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## EDITORIAL . . .

Why I go to school. I never thought I would be asked to write on such a theme as I always took it for granted that we all saw the need for education and all had the same motives keeping us at this hard task of educating ourselves. Wrote G. Corbiere, "I have now reached that stage of life where I have come to realize that success in life is due more to a developed cerebrum than an enlarged bicep." Peter Armstrong added this thought, "If you think you can make a go of it in this world without help and a guiding hand from more experienced men, you are heading for suicide not success." The same writer also added, "I look on school as a training ground where every manoeuvre is in miniature the same battle that will have to be won in adult life." Emmett Chiblow expressed this sobering thought, "If I did not take advantage of this opportunity to educate myself I would be acting very unwisely for I would be in the position of making a nuisance of myself at home as I am too small or too young to work. Moreover, we from a reserve need the broadening influence, the experience and knowledge of modern living so as to be able to bring our own standard of living on a level with the rest of the country."

Many and varied are the reasons why the boys at Garnier go on to finish their high school. Perhaps, because they have heard so often the complaints of their relatives on reserves that they would like to have had the opportunity to learn more than sign their name and read a comic book.

For the hundreds who have said I wish I had continued in school there has never been one to complain that he was sorry for the time he spent in school.

If the battles of England were won on the playing field of Eton, then the struggle for successful and better living will be won by our graduates in the class rooms and playing fields of Garnier. One thing we can all remember when going to school seems so difficult a task, and that is, that a winner never quits and a quitter never wins.

The Editor.



## Brother Mara Directs Garnier Carnival

With a program that showed little if any lagging, Brother Mara was able to arrange and direct a delightful show for St. Valentine's Day. Miss Georgina Cooper was the queen of the 1954 carnival and Ken Nadjawan acted the part of Prince Charming. The entire cast numbered over 100 while the Garnier orchestra provided the music and the Garnier choir under the direction of Fr. N. MacKenzie did the singing.

The show opened with some lovely skating by Nancy Gagnon and John Bertholet to the tune of "It's a Grand Night for Singing." In the playette that followed Herbie Mitchell acted the part of Mephisto very well, as "Cupid" Paul Rice sorrowfully sat and was cheered by the ambassadors from many lands. The "Virginia Reel" directed by Miss Burke showed the effort required to train the young skaters to poise, balance and a sense of rhythm. Marguerite Pelletier showed signs of a professional as she went through her routine without a mistake. Carmelita Shawana was a restless Snowflake in the dance of "the Snowflakes" as she found it hard to hang onto her gloves, trip in time with the music and keep her smile from waning. Somehow, she did all three and skated off the ice more like her brother Maxie than Barbara Ann.

The rest of the program was completed by High School students, "Blue Tango"; Shirley Ogima and Bruce McComber, "Tribute to Fr. R. Richard, S.J."; "I Am an Indian Girl," Genevieve Whiteduck; "Manitowabi Pow-wow," R. Manitowabi, S. Moses, M. Debossige, L. Pheasant; "Song Medley", George Bruyere; "It Seems Like Old Times," Our Villagers, Ruth Ann Pilon, Melvina Boulrice, Blanche Gignac, Milly Commanda; "Cinderella"—Cinderella in Rags, Melvina Fox; Cinderella the Princess, Georgina Cooper; Fairy God Mother, Carmelita Fox; Stepmother, Ernestine Johnston; Stepsisters, Mabel Trudeau, Shirley Oskaboose; Prince Charming, Ken Nadjawan; Prancing Charger, Sammy Jacobs; Town Crier, Bernie Jacobs; Messenger, Peter Chabot; Coachmen, F. Achitawens, R. Shinos, J. McComber, L. Pheasant; "Coronation of the Queen of the 1954 Carnival," Her Majesty, Georgina Cooper; Prince Charming, Ken Nadjawan; Queen's Court, Loretto King, Elizabeth King, Margaret Nowgabow, Louise Andrews, Bernice Pedoniquot, Rita Ominika, Grace Trudeau, Bernice Boyer, Shirley Dominic, Annette Nadjawan, Sally Daybutch, Norma Assinawe; Attendant to

Prince Charming, Gabriel Belleau; Ambassadors of Good-Will bearing coronation cloack and mace. "Let Me In", Wayne Delormier.

Wrote J. Michel, "To begin my story, I must congratulate all those who had anything to do with our ice show. It was a huge success. The crowd was even larger than the Grand Opening Night of the Arena itself. Almost one third of the ice surface had to be sacrificed for seating room. Wm. Kinoshameg deserves great credit for the electrical lighting which took up so much of his valuable school time. Fr. Maurice was as busy as a hive of bees in arranging the decorations. The Garnier Band consisted of Band Master and accordian, Frank Heist; piano, James Desmarais; guitar, Tim McGrath; Fred McGrath, violin. The "Harmonicats" were Les Day, W. Delormier, E. Lavalley. Last of all, we congratulate Brother Mara who planned, directed and held the show together. He did the "gabbing" over the "mike" and he said he especially enjoyed the part where he (Prince Charming) is talking to Cinderella (Sally Daybutch).

## Mr. Belleau's English Class in Form

### A SCARE

Just before daybreak Jack and I started on our journey. A broad low green valley stretched out from the road. Far to the east, we could see the first faint glimmer of dawn. The early restless twittering of birds could be heard in the willows that guarded one side of the road. All about the air was sweet and cool on our faces. Everything was in semi-darkness as we passed through a part of the road where hills arose on both sides of us. We stopped suddenly and listened intently. A weird shrill cry came out of the blackness ahead of us. All of a sudden, Jack turned and ran and I followed at his heels.

—Frank Syrette, Grade VII.

### DREAMLAND

It was as though I were in some magic spell as I silently gazed at the crystal wonderland below me. Jack Frost had laden the towering trees with pure white snow. Ice too, coated some of the branches making the forest seem one gleaming mass of diamonds spread out before me. The sun glittered like gold. Slowly this dream melted as the merciless sun beat down upon my crystal wonderland changing it into puddles of water and patches of tarnished snow.

—Gilbert Oskaboose, Grade VII



## SNOW BLANKET

It was biting cold and the wind blew aimlessly over a blanket of snow. The snow shimmered and shone like diamonds. A deep white soft and woolen blanket covered the stiff cold ground from the searching wind. The snow seemed to me to be the treasure of a great king laid out on display over the land. So bright and gleaming were the riches of this king that no one could gaze upon him.

—Donald Jocko, Grade VII

## A Rose

The long slender body, the rosy cheeks,  
Her green socks up to her knees,  
She felt the peck of many beaks  
She heard the hum of many bees,  
From where she stood abroad  
The summer field of yellow gold  
The dandelions there seemed odd  
To be eaten by the shepherds fold.

When I had reached full bloom  
A young girl came and said  
"May I make you into a plume  
To deck my plain brown head?"  
I gave her a smile so sweet  
And when as to speak a rose  
She snipped me off so neat  
And said, "My what a lovely rose!"

—Ralph Bannon.

## Thanks a Million

Garnier High School wishes to thank Mrs. G. Pollock and the many friends of the school in Spanish who raised the funds necessary to pay for a new set of school hockey uniforms, complete with crests. The generosity of our friends did not stop there but went on to invite the team and faculty to a turkey dinner at the Pollock residence. A small school like Garnier is handicapped in many ways when compared with other larger centres but none I think can claim a booster club as enthusiastic and helpful and encouraging as the citizens of Spanish. Thanks a million! We at Garnier shall always do our best in any sport or academic contest to show we appreciate your help.



**GARNIER JUVENILE N.O.H.A. TEAM**

First row: S. Lacasse, T. McGrath, D. Fox, I. Allen. Second row: J. Bertholet, T. Daybutch, R. Bois, P. Armstrong, R. Lynch; Third Row: L. Commanda, G. Corbiere, R. Morrison, R. Bissailon, H. Ermetinger. Missing: Wm. Kinoshameg and A. David.

Garnier Hockey  
Good As Usual

The Garnier School team, much weaker than last year's team has almost as enviable a record as any school team to date. Every game the boys played saw them do their best with the result that out of 17 games they won all but four. Their worst defeat was in an exhibition game against the Garnier Grads, who were a credit to our school. There were no penalties in the game and old experts like Maxie Simon, Frankie Commanda, Clement Trudeau showed the Garnier squad why past teams from the school were so good. Mr. Harold Belleau put on a real show in the Grad's net as he made spectacular saves at his blue line. Besides two defeats at the hands of Blind River Juveniles the team lost a game to Sudbury High Seniors who were assisted by several Copper Cliff Junior players.

Garnier ended in top place in the North Shore Juvenile N.O.H.A. league, defeating Blind River 7 to 4 in the last scheduled league game.

**From the Records**

- Jan. 10 — Garnier 7, Spanish Cabeleros 1.
- Jan. 13 — Garnier 3, Blind River, (St. Joseph) 2.
- Jan. 17 — Garnier 5, Sudbury (St. Charles) 4.
- Jan. 20 — Garnier 3, Blind River 4.
- Jan. 24 — Garnier 12, McKerrow 3.
- Jan. 29 — Garnier 5, Sudbury High Seniors 3.
- Jan. 31 — Garnier "B" 8, Massey 3.
- Jan. 31 — Garnier 4, Blind River 3.



Feb. 3 — Garnier 11, Gore Bay 7.

Feb. 5 — Garnier 4, Sudbury and Copper Cliff 5.

Feb. 7 — Garnier 4, Birch Island 3.

Feb. 9 — Garnier 5, Blind River (St. Joseph) 4.

Feb. 13 — Garnier 9, Gore Bay 2.

Feb. 17 — Garnier 5, Blind River 4.

Feb. 19 — Garnier 2, Blind River 3.

Feb. 20 — Garnier 0, Wawa Miners 8.

Feb. 23 — Garnier 7, Blind River 4.

**(North Shore League Championship)**

Feb. 27 — Garnier 15, Gore Bay 2.

March 1 — Garnier 8, Gore Bay 3.

**(Venturi Lincoln Trophy)**

March 12 — Garnier 13, Copper Cliff Redmen 3.

The Soo Dorans proved too much for the Garnier N.O.H.A. Juvenile entry. After winning their first game 7-5 Garnier was snowed under by large scores. Good luck to the Dorans they are a powerful club with few weaknesses.

Garnier's lineup:

Goal, R. Lynch and Alec David, defence, R. Kinoshameg, D. Fox, I. Allan, H. Ermetinger; Forwards, P. Armstrong, T. Daybutch, T. McGrath, R. Lacasse, R. Bois, J. Bertholet, R. Morrison, R. Bissaillon, L. Commanda, M. Delormier, G. Corbiere, W. Sunday, L. Day.

Also playing for the school team were: B. Sunday, E. Chiblow, P. Whiteduck, J. Kitchik, R. Pittawanakwatt.



## Garnier Bantams

With bantam teams in the Sault and Sudbury looking for further fields to conquer after winning local leagues, Garnier was asked to form a bantam team to give the clubs some opposition. From the intramural leagues a team was picked of lads 14 and under. The line-up was: Goal, J. Penasse and R. Bannon; defence, F. Architawens, J. Shawanabin, L. Pheasant, E. Neganigijig; Forwards, Bernie Jacobs, Jim Kitchik, W. Delormier, Herbie Mitchel, M. Bannon, J. Kitchik, M. Debossige, J. Hare.

The hockey players of tomorrow's Garnier Juveniles were viewed by the public in a game against the Copper Cliff Bantam champs. The game was close all the way. Pappin scored three times for Copper Cliff, W. Johnston twice and Bray got one to make the score 6-5 for the visiting team. Garnier marksmen were, Herbie Mitchel two goals, B. Jacobs, T. Jacobs and Jim Kitchik getting each one to make 5 for Garnier.

The Sault Bantams who were a match for our midgets easily won from Garnier with a score of 7 to 1. H. Mitchel always in there fighting got the lone goal for Garnier.

## Garnier Midgets

This year saw a Garnier Midget entry in the N.O.H.A. for the first time, as well as a Juvenile entry. The Midgets were picked from the Intramural Intermediate team and in their play-off game with the Sault Ste. Marie Blackhawks they showed great promise. The game played on March 7th was one of the finest games of the year in the Garnier Arena. In the first period Garnier took the lead when Bernie Jacobs rattled the net back of Razzo the Sault goalie. The Sault team tied it up but before the period was ended Garnier took the lead again, 2-1. In the second period the action was intense, Father Murray was heard to say later, "The game was so exciting I had to smoke a cigarette." The third period saw Garnier Midgets increase their lead 3-1 and in the final frame with M. Delormier serving a penalty the Sault team started to click. They tied the score at three all, only to have Ray Morrison of Garnier put Garnier ahead on a nice solo effort. St. Pierre was a standout on defence as time and again he and R. Lynch, the star of the game, held the Sault off the score sheet. In the last two minutes of play a scramble and slow clearing on the part of the Garnier defence saw the Sault's sixth goal go in with no time for Garnier to catch up. The final score was 6-5. In the return game at the Sault Memorial Gardens the Garnier team was slow to get used to the large ice surface. They matched the Black Hawks goal for goal in the middle period but came out on the short end of a 11-3 score.

Only eleven men were signed to Midget cards and this left the team weak in substitutes but watch them next year.

The team: Goal, R. Lynch; defence, R. St. Pierre, Ken Nadjiwan; forwards, R.



Morrison, M. Delormier, P. Whiteduck, A. David, I. Commanda, L. Day, T. Jacobs, B. Jacobs and R. Pittawanakwatt.

## Intermediate Intramural Hockey Champs

Wayne Delormier led a scrappy team of Canadiens to the intermediate championship. The Black Hawks piloted by M. Debossige bowed out early in the series to Herby Mitchel's Maple Leafs. The battle between the Leafs and Canadiens was one long to be remembered. In the final game with two extra goals by M. Bannon and J. Shawanabin the Canadiens won the shield which is the emblem of school supremacy. Miss M. Fox and Miss Sally Cyrette made the presentation to Captain W. Delormier at centre ice after the game amid the flashing of cameras and cheers of the fans. Said Miss Fox, "I am honored to present this trophy, the symbol of good sportsmanship and strong endeavour to your team."

The Canadiens: F. Achitewans, J. Shawanabin, W. Delormier, M. Bannon, M. Sunday, J. Hare, R. Wabigan, A. Goodleaf.

## Garnier Old Boys Get Together

On Saturday, February 20th, some six or seven Garnier Grads came down from Wawa to play the school team a game of hockey. The hockey game was only incidental as old acquaintances were renewed. But just for the record let it be said that the Grads won without any trouble with a score of 8-0. Harold Belleau deserved a shut-out as he played with his old style and pep. Rita shouting encouragement back of him helped him a lot too. Maxie Simon skating only when he had to, got four of his team's goals and assisted in two others. Frank Commanda tried hard to get in there, it was the first time he was on skates in weeks as he left the hospital after an appendectomy. Some of the others who were able to make the trip were Adam Roy, Clem Trudeau, Joe Fox, R. Ryce, G. Manitowabi.

Garnier is happy to have such fine young men representing the school and we hope to have another reunion with more grads taking part. How about Easter Week? Write if you can make it.

## Garnier Wins Juvenile N.O.H.A. North Shore Championship

For the first time in the Island's history a Juvenile N.O.H.A. championship match was played on the Island last March 1st in Gore Bay. Great credit is due to Mr. O'Leary who made this event possible, when he organized a juvenile team and brought it into the play-offs in the one year he has been in Gore Bay.

The game was fast and clean throughout as these two friendly clubs battled for the championship. Only two penalties were called in the game. Trailing by one game the Gore Bay crew had the edge in the first period though neither club scored. Peter Armstrong the captain and centre of the Garnier team got the first goal of the game. The end of the second period saw the clubs tied at 3-3. In the last canto the Garnier squad surged ahead by five goals scored by Wm. Kinoshameg, R. Morrison, T. Daybutch, T. McGrath and R. Bissailon.

## Manitoulin Ties The World

In what has always been a classic, the annual Manitoulin against the World hockey game came right up to specifications. The game was probably the best hockey game of the year on Garnier ice. Weak in replacements the Manitoulin team seemed doomed to defeat. But that would be to overlook the fighting spirit of the denizens of the Island. At the end of regulation time the score was 5-5. In the overtime period each team scored a goal. In the sudden death overtime period neither team had the strength or energy to skate the length of the rink and no one felt they could become the hero by breaking the deadlock. Final score 6-6.



Manitoulin: P. Armstrong, W. Kinoshameg, J. Kitchikok, D. Fox, G. Corbiere, R. Manitowabi, F. Abel, J. Shawanabin, I. Kanasawe.

The World: K. Nadjiwan, A. David, B. Jacobs, T. Jacobs, E. Chiblow, B. Boyer, L. Lavalley, R. Morrison, B. Sunday, E. Lavalley, L. Commanda, L. Day, M. Delormier, R. Bissaillon, W. Sunday, T. Daybutch, P. Whiteduck, Larry Lavalley.

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