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INTERMEDIATE GARNIER CLUB.

(Grades 7 & 8)

In the publishing and editing of subsequent monthly issues of the school newspaper, the Intermediate boys group will work in conjunction with the high school boys and girls.

RESPONSIBILITY & LEADERSHIP.

One innovation this year is the formation of an Intermediate Garnier Club. In former school terms there was no such organization comparable to it for the students in grades seven and eight.

The origin for such a club at Garnier stemmed from the school authorities. It was believed that if the boys were allowed to run their own club many good results would follow, not the least of which would be a sense of responsibility and qualities of leadership.

In the club the boys suggest, organize and carry out various activities which concern them. They have an executive which presides at meetings once a week, and these elected officers oversee all projects undertaken by the members. Four committees under respective chairmen apply themselves in whatever task they are employed. No shirking of work, nor laziness is tolerated by the members. Each boy is responsible to his chairman, and the latter in turn must make a report to the executive. Lack of suggested activities, lack of initiative, and lack of workers means failure in a particular project. And in that case the boys have no one to blame but themselves.

The club has been given the green light by the school authorities, to hold meetings and to plan various activities for the spiritual, social, speech and sports committees. They will also edit a newspaper in conjunction with the high school boys. Under this democratic arrangement initiative, responsibility and leadership should flourish. And unconsciously the formation of character will be heightened.

Jobs, projects and activities poorly carried out by the boys will result in flops, disappointments and failures. But the same tasks done well will be successful. And since nothing succeeds like success, the boys will be glad, consequently, to volunteer their ideas and themselves for new activities. The pride of fulfillment, of a job well done, will encourage the boys to give generously of their time and effort. They will accept assignments and carry them through to the finish.

The qualities of responsibility and leadership, which should be a natural result in the character development of the Intermediate Club members, will be qualities that should endure beyond the confines of the school. Then in their chosen occupation they will steadfastly labor until each job is completed. And if they are given some charge they will direct matters and make others give an account. However, their sense of responsibility should not stop at their work but it should be carried over into matters of more import, such as the responsibility to be good Catholics and to give leadership to others mainly by good example.

May the executive and members of the Intermediate Garnier Club strive to be leaders in responsibility and responsible leaders.

by Fr. McArdle S.J.

BE THE BEST....

No matter who you are there are certain things that you can do to make this school a better place; to make this world a better world; to make your life a better life, and to make the life and times of others happier and easier. Working for the betterment of the school needs a strong school spirit, without that school life can be miserable. Working for the betterment of the world needs a strong, willing sense of co-operation and much understanding. This co-operation is often called teamwork. And being able to do all these things needs much self-sacrifice, much humility; needs a spirit of true sportsmanship. And for anyone to acquire these traits may be quite easy - or quite hard - depending on your generosity and good will.

For one thing, you should always do your best in whatever you do. No one can expect more than that. And when you do your best you will "feel better" even if the things you are working for do not turn out the way you hope they would. But you must remember too, that doing your own very best is not always going to be the best best there is. You must remember that many times the best of others is better than your own best. But you must never fail to do your own best, your utmost best, at all times, even if you have to force yourself and oftentimes you will have to do just that.

Doing your best is still only a part of the task. Another thing is never give up. Don't be a quitter. Develop and practise stick-to-it-iveness. Work, and don't become discouraged or disheartened too easily. Don't quit just because a thing is hard. Everything is hard if we want to do it well; work is hard; study is hard; life is hard. Don't quit because things are hard or seem hopeless. The only hopeless thing is quitting, and the only hopeless persons are quitters. But again there is another thing to remember about giving up. Someone once said, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try, and try again - then give up, no use making a damn fool of yourself." And that is true.

What that really means is not "give up" but rather "own up". There are certain things you can't do because you haven't the necessary abilities to do them; you haven't the right 'gifts'. Remember, not everyone can do all things equally well. So "own up" to what your abilities really are. Don't try to do what is impossible for you to do. That's what the man meant when he said "no use making a damn fool of yourself".

Do the best in all you do, but remembering that there are certain things you may not be able to do as well as others. Don't knock yourself out and worry yourself into a state of hopelessness by trying to do things for which you have not the talents. And remember too, that not everyone can do things equally well, so don't belittle the efforts of others. Be satisfied that they too are doing their best. Don't be over-critical of others. No two people are the same. Don't judge people by what you think they should be. Be careful of being too fast with the critical tongue. Neither should you feel discouraged when others belittle your efforts, as many times inconsiderate people will do. The important thing is to always give the best of yourself; your own very honest and utmost best, and that is the meaning of sportsmanship, of school spirit, of teamwork and co-operation.

There is a title of a song, which, in seven words, gives, perhaps, the best definition of sportsmanship that can be found. Not only does it define sportsmanship, but it defines school spirit, it defines teamwork and co-operation, which are all the same thing used only in different places at different times. Well worth remembering is the title of that song, "Be the Best of Whatever You Are".

B. Linklater

Intermediate Garnier Club

On the evening of September 6th. Fr. McArdle and Mr. Linklater assembled us in the grade seven and eight classroom. Fr. McArdle said that this year we would have an Intermediate Garnier Club. He explained that the club was to be run by the boys. We would have our own executive, President, Vice-President and Secretary. These officers would preside at all meetings, once each week. The club would also have four committees which would include all the members. The members would be made up from the Intermediate group in the school, namely grades 7 & 8. Mr. Linklater then outlined the parliamentary procedure that we would follow for every meeting.

The idea of a club with regular meetings for the grade 7 & 8 boys is something new at Garnier. The purpose of the Intermediate Garnier club is to allow us to suggest, plan, organize and carry out our own affairs that come under the various committees. Of course any of our ideas are subject to the school authorities. But they wish us to take much of the work and responsibility of our activities. We think this is a good idea. And if something isn't a success we have only ourselves to blame. If we have many activities it will be because we suggested many of them and we made them work.

We held our elections and I was chosen as President. Joe Alec Trudeau is the Vice-President and Lawrence Morrisette the Secretary. This took place at our first official meeting. I was chairman and when the meeting was over I felt much better. I was self-conscious, and shy and I guess I didn't speak loud enough. But after a while I hope to feel less shy and be a better chairman.

These are our various committees and their chairmen:

SPIRITUAL

Lawrence Southwind (c)
Garry Potts
Joe Day
Clarence Pete
Augustine Ashawassige
James Bob
Harold Pete

SPORTS

Peter Abel (c)
John Debassige
Wilfred Shawanda
Mathew Corbiere
Joe Ratt
Earl Hill
Clyde Bannon

SOCIAL

Maurice Abel (c)
Stephen Debassige
Lloyd Bennett
Angus Syrette
Gilbert Stone
Joe Boisenneau

SPEECH

Don Delormier (c)
Bobby Whiteduck
Clarence Southwind
John Delormier
Anderson Southwind
Carmen Roote

Our club is also starting a newspaper. We will publish the September issue of the "Garnier Club Star" by ourselves. But in the other issues of the paper which will come out once a month, our Intermediate news section will be included with the Senior boys and girls news. In this issue each committee will tell what they are doing or hope to do in the future months. As President I ask all the grade 7 & 8 boys to co-operate fully in all the activities of the Intermediate Garnier Club. The club will only be as good as we make it.

by Hubert Corbiere.

SPEECH COMMITTEE.

This committee is concerned with correct speech, debates, concerts, amateur hours, elocution contests and the like.

The first project is to improve correct speech about the school. Both the speech committee members and the entire Intermediate Garnier Club will make a special effort to curb various slang expressions and to become aware of grammatical mistakes. Such expressions as "yeah" instead of yes, "youse" instead of you, "ain't" instead of isn't, "guys" instead of boys, "nuttin" instead of nothing, "junks" instead of things will be taken out of our vocabulary and the correct words substituted in our everyday speech. "Please" and "Thank you" will also be used at the proper times.

We will try to make these improvements whenever we are speaking, i.e. to the Fathers, to teachers, to friends, in recreation, in class, and everywhere. This will help our English compositions also. And when we talk to people they will know that we are not stupid, but that we are gentlemen with some training in correct speech.

by Don Delormier.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

The social committee has been formed to look after the social activities of the Intermediate Garnier Club. It will be the committee members' task to plan, organize, and carry out any activities suggested at the Club meetings. But it must be understood that the committee members are not to do the work all by themselves. At times they will need and ask for help from the whole group. And it is expected that the other members will be willing to help as much as possible.

Some of the activities that we might take up are picnics, hikes, weiner roasts, card parties, skating parties, sledding and the like. It is hoped that some of these activities may be carried out with the girls.

On Saturday September 14th. the Intermediate Garnier Club had their first social, a weiner roast. It took place at the shore. Committee members made the site suitable by some hard work the day before. A fireplace was arranged, firewood was collected and the sand was raked clear of debris. After everyone had eaten some weiners, marshmallows and pop, the boys sat around the campfire to listen as Father Popelka played the accordion and Lloyd Bennett played the harmonica. An enjoyable evening was had by all thanks to the co-operation of those who arranged it.

by Maurice Abel.

SPIRITUAL COMMITTEE.

This group is to take charge of those activities which have to do with the spiritual life of the Club members. Here are some possible things that this committee may carry out, subject of course to the approval of the school authorities. We may have talks on spiritual subjects at some meetings. Various Fathers on the faculty could do this. We could help the St. John Berchmans Society with regard to Mass serving. Discussions on spiritual topics of interest to grade 7 & 8 boys. A question box might be set up for our difficulties. Co-operation in matters relating to the annual retreat. We could try to sing and pray better and louder in chapel. These are some possible projects.

by L. Southwind.

Faculty - Staff

PRINCIPAL:

Fr. Burns was a good principal. The boys liked him very much. But now he no longer has this job. He has been replaced by a big husky man named Father Kearns. They changed because Fr. Burns was sick. He is now in the Blind River hospital. Father Burns will go to Halifax as Port Chaplain when he is well enough to leave the hospital. Fr. Kearns the new principal was at the Toronto Jesuit Seminary before coming to Garnier. We hope that he gets to know us, and that he likes the school.

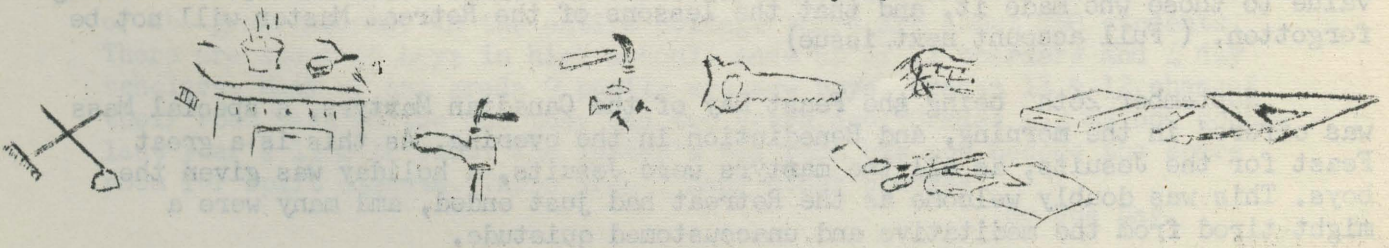
TEACHING FACULTY:

Some of last year's teachers are back again this year... Mr. Clive Linklater is our regular teacher. One day he was showing us how to jump, and he fell so hard that he hurt his back. He had to go to the hospital... Mr. Prud'homme is our science teacher. Last year he taught grades 1, 2 & 3 but he now is class master of grades 4, 5 & 6. He is taking Mr. Lavalley's place... Mr. Barry Murphy is back too. He was prefect and professor last year, but this year he teaches only in the high school and does no prefecting. He had an old Terraplane car, but he now owns a Studebaker... Miss Margaret Mousseau of Espanola is the new teacher in grades 1, 2 & 3. She is very interesting and has all kinds of pictures and drawings in her class... Fr. Popelka teaches religion to grades 7 & 8. He also entertains us with slides and sometimes with his accordion. This year Father will start a bugle band... Fr. Kovacs comes in for our French classes... Fr. Veltri has the Junior dorm this year. He replaces Fr. Brennan who is now in Toronto. Father Veltri is in charge of the small boys recreation periods, and he teaches History in Grades 11 & 12... The other high school professors that have returned are: Fr. Maurice, Fr. Brown, Fr. Schretlen, and Fr. McArdle... Fr. Liptay is also new and he sometimes takes over our classes, like when our teacher was in the hospital. He also looks after study... Fr. MacKenzie apart from other duties teaches music to the whole school.

WORKING STAFF:

We do not have too many new faces on the working staff. Bro. Mara is still our cook, and he still makes some of our favourite Chicken Noodle soup. Mrs. Irene Smith is again the assistant chef in the kitchen. Bro. McLaren keeps the job of shoe-repairer, cannery and furnaceman. He also works in the garden. When he picks corn I like to help him. Brother Voisin is the farmer. Whenever he kills pigs I help him. He takes care of the pigs, chickens, cows and turkeys. Bro. Vandermoor looks after the horses and takes care of the barn. He also works in the fields. The hay, oats and straw crops are his responsibility. Bro. Laflamme, our infirmarian, died this summer and he is replaced by Bro. Masterson sent from Guelph. The flu epidemic is now keeping him busy... Margaret Basaillon keeps the first floor corridor, hallway & dining room clean. Dominic Trudeau works in the Scullery... Mr. Jones is the school carpenter and handy-man... In the sewing room Mrs. Pilon, Mrs. Trudeau and Mrs. Jones are with us again. They look after the laundry and do the sewing.

by James Bob





-WEDDINGS OF INTEREST-

Buswa -- Smith:

Mae Buswa and Valerian Smith, both former students of St. Joseph's High and Garnier College were wed in a double ring ceremony in the Garnier chapel on Saturday September 14th., 1957.

Hymns were sung during the ceremony by the boys and girls of both schools. Father Barker S.J. blessed the marriage. The bride's twin sisters, Elizabeth and Marcella, attended her. Wilfred and Orval Commanda, relatives of the groom from Cutler, stood for him. Congratulations to the newlyweds from all at St. Joseph's and Garnier schools.

Paul -- Boyer:

Another Mass was held a half hour after the first, mentioned above. Sheila Paul of Caughnawaga Quebec, formerly a student of St. Joseph's school, Spanish Ontario, was wed to Ronald Boyer of Mississauga, formerly a student of Garnier College. This ceremony was also held on Saturday September 14th. in the school chapel. Fr. P. Brown S.J. gave the marriage blessing, as the married couple took each other in the Sacrament of Matrimony. A choir consisting of boys and girls from both schools sang at the wedding. Gail Morrissette and the bridegroom's sister attended the bride. Clive Linklater and Harry Jones stood for the groom. Congratulations to the newlyweds from everyone at St. Joseph's and Garnier schools.

by Alice & Rosemary Syrette.

NEWS OF INTEREST

Because of the overcrowded condition in the Spanish Separate School, some of the pupils have been having their classes in the Dressing Room of our Arena. About twenty-five students are attending this bi-lingual class.

Many boys were sick in bed during the past two weeks. Most of them were down with the flu, and Brother Masterson was a very busy man tending the patients. At one time there were forty-five laid up, but that number has now decreased to about twenty. High Schoolers as well as the wee tots were stricken, so that there were many empty seats in the classes.

There will be a long weekend at Thanksgiving, and it is expected that many of the boys who do not live too far away will be going home for that occasion. The holiday officially starts at four o'clock Friday the 11th, and ends on the evening of the 14th. It is very important that those who do go home will take great pains to be back on time.

Beginning on September 23rd, Monday, and continuing the following Tuesday and Wednesday the pupils in Grades Seven to Twelve from the Garnier and St. Joseph's Schools made their annual Retreat. The Retreat Master this year was Reverend Father A.J. Monaghan, S.J. It is hoped that the Retreat will be of deep and lasting value to those who made it, and that the lessons of the Retreat Master will not be forgotten. (Full account next issue)

September 26th being the Feast Day of the Canadian Martyrs, a special Mass was offered in the morning, and Benediction in the evening. As this is a great Feast for the Jesuits, as all the martyrs were Jesuits, a holiday was given the boys. This was doubly welcome as the Retreat had just ended, and many were a might tired from the meditative and unaccustomed quietude.



CLASS NEWS



GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT.

Our classes started on Wednesday September 4th. at 9.00 a.m. Our class teacher is again Mr. Linklater. Last week was a very easy week because our class master was ill. But this week it was a little harder because classes have relly commenced. While Mr. Linklater was in hospital for a week with a dislocated disc Father Liptay filled in as teacher.

We are preparing a memorial for two boys who were sitting in our classroom last year, but have now passed away. Bill Meawassige and Wesley Commanda both from Cutler Reserve, were killed in an auto accident this summer.

Some of the day scholars coming to school this year from Cutler are Roy Meawassige, Firman Commanda, Harryold Toulouse, Peter Owl and Joe Metigwab. They come on the bus each morning.

We have lost two of our boys so far. Richard Vondette went home because he was needed there. He was in grade seven. Ron Cabiosse has also quit school. He was in grade eight. Some of the new pupils are Don and John Delormier from Caughnawaga and Clyde Bannon who returns after a year's absence.

This year our numbers in grades seven and eight have increased. In grade eight there are 14 boys and in grade seven there are 19, for a total of 33 students. We also hope that the Intermediate Garnier Club of which we are all members will be a success. It's up to us.

by Wilfred Shawanda.

GRADES FOUR, FIVE AND SIX.

There are forty boys in our classroom. We have boys as far away as Caughnawaga and as close as Spanish. Most of us board at the school but there are four boys who are day scholars. There are three grades in our classroom. There are seven of us in grade six, eighteen in grade five, and fifteen in grade four. There are twelve boys in our room who are at Garnier for the first time. Some of them are non-Indians. There are about 23 white students attending the school this year. Our teacher is Mr. Prud'homme who taught grades 1,2 & 3 last year. Fr. Veltri, our Prefect, looks after our team sports.

by Joe Raymond Trudeau.

HIGH SCHOOL

The high school opened on September 9th, about a week after the start of the grade school. In the entire college there are about 150 students. There are about 45 boys in high school, made up of 41 boarders and 4 day scholars. Many of the grade 9 pupils are new boys. Grades 11 & 12 changed their room back to the one they had two years ago. Grades 1,2 & 3 now occupy last year's 11 & 12 room. The latter's old room has now become the spare room for split classes. There aren't many other changes.

by Joe Day.



Sports



On September 7th. the elected Intermediate team captains chose their squads. These teams will remain the same for all sports during the year. For the winning team in football, basketball, hockey, boxing, track, and softball there will be a Jamboree. The teams:

RANGERS

Joe Alec Trudeau (c)
Clarence Southwind
Joe Day
Angus Syrette
Lawrence Morrissette
John Debassige
Joe Ratt
James Bob
Mathew Corbiere
Harold Pete

WINGS

Hubert Corbiere (c)
Peter Abel
Garry Potts
Augustine Ashawassige
Clarence Pete
Lloyd Bennett
Joe Boisenneau
Gilbert Stone
John Delormier
Terry Brading

LEAFS

Anderson Southwind (c)
Carmen Roote
Maurice Abel
Bobby Whiteduck
Don Delormier
Earl Hill
Wilfred Shawanda
Stephen Debassige
Lawrence Southwind
Clyde Bannon

At our September 7th. meeting James Bob moved that the Intermediates should have a tackle football game the next Sunday. The game was cancelled because of wet wheather, so there was a movie in the arens at 2:15 p.m. At our next meeting on Sept. 16th. Mathew Corbiere moved that we play our postponed football game on Saturday or Sunday. We played the game on Saturday afternoon. Fr. McArdle gave us all the necessary equipment from the attic sports store. But only twenty boys instead of twenty four volunteered to play. However it was a good game, helmets banging against helmets, and a few stars emerged. When we have another meeting the boys will ask to have games against other schools in Spanish or any other town, if possible.

The Sports Committee is made up of seven boys who will look after everything in the line of sports that the club members decide upon at their weekly meetings. Already we have made a football schedule for our three-team league. We will play touch football until we start the basketball schedule, around the end of this month. And when winter comes the sports committee will arrange the hockey and skating periods, schedules, equipment, cleaning the ice, and any other winter activity. In the Spring and Summer the committee will be in charge of boxing, softball, baseball, track & field and everything to do with those games. The committee must also see that there are scorekeepers, referees or umpires at all games, also that the teams are on time for their games. The captains must help in this matter too, and do whatever they can to aid the sports committee.

by Peter Abel.

RESERVATION:

Jimmy Bob: "Father are you telling lies?"
Father: "No Jimmy, I am making mental reservations."
Jimmy: "Is that anything like an Indian Reservation?"

JUNIOR DORMITORY:

Billy Syrette: "Father where are the mouth-tooths?" (toothbrushes).

REQUIEM

On Saturday, July 13th, 1957, at seven thirty in the evening the death of Brother William LaFlamme, S.J., wrote 'finis' to another chapter of the history of Garnier.

Forty-three years ago Brother first made his "suscipe" of love to God, wherein he offered his life, his work, his talents. Ever since, he embellished that gift by making increasing use of his talents for the benefit of man. Over twenty of his years were spent in Garnier.

Few if any of the Faculty, who have been stationed at Garnier, have escaped receiving a nickname from the boys. Brother was no exception. Never was one given more out of respect than that of Brother's "Cheaterbug". The name was earned by Brother's amazing dexterity in the art of legerdemain. Brother was a master magician. Though he possessed a wealth of mostly self-made paraphernalia, he proved his genius in that he could present a whole evenings show with a minimum of 'prop'. He depended completely on sleight of hand, a mastery of misdirection and a sharp and a very glib sense of humour.

Brother used his talented hands in many fields other than entertainment. Long before electric power came to Spanish, Brother was our "Brother Hydro" and cared for our power-plant, producing enough electricity for both schools. It was while cranking one of the large wheels to start the plant that Brother suffered a severe heart attack. These recurred throughout the remaining years of his life.

Brother LaFlamme was an excellent artist and cartoonist. He taught electricity to the High School boys for years and many graduates who now earn their living in this field, or are taking advanced courses in electricity, attest that their interest was sparked by Brother's very interesting classes and his continued interest in their work.

Brother was expert at repairing watches. He also had been chef in two collages. But mostly he will ever be remembered, by many years of Garnier Graduates, as their infirmarian. Brother well knew the requirements of a school infirmarian, and amazed the receiving-Sisters at the hospital by sending his invalids to the hospital with a "Guess chart" well documented with cartoons of the case at hand. Brother was seldom wrong in his diagnosis. But beyond his knowledge of medicine Brother was blessed with a true command of the psychology of treatment. He knew that a red badge of iodine visible to all did much more for a rapid cure than a sightless pill. And many a night-gowned tyke has come to Brother in lonesome pain only to return to bed and sudden sleep proudly displaying his scarlet clarion of bravery which easily could have been won in knight-hood valor or in a wild-west encounter.

Yes, our loving Brother is dead, but you may be sure that in the court justice of the Eternal Kingdom, there will be found one outdoing the others to win favours from the King Divine for his dear Indian boys, and that will be our old friend, our brother, our "Cheaterbug".

by Bro. Mara

