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NEW FLOOR IN THE RINK

The first sod for the new rink was turned just one month ago this month. From that day we looked forward to the time when we would use the rink for basketball, hockey and indoor games. But for that we needed an asphalt floor and an asphalt floor was just a dream. It was more than a dream for Father Barry; he had worked hard on the rink and was anxious to have that new floor. It happened that the McNamara Construction Company was paving the road between Massey and Spanish; so he contacted them, and they graciously and generously agreed to put in the fill and the new asphalt floor. So one rainy day they started the job but the heavy rains interfered with the work. The muck underneath would not carry trucks; springs at the far end of the rink added to the difficulties. And for a while it looked as though we would have to be satisfied with a gravel floor. Then it was that he took to prayer. Brother Vandermoor and Company dug new ditches and put down new tiles to drain off the water from the springs. A week of sudden cold weather froze the ground hard. God had answered our prayers. On November 6th a fleet of trucks, bulldozers and machinery from the McNamara Construction began to bring gravel into the rink and to level off the floor. A blustering storm prevented further work. On Thursday, November 8th they started to pour the hot asphalt. The soft spots in the rink were filled by hand and a machine did the rest. At the end of that busy and hard day five hundred tons of asphalt had been put on the floor of the rink. The rink took on a new appearance. The dream had come true.

Our sincerest thanks go to Mr. George A. McNamara for this work, to Mr. Clark, Mr. Fox and the men of the McNamara Construction Company who were so efficient and friendly, to Father Barry who has been tireless in his efforts to get

the asphalt floor into the rink, to Brother Vandermoor who engineered and worked so hard on the drainage of the rink, and to the boys who worked faithfully and long at digging ditches and drains and pouring the asphalt and carrying the lumber. Your thanks will be the gratitude of many boys and girls who will enjoy the benefits of this new floor.

SODALITY NOTES

The Sodality was organized during the month of October. At the present time there are only two sodalists in the boys' school. But many of the senior boys are interested in becoming sodalists and are now on probation. During the month of November the Sodality is making extra efforts to help the poor souls by extra spiritual works. Allan McGregor is the new Prefect of the Sodality and Cornelius McComber is his first assistant. Father D. Daly S.J., national director of Sodalities in Canada visited Spanish for one day. Father Daly was guest of honor at a dance put on by the boys' and girls' Sodalities. Father Daly spoke briefly to the Sodalists and during the dance he went among them and met each one individually. November 6th was Communion Day for the Sodalists; Father Daly said the Mass for the Sodalists and at the end of Mass gave a very inspiring talk on Our Lady. He stressed the role that Mary should play in our life as mother because she is our mother given to us by Our Lord Himself. Father Daly addressed the girls' sodality in the morning and the boys' sodality in the afternoon; the lesson he drove home was the lesson of the five points discussed at the Sodality Congregation in Rome last year. He made it perfectly clear that to be a real sodalist you must want to be a saint. The Sodalities appreciated very much this visit and the instructive talks that Father Daly gave.

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SCHOOL SPIRIT

You cannot describe it. But when it is there you know it. It is hard to define because you cannot touch it or tell what it is or from where it came. You have seen it in a hundred little things every day. You know that it is there or you know that it is missing.

Somehow you think of school spirit in connection with cheering at a rugby game or a hockey match or a basketball game. It is important that you bust your lungs with the rest of the gang to cheer on your team. Yes, it has something to do with school spirit but so have many other less glamorous little things.

School spirit means a feeling of pride in your school. It makes you keep the rules; it makes you deliberately keep the wastebaskets full and the floor clean it makes you handle with care all school property. School spirit spells cooperation. It is the feeling that everything depends on you to carry out your end of the deal—in class, at work, in games. It means lending a hand to putting up the stage; putting away the benches after the concert.

School spirit means friendliness . . . the feeling that win or lose your school Nothing hurts school spirit more than to form a little group of friends which is a closed circle to all others.

School spirit means enthusiasm for The feeling that win or lose your school is always the best. That is true whether the activity is a debate or a concert or a basketball game. School spirit is all this and something more. In a nutshell it is personal responsibility in action. It is a hundred little things . . . It means smiling and seeing the job to be done as my job. It means that in the classroom, in the clubs, in sports there is no school quite like yours. You count it a privilege, not a penalty, to be there in the first place. School spirit is built on the individual student. That is YOU. Make school spirit your spirit.

CHEERING SECTION

What has become of the cheering section? How do the students expect a victory if they do not do their share to help? The team that is cheered on to victory and congratulated plays a lot better than the team that is criticized and even booed from the sidelines. There is no fun in playing and being discouraged and maybe carried off the field. Everyone wants to be at the next dance and not in bed. The players on the field know how much the cheering helps them. Right now they would like to be on the sidelines to cheer the players on to victory. Why did the Juniors win their football game? Because the Senior players were at the end of the field yelling for them with all their might.

—Emmett Chiblow.

WHERE DO PREFECTS GO?

Many boys have been asking where Fr. McKenna is this year. He has been promoted to the famous St. Mary's College, Halifax, and there he is the director of the High School Cadets . . . Father Belyea is studying Theology at the Jesuit Seminary in Toronto and preparing new stories to tell the little boys when he comes back to Spanish again . . . Father Maurice and Father Brown are making their last year of study in the sunny climate by the Gulf of Mexico; they would give anything for just a breath of our nice crisp winter air . . . Father Schretlen has been named Moderator of the Mission Academy in Toronto and Father Traynor is President. We thank them all and all their helpers for the boxes of clothes, books, shoes and skates they have sent to us.

SKATES

This year more than any other year in the past it is important that every boy has his own skates. In the covered rink there will be many opportunities for skating and playing hockey that were never enjoyed in the past. It will not be necessary to spend days shovelling before you start to skate. The school cannot give skates to every boy. Therefore parents are urged to provide their boys with skates if at all possible.

RUGBY

The rugby season opened on September 29th and the first game was against Espanola. In this area Espanola and Garnier are the only two schools that play tackle rugby and so competition is limited to the two schools. The teams played a series of exhibition games—six in all. This year they played twelve man rugby. The games were exciting and really spirited and the spectators witnessed a lot of good football. The last game was on November 1st. With that game the rugby season came to a sudden close for snow fell that night; the week of snow and wind and cold meant that winter was here.

SENIOR TEAM—

About twenty senior boys turned out for practice to join the senior squad. Many of the boys were new to the game and most of them were definitely on the light side. During the season the loss of some veteran players like Emil Hughes, Gordon Manitowabi and Charlie Johnston was a blow to the small numbers and meant that new men had to be trained to fill their positions. The many rainy days played havoc with practices. But Mr. Schnurr, the coach, faced the situation with vim, vigour, boundless energy and enthusiasm. He practiced in every possible free period; he practiced them as a team and in small groups and he practiced them against the Junior team. In the actual games the team executed some very brilliant plays. It is always nice to win but that was not our good fortune this year. Espanola won all four games. Joe Bonaparte was quarterback and played brilliantly; Ronnie Jacobs did some very nice running. Emmett Chiblow, Bill Bover, Dafe Fox, Allan McGregor, Bill Kinoshameg, Tim McGrath played hard earnest football, Bob Sunday did the kicking.

JUNIOR TEAM.

The juniors played a home and home series with Espanola and each team was victorious on its home ground. Espanola depended mostly on plunges to gain yards and they had the men to make the plunges; Garnier resorted to passes and end runs. Jim Norton, Timmy Daybutch, Raymond Kinoshameg, Ed Lavallev, Leslev Day, Agillius Ominka were stars for the Junior team.

JUNIOR HOUSE LEAGUE

On Saturday and Sunday mornings while the Seniors were in class or study, the Juniors got dressed up in shoulder pads, helmets and sweaters and battled it out for the championship. Herbie Mitchell's team defeated Jimmy King's Canadians in the opening game. It was the fast running of his brother Tom that brought victory to Herbie's Leafs. In the second game Jerry Mitchell's team defeated Maurice Debossige's team; he had Jimmy Kitchikeg on his team and Jimmy can really plunge; he also has Mervin Bannon who is afraid of nothing and is very good at bringing down the ball carrier. The four teams played off one against each other and Herbie Mitchell's team emerged the champions. Junior players like Don Jocko, Tom Corbiere, Archie Southwind, Gabriel Belleau, Herbie and Tom Mitchell and Jerry, Jim Kitchikeg, Mervin and Ralph Bannon, Maurice Debossige and Julian Pittawanakwat, Gilbert Oskaboose and Ben Shinos will be the stars on the Junior and Senior teams in years to come.

BOWS —

- to chief referee, Father Conlon, for a tough job well done.
- to headlinesman, Brother Mara, always at his post and eminently fair.
- to senior coach, Mr. Schnurr, who brought so much enthusiasm, energy and football knowledge to the coach-in of senior team;
- to line coach for the Junior team, Father Conlon. They had to pass him if they wanted to make the team.
- to the cheering section, the girls of St. Joseph's School. They put new pep into the players.
- to medicine man, Bernie Jacobs, for medical skill.
- to the kitchen staff, for the delightful sandwiches and cakes.
- to the boys who marked the field, carried the benches, and checked the equipment.

BASKETBALL

Two basketball games are played each night — the intermediates at 8.00 o'clock and the seniors at 8.30. Garnier has been invited to play Espanola High in basketball. They have just opened their new gymnasium and are looking for games in all divisions.

HOCKEY

The cold weather in early November really made us think a great deal about hockey. Now that we have the new floor in the rink we are thinking about it even more. As we go to press the carpenters are putting up the boards. So we can look forward to an ice surface soon. Garnier has entered a juvenile team in the North Shore League. There are five teams in the league—Thessalon, Blind River, Massey, Espanola and Garnier. Art St. Denis and Harold Belleau will be our home referees. Father Oliver will coach the team.

OLD BOYS

Alfred Cooper has returned to Loyola College, Montreal; he is now in second year premed. Basil Johnston is in second year prelaw at Loyola. Frankie and Eli Commanda are working in the Helen Mines, Wawa; Julius Neganigijig works for a chemical company in Chicago. Maurice Peltier is taking the officers' training course in St. John's, Que., Adam Commanda is working for Oldfield Electrical Company, Cleveland, Ohio, Cecil King has completed his High School at Scollard Hall and is working at Oakville. Maxie Simons is working in Sudbury and trying out with the Sudbury Wolves. Alphonse Trudeau is taking his senior matriculation at Little Curret. Bob Syrette lives at Garden River. Herman Peltier is salesman for Coca-Cola Company, Waterloo, Ontario, Emil Hughes works for the Gilles Co., Temagami.

Do you remember that juvenile team back in 1946-47—the team that took the North Shore title? Do you remember that forward-line, Adam Commanda, Frankie Commanda and Maxie Simons? Do you remember the goalie on that team? Remember how sensational he was in the net? He was so calm, so fast, so effective that very few pucks ever rattled the net behind him. Remember Harold Belleau? He is back with us again, the same cheerful, helpful student who left Garnier three years ago and spent those three years in the hospital. He is back not to play hockey though he certainly could show us many fine points of the game. He is back not just to referee the senior basketball games with Father Conlon nor to look after the music for the dances. He is back with a determination to get his matriculation. And he will. We are mighty glad to have Harold back with us.

There are now 178 boys in the school; 63 in the High School . . . Nov. 1st Brother Vandermoor starts mechanics course, twenty-one boys attend . . . Brother La-Flamme assures Dave Fox he will be back from hospital in two days if all goes well; if all does not go well, he may not be back at all. Dave wants to wait till after the sixteeners' dance before getting his tonsils out . . . What happened to Manitoulin in the rugby games? They met the World twice and both times they went down to defeat; how times change . . . The Junior concert was a huge success; repeat performance in the evening . . . Comments overheard as various people inspected the new floor in the rink. The speakers wish to remain anonymous. "Magnificent," "Marvellous, simply marvellous," "Quite a job," "Damn good job." Note the crescendo . . . The North Shore players eked out a one-point victory in basketball—against the Manitouliners. Then the World (Bonapartes, Gilbert Whiteduck, Bob Sunday, Cornelius McComber, Arnold Nadjiwan and Vctor Commanda) trounced the victorious North Shore -players . . . Touch of genius — Mr. Murphy changed Swanee River to Spanish River for his Junior concert . . . Billy Kinoshameg's remark: "Look at the moon shine." Need we explain? . . . Congratulations, Father Hannin on editing the Wikwemikong School paper, The Beaver . . . The singing in chapel has much improved. We wonder why . . . Watch these intermediate basketball stars. Ken Antoine, Albert Bonaparte, Lloyd Commanda, Romeo Bissailon, Raymond Kinoshameg . . . Cornelius McComber was elected President of senior Berchman's Society. Ronnie Jacobs is vice-president and Emmett Chiblow is secretary . . . Garnier is exceeding fortunate in having such an experienced and capable hockey coach; under his direction they should certainly carry off the laurels Father Rushman is hoping for another championship team in Wikwemikong; he wants to play Garnier again this year. Watch next issue for Garnier School Song . . . Fourteen boys have already received skates from home.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Classes finish 4 p.m. Fri. Dec. 21, 1951
Classes resume 9 a.m. Mon. Jan. 7, 1952