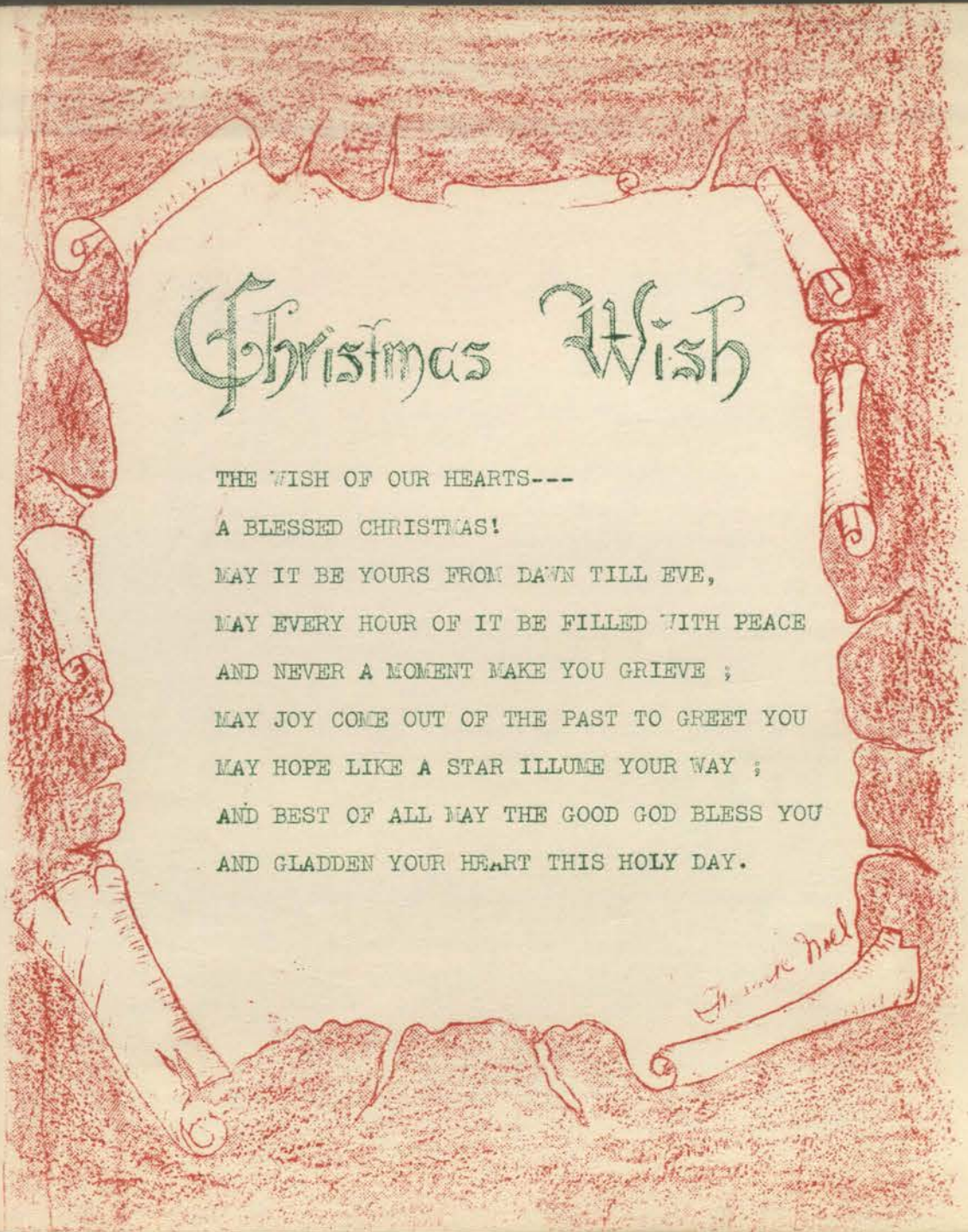
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ELEGGRAM



Christmas Wish

THE WISH OF OUR HEARTS---

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!

MAY IT BE YOURS FROM DAWN TILL EVE,

MAY EVERY HOUR OF IT BE FILLED WITH PEACE

AND NEVER A MOMENT MAKE YOU GRIEVE ;

MAY JOY COME OUT OF THE PAST TO GREET YOU

MAY HOPE LIKE A STAR ILLUME YOUR WAY ;

AND BEST OF ALL MAY THE GOOD GOD BLESS YOU

AND GLADDEN YOUR HEART THIS HOLY DAY.

Thine truly

FATHER'S WORD

Blue Quills School
December, 1955.

Dear Friends:

Christmas is the most appealing feast of the year. It reminds us of the birth of the Saviour so long awaited for, that wondrous event that changed the World. Too often the Spirit of Christmas which is truly expressed by the lovely sight of the Holy Family around the crib, has degenerated into a grotesque figure called Santa.....How far are we from the beautiful figure of the Holy Bishop Saint Nicholas famed for his generosity to the poor and his kindness to all. Fortunately there is a reaction against the ridiculous trend of a happy go lucky Santa. This year, in a big city like Edmonton, the crib and even the image of the Blessed Virgin has taken the place of the lately traditional Santa Claus in the Show Window of many department stores.

Let us follow this trend towards a more Christ-like Christmas. Let us be mindful of the place of the Saviour our Lord Jesus-Christ, not only in the feast and the Season of Christmas, but also in our lives. And with the New Year, we should all take the resolution to spend it like Christians, brothers of Christ, all children of God. This attitude will influence all the days of this year and lead us towards a more religious and charitable atmosphere, source of peace and good will.

"May the Infant Jesus, this Holy Christmastide give you priceless possessions that long will abide, His Joy that is deeper than mere happiness, and the gift of Himself to cheer and to bless the New Year.

E.B.R. Principal

Dearest Parents:

We are very happy to hear that you have received the Moccasin Telegram. We hope this one will reach you for Christmas.

Last Sunday, we had a hockey game between our Midget team and the Bonnyville Pontiacs. They won because they were bigger and older than we. This was the third game we had this season and we're hoping to win many games after Christmas.

We are always happy here in school. There are so many things to do! We are now practicing for the Christmas Concert, and we think it will be very good. We do hope you will be able to come.

We are very anxious to go home for the Christmas holidays. Are you anxious to see us too? We shall try to be good and obedient during the holidays. We shall try to help you with the work.

We are suppose to come back on January 2 nd. It will be hard to come the day after New Year's. But if we come back on time, we'll be here for the "Show." Sister is going to give a film on the 3 rd., or 4 th., of January and on the 6th., we'll have the Christmas tree.

We all join together to offer you our Season's Greetings. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May the little Jesus bless you all and give you all the graces you need to lead a good life. May He help you in all your work. May He make you happy now in this world and some day make you happier still in the "Happy Hunting Grounds."

Your loving children of B.Q.S.
by Lawrence Large
Grade VII



Yesterday, we had an exciting time dressing up for the "Ice Show" which was taking place at the rink. Everyone tried to dress the best he could, for there was a lot of competition.....prizes were to be given for the most comically dressed persons.

This masquerade for the official opening of the skating rink was greeted by all. Father Principal came to cut the ribbon tied from post to post in the doorway of the skating rink. Then we all rushed on the ice. The Sisters were there as judges to help Father decide which costumes were the best. The teachers were there also to take snap shots. Father took some pictures too.

After a lot of laughing and plenty of comments, the prizes were awarded to two boys and two girls. Floyd Smith and Teresa Martin took the first prizes while Rodrigue Lapatak and Emma Jackknife took second. Congratulations!

Floyd was dressed as a clown. Emma had made up her own suit: a boot on one foot and a skate on the other, a paper bag as a hat, ski pants with a skirt on top, a pail in her hand etc. Teresa's suit was good too. Rodrigue was in a brown paper suit which looked like a hockey player outfit.

Irene Cardinal
Grade VII



SEA CADETS

On the 8 th., of December, the Senior Boys enrolling in the Sea Cadets were full of excitement. We were starting the Sea Cadets instead of our regular Army Cadets.

The chief in Command of the Sea Cadets of the Western Division of Canada, Lieutenant John Marhiuk, gave us a long, interesting lecture on Sea Cadets. He talked to us about the formation of the Navy League of Canada, so as to staff the R.C.N. He gave us a drill book, a Sea Cadet Manual and a book illustrating how to tie knots.

Every Sea Cadet Corps must have a name and ours is Blue Quills Corps Arrowhead. We are named after the ship Arrowhead.

Next we had a film on Sea Cadets Establishments (Sea Cadets Camps) which was of course, very interesting. After the film, we had a short drill in three ranks. I had a few good laughs....some were turning to the left when they were suppose to turn to the right. But when my turn came, mind you, it was the others' turn to laugh I made the same mistake.

Hoping we'll have success in our new ventures, we shall do our very best to co-operate.

Jerome Woods
Grade VIII

MOCCASIN TELEGRAM

I'd say our Moccasin Telegram is interesting
And every year it's always improving
But first, the main thing is that
The reporters are always very glad
To write compositions for our magazine
And our artists like to draw the scenes
Which the editor gladly accepts
Though everything be not perfect.

Irene Cardinal Gr. VII

O. M. I.

EDMONTON, ALBERTA



FATHER RENAUD

During the first days of November Father Renaud came from Ottawa to visit us.

Father Renaud is not a complete stranger. We often meet him in the Indian Missionary Record, and read his interesting letters to the Indian boys and girls across Canada.

This priest is not very tall, but he is handsome. He is also full of jokes but he is serious when it is time to be. He came here on duty. He came to give us several kinds of tests. These tests were taken back to Ottawa. Father said he would keep them as souvenirs. We do not know the marks we got. We were just told that we had done well enough.

We are grateful for the interest Father Renaud has shown us.

Freddie Minoose
Grade VII

MR. WALLER

Mr. Waller has spent a few days with us at the beginning of November. He visited the classrooms of the new teachers. We were very glad to have him in our class for a friendly visit. He gave us a good speech. He said: "To live well and happy you don't have to be poor. There are many jobs that you can do for which you could get good wages." He told us many other interesting things. We were glad to hear him speak to us about our future life, so that we may get ready for it.

Irene Shirt
Grade VII

Former Teacher

Miss Caouette who used to teach here two years ago, came to visit our teacher, Sister Potvin. Miss Caouette has spent almost a week here but she was not idle; she was kind enough to help type many copies and repair over sixty books of the library....with a cheerful smile.

Louise Makokis

TONSIL OPERATION

About twenty-one pupils were operated for their tonsils this year and although I'm a big boy I had to get my tonsils removed just like the little ones.

It was a nice sunny afternoon when Father Principal took us to the hospital at St-Paul. In the car were Cleophas McGilvery, Prosper Delver and myself. While we were on the way, we asked many questions.

"How long are we going to stay in the hospital?"

"Is it going to hurt?"

"How are we going to be operated?"

I'd often say: "Have patience gang!" I guess I considered myself a little braver than the others.

On Monday morning we were expecting a delicious breakfast, but unfortunately there wasn't any for us. I guess it was because we were to have our tonsils out. As I was relaxing on my bed, I heard my name. I looked up and there I saw the nurse standing and a wheel chair was beside her. I stared at her with astonishment, wondering why she had a wheel chair. She smiled sweetly and said, "Ready for your operation?" I jumped off the bed and hopped into the wheel chair....and away we went to the operating room.

It was just like seeing the dentist. I was not put to sleep but my throat was frozen.

"Ready" the doctor said. I opened my mouth wide just as I do when I cheer for our hockey team. In a second my tonsils were taken out one after another. "Finish", the doctor said. When I was about to go out of the room, I turned to have a nice last look at my tonsils. From far they looked like two new born rats.

Alfred John
Grade VII

PICTURE SHOWS

This term we had several good shows, "The Corsican Brothers, Tunder Bay, Home Sweet Homicide and The Fireball." In my opinion Fireball was really the best. In this film we learned a lesson..that it doesn't pay to be selfish; co-operation makes you happy.

Norris McGilvery
Grade VIII



THANKS TO MISS PERKIN'S CAR THE BOYS ARE GETTING STRONG!
and.....MISS WARD AND MISS Walker have been yawning lately
DUE TO THE SHOVELING OF..... ASHES UNDER THE CAR'S WHEELS
QUITE LATE AT NIGHT.

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Changes in Staff

Sister F. Morin has left us to go to Brocket Indian Res. School. She is replaced by Sister A. Corriveau. Sister Cecile Leduc has also left us for St-Albert, and is replaced by Sister B. Bourget. To those who have left we offer our sincere gratitude for all they have done in this school and offer them also our best wishes. To those who have come a hearty welcome.

Charlie Cardinal

BLIZZARD

On December 12 we had a terrible blizzard...something I had never seen before. The winds blew and blew until the snow was piled up in high banks all the way to St-Paul. The roads were blocked for several days and the High-School pupils had to stay here. John Janvier came in our classroom and Sister made him teach. He really is very good at teaching, he acted like a real teacher. We hope that some day he might take his training and become a real teacher.

This blizzard brought with it very cold weather. We had to spent many hours shovelling snow.

Rodrigue Charland

SPORTS

Hockey Intramural

<u>Teams</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Winners</u>
B.Q.S. vs. St-Paul Bantams	Dec.7	6-4	B.Q.S.
B.Q.S. vs St-Paul Bantams	Dec.10	6-2	B.Q.S.
B.Q.S. vs. Bonnyville Midgets	Dec.11	6-2	Bonnyville
B.Q.S. vs. Bonnyville Midgets	Dec. 18	6-6

HOCKEY AT BONNYVILLE

On Sunday, at 4.30p.m. we put on our hockey uniforms in a jiffy. We were going to tackle the Bonnyville Juniors. We got at Bonnyville, around 6.30 and the game started soon after. In the beginning of the first period, Wilfred Large scooped in the first goal, which was followed by two others put in by Alex Whiskyjack and Rolland Dion. Then the Bonnyville boys shot in 3 goals and got one penalty.

During the second period, Bonnyville had another penalty. Alex W. added in two more goals. John Janvier got into a rough and tough tumble with his team mate Billy Shirt. They were both just about knocked out. John couldn't get up right away and was just crawling on the ice. The score of the second period was 5-3 for B.Q.S.

The third period was the most thrilling and exciting part of the game. We let Bob Dion, who wasn't on skates very much, play defence with Floyd Smith. While getting on the ice, he had a real hard fall near the gate. He got up and started racing for our home zone and he bumped against an opponent. He was going round and round on the same spot, standing on one leg and

the other leg dangling in the air. While he was in this position, Father Principal snapped his picture, and then said: "Don't take a chance with this guy, you'll loose the game." So all the team started to call Bob off the ice. Then Alex slashed in another goal. James Knowlton unfortunately made a goal for our opponents. A few minutes later, Bonnyville made another goal which tied the score 6-6.

After the game, we had lunch at the Hotel and then came back home quite late. Here we had another lunch of cocoa and sandwiches, before kissing our pillows.

Jerome Woods
Grade VIII

Uniforms

This year we were very fortunate to get new uniforms for the hockey games. The sweaters are a grayish color with some red stripes on the edges of the sleeves and collar. The socks are blue with some orange stripes on them. On the front of the sweaters there is the B.Q.S. crest and on the back a big number which has been sewn by Sister Gamache.

We also have new "home made" goaler pads, which were made by our kind supervisor Thomas Cardinal.

Some boys bought some crests as those on our sweaters to put on their jackets. How lucky we are to get free uniforms and other equipment.

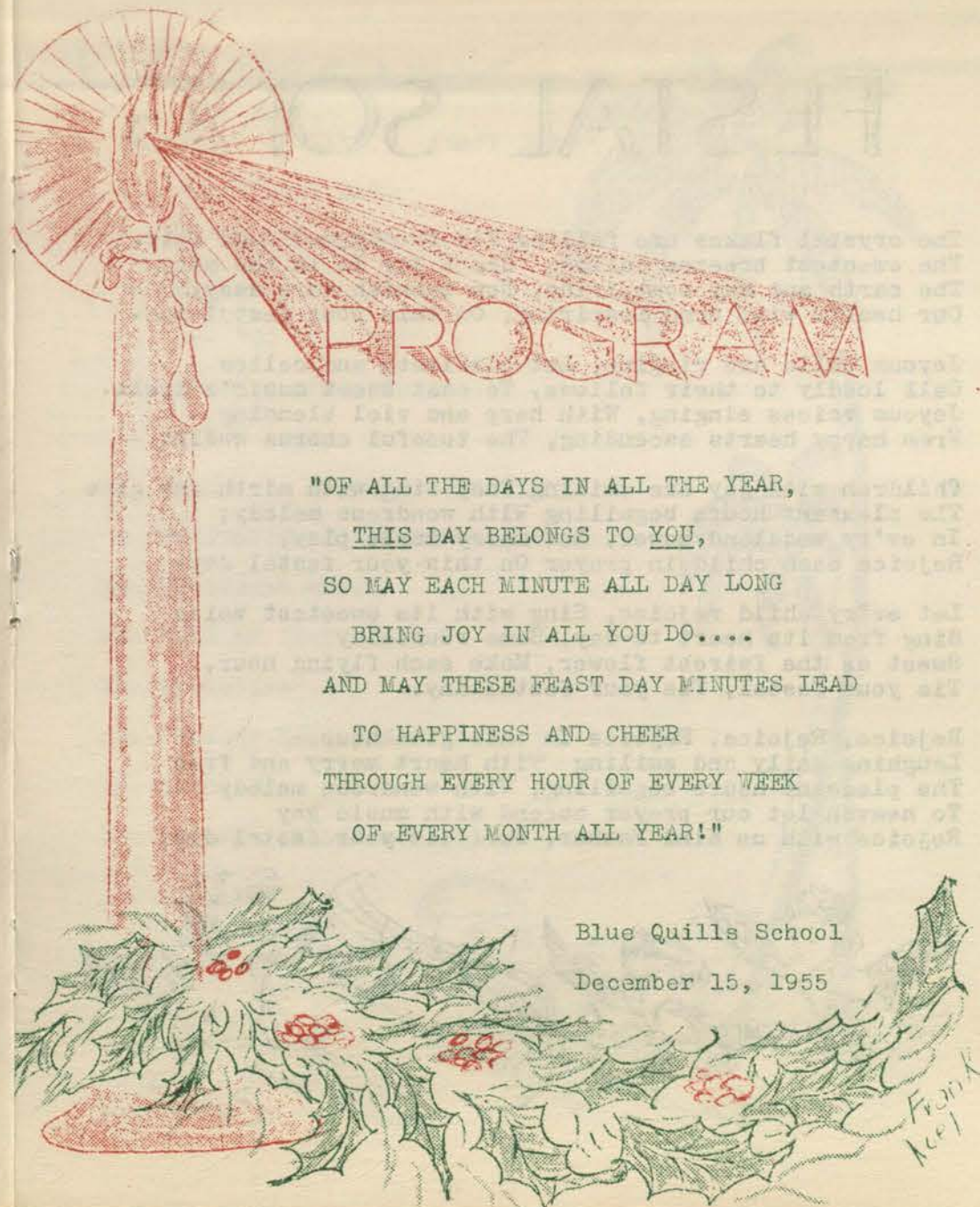
Wilfred Large
Grade VII

BASKETBALL

On Sunday we had an exciting basket ball game. The girls came over to the gym to play basket ball. Altogether there were about four teams because the boys also organized two teams, the Rough Riders were indeed rough and tough.

The champs were the Blue Bonnets.....girls of course. We hope the girls will come again to play with us.

Frank Noel
Grade VII



"OF ALL THE DAYS IN ALL THE YEAR,

THIS DAY BELONGS TO YOU,

SO MAY EACH MINUTE ALL DAY LONG

BRING JOY IN ALL YOU DO....

AND MAY THESE FEAST DAY MINUTES LEAD

TO HAPPINESS AND CHEER

THROUGH EVERY HOUR OF EVERY WEEK

OF EVERY MONTH ALL YEAR!"

Blue Quills School

December 15, 1955

Frank Noel

FESTAL SONG

The crystal flakes are falling Tis frosty, cool and fair,
The sweetest breezes calling Great joy is in the air.
The earth and sky conspiring, Now bannish care away,
Our hearts with song inspiring, On this your festal day.

Joyous bells are ringing, Let clarinets and cellos
Call loudly to their fellows, To cast sweet music's spell.
Joyous voices singing, With harp and viol blending
From happy hearts ascending, The tuneful chorus swell.

Children with joy are smiling They sing with mirth and glee
The pleasant hours beguiling With wondrous melody;
In ev'ry woddland bower, Let merry music play,
Rejoice each child in prayer On this your festal day.

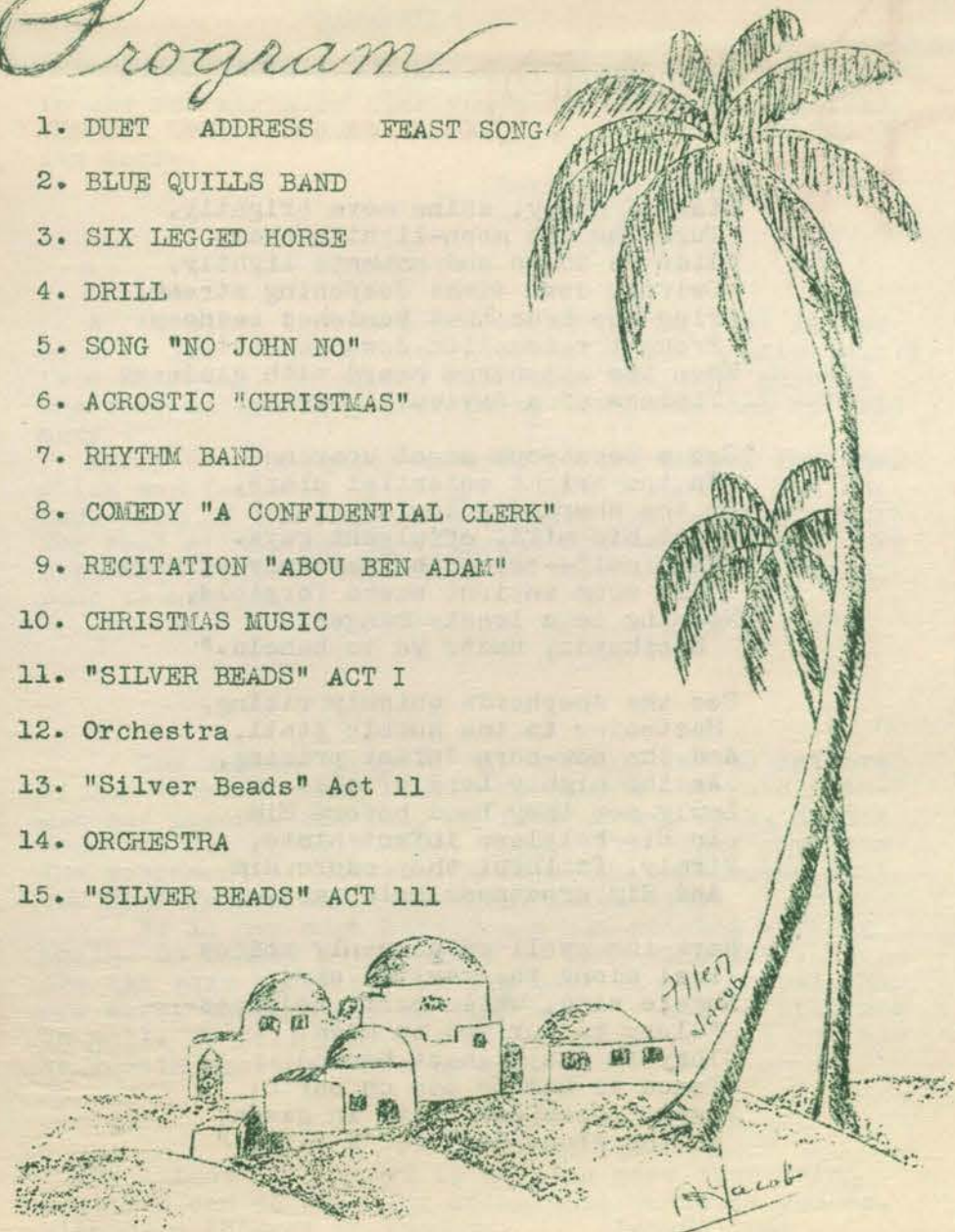
Let ev'ry child rejoice, Sing with its sweetest voice
Sing from its heart to-day, Some roundelay
Sweet as the fairest flower, Make each flying hour,
Tis your festal, Tis your festal day.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Rejoice In this glad hour
Laughing gaily and smiling With heart merry and free
The pleasant hours beguiling, With wondrous melody
To heaven let our prayer ascend with music gay
Rejoice with us Kind Father, For 'tis your festal day.



Program

1. DUET ADDRESS FEAST SONG
2. BLUE QUILLS BAND
3. SIX LEGGED HORSE
4. DRILL
5. SONG "NO JOHN NO"
6. ACROSTIC "CHRISTMAS"
7. RHYTHM BAND
8. COMEDY "A CONFIDENTIAL CLERK"
9. RECITATION "ABOU BEN ADAM"
10. CHRISTMAS MUSIC
11. "SILVER BEADS" ACT I
12. Orchestra
13. "Silver Beads" Act II
14. ORCHESTRA
15. "SILVER BEADS" ACT III





OF GLORY SHINE MORE BRIGHTLY

Star of glory, shine more brightly,
Purer be the moon-light's beam,
Glide ye hours and moments lightly,
Swiftly down times deepening stream,
Bring the hour that banished sadness
Brought redemption down to earth,
When the shepherds heard with gladness
Tidings of a Saviour's birth.

See a beauteous angel soaring
In the bright celestial blaze,
On the shepherds low adoring
Rest his mild, effulgent rays.
"Fear not"--cries the heavenly stranger
"Him whom ancient seers foretold,
Weeping in a lonely manger,
Shepherds, haste ye to behold."

See the shepherds quickly rising,
Hastening to the humble stall,
And the new-born Infant prizing,
As the mighty Lord of all.
Lowly now they bend before Him
In His helpless infant state,
Firmly, faithful they adore Him
And His greatness celebrate.

Hark the swell of heavenly voices
Peal along the vaulted sky;
Angels sing, while earth rejoices---
"Glory to our God on high;
Glory in the highest heaven,
Peace to humble men on earth;
Joy to these and bliss is given,
In the great Redeemer's birth."

"FAREWELL"

"Farewell" to our old school truck which had been in use for eight or nine years. We always recognised the old truck because the B.Q.S. crest was painted on its doors.

Dennis Cardinal
Grade VII

RETREAT

A few weeks ago we had a wonderful retreat in our school. The preacher was reverend Father Fournier, o.m.i. from Edmonton. He surely can speak well. We enjoyed the very interesting stories he told us...and he told many.

Early every morning we went to the chapel for Mass which was followed by a sermon. At 7 p.m. we had Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and another sermon. The rest of the day we followed our usual routine. We hope this retreat will help to keep us on the right road to heaven.

Robert Dion
Grade VII

ILLNESS

One morning while I was working in the Fathers' dining room, I asked Sister Corriveau why Father Angin was absent. She told me that he was sick. He has been ill for several days. Father Principal gave him the sacrament of Extreme Onction. So that means that our dear Father Angin has been quite sick.

He is now much better and has started working again. On Sunday he was able to sing High Mass. We are all very happy to see him back in the Chapel. We are sorry that he was so sick and we hope he will now be well. We will pray for him so that he will be able to remain healthy for many more years.

Mary Rose White
Grade VIII

"The talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can do well, and doing well whatever you do, without a thought of success. (Longfellow)

CONCERT

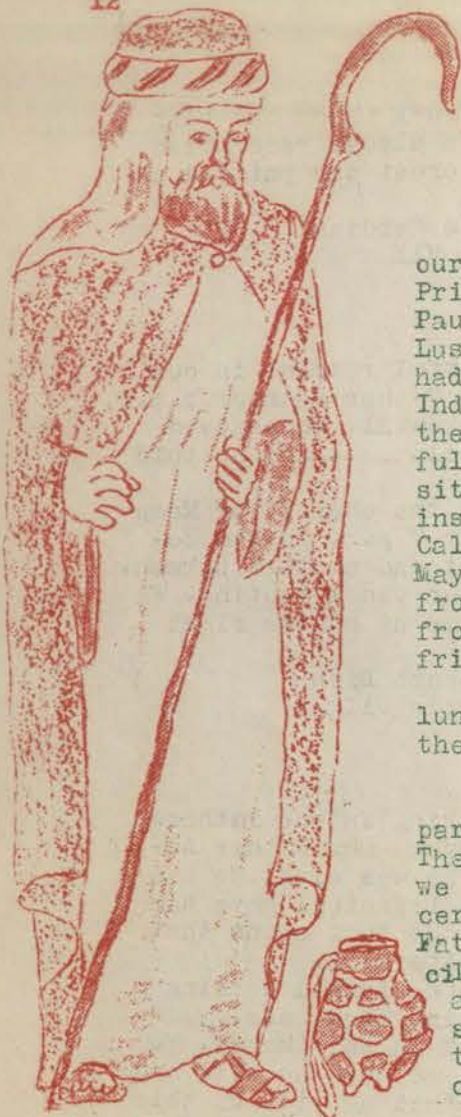
On the 15 th., of December, we had our Concert in honour of our dear Father Principal. Over eighty guests from St-Paul were present. His Excellency Mgr. P. Lussier came for supper only because he had to leave for Montreal that night. Our Indian Agent, Mr. Knapp was present for the Concert after which he gave a wonderful speech. Many other distinguished visitors such as Mr. Racette the Division inspector, Mr. Albinson, Engineer from Calgary, the doctors from St-Paul, the Mayor of the same town, all the Fathers from the different missions, the Sisters from the hospital and numerous other kind friends of the School.

After the concert, the guests had lunch served by the High School girls in the children's dining room.

On the 17th it was the turn of our parents to come and attend our concert. The acting was not so good this time, but we liked it just the same. After the concert we had a speech by Father Principal, Father Lyonnais and by Mrs. Houle, a councillor of the Saddle Lake Reserve. We were all very glad to hear one of our own speak to us in this manner. She said that all the parents would back up their children in their education.

Linda Houle had the privilege of reading the address for Father Principal. We all join her to tell Father that we mean everything that was said to him in this address. May He live with us many more years.

Rosalie Houle
Grade VII



SPIRITUAL BOUQUET

This year we had a beautiful "Spiritual Bouquet" to offer to Father Principal. It was all Indian, and it was very precious because it had been made by the pupils: Frank Noel had one the design and Joyce Matchatis, the writing.

Father Principal was very pleased with it.

Hazel Dion

PIANO TUNER

A piano tuner came all the way from Edmonton to tune the piano on the Sisters' floor and the one in the gym.

RECORDING

When Father Rheaume came for the concert, he took some recordings of the different numbers of the program. He also took some recordings of some cowboy songs by the girls in the room as well as some cress hymns under the direction of Sister Comeau with Sister Corriveau at the organ.

Irene Cardinal

THE SILVER BEADS

This story of our play took place in Bethlehem about 2000 years ago at the time when the people were expecting the coming of the Messiah who, they thought, would be a great conqueror. Some children managed to slip to their secret meeting place in a cave near the town of Bethlehem in order to make plans to help the one who was hiding in the hills Tholmai who was supposed to be the Messiah. One night, as the children were going to Tholmai's hide-out they stopped to talk with some shepherds. Just then the angels appeared to tell about the birth of the real Messiah. The children did as the angels had said and found the baby Jesus in the very cave where they had been meeting. The silver beads which Debora was just about to give to Tholmai were given to the Blessed Mother.

Linda Houle, Grade VIII

DECORATING THE STAGE

This year on account of our play the "Silver Beads", a story which took place in Palestine about 2000 years ago, we had to find a way of representing the scenery of that country. Some High School pupils, namely John Janvier, Beatrice Makokis, Margaret Lapatak, Veronique Cardinal and Allen Jacob helped Sister Potvin paint the "screens" for a background. In order to make it look like Palestine, they painted palm trees, rolling hills and they also pasted many little stars on the screen. It looked like a real night sky.

It didn't take them long to do that beautiful painting, although Allen Jacob was working with one hand in his pocket.....he finally got fired!

After the painting was done, they fixed up the cave. Painted brown paper was used to make the cave and was pinned in such a way that it looked like a rough rock cave just like the one in Bethlehem. Everything was so real that the people marvelled, and everyone thinks that this concert is about the best one we ever had here.

Madeleine Redcrow
Grade VIII

TELEVISION

To introduce the sixteen actors of our main play "The Silver Beads" we invented some kind of "Television". Each character appeared in turn on the screen while the narrator gave a few details about the role of each in the play.

Samual certainly looked as if he were a real rebel, but the funniest was Gordon Youngchief.

Gordon also showed his ability in the Blue Quills Orchestra.....his loud whoop certainly made every body laugh.

Louise Makokis



SOUVENIRS

MOVING DAY

Nest year, on December 7, 1956, will be the 25th anniversary of the transfer of the Indian Saddle Lake Residential School to its present site, three and a half miles from the town of St-Paul. The Indian Affairs Branch of the Federal Government of Ottawa built this new school on 640 acres of land.

In anticipation of this Silver Jubilee, it is well to remind our Readers of the amount of work, anxiety and planning which was involved in this changing of location.

To form a mental picture of the bouleversement or disorder, we must remember that it was not only a question of the Staff and pupils but of all the movable property which had to be transported.

Indoors, the Sisters and older girls packed and labelled in big boxes, school-room books and equipment; the contents of the kitchen; the drugs from the Pharmacy; vestments and material from the Sacristy, even the altar, bedding, clothing and some furniture. Out of doors, the Principal, men and bigger boys had to convey the live stock: horses, cattle and pigs, farming implements and machinery, and even sheds, as on the new farm there were not any barns built until some time later.

To help in the transportation of the above mentioned, the Principal made a bargain with the Indians. As he did not have any money, he offered to pay them with pieces of furniture, such as chairs, tables, old beds, benches, cupboards and doors. It took about thirty loads, on wagons or sleighs, for this moving.

An incident to recall in the distribution of the furniture. One Indian arrived too late and there was only the kitchen range left. He decided to take it, but all wondered what he could do with it.



Finally, on the 7th of December, 1931, in a temperature of 30 degrees below zero, the final departure took place. Some of the Indian parents in nine sleighs drove the pupils while the Principal, Sisters and nine pupils embarked in the truck, already loaded to its capacity with mattresses and clothing. At last, at 1.30 p.m. all had arrived in the New School. Then the Sisters and older girls started to clean and fix up the children's dining-room. About five o'clock, the Principal went down stairs but he was very surprised to see all the girls, white from head to foot, looking like old women, owing to the dust from the cement floors.

On the next day, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the first Holy Mass was celebrated in Our School. Jesus, Our Lord and Master, had come to live in our midst, and to make this large brick building, a HOME for all of us.

Father Joseph Angin, O.M.I.
Bursar of B.Q.S.

To conclude this memorable event of "Moving Day" it is fitting that we give the names of the Staff on December 7, 1931 and we know that the pupils who were transferred to B.Q.S. will appreciate that we do so.

PIONEER STAFF OF BLUE QUILLS SCHOOL:

Reverend Father J. Angin	Principal
Reverend Brother Lacroix	Boys' Supervisor
Sister Gosselin	Superior
Sister C. Breske	Nurse, Sacristan, Organist
Sister C. Menard	Teacher, and Assistant Girls' Supervisor
Sister L. Beaulieu	Assistant Boys' Supervisor
Sister Aldea Gagnon	Teacher
Sister Alice Loiselle	Girls' Supervisor
Sister I. Thibert	Cook, Baker
Mr. Hormidas Lord	Engineer, Carpenter
Mr. Alphonse Lord	Farmer



Date	January	Date	February
3	M. Cryer	1	Doris Makokia
6	John Janvier	2	Violet Loth
10	N. Cardinal	2	Alex Shirt
15	Lucy Piche	13	M.R. John
16	R. Lapatak	13	Rodrigue Charland
18	A. Charland	15	E. Cardinal
24	N. Scanie	23	L. Cardinal
26	M. Badger	26	Wilfred Large
27	C. Martial	27	L. Shirt

A NEW TALENT

A grade VII pupil is showing (at least in our opinion) a talent for poetry. Irene is 12 years of age and uses much of her spare time writing poems for her teacher who encourages her. No correction has been made; we know it isn't perfect but it is the child's own work.

THE WONDER SNOW

Did you ever wonder why the snow is white
Or even why it always seems so bright?
I'll tell you how the snow-flakes all
Down to earth from winter's call
The snow-flakes look like brilliant stars
Although the stars in the sky aren't spars
But snow-flakes like to box each other's ears
While they tumble down every year.

Irene Cardinal



Grade 1

Many pupils have been in the hospital to have their tonsils removed.

Grade 11

I am in Grade 11. Miss Hugo was my teacher but she is gone away and now we have a Sister. Celina Minoose is sick in the hospital. I know how to skate but I fall and bump my head.

Margaret Shirt

Grade 111

(Statements made by the pupils)

Miss Perkin's car is always getting stuck in the snow. We are having a Nativity Play in our classroom. Ned Mamenook, Edward White and Ronald Janvier wrote to a little boy in England who wanted a pen-friend.

Grade V & VI

Gordon Youngchief decided to act tough the other day. He went out skating, ---and my, oh my, he surely looked funny when he came in. Do you know what he did? He went out with a summer cap on---imagine that(I suppose he was acting like a Whiteman). Soon his ears began to get bigger, until they were about an extra inch thick. The lesson is that it doesn't pay to act tough.

R.A. Dion, R. Lapatak, J. Mooswa



Wedding Bells

Some time ago, Mary Cecile Mooswa, a former pupil and who is presently supervisor of the junior girls here, took Charlie Metchawies as her lawful husband.

The wedding reception was held at LeGoff and was administered by our Principal, Father E. Bernet-Rollande who presided the banquet and gave to the Bride a beautiful six-piece silverware set as a wedding gift.

The bride was led out of church by her husband. A fluffy white cloud about her face made her very pretty. Her two wedding cakes, one of which had been made here in B.Q. School, were beautiful. After dinner, one of her white shoes, was auctioned, the money being handed back to her. Our congratulations and best wishes go to the happy couple.

Margaret Lapatak
Grade K

Saddle Lake

On November 25 th., Eva Redcrow a former pupil of B.Q.S. got married with Clarence Cardinal. Lena Cardinal and Johnny Cardinal were the witnesses.

The ceremony took place at the Sacred Heart Church in Saddle Lake. After the wedding, we had dinner and supper at Mr. L.Cardinal, the groom's father. Many guests were present. Reverend Father Lyonais presided. We enjoyed the delicious dinner and especially the wedding cake which had been made by Sister Huubise and S. Cardinal.

Rosie Charland, another former pupil got married this fall with Harry Martial. They are living at LeGoff. Our good wishes for a long and happy life.

Madeleine Redcrow
Grade VIII



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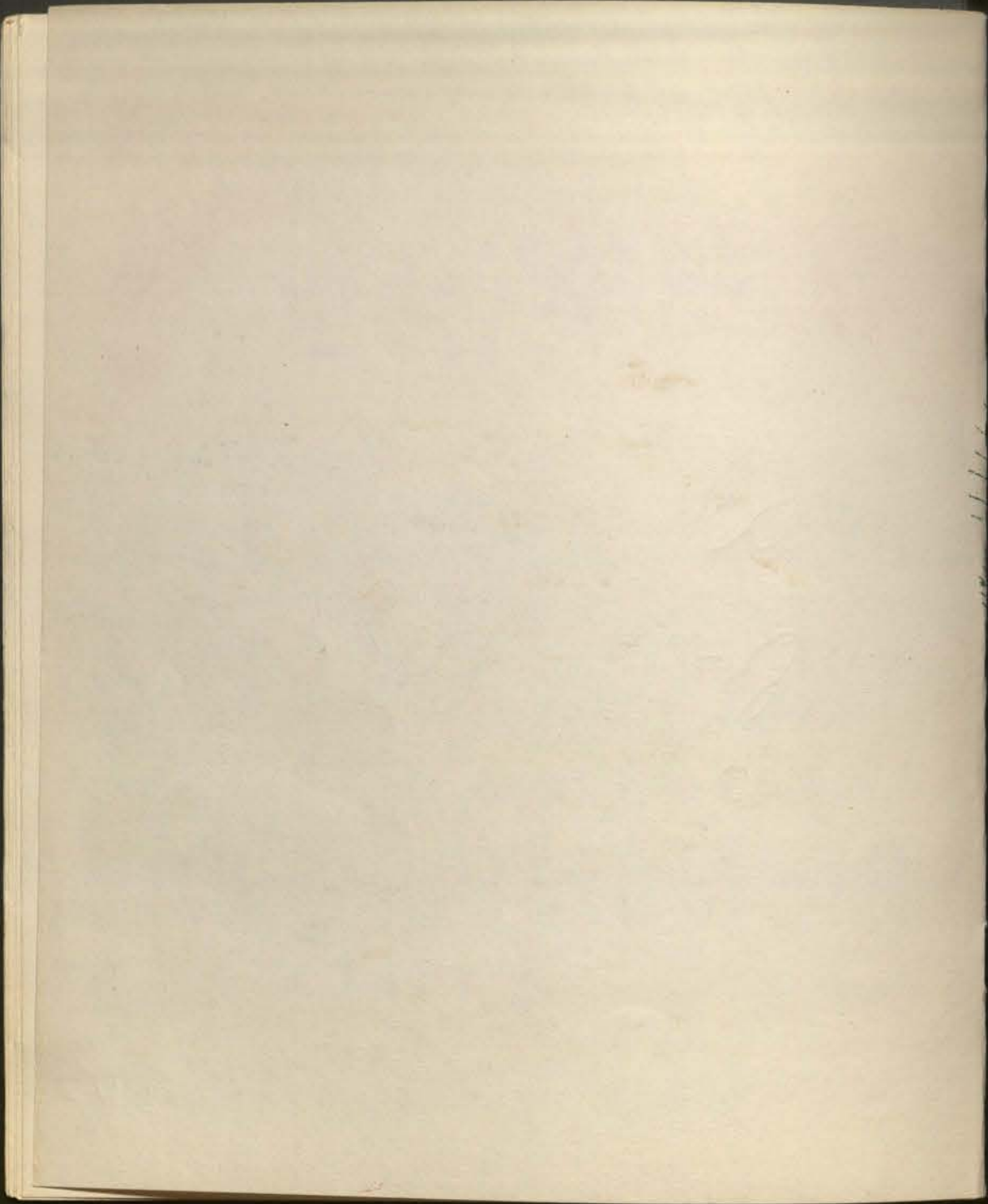
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1. Why does Father Principal read the letters sent out or received by the children?
 -- Not for mere curiosity, but to check the content, and in so doing, avoid trouble that may arise from certain letters to certain persons...Just as a vigilant father should check his children's relations.

 2. When did the Moccasin Telegram start?
 -- It started in 1937. Sister Catherine Costello was the editor. for five consecutive years. When Sister C. Costello left Blue Quills, the Moccasin Telegram took a nap. It slept for six years until Sister Potvin woke it up in 1948. Father Lessard was the editor in 1950; Father Lyonais in 1951 and Sister Houle in 1952. Finally Sister An. Potvin came back in 1953 and has been the editor since. In 1949, Sister Poirier and Sister A. Sutherland were the editors. During the first reign of the M.T. Father J. Balter was Principal and during the second, Father E. Bernet-Rollande is the Principal.

 3. Where did St-Peter die? In Rome, on Vatican Hill.

 4. Why is this school called Blue Quills?
 -- Because when the school was built, the Saddle Lake's chief was called Blue Quills.

 5. Who were the first missionaries at LeGoff?
 -- Father Emile Petitot at Angling Lake, 6 miles south of LeGoff. Later Father Laurent Le Foff replaced him.



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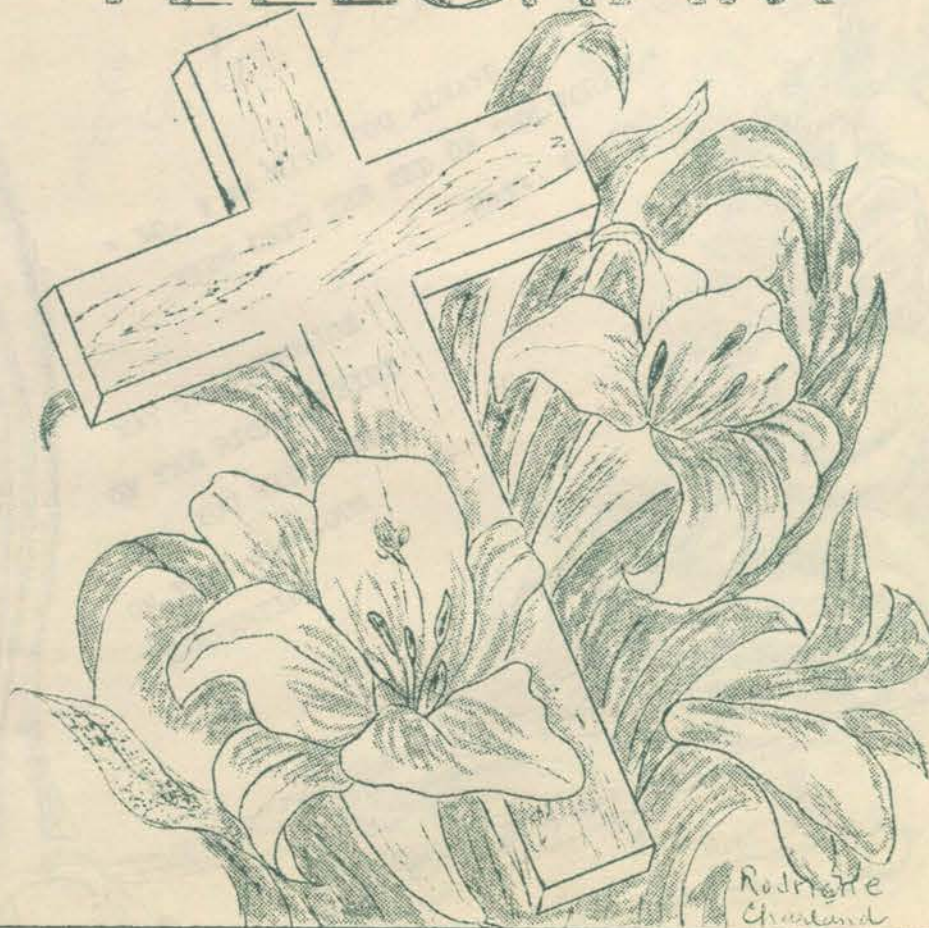
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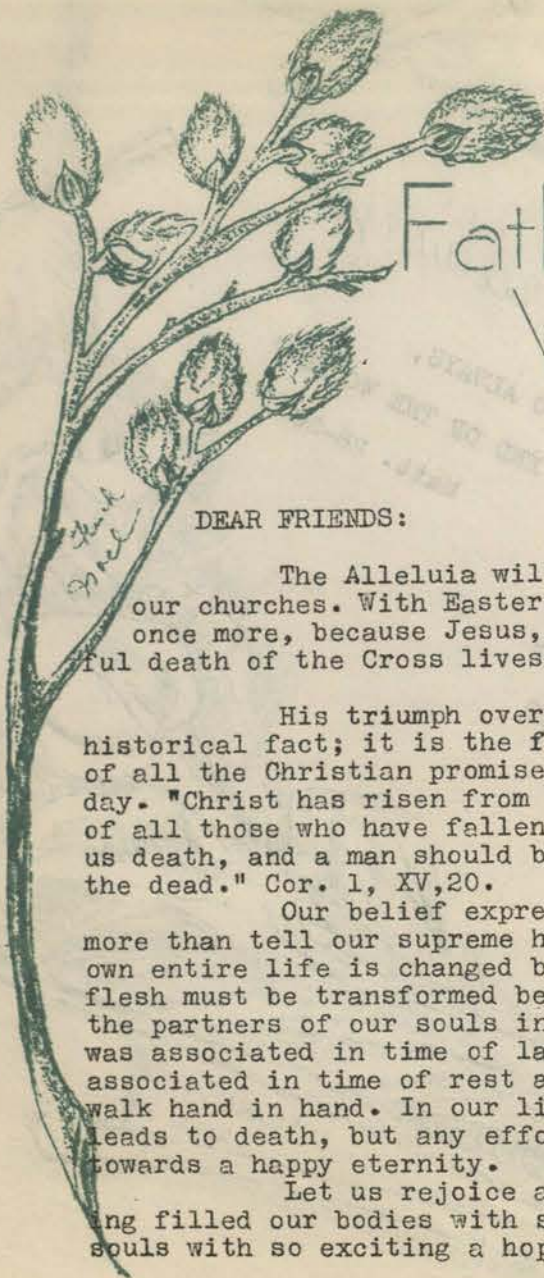
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Easter Greetings

"LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS,
EVEN UNTO THE END OF THE WORLD."
Matt. 28-20

MAY THIS PROMISE
OF THE RISEN CHRIST
FILL YOU WITH CHEER
ON THIS GLORIOUS
EASTERTIDE.

FRANK
NOEL



Father's Word

DEAR FRIENDS:

The Alleluia will be once more resounding in our churches. With Easter, joy will fill our hearts once more, because Jesus, the Savior, after the awful death of the Cross lives again.

His triumph over death is more than a mere historical fact; it is the fulfilment of the highest of all the Christian promises, it is the dawn of a new day. "Christ has risen from the dead, the first fruits of all those who have fallen asleep; a man had brought us death, and a man should bring us resurrection from the dead." Cor. 1, XV, 20.

Our belief expressed on Easter Sunday does more than tell our supreme hope in everlasting life; our own entire life is changed by it. Our outlook on the flesh must be transformed because our bodies are to be the partners of our souls in the eternal glory. What was associated in time of labor and pain shall be also associated in time of rest and reward. Sin and death walk hand in hand. In our lives whatever leads to sin leads to death, but any effort towards good is a step towards a happy eternity.

Let us rejoice and thank the Lord for having filled our bodies with so great a dignity and our souls with so exciting a hope.

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

Blue Quills School
St-Paul, Alberta
March 27, 1956.

Dear Parents:

You may think that you have missed the issue of the Moccasin Telegram in February. This is not so....for we haven't publish any M. T. since Christmas. Time flies so fast that we simply did not find time to do so.

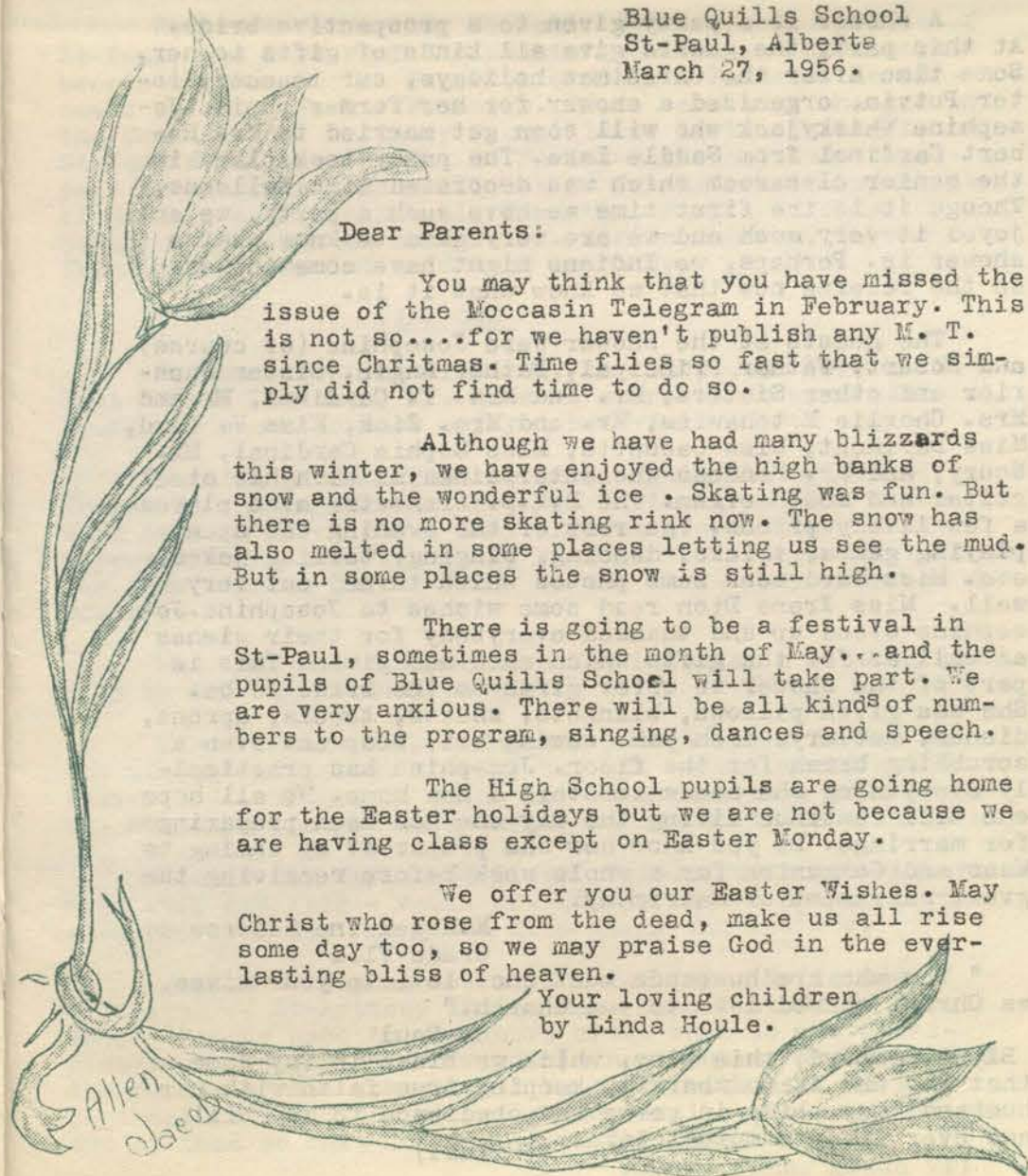
Although we have had many blizzards this winter, we have enjoyed the high banks of snow and the wonderful ice. Skating was fun. But there is no more skating rink now. The snow has also melted in some places letting us see the mud. But in some places the snow is still high.

There is going to be a festival in St-Paul, sometimes in the month of May...and the pupils of Blue Quills School will take part. We are very anxious. There will be all kind^s of numbers to the program, singing, dances and speech.

The High School pupils are going home for the Easter holidays but we are not because we are having class except on Easter Monday.

We offer you our Easter Wishes. May Christ who rose from the dead, make us all rise some day too, so we may praise God in the everlasting bliss of heaven.

Your loving children
by Linda Houle.



A SHOWER AT SCHOOL

A shower is a party given to a prospective bride. At this party the guests give all kinds of gifts to her. Some time after the Christmas holidays, our teacher, Sister Potvin, organized a shower for her former pupil, Josephine Whiskyjack who will soon get married to Mr. Robert Cardinal from Saddle Lake. The party took place in the senior classroom which was decorated with balloons. Though it is the first time we have such a party, we enjoyed it very much and we are very glad to know what a shower is. Perhaps, we Indians might have some showers on the reserve now that we know what it is.

The guests at the shower were Josephine (of course) and Robert, Father Principal, Father Engin, Sister Superior and other Sisters, Mr. and Mrs. T. Cardinal, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Matchawies, Mr. and Mrs. Ziak, Miss V. Ward, Miss Darimont, Miss Caouette, Miss Sophie Cardinal, Mr. Noury, and Mr. Rondeau who entertained us with his steel guitar and mouth organ. The B.C.S. orchestra also played a few lively pieces. The rest of the evening was spent playing games, tricks, dancing, singing, telling jokes, etc. Miss Ward took some photos which turned out very well. Miss Irene Dion read some wishes to Josephine. Josephine stood up and thanked everybody for their wishes as well as for the gifts which each had given. This is part of the shower to offer gifts to the bride to be. She was given pillows, blankets, sheets, towels, aprons, dishes, cutlery, dish pan, sewing kit, soap and even a scrubbing brush for the floor. Josephine has practically everything she needs to start a new home. We all hope she will continue living the way she has been preparing for marriage. Do you know how she prepared? By coming to Mass and Communion for a whole week before receiving the great sacrament of Matrimony.

M. Madeleine Redcrow
Grade VIII

"You who are husbands must show love to your wives, as Christ showed love to the Church."

St-Paul

"Bless, O Lord, this ring, which we bless in Thy Name, that she who is to wear it, keeping true faith with her husband, may abide in peace and obedience to Thy Will, and ever live in mutual love. (Ritual)

New PROVINCIAL

Reverend Father Guy Michaud, former parish priest of St-Paul, and Pastor of St-Joachim's church in Edmonton, has been named Provincial Superior of Oblate Fathers. He succeeds reverend Father Fournier. There were some changes in the Council too. Ordinary Councillors: 1. Fr. Thibault, of St-John's College, 2. Fr. E. Bernet-Rollande, our Principal. Extraordinary Councillors: 1. Fr. Lafrance, Principal of St-Mary's Indian School, Cardston, 2. Fr. Patoine, from Edmonton. Provincial Bursar: Fr. Adrien Charron, former Principal of the Indian School in Cluny.

VISITORS

At the beginning of March, the inspector for the St-Paul School Division, Mr. Racette spent three days with us. Everybody seems to have enjoyed his visit.

Forming a Commission to investigate the system of Indian Education, Mr. Waller, Dr. Filteau and Dr. Brown were here on March 20th. They arrived around 5 p.m. had supper with Father Principal, visited the school and left the same evening for St-Paul. On the 21st. they returned to Edmonton.

Mr. Knapp, our Superintendent attended a meeting here held by the High School pupils.

Miss Broderick from Calgary just dropped in one day. She stayed only about an hour but she took time to see Rosalind YellowWings, F. Smith and James Knowlton from Brock-et. She also brought us a larger screen to trade with ours.

Sister Ste Marie and Sister Tetreault from St-Albert were here for over a week. Sr. Ste Marie has spent thirty-nine years of her religious life among the Indians.

Father S. Gagnon was here a few days. He is now Principal of St-Anthony Indian Res. School at Onion Lake. Father Gagnon used to come here often when he was a missionary at Good Fish. We miss him now, but we are sure that the pupils of his school will be happy with him. He is replaced at Good Fish by Father Martorella. We pray for the two of them so that God may bless their work.

Alfred John, grade VII

OUR HOLY FATHER

PIUS XII

This year we had a very special intention for our Holy Father in our daily prayers. We even made a novena for him, because it was his eightieth birthday.

Though eighty, the pope is still straight and alert. He is a great man with wisdom and knowledge, but he needs a lot of prayers. He has many hard problems to solve. Let us stop a minute and think of all the good he has done to so many nationalities of the universal Church. Why could we not in turn help him with our short prayers? Prayers mean a lot to him. He is taking the place of Christ on earth.

Perhaps too, you and I would like to see him personally, to meet his kind and deep eyes. However it is quite certain that we will never have this chance. But at least we might know someone who has seen him and talked with him. Two years ago, our Principal had the great privilege of seeing the Holy Father, during his stay in Rome. He brought back to us special blessings from Him.

Besides the novena which we did for the Pope, we had a display of many of his pictures in the gym where everybody could see them. We also had a film about him. The grade 11 pupils had a short enterprise about him. We read in the "World Affairs" the "Pope's Atomic Message."

We all love our Holy Father and we pray God to bless him, give him help, health and many more years on earth.

M. Madeleine Redcrow
Grade VIII



Our heartfelt thanks are extended to the following donors who have helped enrich our School Library.

Alberta T. B. Association\$30.00 prize money

Father Principal....three filmstrips on Government

Mr. Waller ...a set of pictures (United Kingdom series)

Mr. Racette...Alberta Jubilee

West Coast Lumber Association...Literature & filmstrip

Plymouth Cordage Comp....Literature, & loan of film

Dupont Comp. ...Literature, samples, & loan of films

Miss Ward (teacher).... photos

Sister C. Costello....Pius XII

Sister M. Comeau....Catholic Digest & Messengers

Floyd Smith, James Knowlton....Books & Classics

Irene Shirt...Marco Polo

Lawrence Large, Allen Jacob, Mike Cardinal...Classics.

Irene Dion...book

Department of Cit. & Immigration...Wood Samples.

"THANKS MILLIONS"

T.B. POSTER CONTEST

This year, we have taken part in the T.B. Poster Contest again. Before sending in the posters, it was decided that the winners would get a 10% commission and that the rest of the money would be put on the purchase of a View Master reel Projector. And it has.

The lucky winners were:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Award</u>
9 Yrs	2nd	Eric Grandbois	\$6.00
13 Yrs	1st	Wilfred Large	8.00
14 Yrs	1st	Frank Noel	8.00
15 Yrs	1st	M.M. Redcrow	8.00

NUTRITION POSTERS

Ottawa has asked us to take part in the Nutrition Poster Contest held for all the Indian Schools of Canada. We were very glad to join this contest even if we are not all good artists. Mr. Knapp, our Superintendent was invited to come and judge the posters but that night the blizzard was so great that it blocked our road preventing Mr. Knapp from coming. Therefore the teachers and other members of the staff were asked to choose the three best posters. They happened to be those of our three best artists, namely Lawrence Large, Rodrique Charland and Frank Noel. These posters were sent to Edmonton. We hope to get a prize at least in Edmonton. The winners will get a 20% commission. The rest of the money will serve to buy something for the school.

Others who had made good posters in our classroom received a present from Sister. She also gave a prize to the child who had the best poster from each class. The winners were: Grade V & VI, Rose Anna Dion; Grade IV, Louis Lapatah; Grade III, Ned Mamenook; Grade II, Edward Janvier; Grade I, Alice Cardinal.

Rolland Dion
Grade VII

"One our classmates, Mary Rose White has left us go to Camell hospital. We hope her lungs will cure fast."

AGRICULTURE COURSE

In order to give a chance to the girls to use the gym for their Phys. Ed. lessons, the boys must leave the gym on Saturday evening. But they don't go to bed. They go into the Senior Classroom where Sister Potvin gives us a short course in Agriculture. The boys from grades 5 to 9 follow that course. So far, we have studied about Dairy and Beef Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Poultry, and Dairying.

One night while we were studying about the different types of cattle and hogs, our supervisor suggested that we should ask Mr. Ziak, the foreman of the farm, to show us how to butcher a hog or a cow. (Our supervisor, Mr. Thomas Cardinal always attends our lectures and he sometimes helps Sister.)

A few days later, Mr. Ziak came to tell our teacher that he was killing a cow and a pig....if we wanted to see how "it's done.... we were welcome." At one o'clock we boys went alone to the slaughter house; Sister was suppose to meet us there with the girls at 1.45....but when they arrived, Mr. Ziak and Mr. Redcrow had finished the hog. So we all went back to class and at three, we boys came back to learn how to bisect a cow. It was very interesting.

I do hope that someday we will make good farmers and make use of what we are learning now.

Dennis Cardinal
Grade VII

A GRADE III PUPIL WROTE THIS COMPOSITION
ON HIS OWN. WE ARE LEAVING THE MISTAKES.

CLASS NEWS

One day I went to Miss Perkin. I said to her have you any drawing book. She said to me go and sit down. But I don't want to sit down. She started to tickle me and I tickle him and she get mad.

Billy Half
Grade III

"Perfect joy is to be found only in the pardon of injuries." (St. Francis)



CADET NEWS

"Sea Cadets Launched By HMCS Nonsuch Navy Band In Concert"

"Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps, "Arrowhead" recently commissioned in St-Paul weighted anchors in its first public appearance, cast off on its maiden voyage under escort of HMCS Nonsuch's Navy Band in attendance here Sunday to present a concert on behalf of the new Cadets."

St-Paul Journal

On Sunday, the HMCS Nonsuch Navy Band from Edmonton were coming to put up a concert in the auditorium of St-Paul School.

Two buses came from St-Paul to get the children of Blue Quills school to take them to the concert. The Sea Cadets took their band instruments along with them. Unfortunately, the Sea Cadets had no place in the buses, they had to go by truck. However, we got there before the others, because the buses, or rather, one of the buses got stuck in the snow and the other had to pull it out. When we got at the auditorium, the Sea Cadets were mustered and marched off in a single file to the front seats.

The Nonsuch Band opened up their program with the march "Anchors Aweigh" and then the National Anthem. The Bandmaster made a short speech, saying that they were very happy to be with us. They played many of their selections, saltzs, marches, etc. There was a special march dedicated to B.Q.S. Sea Cadets entitled "Sea Ramblers". Then the Nonsuch Petty Officer Halliwell called one of the drummers by the name of Jerry Josey to humor up the audience a little. He came in front of the microphone started to sing, wiggle and dance. He was making all kinds of funny faces and gestures while a gramophone was playing in the background. It looked as if he was doing the talking and singing....but he was actually only acting. He was indeed a funny character!

Then, we had an intermission and it was our turn to play. Before we went up to the stage, our Superintendent, Mr. Knapp addressed the audience. He spoke about the aims



BAND INSTRUCTIONS IN B.Q.S.

Lately Mr. Taschow has been coming here twice a week to give us Band music instructions. He usually advises the Band boys to practice a certain piece for about a hundred times on their instruments.

The players and their instrument: Trumpets: Wilfred Large, Eric Piche, Gordon Youghchief, Gordon McGilvery. Clarinets: Billy Shirt, Allan Jacob, Norris McGilvery. Saxophones: Lawrence Large, Denis Cardinal. Trombone: Alfred John, Fred Minoose. Alto Horns: Little Ben Whisky-jack. Basses: Hector Cardinal, Rolland Dion. Baritones: August Dion, Frank Noel. Bass Drum: John Janvier. Side-Drum: Jerome Woods.

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### CADET NEWS (continued)

of the Sea Cadets organization. While he was making his speech, Jerry came over to me and lend me his side drum. We played two marches followed by a few pieces by the Blue Quills orchestra. The Nonsuch Band played again. To close up their very interesting program, they played the "Sunset Ceremony" consisting of several pieces such as "Nearer My God to Thee, A Bugle Call, Rule Britannia, and God Save the Queen. This Ceremony is performed when hoisting the ensign every day in all Canadian Naval Bases or on ships.

Jerome Woods  
Grade VIII



### Lunch for Cadets

As soon as we arrived back from the "Concert" given by the "Nonsuch Navy Band" at St-Paul, the High School girls got ready to serve lunch to the Seamen who were to stop here on their way back to Edmonton.

The servants were Veronique, Sophie, Margaret and Joyce. Some of the men or boys.....the majority of them were pretty young, seem to be fond of jokes. One of them asked the girls: "Are there any more savages?" meaning... "Anymore sandwiches?" They were thirty-three men in all.

Irene Cardinal  
Grade VII

### ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE

While studying about the industries of Canada, we decided to write to different places to ask for some information on materials we needed for Social Studies.

Three pupils wrote to different places and from we had received a kind letter and some literature about the industries such as nylon, cordage, plastics, dyes, cellophane, sponges, lumber, etc. One of the Companies sent us a free filmstrip on lumbering. Another is lending us a film. So you see that we can get valuable materials just for the asking.

In case some pupils who will read this are in the same grade as I am and would like to get the same things that we have received I am going to give you the addresses.

DUPONT COMPANY OF CANADA LTD  
Box 660, Montreal, P.Q.

PLYMOUTH CORDAGE COMPANY OF CANADA LTD  
1396 Richards street  
Vancouver, B.C.

WEST COAST LUMBERMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
1410 S.W. Morrison Street  
Portland 5, Oregon, U.S.A.

I hope that this will be of some help to you  
Hazel Dion  
Grade VIII

### Physical EDUCATION

This year all the senior girls are taking Phys. Ed. with Miss Caouette. We are divided into three groups. We all enjoy tumbling, marching, and basketball. We like Miss Caouette because she is so lively and is always smiling.

Elise Martial

Sister Gamache has been working on a very queer looking sewing machine. It is called "Elna". Thanks to Father Principal!

### HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' CLUB

For a long time we had been wanting a study club and at last with the encouragement of Father Principal, Mr. Knapp and Sister Lefebvre, we have organized it.

We have elected as president: Irene Dion, as Vice-President: Joyce Matchatis, and Secretary: Margaret Lapatak. Each Friday evening from 6.30 to 7.30 we have a meeting to discuss different problems. On March 16 th, Mr. Knapp came to help us solve some problems. At our next meeting we plan to have Father Principal answer our many questions. With all the kind help we are getting we have high hopes that our club will be a success.

Irene Dion, gr. X

### KNIGHT OF THE ALTAR

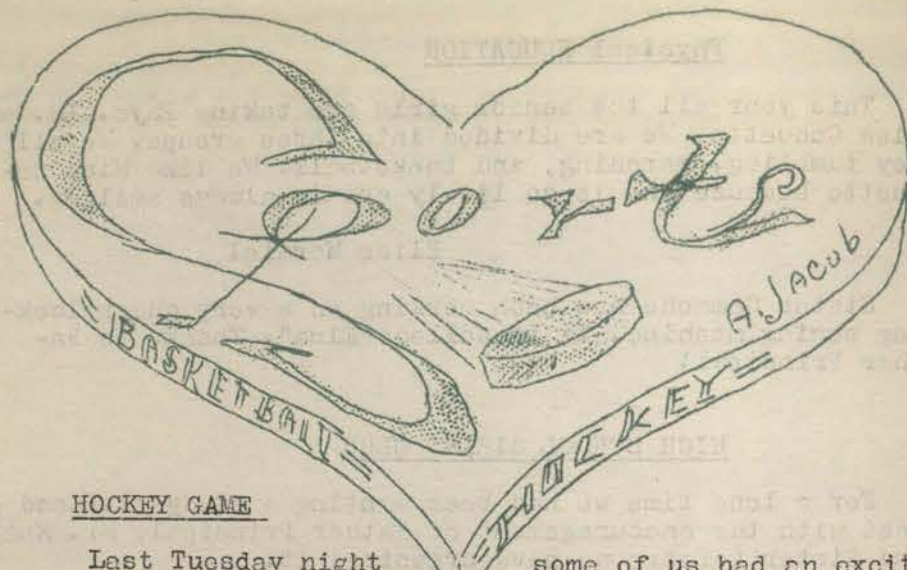
The Knights of the Altar are always active. Recently we have had a meeting or rather a question period during which we have asked Father Principal many questions the answers to which were not clear to us. He did not answer with "Yes" or "No"; he gave us full explanations. To some of our intricate quizzes, he answered with a story to make the meaning clearer.

We are looking forward for some more of these interesting meetings. We are deriving great benefit from them.

"Pay attention, you members of the Knights of the Altar, let's puzzle our dear Principal, at the next Question Box, Okay?"

John Janvier, grade IX  
"THE WORLD IS BETTER OR WORSE FOR EVERY MAN WHO HAS LIVED  
IN IT." (Lift Up Your Hearts.)





### HOCKEY GAME

Last Tuesday night some of us had an exciting game in St-Paul. We, the Bantams were playing with the Knights of Columbus. The first period was 1 to 1. Our boys said: "That's just a warm up." Now the 2nd and 3rd period were not just a warm up, it was getting rough and tough.

Once Jerome Armstrong had the puck, he was going fast with it. I raced after him. When Gene Autry stopped Armstrong's shot, he fell over him, but kept on running in the same direction until he fell into the net like a jack fish. Later I found myself in a corner....I had slipped all the way from the goal. Another time Denis fell on the ice with the puck....he was looking for it until he noticed it had gone into his trunk. But it didn't stay there, since after that, Norris made 3 scores, Eric 3, I made 1, Wilfred 1 and Allen 1. At the end of the third period the score was 9 to 1....in favor of who???? "Blue Quills of course. Hurrah!"

Lawrence Large  
Grade VII

On February 5th, fifty boys and fifty girls were taken to see a game at St-Paul. Mr. Conroy and Father Principal were kind enough to pay the buses for us. During an intermission Mr. Conroy was generous enough to give us each a bottle of coke and a bag of "wagon wheels". Who wouldn't be happy with such kind people?

Mary Rose White  
Grade VIII



### SERGEANT HAS TWINS IN OUR CLASS

One afternoon our teacher had a great surprise for all of us. She showed us two small green turtles. Right away, we thought of our big turtle, Sergeant. Did Sergeant get these little turtles? We had made a mistake, Sergeant was a female after all. You should have heard all the questions: Where? When? How? Did you know she was going to have little ones???? etc.

Finally the teacher said: "Do you remember what we have learned about reptiles at the beginning of the year. Then we remembered and we understood that the whole thing was just a joke. But we kept on fooling the others. We fooled almost everybody, even Father Principal for a little while.

When the High School pupils came back from St-Paul, they eagerly came to see the little twins. They marvelled at the fact that Sergeant had had twins. Again the same questions: Did you know? When? Where? How? We were all trying to fool them, when suddenly Emma said: "But, Sister, didn't we learn, last year, that turtles lay eggs?" The cat was out of the bag. Laughter and fun followed.

But where did these little turtles come from? Very simple....Mr. E. Hurtubise had given them as a present to our teacher. We have baptized them "Major" and "Majorette". That's the army in our class. They command silently and since that's what everybody appreciates, we all love them very much. Thanks to the kindness of Mrs. Hurtubise, we have had lots of fun and we have pets for "keeps".

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## OUR NEW SCREEN & PROJECTOR

When Miss Broderick came, she brought the screen which Mr. Waller had promised us. She traded it for our smaller screen. Now we have a screen big enough for our picture show in the gym and small enough to be used in the classrooms. We'll enjoy our films much more now.

We also have a new kind of projector. Last year, Sister Superior had donated to our library a complete set of View Master Reels. Since we had no projector for these reels, one of the teachers, Miss Zook, used to lend us hers. But now that she has gone, we decided to buy a projector with the T.B. Poster Contest prize money. After giving a 10% commission to the winners, we had only \$27.00 left. Unfortunately, a good projector costs at least \$65.00. How could we buy it? The staff of the Moccasin Telegram came to our aid. It was decided that the balance would be paid with the money belonging to the school paper.

One Sunday, we tried our new projector. Sister showed us some pictures that had been taken last year and then Father showed us pictures he took this year of our Christmas concert, of the Ice Masquerade, etc., as some pictures he had taken while in Rome. We surely enjoyed that evening and we hope to see ourselves on the screen again some day.

Irene Shirt  
Grade VII

## TELEVISION

Believe it or not.....we have a real television set in Blue Quills School!

One day, Father Principal went to Edmonton, and he brought back a T.V. which he put in the smoking room. Father gave his radio and gramophone to the Sisters, and they gave their radio and gramophone to the girls who gave theirs to the boys, who gave theirs to Mr. Rondeau who is going to give us music on the ice.

It is very interesting to watch the programs on the Television...it is just like a real show. They say it works pretty well but we hope that it will work still better when there will be Television Stations closer.

Freddie Minoose  
Grade VII

## SNOWED IN SEVERAL TIMES

During the six years I have spent in this school, I had never seen such high banks of snow as we have this winter. In fact the snow falls so often and so thick that it has covered not only the ground, but the small trees, and the fence posts. Every time there is a blizzard, and they are many, we always hear the same old story: "The roads are blocked again."

The highway is good, but the narrow road from the highway to the Blue Quills School, gets blocked easily. The High School pupils had to miss school a few times. I guess they were glad about it. But Father did not like them to miss school. So one Sunday, he gave us permission to go and shovel snow from the road. We were all glad to do this. We started to work fast but after a while we began to think that there was too much snow. Father and Master came to investigate and they also decided that it was useless to try to open the road and they told us to quit.

On Monday after school we went out again to shovel snow. After some time, we were delighted to see a caterpillar struggling his way towards us. We watched it work for a while and when we started to get cold we came back home.

Wilfred Large  
Grade VII

## MOVIES

We had many interesting shows since Christmas. Among them are: Flaming Feather, Lady in the Iron Mask, Alexander Graham Bell, The Vatican, Pius XII, Holy Eucharist, Eskimo Life, Cowboy Songs, and Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Father Principal gave us some slides of photos he took in Rome. Miss Richardson, our field nurse also gave us several films on Nutrition. During Lent we had a special film entitled "King of Kings". We also had a new kind of show.

One Saturday afternoon, we bigger boys went into the Senior class to study the words that go with a View Master reel entitled "The Passion". When we knew our parts well, Sister recorded them on the tape recorder. That evening, all the other pupils had a surprise in the gym. While the pictures were shown on the screen, the words were heard as if coming from a loud speaker. No one laughed until F. Smith started to speak.  
(August Dion Gr.8)





## APRIL

Edward White  
C. Whiskyjack  
Jane Lapatak  
C. Cardinal  
Dennis Cardinal  
Adrian Redcrow  
Margaret Shirt  
R. Sharphead  
K. Stone  
L. Jackson  
Teresa Martin  
G. McGilvery

## May

Lawrence Martial  
Ernestine Large  
William Shirt  
Stanley Cardinal  
C. Mary Cardinal  
Paul Jacob  
Eliza M. Large  
Hector McGilvery

## JUNE

Mike Cardinal  
Allen Jacob  
Gordon Youngchief  
Kathleen Shirt  
Rose Steinhauer  
Arlene Cardinal  
Joan Makokis

## HOPE

A little while the labor,  
Eternal the repose;  
A little while the trials  
That with this life will close;  
And then unending gladness,  
And an unfading crown,  
A day on whose calm beauty  
The sun goes never down."

"Have Confidence"

# Classroom NEWS

## GRADE I

We made stand-up animals and little books.  
We cut out pictures of animals. We glued them on paper. This was fun. (By Prosper Delver)

## Grade 1:

Making valentines and giving them out was something new and exciting for the children. Everyone has tried to make a good health poster. Mr. Racette came to visit our class. He made the morning interesting en enjoyable.

A reporter

## Grade 11

We learned many things about the life of our Holy Father Pope Pius XII. One day we made a quizz. Father Principal and some Sisters came. They said it was good. Martha Muskego.

## Grade 11

In school we had a Valentine party. We ate candies, played games, drew Valentines and sent them to our friends. We had much fun. Father Principal came to see us and he laughed with us. Ernest Whiskyjack

## GRADE 111

Last week Mr. Racette came into our class. He took some children for Arithmetic. Our teacher, Miss Perkin was sick for two or three days. Sister Corriveau came to replace her. Miss Perkin does not live in Blue Quills. She lives in St-Paul. Alice Mooswa

## GRADE 1V

This afternoon, the teacher asked us what became of the two pieces of blue rock salt she brought from Nova Scotia to show us. The boys said they saw some of the girls chewing them one day. We don't mind as we didn't eat the lost salt. ??????????????

## GRADE V & VI

The inspector, Mr. Racette came to visit us on Marh 6 th. We all liked him because he was jolly and had a kind smile. We talked about the town of St-Paul.... what it has and how many people there are. One of the girls said that there was a station in St-Paul. Mr. Racette asked: "Is that a station of the cross?" We said: "No." He made everyone laugh.

Julian White  
Grade V



# HOCKEY

## EXTRA-MURAL

| PLAYERS                      | DATE   | SCORE | WINNERS |
|------------------------------|--------|-------|---------|
| B.Q.S. Bantams-vs-St-Paul    | Feb. 4 | 9-1   | B.Q.S.  |
| B.Q.S. Bantams-vs-Lafond     | Feb.10 | 4-2   | Lafond  |
| B.Q.S. Sea Cadets-vs-Glendon | Feb.12 | 3-2   | Glendon |
| Seniors                      |        |       |         |
| B.Q.S. Bantams-vs-St-Paul    | Feb.18 | 7-2   | B.Q.S.  |
| B.Q.S. Midgets-vs-Bonnyville | Mar. 9 | 5-3   | B.Q.S.  |
| B.Q.S. Mixture-vs-St-Paul    | Mar.24 | 5-3   | St-Paul |

## INTRA-MURAL

### BIG "4" HOUSE LEAGUE Points

|                       |         |     |           |   |
|-----------------------|---------|-----|-----------|---|
| Alouettes-vs-Canucks  | Jan.23  | 4-3 | Canucks   | 2 |
| Flyers-vs-Pontiacs    | Jan.24  | 7-2 | Pontiacs  | 2 |
| Pontiacs-vs-Canucks   | Jan. 30 | 9-3 | Canucks   | 2 |
| Flyers-vs-Alouettes   | Jan.31  | 5-1 | Flyers    | 2 |
| Flyers-vs-Canucks     | Feb. 1  | 5-3 | Canucks   | 2 |
| Alouettes-vs-Pontiacs | Feb. 7  | 3-0 | Pontiacs  | 2 |
| Canucks-vs-Pontiacs   | Feb. 8  | 7-6 | Pontiacs  | 2 |
| Flyers-vs-Alouettes   | Feb.15  | 2-0 | Flyers    | 2 |
| Flyers-vs-Pontiacs    | Feb.20  | 5-2 | Flyers    | 2 |
| Alouettes-vs-Canucks  | Feb.27  | 8-4 | Canucks   | 2 |
| Flyers-vs-Canucks     | Feb.28  | 6-5 | Flyers    | 2 |
| Alouettes-vs-Pontiacs | Feb.29  | 9-8 | Alouettes | 2 |
| Alouettes-vs-Flyers   | Mar.2   | 5-3 | Flyers    | 2 |

### LEAGUES STANDING :

Flyers 10 points  
 Canucks 8 "  
 Pontiacs 6 "  
 Alouettes 2 "

" Sorrow is one of the best educators. A man can see farther and sharper through a tear than through a telescope. It all depends on how you apply what you learn." (Have Confidence.)



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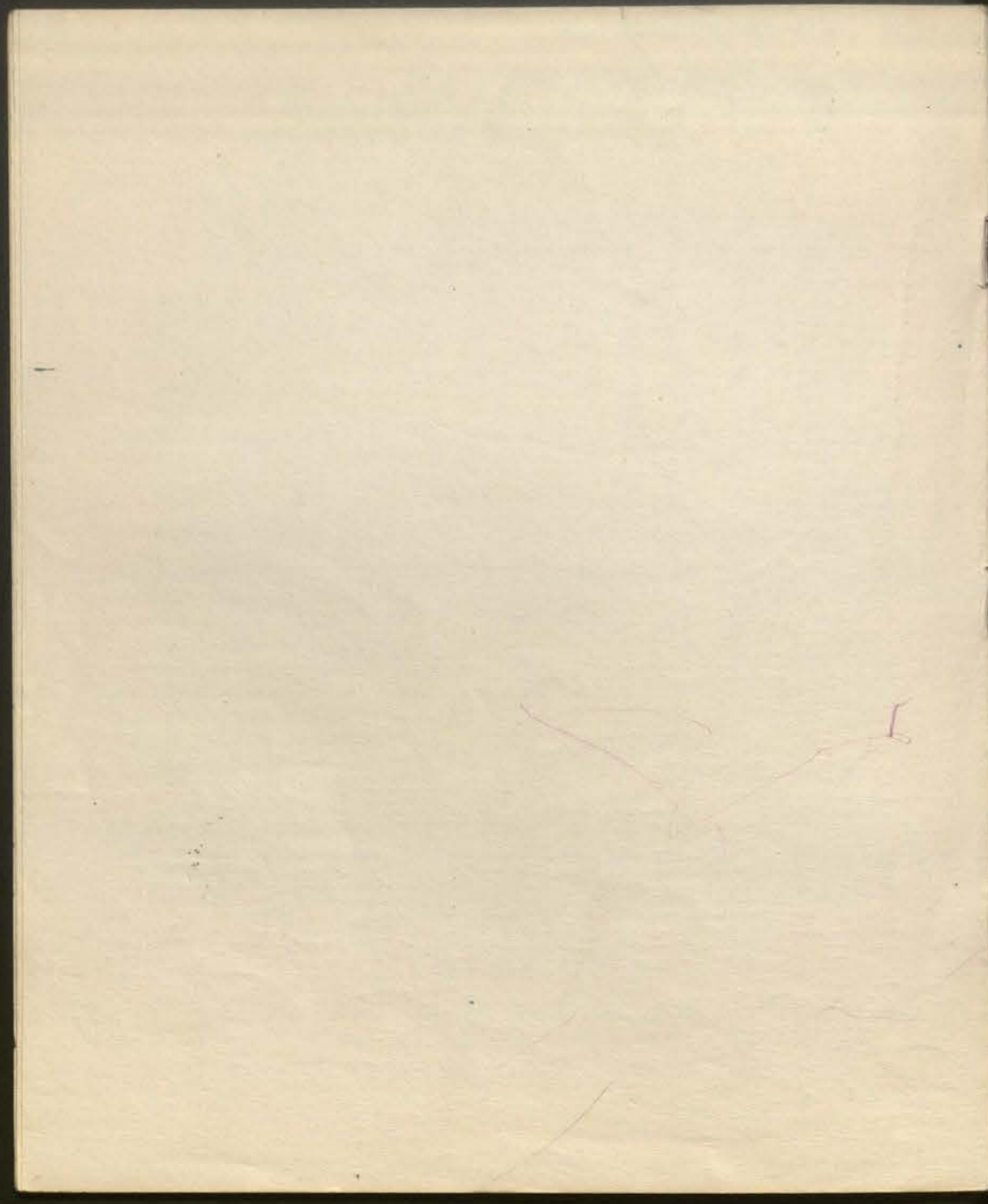
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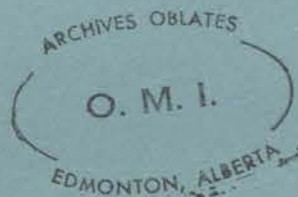
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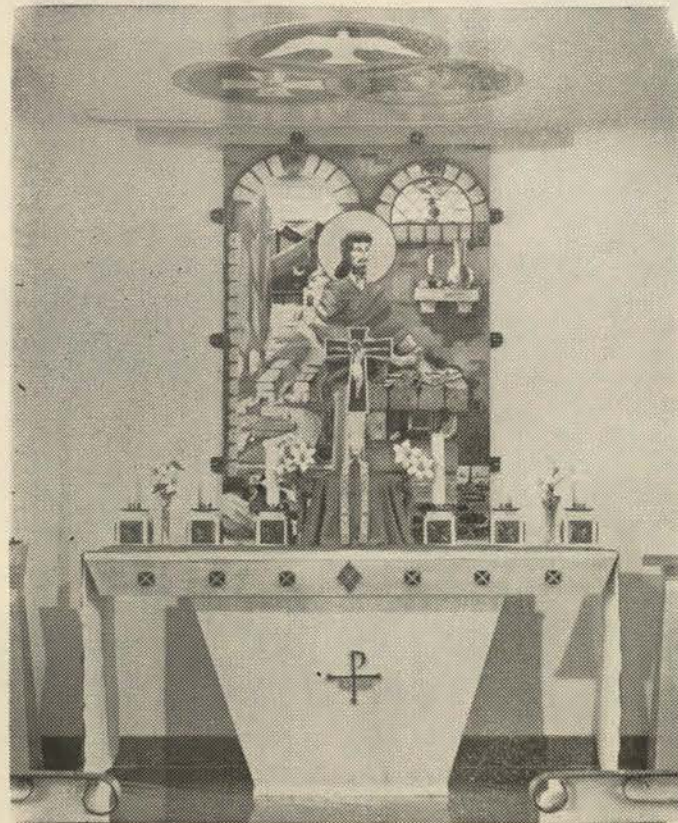
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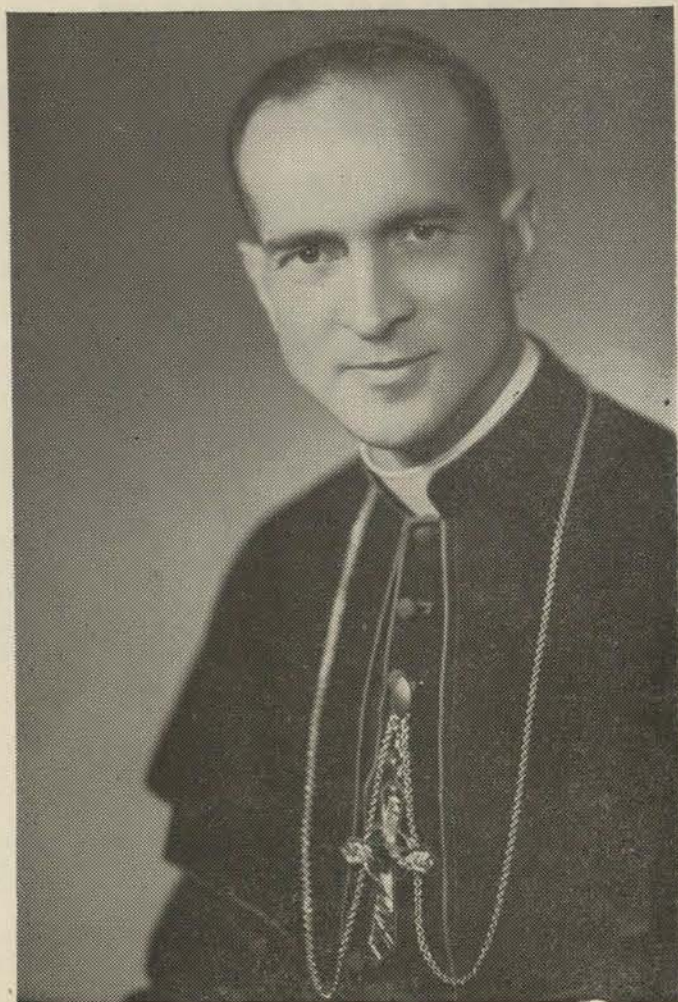
*25th Anniversary  
Souvenir of Blue Quills School*



At this Altar, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered by Rev. Fr. Bernet-Rollande, Principal, in thanksgiving for the blessings received during the past twenty-five years.



His Excellency Bishop Philippe Lussier



His Excellency, Bishop Philippe Lussier, C.S.S.R., our beloved Pastor, the present Bishop of St. Paul who presided our celebrations.

# Dedication

THIS ISSUE IS GRATEFULLY DEDICATED

TO

REVEREND FATHER J. ANGIN, O.M.I.

FIRST PRINCIPAL AND PRESENT BURSAR

OF BLUE QUILLS SCHOOL

AND ALSO TO

ALL THE OBLATE FATHERS AND BROTHERS

AS WELL AS TO ALL

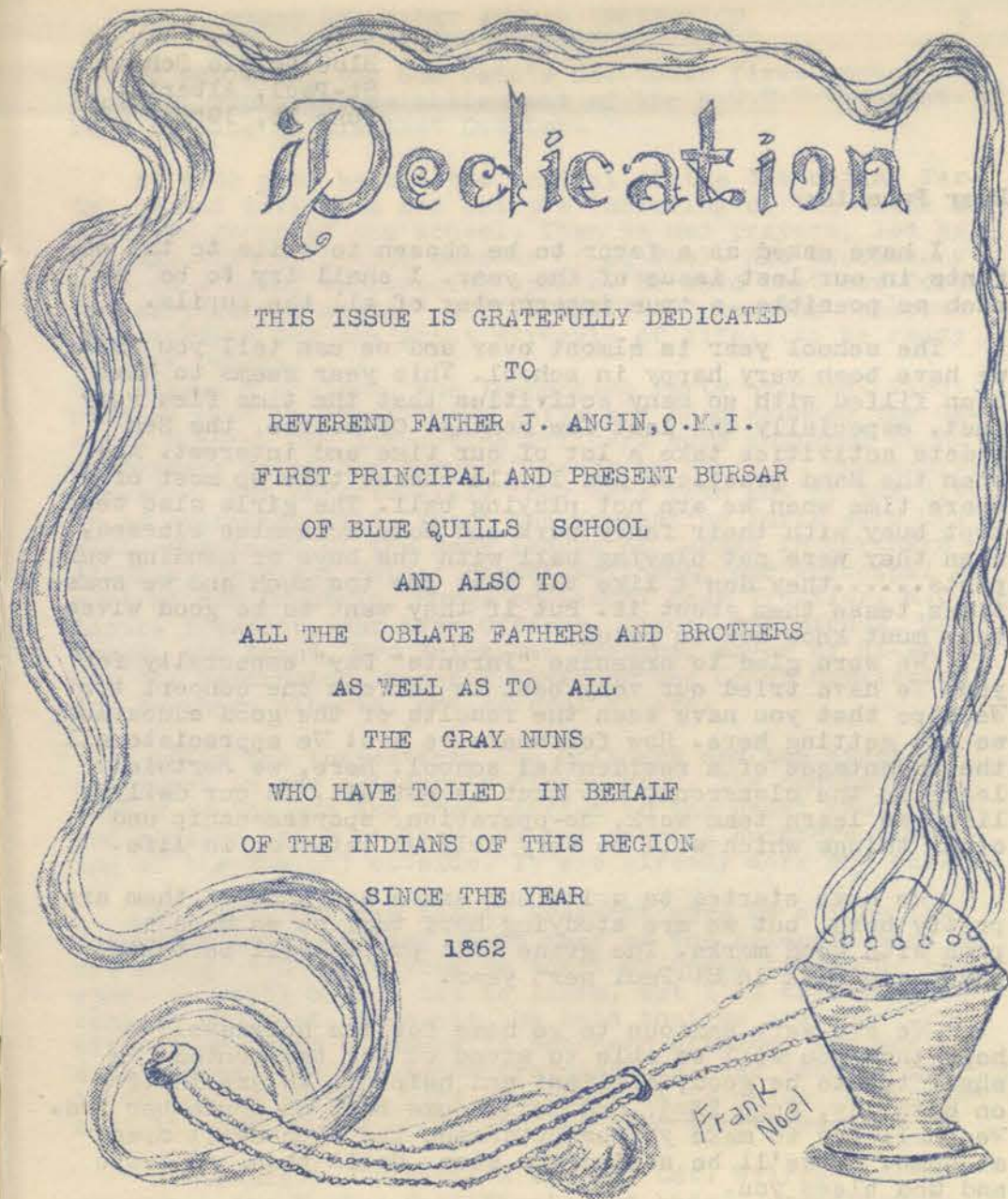
THE GRAY NUNS

WHO HAVE TOILED IN BEHALF

OF THE INDIANS OF THIS REGION

SINCE THE YEAR

1862



Frank  
Noel



Blue Quills School  
St-Paul, Alberta  
June 18, 1956.

Dear Parents:

I have asked as a favor to be chosen to write to the parents in our last issue of the year. I shall try to be as much as possible, a true interpreter of all the pupils.

The school year is almost over and we can tell you that we have been very happy in school. This year seems to have been filled with so many activities that the time flew very fast, especially the last few months. Of course, the Sea Cadets activities take a lot of our time and interest. And then the Band practices and little chores take up most of spare time when we are not playing ball. The girls also were kept busy with their fancy work and Home Economics classes, when they were not playing ball with the boys or mending our pants.....they don't like the last job too much and we sometimes tease them about it. But if they want to be good wives they must know how to patch.

We were glad to organize "Parents' Day" especially for you. We have tried our very best to perform the concert too. We hope that you have seen the results of the good education we are getting here. How fortunate we are! We appreciate all the advantages of a residential school. Here, we certainly learn in the classroom, but that is not all. In our daily life, we learn team work, co-operation, sportsmanship and other things which will be very helpful later on in life.

We have started to write our exams and some of them are pretty hard, but we are studying hard too, so we hope to pass with good marks. The grade VIII pupils will be taking their grade IX in St-Paul next year.

We are very anxious to go home for the holidays. We hope that you will be able to stand us for two months. We shall try to be good, obedient and helpful. We are leaving on Saturday, June 23rd, and we'll come back on September 3rd. We shall try to make you happy during the time we'll spend at home. So we'll be seeing you soon. Until then, good-bye and God bless you.

Your loving children  
(by Wilfred Large, Grade VII)

On May 30th, the Sea Cadets had their first annual inspection, since the establishment of the R.C.S.C.C. Arrowhead in Blue Quills last October.

At 6:45 p.m. before the arrival of the Inspecting Party, we had divisions and colours (hoisting of the White Ensign) in front of the school. Then we had prayers, led by His Excellency, Bishop Lussier of St-Paul. His Excellency gave us a brief encouraging speech. He said that our Corps had adopted the motto "ACUITE SAGITTAS" meaning "sharpen your arrows" for the great struggle of life...to be ready for the future.

Around 7 o'clock, the Inspecting Party arrived. Lieut. Mahdiuk went to greet them, while our band sounded the General Salute. Our Inspecting Officers were supposed to be Commanders Ralph and Norman Cameron of H.L.C.S. Nonsuch, of Edmonton, but unfortunately they were both out of the city on an emergency call. Among the Inspecting Party were Mr. Hill, President of the Navy League of Canada in Northern Alberta, Reverend Father Bernet-Rollande, our Principal as well as our Chaplain, Surge on-Lieut. Leon Trottier, M.O. Lieut. Prescott, our Area Officer, Lieut. Actymichuk, Mr. Knapp, our Agent, Mr. Jules Van Brabant, mayor of St-Paul, Mr. Tom Waddington, General Chairman Sea Cadet Commission for Northern Alberta, and several others.

After the inspection, the Officers and the visitors had lunch in the children's dining room. The cadets had theirs in the gym and then carried on the usual routine and classes. At 9 o'clock, we had evening quarters (lowering of the Ensign) outside. It was already dark and chilly.

Our Area Officer Lieut. Prescott gave us a long interesting talk, telling us to keep on the splendid work we are doing. I'm not trying to boast my Corps too much, because we still have a lot to learn, but I'll tell you one comment of Lieut. Prescott. He said that we are the Corps with the highest standard in Northern Alberta, the most experienced with the least training. He also told us not to be scared of what kind of report he is going to make about the "Arrowhead Corps" to the Head Quarters.

After Lieut. Prescott's speech, Cdt. Wilfred Large was given the Bugler Certificate and badge, presented to  
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# Father's Word

Dear Children:

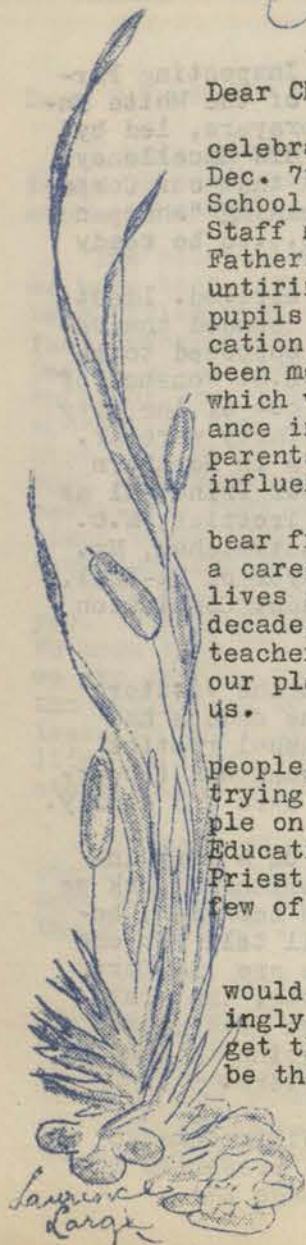
You have just witnessed the Silver Jubilee celebrations of our school. Twenty-five years ago Dec. 7th, the Staff and pupils of the Saddle Lake School were entering Blue Quills.... Since then, Staff members and pupils have come and gone. The Fathers, Brothers and Sisters have worked with an untiring zeal to the welfare of the Indians. The pupils have co-operated and profited from the education given. However, the progress has recently been more evident, due to many factors, one of which would be the change from the half-day attendance in class to the full day. The outlook of the parents towards education also has a considerable influence over the pupils' attitude.

We sincerely hope that this feeling will bear fruits. We would like to see our pupils choose a career which would permit them to devote their lives to the betterment of their own people. In a decade, we should have Indian nurses, doctors, teachers and perhaps Principals who would be taking our place here, or at least work side by side with us.

The Great Spirit has blessed you, my dear people; you in turn must show your gratitude by trying to serve Him in striving to help your people on the road to heaven as well as on the road to Education. Why would you not choose to become a Priest or a Sister? Surely God must be calling a few of you to this vocation too!

Try to find a goal in life, an ideal which would be like a search light drawing you unceasingly till you have reach the goal. But do not forget the final goal, the Eternal reward which will be the last link of the chain which binds us all.

Father E. Bernet-Rollande  
Principal



# JUBILEE

Missionaries, Indian Chiefs, parents, children and several guests joined in Saturday, May 26 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Blue Quills Indian Residential School, 3 and a half miles west of St-Paul. Twenty-five years of patient, gentle understanding on the part of the staff, along with the co-operation of, at first, a few visionary Chiefs and parents has seen a great change in the mentality of the Indian since opening of the school in 1931.

Gone is the natural fear of oppression, dispelled with a growing knowledge by parents realizing that their must be educated to better standards of living and intergrate with the rest of the Canadian population to finally become active citizens who will share equally in the prosperity of this great country which was once the vast hunting grounds of their nomadic forefathers.

Silver Jubilee celebrations, combined with a "Parents' Day" opened in the morning with a meeting in the gym where a number of guest speakers extended congratulations to the missionaries for their good work and to the Indians for their co-operation.

Three of the most striking addresses were delivered by Indians. One by Mrs. Rosana Houle, a graduate of the school who attended opening classes in 1931. Chief Harry Janvier of the Cold Lake-Legoff Band, and Mr. C.R. Latham, Junior Officer at the St-Paul Agency.

Mrs. Houle, a sitting member on the Council of the Saddle Lake Band, in clear precise English, noted the great changes which had taken place in the evolution of the school, making comparisons with yesterday and today. The calibre of education and its progress has greatly risen. There has developed a desire for education and instead of putting studies off in the lower grades, many Indian students, today are continuing on into High School, going in for the arts and professions, looking forward to a future goal in life. The social life of the school, continued Mrs. Houle, has also improved. Today Blue Quills boasts of the only all Indian Brass Band in Canada, invited this year to compete for a spe- course in Band music, a fact all Indians should be proud of.

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BANQUET

For Parents' Day a lot of space was needed for the dinner, so the children's dining room and the junior boys' recreation room were transformed into Banquet Halls.

Sister Perron and Sister Gamache were in charge of these two halls. To serve at the Banquet, they had the help of Sister Corriveau, Sister Lefebvre, Miss Pauline Gamache, Miss Darimont, Miss Walker, Miss Ward, Miss Cacquette and several of the older girls.

After the meeting which lasted two hours, our parents were taken to the Banquet Hall for dinner which was presided by His Excellency Bishop Lussier, accompanied by all the distinguished visitors who had attended the meeting in the gym. This meeting was not for children but just for the parents of the pupils of this school.

There were over two hundred guests in all, and they seem to relish the delicious dinner. I shall give the impressions of Mr. Drouin by quoting what he wrote in the St-Paul Journal.

"As we watched the gathering of Indians at the Banquet, one could note the slow evolution taking place. Here was seen the wrinkled face of an old hunter, probably a grandfather with numerous descendants, still adhering to his old furtive ways; while next to him a middle aged Indian seemed more at ease; and further along the line, another generation in the thirties, conversed quite casually among themselves and with other guests at the table.

The young girls serving, although doing so with apparent shyness, were nevertheless at ease and waiting on their guests in very modern conventional manner adhering to the best Emily Post traditions."

Irene Shirt  
Grade VII

AFTERNOON ENTERTAINMENT

After the Banquet, our parents with the guests had their picture taken together in front of the school. After that, they visited the sewing room and the classrooms.

At two o'clock, in the gym, we gave them a little concert or rather an entertainment which was made up of Band music, songs and poems which had been studied in the class-

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PARADE

The parade we had on "Parents' Day" was much better than the one we had on "Field Day". The participants dressed better; we had horses instead of boys to pull the wagons along. No one felt left out when we started the parade, everybody was marching, some were taking snapshots, others were looking around but the march kept on.

Leading the parade was William Shirt, dressed as a cowboy, holding a flag in his hand, and riding on a horse which was pretty lively. He was prancing and jerking every time the Band started to play.

Next came the boys carrying the banner of B.O.S., then came the Chief, Wilfred Large, and his squaw, Linda Houle. The Band proceeded next. The boys were wearing their Cadet uniforms. They were followed by the "Western Float" which carried several cowboys and their gals. Some clowns did quite a side show entertaining the onlookers with their faces and cartwheel stunts.

Last of all came the "Religious Float" in which were St. Joseph, Alfred John, a gray nun, Irene Cardinal, an Oblate Father, Floyd Smith, accompanied by angels and Indians.

Everybody seemed to enjoy the parade; we did.

Irene Cardinal  
Grade VII

DECORATIONS

For Parents' Day, we decorated the most important rooms of the house, namely, the entrance, the gym and the dining rooms.

The main entrance was decorated in yellow and blue; yellow draperies with blue and silver feathers on them under which the word "Welcome" was hanging. The gym was also decorated with feathers (quills) and also several crests bearing a silver "25". In the banquet hall were the daintiest decorations. Each pillar was a trellis covered with beautiful roses which had been designed and made by fairy fingers...those of our dear Sister Superior.

Rosalie Houle, Grade VII



## SWEET LADY OF THE SACRED HEART

Sweet Lady of the Sacred  
Heart  
Thy own sweet month of May  
So bright with bloom and  
crowned with flowers  
Is fading fast away.  
Sweet Lady, sweet Lady,  
sweet Lady of the Sacred  
Heart.

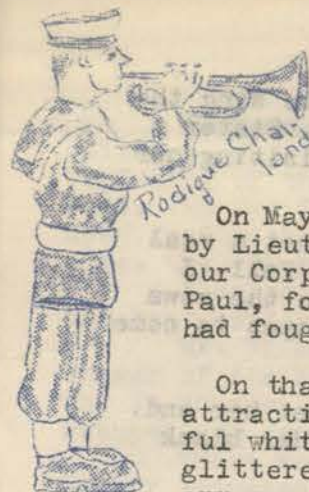
Sweet Lady of the Sacred Heart  
This lovely month we crown  
While from the throne in heaven  
above  
Thy gentle eyes look down.

Sweet Lady of the Sacred Heart  
When life is darkest here  
To us thy potent aid impart  
To comfort and to cheer.

Sweet Lady of the Sacred Heart  
Immaculate and fair,  
Around the shrine we gather now  
To claim a mother's care.

Remember that thy power above  
Nor bound, nor limit knows  
Thou reignest o'er the Sacred Heart  
Whence every blessing flows.

Sweet lady of the Sacred Heart  
Then ask, and thou will obtain  
For Jesus, at thy loving prayer  
Will not be asked in vain.



## Bugle Call ~

On May 4th, our bugler Wilfred Large was invited by Lieutenant Mahdiuk, the Commanding Officer of our Corps, to go and sound two bugle calls at St-Paul, for the funeral of a former Army Major, who had fought in the first World War, Mr. De LaSalle.

On that morning, very proudly, Wilfred donned his attractive sea cadet uniform. He put on his beautiful white belt and gaiters with his white cap which glittered like the newly fallen snow. On his left arm was his silver bugle. Suppose you'd walk by Wilfred, you'd wonder what almost blinded you. But you'd soon find out it were his admirably black shiny shoes. He is very fortunate. There's no trouble for him finding a mirror; he just has to look down and there he can see his handsome face.

Father Principal drove Wilfred to St-Paul. They attended the Funeral Service in the Cathedral at 10 a.m. After the Mass, they joined the parade going to the cemetery. There about twenty veterans paraded and Wilfred sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveille."

Alfred John  
Grade VII

WE'LL SEE THE WORLD

Now that everything is decided that we are going to Comox, B.C. we are indeed quite excited. I'm pretty sure that we'll derive benefit from that famous trip. Mind you, it is not a three hour trip, it is rather a three day trip, and not by team but by train, and even by boat since we'll have to cross from Vancouver city to the Island.

And that is not all. Imagine, we are taking our Band instruments along. We will have special lessons in Band music. Aren't lucky?

Rolland Dion  
Grade VIII



INDIAN SISTER

On Ascension day we went to Saddle Lake to sing the High Mass in honor of our little Indian Sister, Sister Louisa who accompanied her Superior General, visiting her daughters, the Sister of Saddle Lake.

Sister Louisa, formerly Jenny Shirt, is not a real sister yet; she is a novice but some day, next fall, I think, she will be a real Sister, she will take the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. She then hopes to come back to work for her people.

After Mass, people by dozens came to greet her and she welcomed them with a bright smiling face. Her black and white habit makes her look beautiful.

A week later she came to Blue Quills to visit us. While she visited the other classrooms she left some pictures on Sister's desk so we could look at them. We saw a picture of Sister Kateri, another of our classmates, who is a novice in Quebec.

Sister Louisa and Sister Bella or rather, Kateri, are very happy to have given up the world to give themselves to God and His service. They hope to see many more of our people become Sisters, Priests and Brothers.

Madeliene Redcrow  
Grade VIII

DISLOCATED SHOULDER

We were in the hottest part of the game. It was Denis' turn to bat and by accident he hit the ball quite far. He dashed for the first base, made it, and kept on to the 3rd base. From the third base to the home plate it was a gamble. To avoid being touched by the fellow who had just caught the ball, Denis Cardinal slid on the ground.

He tried to get up, but he could not. Joe Minoose took him by the arm to help him up. "Ouch" cried Denis. He was immediately taken to the hospital where he stayed for almost a week. The doctors put his shoulder back into place and now his arm is almost as good as new. He is now playing ball....but he is not as daring as he used to be.

August Dion  
Grade VIII

FIELD DAY

Thursday, May 24th, was a very happy day for the children, for we were having our Field Day. Since the beginning of the month we had been preparing for this event. The Day School children from the Reserves had all been invited but only Saddle Lakers and Good Fishers came; the others thought it was too far.

A parade opened the day at 9:30 with Billy Shirt in the lead, followed by the band and all the children.

Mr. Thomas Cardinal, the boys' Supervisor, was in charge of the Senior pupils' games while Sister Gamache was in charge of the Junior pupils' games. The pupils were grouped and we competed team against team.

There were eight different games. The judges were Father Principal, Father Lyonnais, Father Morin, Sister Superior from St. Teresa Hospital, Sister Jeanne D'Aza teacher in Saddle Lake, Sister Jeanne D'Orleans, Sister M. du Rosaire, Mr. T. Cardinal, Miss Gamache, Miss Caouette, Miss Sophie Cardinal, Miss Darimont, Sister Leduc, Mrs. T. Cardinal and Sister Bourque.

At 12 we had our dinner outside, and at 1:30 we had a softball game between two Blue Quills Teams. The winning team then played against a team formed by the Saddle Lake and Good Fish pupils. Blue Quills won with a score of 15-5.

Each member of the team (winning) received a \$1.00 award from Father Principal. The winning teams for the morning games were also awarded \$1.00 each member in the Senior groups and 50¢ for the Juniors. We are very grateful for Father's kindness and we are also very thankful to all the kind persons who have sacrificed their holiday to help us enjoy ours. We'll pray God to reward them.

At 4:30 we all joined in the chapel to sing for the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A perfect end of a perfect day.

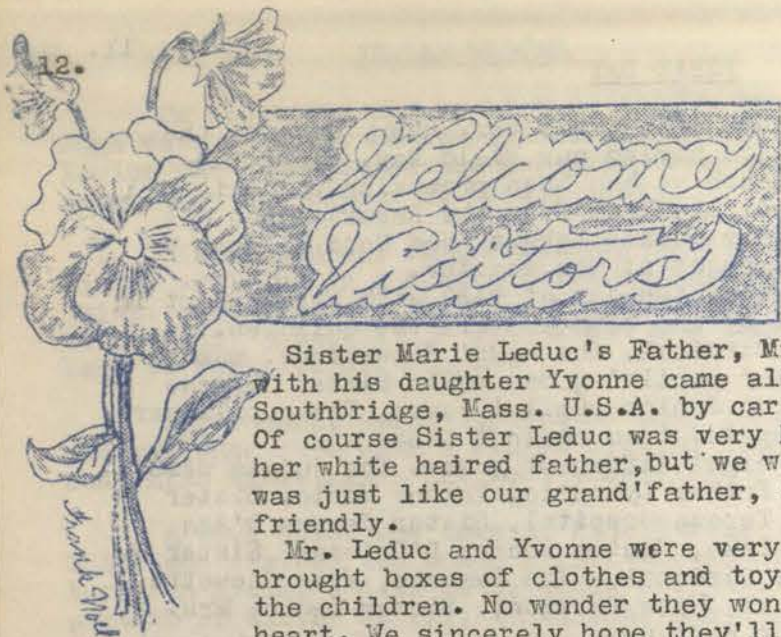
Lillian Cardinal  
Grade VII

SEA CADET PICNIC

On June 6th, the Sea Cadets went for a picnic at Therien Lake. The Cadets were being rewarded for turning out so splendidly during the annual inspection and also because it was our last parade night for the school year.

When we got at the lake, we drilled for about ten minutes.  
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Sister Marie Leduc's Father, Mr. James Leduc with his daughter Yvonne came all the way from Southbridge, Mass. U.S.A. by car to visit us. Of course Sister Leduc was very happy to see her white haired father, but we were glad too. He was just like our grand'father, so kind and so friendly.

Mr. Leduc and Yvonne were very generous; they brought boxes of clothes and toys and sweets for the children. No wonder they won everybody's heart. We sincerely hope they'll come again next summer, and that time they'll have to stay more than four days.

Other visitors who have received a hearty welcome here, were Mr. Waller, Regional Inspector of Indian Schools, who paid us a short visit; Sister Marie Larammee and Sister Francoise Gamache. The latter has spent several years in Blue Quills. She is now stationed in Cardston.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavoie from Elizabeth Colony were here for a week end. We are expecting them again soon.

Father Lerouge, came to bid farewell before leaving for a trip to Europe. He intends visiting France, his beloved country, Belgium, Rome, etc. "Bon voyage."

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kortuem, Supervisor of the Metis Colony at Kikino were here for the Field Day.

Several Father have just dropped for a day or so, or an hour or so. Among others were, Father Pascal from Aldina, Sask., Father Gouthier, from Vermillion, Father Danto, from Chipewyan Prairie, Father Gagnon, Principal of Onion Lake School, Father Roy, also from Onion Lake, Father Bouchard from Frog Lake, Father Morin, from Long Lake, etc. Needless to say that we often see Father Lyonais.....and his little dog, Sandy. We are glad to see both.

rooms. Each class came in turn to give a few numbers as indicated on the program. Each teacher directed her group. Sister Comeau and Sister Corriveau accompanied on the piano. Mr. Taschow directed the Band. A number which was not indicated on the program was a song entitled "He" sung by the pupils who attend classes in St-Paul.

August Dion gave the address expressing the sentiments of all the pupils. He gave a brief history of the Blue Quill School, starting with the foundation in Lac La Biche in 1862 the moving of that school to Saddle Lake in 1894 and finally the opening of Blue Quills in 1931.

"We" said August, "take this opportunity to offer a prayer of gratitude for the departed missionaries, Oblate Fathers and Gray Nuns who have toiled on our behalf. We are no less thankful to the present staff for its devotion and for the improvement of education standards. Our gratitude also goes to the Officials of the Indian Affairs Branch for providing the school with the splendid equipment and for being so obviously interested in our progress.

The Great Spirit has blessed us, so let us be grateful by asking him to bless all of those who have worked for our welfare and for those who are still doing it today."

We then sang "Friendship" dedicated to the laborers of the past twenty-five years.

At the close of the concert, we had the pleasure to hear three interesting and encouraging speeches made by Mr. Knapp, our devoted Superintendent, Mr. Racette, our Inspector for the St-Paul Division, and finally, the reverend Father Le Calvez from LeGoff who spoke both in Cree and English.

After this little concert, we were permitted to go with our parents until eight o'clock. It was a beautiful day, so we had supper outside. The canteen was opened; therefore we bought some hot dogs, pop, fruits and candies of all kinds.

Louise Makokis  
Grade VII



THIS SONG IS DEDICATED TO ALL THE  
MEMBERS OF THE STAFF  
WHO HAVE SO GENEROUSLY TOILED  
DURING THE PAST 25 YEARS  
AND  
TO ALL THE PUPILS WHO HAVE ATTENDED  
THIS SCHOOL

FRIENDSHIP by Mozart

FRIENDS ARE HELD BY A CHAIN FOREVER  
MADE OF STEEL NO POW'R CAN SEVER  
FORGED TO LAST A LIFETIME THROUGH  
ONE BY ONE THE LINKS ARE GROWING  
STRENGTH AND JOY ON ALL BESTOWING  
BOUND IN TIES OF FRIENDSHIP TRUE  
BOUND IN TIES OF FRIENDSHIP TRUE

FRIENDS ARE HELD BY A CHAIN NE'ER PARTED  
FIRMLY WORN BY THOSE LIKE-HEARTED  
HAND TO HAND A LIFETIME LONG  
BROTHERS SHARING FAITH AND DUTY  
EVER SEEKING TRUTH AND BEAUTY  
BOUND IN TIES OF FRIENDSHIP STRONG  
BOUND IN TIES OF FRIENDSHIP STRONG

Frank Noel

PROGRAM

1. BLUE QUILLS BAND
2. PART SONG: "FRIENDSHIP" (Grades 7 & 8)
3. ADDRESS
4. SONG: "THIS IS EAST" (Beginners)
5. POEM: "OVER THE MEADOW" (Grade 1)
6. SONGS: "I WANT TO LEARN TO WHISTLE"  
"CAN YOU SING" (Grade 2)  
"HERE WE GO ARIDING IN A TRAIN"
7. POEM: "THE LITTLE CUPBOARD"  
SONG: "VESPERS" (Grade 3)  
SONG: "LULLABY"
8. TOM-TOM PETERS ORCHESTRA
9. SONG: "CAPE COD CHANTEY"  
POEM: "LITTLE ROBIN RED BREAST" (Grade 4)
10. POEM: "NOBILITY" (Grades 5 & 6)  
POEM: "BAD SIR BRIAN BOTANY"
11. SONG: "IF YOUR HEART KEEPS RIGHT" (Grades 7 & 8)
12. SONG: "SAILOR SONG" (Sea Cadets)
13. BLUE QUILLS BAND

O CANADA





ARROWHEAD CANTEEN

This year for the Field Day and Parents' Day, we had a really well organized canteen. First of all, we had to find a name for it. After many deliberations we decided to call it Arrowhead Canteen. Then some of the boys made a large ensign which we nailed on the wall of shop where we were having our canteen. We were selling through the three windows.

Six boys were name to help Sister Bisson who was in charge. The boys were as follows: first group: Rolland Dion, August Dion and Alfred John; the second group was made up of Jerome Woods, Norris McKeil, and Lawrence Large.

We were very glad to work in the canteen; it was like a real store. We were selling hot dogs, pop, fruits chocolate bars, etc. We were even allowed to handle the money. The box was right there on the table. This shows that we are being trusted. Therefore we tried to be all of us, trustworthy. This is another step that show progress in B.Q.S. Many thanks to those who have trusted us.

Rolland Dion  
Grade VIII

HUMMING BIRD

How many people can boast of seeing a Humming Bird? One bright June Day, a Humming bird flew into the shop through the opened window. Frank Noel happened to be there with Master, who was very puzzled at the sight and asked Frank if he knew what it was. "It is a Humming bird" said Frank. It was flying close to the ceiling and it is only when it caught its bill in a crack that we were able to get hold of it. It was simply exhausted and seemed dead. Frank brought it to Sister Potvin who put it in a can with a screen on top. After about half an hour it revived.

All the members of the staff saw the bird and marvelled at its size. It was about an inch long and its bill was almost as long. It was dark green with a grey breast, and black wings like those of a fly which helped him to stay up in the air like an helicopter.

After taking to all the classroom this beautiful little bird, we gave it its freedom.

Freddie Minoose  
Grade VII

Good Manners

When Jerome Woods received his award, the grade two teacher, Sister Bisson spoke about it to her pupils. Among these was Jerome's nephew. Here is the letter he wrote to his uncle. We are leaving the mistakes.

Mr. Jerome Woods, Petty Officer  
Blue Quills School

Dear Uncle:

I am very proud of you because you win the price. And with no horn or drum. You look so nice with your Sea Cadet uniform that I look at you all the time. Our teacher told us that you have win the price. I did not see you get the price yesterday. You would be very brave to be a Sea Cadet because I would be very afraid to ride in a big boat and to jump in the water. I pray for you to be a good Officer and to be a good Sea Cadet. I love you.

Your loving nephew  
Simon Mamenook (grade 2)

Jerome not suspecting that his letter would be found nor published, answered thus:

My dear Simon:

Thanks ever so much for your most unexpected letter, also for you nice compliments about me. The decoration I was awarded was the H.M.C.S. Nonsuch Progress Award. It is a long silver chain and a boatwain's pipe. (a boatwain's pipe is a whistle used in the Navy.) My name is going to be engraved on the boatwain's pipe. From now on I'll be wearing that award instead of my lanyard. A lanyard is the white rope we wear around our necks. I hope you keep on praying for me, to be a good officer and also to be a good Sea Cadet.

May the Good Lord bless and keep you always. Wishing you the best of luck for your June Exams; I hope you pass all your tests.

Your loving uncle  
Jerome Woods  
Grade VIII



notes. Then we organized softball teams, having an officer in each team. S/Lt. Leroux was on John Janvier's team, S/Lt. Cardinal was playing for Alfred John, and Lt. Mahdiuk in Floyd Smith's team. S/Lt. Hurtubise was on my team. Smith's team and mine played the first semi-final game, which ended with the score of 6-4 in favor of my men. The losers had to fetch wood for the fire.

While the two other teams were playing, it started to rain. They had to stop and all the Cadets were jammed in the cars. The Officers had no more room so they had to stand in the rain for about ten minutes. When the rain stopped the game started again. John Janvier's team won.

Then came the tasty supper consisting of wieners, buns and soft drinks. After supper came the final game. John Janvier's and my team were competing. Lt. Leroux who is quite fat was playing for the other team. He could hardly bend down to pick up the ball. We just couldn't help it... we had to laugh. My team won with a score of 6-4. The losers this time had to put the fire out.

While they were putting the fire out, we were called for Evening Quarters. Unfortunately, a few cadets who were extinguishing the fire came in late. They had a little punishment too. They were ordered to run up to a dog coming about half a mile away. They ran and met our driver Mr. Noury instead of a dog.

Then we were given the "chevrons" (badge) after attaining the rank of Able Cadets. At 9 p.m. we came home exhausted but very happy, singing "Anchors Aweigh."

Jerome Woods  
Grade VIII

### DO YOU CARE

I wishto congratulate all the pupils who have shown such wonderful co-operation in working for the Moccasin Telegram. It has been a pleasure to help them. I also want to thank the supervisors who have so willingly encourage the pupils and also the teachers who have let their pupils write several compositions for the M.T.

Do you care to receive the M.T.? If so, let us know. Otherwise, your name will be crossed off the mailing list which is being revised for September.

Sister Potus Vini  
Editor

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Mrs. Houle entreated all Indian parents present to continue co-operation on an even stronger basis for the betterment of her people.

Mrs. Houle is the mother of five children, four of whom are students at the school. Her eldest daughter 14, is graduating there this semester and will continue on in St. Paul High School next September.

Chief Harry Janvier, father of Alex Janvier who has distinguished himself as a great artist and is now attending St-Thomas College in North Battleford, spoke in halting English, but with the wisdom of Solomon and dignity his position as a great leader commanded.

The Chief deplored lack of education in his youth, a fact which had made him forcibly realize how important it was to the development of his own children.

"I have two boys," he said, "I am getting old and need their help very badly, but remembering my own hardships, longing to go to school, instead of being forced to do chores, I make the sacrifice willingly and wish to set an example for every member of my band."

A Chipewyan, the Chief delivered his inspiring words in his tongue and the Cree language, spoken and understood by Saddle Lake Indians.

Mr. C.R. Latham Junior Assistant Officer at the St. Paul Indian Agency, holder of a B.A. from Western Ontario, and B.S. from the University of Toronto, member of the Delaware Band of the Six Nation Agency, Brantford, Ontario, spoke on the integration of the Indian race with Canadians. He reviewed the ethnic background of the Indian, his present means of livelihood and existence and what he foresaw in the future if a continued program of understanding and co-operation such as is exemplified in Blue Quills and other residential schools continues to manifest itself.

Mr. Latham described integration as an invitation to the Indian to share in the economic progress of the country; accept on an equal basis the responsibility of municipal and national affairs.

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One of our classmates, Lawrence Large has won the 1st prize in Ottawa, for the Nutrition Poster, while Frank Noel won a fourth. In Edmonton, Lawrence got a 1st, Rodrigue Charland, a second and Frank Noel, a third prize.

One afternoon, Sister Potvin came to the library. There was a letter on the counter; she opened it and started to read it, but it only took her a second. She jumped so high that I had to pull her down and I was so frightened that my eyeballs rolled around twice and my heart skipped a beat. She told me to run down to the room to tell Lawrence Large that he had won the first prize for the Nutrition Poster Contest in Ottawa. I did, but I could hardly run because I had used nearly all my strength trying to prevent myself from fainting.

When I reached the room, I was half dead and I drank two big pails of water and a can of orange juice, before telling my partner Lawrence Large that he had won the first prize. He too, jumped up to the ceiling and I'm still trying to pull him down.

Norris McGilvery  
Grade VIII

Note: We've been studying about "Tall Tales" in Literature; it looks as if Norris understood what 'all Tales are.

Hard Work: Maid: Yes, ma'm, I left the last place because I was asked to do something I didn't like.

Mrs.: And what was that?

Maid: Look for another job.

### SYMBALS



Bing, bang, slingggggggggg! What's that? We figured that something had fallen from the cupboard. But it wasn't that at all. Father Principal had stepped unnoticed into the room. In his hands he had two large copper plates. "Symbals" cried the boys. "Yes and of pure copper too," said Father. "Are they for our Band?" asked someone. "Indeed they are." But who would be the one chosen to play the symbals. Well, I happened to be the lucky one. These plates are very heavy but they do make beautiful noise.....our Band is now making more noise than ever, but it is pleasant noise, so they say!

Norris McGilvery  
Grade VIII

### REPAIRED INSTRUMENTS

After we had finished our band practice, our supervisor asked us if any of our instruments needed to be repaired. Most of them did, so we packed them in boxes and the following morning Father took them to Edmonton. Two weeks later, they came back with the bill for the work done on them: \$76.00.

We were all very thankful to Father, and we were also anxious to try our instruments to see if their sound had improved. I started to practice on my trombone and it gave a queer sound; it was hollow and low. August Dion helped me to examine it and we soon discovered a crack about three quarters of an inch long. We stuck a piece of tape on it, for the time being, and then the sound was much better.

Our Band is improving a lot since Mr. Taschow is giving us regular lessons. Mr. Taschow is a strict teacher; when he wants a note, we have to play that note or nothing at all. We appreciate someone who makes us do things the right way. We are very grateful for whatever is done for us here in school and especially in the line of music. We take this opportunity to thank Mr. Taschow for his devotedness in teaching us to play so well.

Freddie Minoose  
Grade VII



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Father Lyonnais, pastor at Saddle Lake urged more co-operation with the school, meaning, he said to "work with." To co-ordinate at home the same teachings that are given at school.

Mr. Sylvain Lefebvre, Principal of St-Paul School reported on the progress of the first group of Blue Quills students promoted to the high school. He found a high level of intelligence, combined with outstanding qualities, politeness, but a tendency to individualism, probably due to a lack of confidence, fear of failure with an uncertain goal. In spite of the turn in mentality there is more need for encouragement on the part of the parents to develop their sons and daughters to greater love for education by taking advantage of every means placed at their disposal in this modern world, especially books, radio, and other media. There is a need for Indian professionals in the field of education, missionaries, doctors, lawyers, teachers, to set the example for high school students so that they would continue to a higher degree of education and integration.

HIS EXCELLENCY BISHOP PHILIPPE LUSSIER OF ST. PAUL, EXPRESSED GRATITUDE AT THE DEVOTION OF THE MISSIONARY FATHERS OF MARY IMMACULATE AND THE GREY NUNS FOR THEIR ADMINISTRATION LEADING TO MARKED PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATION AT THE SCHOOL. HE CITED AS FOREMOST EXAMPLE, Mrs. ROSANA HOULE, ONE OF THE FINEST PRODUCTS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT.

He congratulated Rev. Father Bernet-Rollande, Principal, for his dedication to the cause of the Indian people the great success of his work fully recognized on this Silver Jubilee.

Drawing conclusions from the text of the guest speakers, His Excellency noted that the subject matter of the addresses expounded the Silver Jubilee theme, Education and integration, all to the benefit of the Indian's body, mind and soul. He commended the fine example set by Chief Janvier and exhorted all Indian parents to faithfully follow his shining example. "Integration," said the Bishop, does not mean annihilation or destruction of the Indian race, but full cooperation to blend two peoples to united Christianity to work for and serve God primarily for salvation.

(St-Paul Journal)

Grade 1:

We played store. First we made toy money and put tags by the toys. Lorraine was storekeeper. We bought toys. I bought a duck. I put back my duck. It was fun.

Sylvia Kakeesim

Grade 11:

As soon as the crows were back for the spring we started an enterprise on birds. Oh, my! It was very interesting. We have learnt that birds are farmers' best friends and that they should be protected. The bird I like best is the Robin. I like to watch him hop.

Barbara Ann Brule

While we are working our enterprise we have to watch for new birds and report on them. One Monday morning when Sister asked if we had noticed any new birds, I got nervous because I wanted to answer first and I shouted: Yes Sister, I saw a muskrat." They all laughed at me.

Adrien Houle

For six years I was sick in Camsell Hospital and for two years I have been in Blue Quills School.

On May 10th, I made my First Communion. Father Principal gave me Jesus. I was so happy on that day. In the dining room, we were all by ourselves, those who had made their first communion. And we had some very good things to eat. We had our picture taken with Father. It was a very nice day.

Edward Janvier

Grade 111:

Miss Perkin's mother was very sick, so Miss Perkin went to Edmonton and when she got there, she took the plane to England. When she got in England her mother was already dead. We are very sorry for Miss Perkin. We will pray for her and her mother so she will have a nice place in heaven.

When Miss Perkin was gone, Sister Corriveau took her place for two days. After that Miss Pauline Gamache came for many days. We like Miss Gamache very much. She was teaching for nine days.

Violet Loth





# SOUVENIRS

I am again "reminiscing". Having received many letters of appreciation for my first attempt, I feel encouraged to continue. In writing this article, I am as it were, sending a circular letter to my former pupils of 1932-44.

I am going to speak of two ex-pupils, now deceased. First, about Robert Anderson, who was in my class-room the first year I taught in Blue Quills. I remember him as being polite and studious. He was then 17 and the next year he and his father were obliged to go to the General Hospital in Edmonton, as they were both active T.B. There, Robert taught Catechism to his father who became a Catholic shortly before his death. Later, Robert was taken to the University Hospital. In a letter written to me, dated Jan. 22, 1941, from the University Hospital, Robert says:

"I have spent four years in here and I have not made any progress in trying to heal this sickness. I am saying my morning and evening prayers daily, and I recite my holy rosary too. I was glad to get that short prayer from you. I will learn it by heart and say it every day. Last Monday, the parish priest from St-Albert, came to pay me a short visit. I received Holy Communion. I was happy to receive God and I am praying hard, asking Jesus to heal me." I will quote one stanza of the poem Robert spoke of learning:

We Two

"I cannot row it myself-My boat on the raging sea  
But beside me sits Another; Who pulls or steers with me  
And I know that We Two shall come safe into port:  
His child and He."

Later, Robert wrote me saying that he had asked the doctor to return to the General Hospital as he wanted to practice his religion better, and a few months later, he died suddenly of hemorrhage.

The second pupil I want to speak of is Emilia Cardinal, who married Edward Mooswa. After he died of T.B. she

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We were discussing about the things of spring one day in class when somebody suggested that we should start a Bird House Contest; bird houses would attract the birds. We all agreed to this idea although we girls knew that we would not have a chance to build these houses.

The boys started their bird houses on a Wednesday, because they had the whole morning to themselves while we were out for Home Ec. They followed all the directions of the plans Sister had lent them. These sheets of plans had been pinned on the walls in the shop. Each boy chose the plan he wanted, and then worked on his own without the help of anyone.

We were very anxious to see all the bird houses. We were also anxious to see who would be the winners. On the table in our classroom, one fine Sunday morning, over twelve bird houses were found. My, our boys are smart!

The judging of the houses began. The prizes were given as follows: Jerome Woods, 1st prize, \$1.00; Lawrence Large, 2nd prize, \$1.00; Allan Jacob, 3rd, 50¢; Alex Whiskjack, 4th, 50¢; Billy Shirt, 5th, 50¢; A. Jacob, 6th, 50¢.

Father Principal and Sister Superior were the kind donors of the prize money. How grateful we should be!

Now we enjoy listening to the melodious songs of the birds. They are getting to be so numerous that we do not know their names. We hope that these birds all come back next year.

Linda Houle  
Grade VIII





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also contracted the disease and then went with her four children, to live with her parents; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cardinal.

The day after her death, her father told me the following: He had been away from home, cutting hay at Duck Lake, on the Saddle Lake Reserve, and returned one evening to find her very low. As he came near to her, she spoke in Cree: "Father, I am going home." He answered: "Yes my child, go home." And she gently passed away.

I sincerely hope that we may all have this child-like faith at the hour of death and die as peacefully as she did.

In this anniversary year of Blue Quills, we older missionaries, who have labored during the preceding years must find consolation to know that the torch we have dropped, has been picked up by Younger Fathers and Sisters who will continue the Apostolate, and work among you. And, dear friends of Long-Ago, we can still help you, by our prayers, to live good Christian lives.

An old Timer

Sister Catherine Costello

#### GONE BUT WILL COME BACK

Sister Catherine Costello, presently our nurse (she had to give up teaching on account of her eyes) has left us on June 15th, with Sister Marguerite Comeau, another old-timer who has spent many years of her religious life, as teacher in Blue Quills. She now is our Sacristan.

Sr. Costello and Sister Comeau are taking a well deserved trip to the Mother House in Montreal. They will also visit their people in the United States, and make their ten day retreat at Nahant, Mass.

We hope that they will enjoy every minute of their trip and that they will return, refreshed and ready for many more years of service among us.

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him by Mr. Taschow, our Band-Master. Then all the cadets were given their Able Cadet Certificates, presented to them by Mayor Jules Van Brabant. Then I was awarded the H.M.C.S. Nonsuch Progress Award for making the most progress in my Corps this year. This Nonsuch Award was donated by our C.O. Lieut. Mahdiuk. It was presented to me by Lieut. J. W. Achtymichuk, the C.O. of the Smoky Lake Corps.

Jerome Woods  
Grade VIII

The St-Paul Journal had this to say about our Cadets:

"The Blue Quills, Cadet Corps organized last year, did look very smart in the traditional navy "round rig" polished and tiddley for the close scrutiny of the officers. The presence of the well-rehearsed Brass Band, the only Sea Cadet Band in Canada, added color and dignity to the functions, unfolding on the terrace in front of the school."

Note: Jerome Woods is Acting Petty Officer while our boys' Supervisor Mr. Thomas Cardinal is Sub. Lieutenant.

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#### FIRST COMMUNION

On Ascension Day, eighteen of our little brothers and sisters made their first Communion. Reverend Father Angin had prepared those who speak Cree, while Miss Darimont had prepared those who speak English or rather those who are not Cree speaking. The children had been practiced for the ceremony by reverend Sister G. Bisson.

The day before the ceremony, Mrs. Taschow, always the same kind hearted person who serves a hot dinner to our big brothers and sisters who attend school in St-Paul, sent a delicious cake for the First Communicants. She also sent one for the Fathers and another for the Sisters. Several of us girls managed to get a piece ... It was indeed delicious!

Hazel Dion  
Grade VIII



# HAPPY

## Birthday



Date      JULY      AGE

|    |                   |    |
|----|-------------------|----|
| 3  | Charland Annie    | 11 |
| 4  | Mamenook Simon    | 9  |
| 9  | Adrian Houle      | 10 |
| 9  | Walter Pasqueyak  | 11 |
| 10 | Dion Irene        | 17 |
| 13 | Mooswa Victor     | 11 |
| 17 | Cardinal Hector   | 14 |
| 21 | Cryer Margaret    | 12 |
| 21 | Makokis Leona     | 10 |
| 13 | Shirt Pauline     | 13 |
| 14 | Lorraine Cardinal | 8  |

DATE      AUGUST      AGE

|    |                |    |
|----|----------------|----|
| 3  | Cardinal Irene | 13 |
| 5  | Cardinal Ver.  | 16 |
| 7  | Whiskyjack O.. | 10 |
| 19 | Jackson Laura  | 12 |
| 21 | Eric Janvier   | 8  |
| 22 | Dion Roland    | 16 |
| 23 | Dion R.A.      | 13 |
| 30 | Dion Hazel     | 14 |

"EVERY PERFECT GIFT  
COMES FROM ABOVE."

St-James

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### TAKE THEM AS YOU FIND THEM

Don't disturb yourself about  
Fair or stormy weather;  
Squalls must sometimes whistle round  
When people live together.  
Some will smile, and some will frown,  
You need never mind them;  
Travel on as best you can----  
Take them as you find them.

They may think you very wrong;  
You may think they wander;  
Charity will whisper then,  
"Better not to ponder."  
Actions wear a different look  
When motives are assigned them.

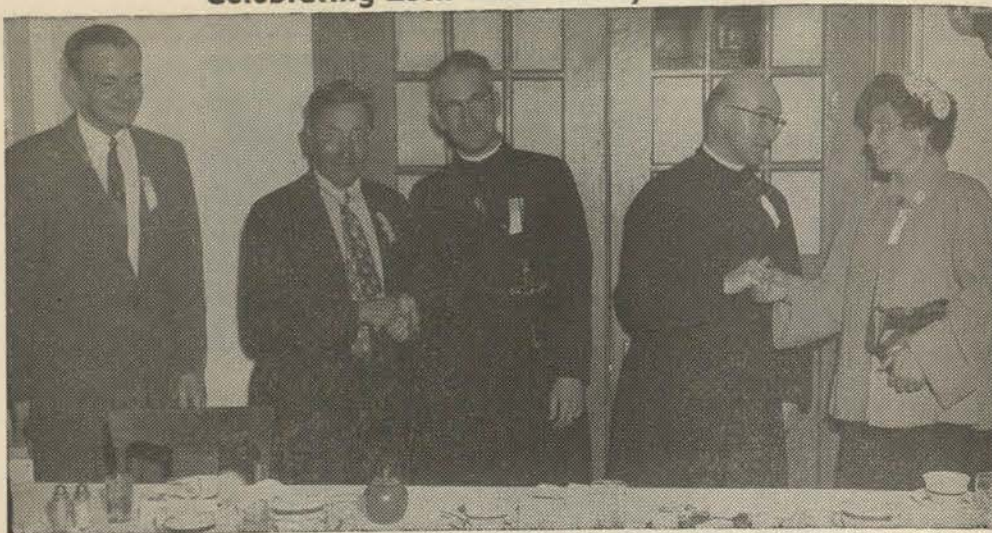
### Janvier Receives Award from Bishop Baudoux



His Excellency Bishop Maurice Baudoux, first Bishop of St. Paul, with Alex Janvier, whose graduation took place at St. Thomas College, North Battleford, on June 9th.



## Celebrating 25th Anniversary of School



Rev. Fr. Bernet-Rollande, Principal of Blue Quills School, on the right side of the picture is seen congratulating Mrs. Rosana Houle, one of the first pupils of the establishment when it opened in 1931, for the support and help during the past 25 years. Rev. Fr. Lyonnais extends a word of gratitude to Chief Janvier of Legoff for the fine example he has set to his people in promoting education. On the left is Mr. C. R. Latham, junior assistant officer at the agency, who delivered an inspiring address at the Silver Jubilee Celebrations.



Reverend Father Lyonnais, founder of the Blue Quills Band with his musicians, taken in 1953. The Blue Quills Band, under the leadership of Mr. H. Taschow, is showing marked progress lately.



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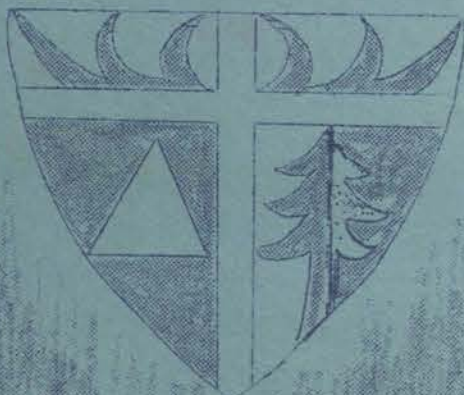
Lac La Biche

1898

Saddle Lake

1931

BLUE QUILLS



1956