

Prof, Don Jackson.

Shingwauk Hall.

R.R.1. Desbarats.

Ontario. POR 1E0.

July 8 / 91.

Dear Don,

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter I sent to the Editor of the Sault Star.

I am looking forward to seeing what he does with it, he will probably edit it but I hope he doesn't chop it up too much, as he sometimes does with my letters and then people don't understand what I am talking about.

This is how my wife and I feel about Shingwauk and the Indian people. We are looking forward to the next reunion, if we are still around when it takes place.

Our kindest regards to you and everyone who made Shingwauk 91 such a success. Thank you all.

Sincerely,

Fred + Ruth Ingle

Readers Comment.

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Dear Editor,

Fifty two years ago I came to Sault Ste. Marie to join the staff of Shingwauk Indian Residential School and there I met my future wife. We were married in Bishop Faquier Memorial Chapel in 1941 with the staff and all the children attending.

I would like the public and the Indian people to know that the Principal at that time, Rev, C.F.Hives told me that just like Chief Shingwauk, his ambition was to make Shingwauk School a University, or college for the benefit and higher education of the Indian people. He approached the church and the Indian Affairs Dept, but they wouldn't listen to his ideas, however, this is something the Indian people are working on today.

My wife and I attended the first Shingwauk Reunion 81 and we have tried to cover as many parts of this Shingwauk 91 as possible and we are so happy to share with our friends the memories of those years spent in the school.

Because the school was an institution, we staff members tried to make life as much home like as possible for the children because we too had to live under rules and regulations and we realized how the children felt, so far away from their homes and families, we felt the same way.

We would like to thank the many people who organized Reunion 91, they did an excellent job and are to be congratulated for their work.

We have kept in touch with some of the boys and girls, many of them are now grandfathers and grandmothers, and we are glad to see how they have prospered.

We are happy to be counted as friends of Shingwauk and the Indian people and wish them every success in their future endeavours, they have always had our love and support and anything we can do to help them we will do.

We have not walked in their moccasins but we understand their frustrations and their desire to be free to live their life their own way.

We are all God's children, no matter how we worship, and while we cannot forget the past, we must hold out the hand of friendship and help each other to a better life in the future.

Fred & Ruth Ingle

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