

THE CLUB STAR

GARNIER RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL
SPANISH, ONTARIO

Vol. IV. No. 7

FEBRUARY, 1949

DRAMATICS.

On the evening of February 2nd the boys of Garnier and the girls of St. Joseph's presented "A February Concert" in the Garnier Hall. Grade X, the day previously, had effectively and efficiently set up the stage. The series of playlets went smoothly. Grades 1 and 2 performed all the intricate figures of a military march and drill with the precision and calmness of seasoned veterans. Joseph Howard Penasse even chewed his bubble gum as he kept time to the music. Grades 3 and 4 sang "Ten Little Indians", "Early in the Morning", and "Brahms' Lullaby". John Caneau and his merry men gave their rendition of the Adventures of Robin Hood. Garnet Keshig, as the mother of Tom, Dick and 'Arry, turned in a stellar performance.

The intermediate girls, from across the road, presented the charming little operetta, "The Twelve Dancing Princesses". "The King, as you know, offered the hand of any of the princesses in marriage to the man who could discover where they danced Shirley Cocco, as the wandering soldier, bravely faced and overcame all the dangers. Everything ended happily with the eldest princess marrying the soldier. The Senior Girls deserved much praise for their fine vocal number, "Danny Boy".

Under Father Johnson's direction the Grade XI of Garnier gave a very creditable performance of Father Lord's play, "Mistress Castlemaine's Christmas Dinner". Basil Johnston, as the crusty, imperious Colonel Bradshaw, ably carried the leading role. The play is dramatic, filled with tense situations. The actors caught and retained the spirit until the end. The audience, even the young grade school boys and girls, gave the actors rapt attention.

AN INVITATION

It was a surprise and a very pleasant surprise. On Thursday the 16teeners Club of St. Joseph's held a party in honour of Father Barry and Father Hannin. The Garnier boys were invited and after shaving, picking out their best neckties and shining their shoes, arrived at the girls' school. The boys removed their overshoes and rubbers before entering the recreation hall (something they never do at their own school.) The girls had not yet arrived for they had been reading that famous book "The Etiquette of Dances" On page ten it announces "Always keep the gentleman waiting".

The floor of the girls' recreation hall had been shined to mirror-like brilliancy. Maxie remarked that it would be slippery for basketball. Cecil King and Dominic McComber inspected the sets of dishes which the little girls used for playing house Peter Deere and Robert Daybutch squeezed themselves into the benches used by the Grades 1 and 2, and commenced a very serious game of checkers.

"Lightly skipping and tripping" the girls entered, dressed in long formal dresses. This added a note of distinction and indicated the party was a special event. The favourite square dances echoed through the hall and the party had started. A dainty and sumptuous lunch was served in the dining room. A smart corp of junior girls, dressed in black and white, waited on the tables. There was no shyness on the boys' part and they kept the waitresses busy bringing in fresh supplies. Miss Whalen's Domestic Science had evidently made good use of their class periods if the cakes, etc., were the results.

THE CLUB STAR

A Monthly Bulletin

published by

Garnier Residential School

Spanish, Ontario

EDITORIAL

Qu'Appelle Indian Residential School, Lebret, Saskatchewan, started High School Classes this year. There are twenty boys and girls, attending Grades 9 and 10. In their Year Book, Antoinette Desnomie writes: "No matter what our walk in life may be, we consider that a high school education will be our greatest asset. Therefore we want to take advantage of this opportunity. This higher learning, we are confident, will enable us to get better jobs, to associate with a higher class of people, to become leaders and organizers on our reserves. It will also permit us to ambition, different professions, such as nurses, teachers, doctors, engineers, etc., and to fit ourselves to be better Canadians. We are proud of our High School and will endeavour to make it a success.

Our hopes are great, dear parents and schoolmates. Now that we have the opportunity, we shall not step back. Everyone of us will give it full co-operation and encourage those who have planned this project. With good team play, we shall make one step further to improve our welfare."

Garnier and St. Joseph have fifty-six boys and girls taking advantage of a high school education. This is a great step forward to improve their social and economic condition. May each one repeat with Antoinette, "Now that we have the opportunity we shall not step back." In order not to step back, a student must press forward. Lent is an admirable time to concentrate on going forward. Every Catholic boy wants to do something for Lent. Here is something practical and advantageous. It may hurt, it may be a penance at times. However, nothing is accomplished, not even a good hockey team formed, without effort and ambition.

NINETY-FIVE

Father Joseph R. Richard, the grand old man of the school, who celebrated his seventieth year in religious life last September, had another celebration on February 6. On that day he was ninety-five. Not many men reach that age and not many men have a life story filled with so much charity and heroism. Over sixty of Father Richard's years have been spent in the service of the Lord along the shores of the North Channel and Lake Superior. When he first came up to this region, the country was practically roadless. By canoe, dog-sled, sail boat and sleigh he visited his scattered flock from Byng Inlet to Michipicoten Harbor. Seven times he was in danger of death from storms, but the Lord preserved him. Today, still spry, smiling and kind, he is a great example to all the school. Northern Ontario owes a great debt to missionaries like Father Richard. The Ojibway nation should enshrine in its memory this veteran priest, who worked for years to bring them closer to God and to improve their standard of living. The Club Star congratulates you, Father Richard and hopes that God will add length of days to your patriarchal years.

FINAL VOWS

It was a simple ceremony. Two black-robed priests knelt before the main altar in Garnier Chapel as Father Superior said the Mass on February 2nd. At the Communion Fr. Superior turned around and held the Host aloft. Before the Host Father Barry and Father Hannin pronounced their final vows in the Society of Jesus. It marked the end of their years of probation in the Society. Like hundred of Jesuits on that same day, they made the final dedication of their lives to God, to be poor with Christ poor, to suffer with Christ suffering, to rejoice with Christ rejoicing. The special singing at the Mass, especially the impressive hymn "Take and Receive O Lord", emphasized the solemnity of the occasion.

SPORTS

Exhibition Games

THE NOSSA

This year we joined the Northern Ontario Secondary School Association Blind River Continuation School were our only opponents in the league. Four games were scheduled and the winner was to advance into the Manitoulin district. A dispute arose about the eligibility of players. Blind River in order to strengthen their team used four players from the neighboring St. Joseph's Continuation School, Blind River. This is strictly forbidden by the NOSSA constitution. Garnier protested and won their protest. Blind River Continuation School defaulted and withdrew. Therefore with no other school in the Algoma district willing to face our High School team, we took the title for this section. Home and home games are being arranged with the winner of the Manitoulin section.

N. O. H. A.

Garnier entered a team in the Juvenile League in order to gain experience for next year. This year's team is light and fast. Three league games were played and Garnier lost them. On Mar. 1 Garnier advances into the play-offs.

Intermural League

The House leagues in all divisions have been playing daily games after dinner and after class in the afternoon. The leaders in each division are:

Midgets—Red Wings 18 points
 Juniors—Canadiens 18 points
 Intermediates — Black Hawks 8 points
 Seniors—Canadiens 8 points

The Playoffs:

Led by the all star school team centre, Maxie Simon, the Red Wings won the Garnier Senior title

High Scoring.

In the last three games Garnier scored 27 goals and only allowed 6 goals against themselves. In the next issue we shall describe the games for the Manitoulin title and the Northern Ontario crown.

Garnier played its usual exhibition games and lost only one game. Our first line was too strong for most of our opponents, but our "Kid" third line got plenty of experience. This third line averages 14 years and has increased its speed and fight.

Games Played in January and February

Garnier vs. Spanish 5-2.
 Garnier vs. Spanish 6-2
 Garnier vs. Blind River Continuation School 4-5 (exhibition)
 Garnier vs. Webbwood Juveniles 4-1
 Garnier vs. Espanola Juniors 6-2
 Garnier vs. Blind River Juveniles 2-3 (league game)
 Garnier vs. St. Joseph's Juveniles 7-1
 Garnier vs. Spanish 9-4
 Garnier vs. Blind River Continuation School (won by default)
 Garnier vs. Massey Juniors 9-6
 Garnier vs. Webbwood Juveniles 9-0
 Garnier vs. Espanola Juniors 7-4
 Garnier vs. Spanish Seniors 5-2
 Garnier vs. McKerrow Juveniles 9-1
 Garnier vs. McKerrow Juveniles 13-6
 Garnier vs. Blind River Juveniles 1-4 (league game)
 Garnier vs. Blind River Juveniles 1-4 (league game)
 Garnier vs. Massey 13-4

Basketball

The Garnier Spring Basketball League commenced February 24. Seniors and Intermediates have swung into action. Last fall the Senior Black Hawks swept through the league and the play-offs to win the title. It is anyone's guess who will win the Spring title. The Black Hawks still have the mastery of the bounce but the Maple Leafs showed more aggressiveness in the first encounter.

THE ROVING REPORTER REPORTS

One day we suddenly jumped back to 1924 and looked up the daily records.— Hockey sticks then sold for 24c. However the boys rose at 5.30 a.m. There were no lights on the rink, no basketball and movies about four times a year. The boys had sewing circles. Spanish and Walford were defeated in hockey and the play "The Magic Book" was presented in Blind River.

The Wigwam (school paper in 1927) relates that Mite Boxes were placed in all the classrooms and a great number of pennies received for the foreign missions (perhaps this is true).

It does not take much to make a youngster happy. Alex Fox is as proud of his two new teeth as Alfie Cooper is of his sports coat.

Bruce McComber and company think that Smiling Jack is very stupid. It took him thirteen chapters in the movies to find out that Judy was a German spy. Why any Grade 1 boys could have discovered that fact in the first chapter.

The ice was rough for the skating party the other night. Snow and rain made it like a washboard. Nevertheless the girls cut right through the bumps and supported the boys who stumbled and fell. In the midst of a snappy skaters' waltz the lights went out, and although the music went on the skaters headed for the recreation hall.

The Garnier Darning Club, headed by Dominic Contin have adopted the following song:

Said the little toe to the sock;

"Let me through, let me through".

Said the little sock to the toe:

"No. I'll be darned if I do."

After breaking the sixtieth cup, the Seniors are finally realizing that cups won't bounce on cement floors. It is too bad that they didn't discover this fact earlier.

Charley Johnston is outgrowing all his clothes. He has put on twenty pounds since September. Donald King has been mistaken several times for Maxie. He and his brother Cecil will soon have a hard time getting into a car. Someone suggested that perhaps a little hard work might take some of the surplus twenty-five pounds from Donald.

HIGH SCHOOL VIGNETTES

Rudy Ryce—quiet, pleasant. Member of the Senior Black Hawks and Garnier School Team. Excellent basketball player and a dependable defense man on the hockey team. Started school here in Grade I and is now in Grade IX. Graduated from the dairy department to the painting department. Does not like parties and is a person of few words.

Emile Hughes—"Senor"—quiet, polite and sociable. Member of the Senior Maple Leafs and is learning to play games. A talented musician but not a singer. Takes up farming and motor mechanics as a side line. Comes from Northern Manitoba.

Adam Roy — growing fast, cheerful, good student.—Member of the Senior Red Wings and a very aggressive player. Plays centre on the second line of Garnier School Team. One of the youngest members of his class—shows ability in sports and studies. Takes up dairying as a hobby. Grade X.

Robert Daybutch—always the quizzical smile. Member of the Senior Maple Leafs and the 16teeners Club. A good student and could rank among the top if he studied a little harder. Has a certificate announcing his graduation from the culinary department. Courteous and polite, comes from Mississagi and had nothing to do with the recent forest fires.

Special!

GARNIER WINS ALGOMA -

MANITOULIN NOSSA TITLE

Defeats Little Current

14 - 3

in a home and home series

(goals to counts)