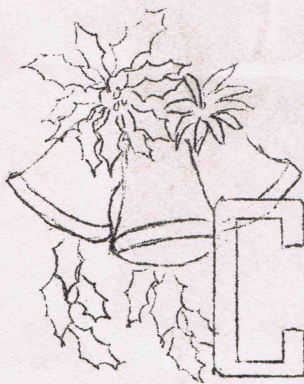


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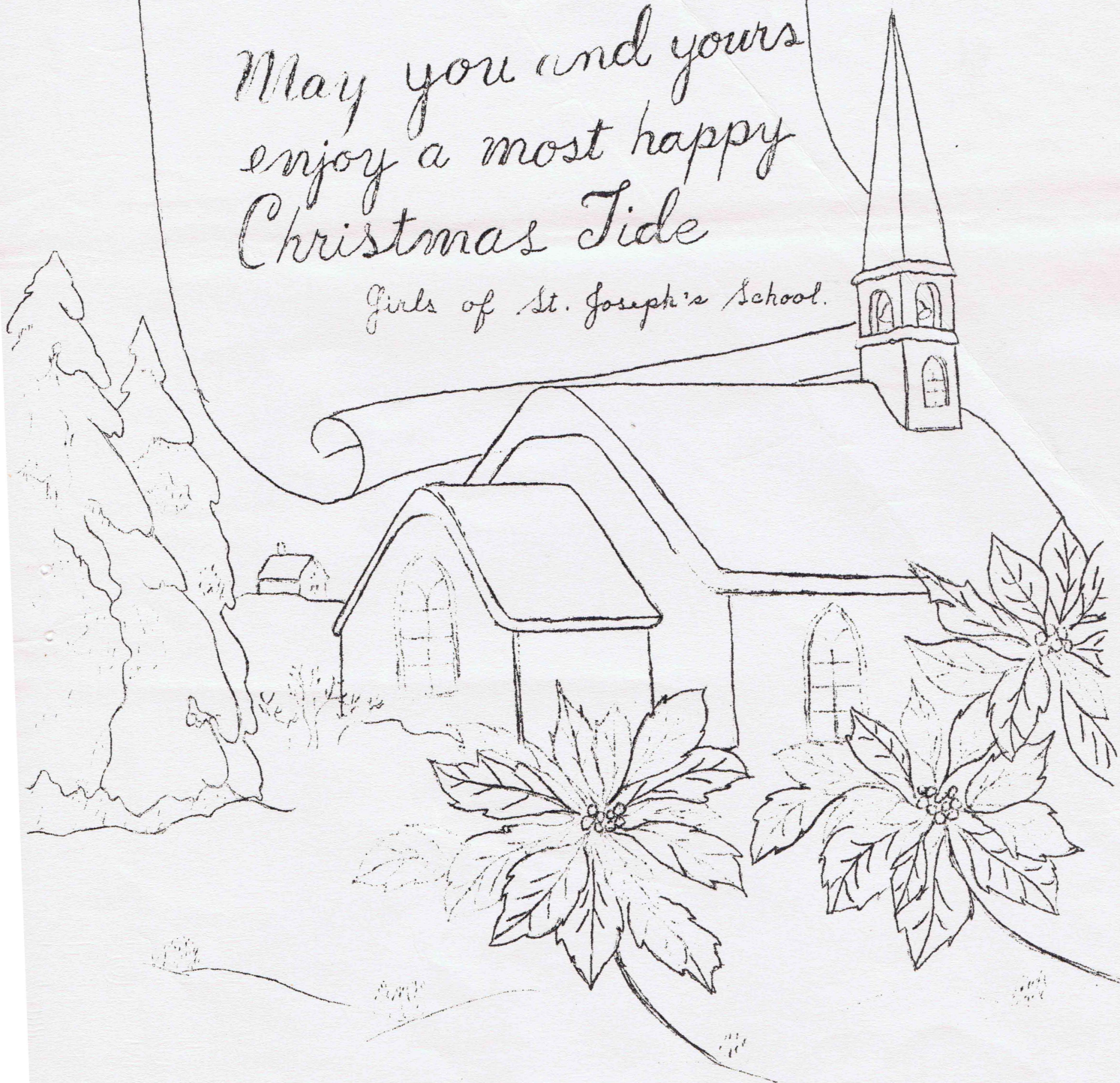
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To all of our
good friends do
we extend our
sincerest greetings

May you and yours
enjoy a most happy
Christmas Tide

Girls of St. Joseph's School.



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LITERARY



Mother of All

Prologue

Crier

Soldier

Salome, wife of Elam

Elam, Shepherd

Samuel, son of Elam

Racheal, friend of Salome

Lia, daughter of Racheal

Noami, daughter of Salome

The Virgin

Saint Joseph

Zebel, village maid

Hosa, rich merchant

Aram, friend of Hosa

Thamar, wife of Aram

Saint Micheal

Saint Gabriel

Chorus

Mother of All.

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Lorraine Cooper

Grace Abel

Maion McGregor

Kathleen Meawassige

Elizabeth Pitwanikwat

Julia Anne Trudeau

An Appreciation

For about eight years Garnier has published a monthly bulletin called The Club Star. Not only have we regularly received free copies of the paper, but, since its first issue, it has not, we think, published one edition in which some news item or gracious comment about activities at the Girls' School has not appeared. Expressions of gratitude, of congratulation, of interest, have come to be an accepted tradition, but it gives us great pleasure to be able to say, through the medium of Northern Lights, a sincere THANK YOU.

The Sodality Reception.

December eighth is traditionally Reception Day at St. Joseph's. This year Reverend Father McDonald, S.J. officiated. There were twenty-five aspirants and seven Sodalists received. The ceremony was a beautiful one and the girls looked lovely in their best dresses, blue ribbons and white veils.

At eight o'clock in the evening, the High School classes presented an adaptation of a miracle play entitled, "Mother of All". The list of characters is to be found on another page of Northern Lights. All of the girls are to be congratulated on the manner in which they entered into the spirit of the play. Mabel Trudeau, the youngest girl participating, deserves special mention. Her vivacity of manner, sympathetic character portrayal, and her splendid diction mark her as one of our promising future dramatists.

The choir, composed largely of the girls from grades nine and ten, deserve comment. Many of these girls are new-comers to the school but they succeeded in making the choral selections a real musical treat. Dalma Cooper, Shirley Cocoo, Catherine Souliere, Lillian Peletier and Mary Louise McGregor added much to the pleasing vocals.

The Sodality Party.

Lillian Peletier.

Saturday evening, December ninth, the Sodality party took place at the Girls' School. The recreation hall was beautifully decorated in blue and white in honour of Our Lady. The floor was waxed and polished so well that you could almost see yourself as you danced about. Songs were sung by a number of girls and boys. A few of the girls and boys played checkers, but as soon as the game "room game" was announced, everybody joined in. It was certainly fun.

Later a lunch was served by a number of the junior club girls. A little later dancing began again- both rounds and squares. The music, supplied by the recorder from the Boys' School, was splendid.

After an enjoyable evening, the boys went home, while the girls spoke about the enjoyable evening they had had.

The Northern Lights.

Dorothy Commanda.

Have you gazed at the Northern Lights? No doubt everyone has witnessed this breath-taking sight. I have often watched them but the most remarkable moment, and the sight I shall never forget was the time the whole northern sky seemed to be illuminated by them.

It was rather cold- that well-remembered Sunday night. A cool breeze was blowing across the water. I had been to Benediction and was just descending the steps of the church, when I saw the reflection of colours on the water. Instinctively I looked up. What a colourful sky. All the colours of the rainbow were up there, and all vibrating from the point far above my head until they disappeared behind the wooded hills.

Oh, so many questions passed through my mind as I stood before the church. How did it happen? What was the cause?

I didn't know the answer to any of these questions, but I did know who made them- and that they were His secret, and one of His wonderful works.



Diana
Lynette



SPORTS



Dora Contino



Linda

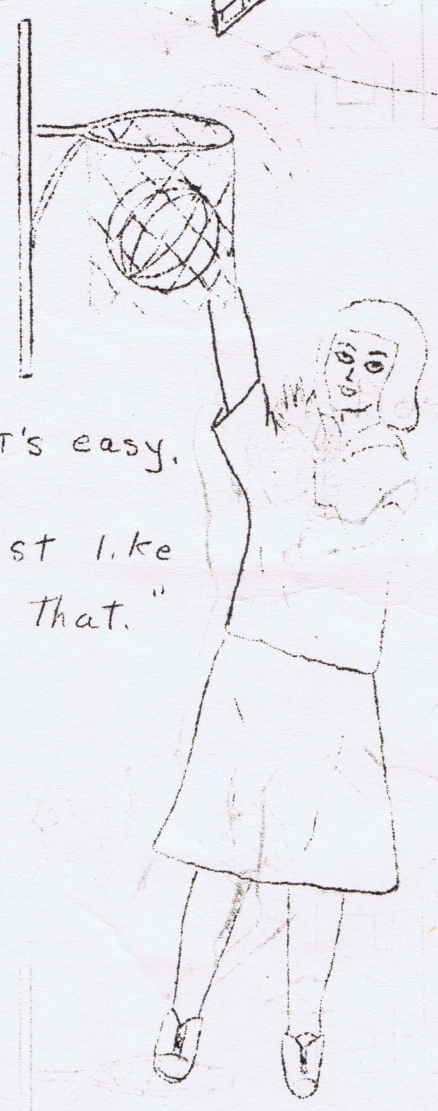


McComber
twins

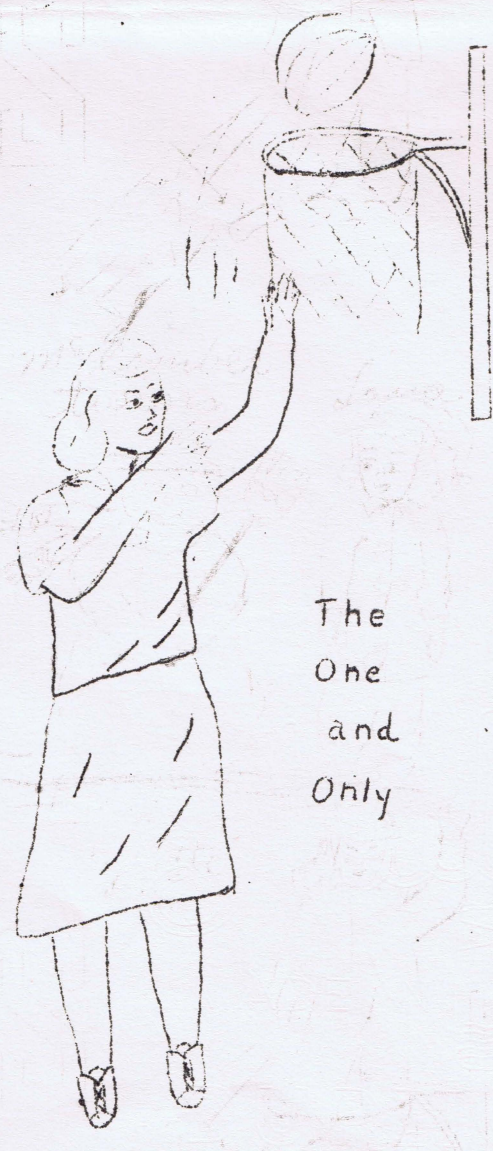


Lana

SPORTS



"It's easy,
just like
that."



THE
WORLD

V.S.

MANITOULIN

The
One
and
Only

Dorothy Commanda

Violet Shawanda

Manitoulin vs. The World

as reported by Violet Snowanda.

What an uproar when The World team appears in Garnier hall. It is drowned by the voices of the Manitouliners as their team comes on. The game is about to begin, but, look who's playing for the World. Why, it is Adam Roy. Wait a minute. He is supposed to be playing for Manitoulin. Too late- the whistle blows, and the players take positions. Now they are starting, and all you can hear is a continuous tumult. Adam gets in the first basket. Whistle again, and there is a free shot for Russel Jacko against Boniface Abel. Russel misses. A low groan is heard from his side. The game is now in fast play. Another free shot for Adam, but the ball bounces back from the basket. Joe Fox gets the first free shot for Manitoulin. "Better luck next time", says a world lassie for Joe has failed to score. Her words are true, for Manitoulin gets a free shot and Joe scores. A foul for Manitoulin, but Ronny fails to make a basket. Jimmy Norton gets the ball in, and the score is 3-1.

The second period brings out men of both sides with determination in their eyes. Adam is off to a bad start- a free shot, and he misses. Come on, Manitoulin. Dominic Contin scores, bringing the score to 4-2. Emile Hughes gets a basket, but only after a lot of efforts. Two free shots for David Fox. He fails the first time, but gets the last one in. The score is 7-3. Maurice Peletier sees his chance to shoot and the ball goes in easily. Come on, Manitoulin, Two free shots for Adam, but no score. Lawrence Ewewe scores; so does Boniface who is given a free shot. Russel shoots but the ball bounces away from the basket. A double foul, in which Stanley is unsuccessful, and Jimmy Norton scores for The World. A technical foul- foe David Fox and Maurice Peletier. Luck is with Maurice to-night. Too bad, David. Joe Bonaparte brings the score to 12-11. Another basket for Manitoulin and the game is over. Hurrah. It was a grand game.

----- Do You Know Grade XII?

One day the Grade XII class were doing character sketches from David Copperfield. When that was finished, we decided to have each girl write a description of some one other girl of the group. Here are the results. We shall continue them in the next issue;

Lillian Mitchikeg. Lillian is a pleasant person to work with. She enjoys singing very much. She is dependable, optimistic, and considerate. She enjoys soft-ball, basket-ball and skating.

Mary Louise McGregor- by her sister, Marion. Mary Louise is kind, to her mother and others. She is industrious and does her share of work. She laughs heartily, and is determined. She likes playing jokes on people. She likes music- any kind and any time. She is not easily frightened, and has self-control. She is shrewd, especially when she is making plans for a picnic, or to get what she wants.

Tillie Wemigwans. The thing that most appeals to me in Tillie is her friendliness. She is always ready to help. Whether she is at work or play, she does her best. Her hobbies are dancing, and writing letters to pen-pals. Her ambition is to become a nurse, and I think she will be a good one. Tillie is loyal, co-operative, and considerate.

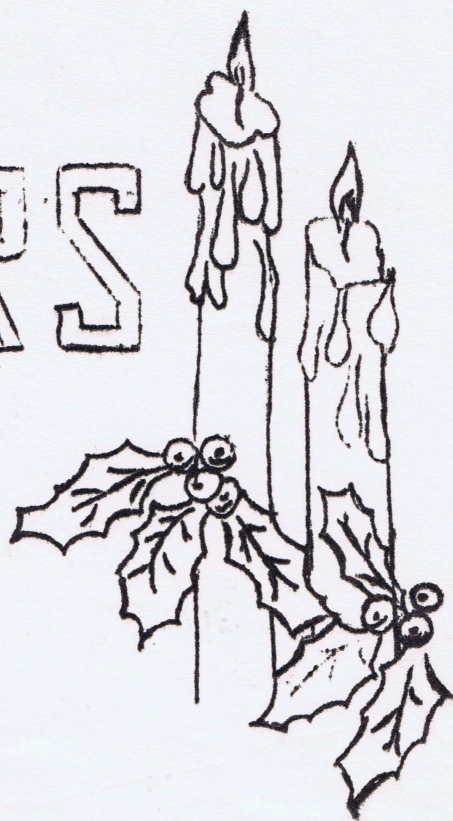
Catherine Meawassige. Catherine is a pleasant companion, always in good humour. Home Economics is her best school subject. She loves dancing, and enjoys the shows. She is a loyal, helpful friend.

Mary Evelyn Atchitewans: Mary Evelyn is a quiet girl, both in class and in recreation. She has a knack of making friends, and keeping them. She is ambitious, and determined.

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Dora Contin: Dora's principal interest is in sports. She is one of our best athletes. In class, her favourite subject is History. Her ambition is to become a nurse. She claims to be expert at guiding her father's outboard motor through the Pickerel waters. To know Dora, one has to hear her laugh. This is Dora's ninth year here. She came smiling, and has smiled her way through ever since.



JUNIORS



It wouldn't seem like Christmas
If we should fail to hear
Grades one and two a-singing
Glad songs of Christmas cheer.

If we didn't help to decorate
A great big Christmas tree
It wouldn't seem like Christmas Eve
To my little friends and me.

If the little boys should fail to come
To make their Christmas call
You know it wouldn't seem to us
Like Christmas day at all.

It wouldn't seem like Christmas
If we couldn't get in touch
And extend the Season's Greetings
To those we like so much.

So to our priests, our teachers,
Our comrades big and small
Here's a jolly Christmas greeting,
From the Juniors — one and all.

- adapted -

Junior Catholic Club.
Georgina Cooper.

At our meeting last Friday
all the girls had a great deal
of fun.

Sally Ann Dabutch sang a
song. She put in the names of
the girls in our room, and even
that of Miss Pitawanakwat.
Mary Louise Bell did the High-
land Schottische. Irene, Leona
and Shirley sang "Rudolph". Mabel
Trudeau recited an Indian poem
which she had made up. There were
many other poems recited, and
other girls danced. The meeting
closed at 8.15 p.m.

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Jingle's Bells.
Vera Snowanda

Santa Claus had chosen
Jingle to be the leader of the
reindeer. It was the night before
Christmas, and Jingle was worried
because he had lost his bell. He
said, "I must find my bell before
morning." Jingle thought he
heard a little tinkle of a bell. He
listened again. Then he flew to
the place where he had heard the
tinkle. A little bird was peck-
ing at the bell. Jingle was very
glad and said, "I have found my
bell." The bird said, "I thought
there would be a berry inside
of it!" Jingle thanked the bird
and went back to the work-shop.
He could be the leader again,
and help Santa to bring toys to
the boys and girls of all the
world.

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Our Meetings.
Margaret Gabow.

We have our meetings every
Friday evening. Some girls sing
nice songs. They also play the
guitar. We enjoy the dances very
much. Two girls danced together.
They made the dance up. One night
Mabel Trudeau recited an Indian
poem. It was a funny one. We al-
ways have a good time at our
meetings.

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Santa Claus.

Dear Santa, when you pass thi s
way,
Don't forget to stop near the bay
For here are some little gils and
boys
Who I am sure would like some
toys.

Georgina Cooper.

Peace and Joy.
Mabel Trudeau.

Every child has peace and joy,
When it receives a little toy,
But the best joy I've ever had
Which I think you'd find very glad
Is when Jesus was born that day
In the stable amidst the hay.

They had looked for shelter all
night long
And there seemed to be something
wrong
He received presents from far-off
lands
And he received them kindly from
their hands.
So that's the best joy I ever had
And I hope you found it glad.

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Junior Red Cross.

Last year the pupils of our class
at Heron Bay joined the Junior Red
Cross. Each Friday afternoon we
held meetings in our classroom. We
also had a bank. Every day, the
children put as much money as they
could spare in it.

The girls made clothes and
knitted sweaters for the poor
children in Japan. At the end of
the year they sent the money away
to the head of the Junior Red
Cross. Last year they collected
\$14.5. It was for poor and cripp-
led children.-Myra Desmoulins.
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Our Saviour's Birth
Carmelita Wagosh.

The stars shone bright
On that starry night
When Christ, the Lord was born.
The hills and plains,
Echoed back the strains
On that glorious happy morn.

The shepherds too,
Heard the message true
And over the hills hastened they,
Bringing with them
simple gifts for Him
Who in the manger lay.

Three Wise Men
Saw the star and then
They followed this wondrous star
They journeyed on
From dusk till dawn
Till humbly before Him they adored

Jesus was born
On that happy morn
And from sin bought the world's
release
The Saviour's birth
Awakened the earth
And brought us joy and peace.

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LITERARY

The Debate
Dorothy Commanda.

The first High School debate of this year was held in the boys' recreation hall, on the night of November seventh. The topic chosen was one of interest to everyone. Resolved that the modern teenager has greater opportunities for happiness than her grandmother had. The affirmative was upheld by Lillian Kitchikeg and Tillie Wemigwans while the negative was supported by Violet Showanda and Dorothy Commanda. Dora Contin acted as chairman.

The hall was filled with High School pupils from both schools, teachers, and a few visitors. Everyone agreed that the debaters did very well. Open discussion was held. Several boys and girls gave their opinions. While the judges, Miss Burke, Miss Whalen and Mr. Sammon were making their decision, we had a musical selection played by The Garnier Orchestra.

The decision was given in favour of the negative. They won by a very small margin.

We all hope that the next debate will also be a success.

The Junior Boys' Play.
Rose Marie Wakigijig.

A big surprise was in store for us when we heard that we were invited to a Hallow-e'en concert played by the junior boys. It was held on October 31st, at Garnier hall. The hall was artistically decorated with Hallow-e'en witches, black cats and Jack-O-lanterns.

We enjoyed the singing and choral speaking, but what most of all delighted us was the step-dancing. The step-dancers were: Clement Trudeau, Gilbert Whiteduck, Gordon Corbiere, Edward and Poona Jerome. The actors all wore Hallow-e'en costumes. The orchestra played during the intermissions. The little boys' songs, especially the solos by Stewart Showanda and Raymond Toulouse, were delightful.

We all liked the entertainment. Everyone enjoyed it very much.

Grand-Pre.

Grand-Pre
The village of Grand-Pre lay in the Basin of Minas. On the north rose the Blomidon Mountain upon whose crests sea-fogs and mists pitched their tents.

In the midst of its farms there lay the Acadian village. The houses were strongly built of oak and chestnut, such as the peasants of Normandy built "in the reign of the Henrys." The roofs were thatched, and there were dormer windows. The gables projected and shaded the doorway below.

There, in the peaceful evenings of summer, when the sunlight gilded the vanes on the chimneys, the matrons and maidens sat spinning. There was a festive air about, because the ladies wore kirtles of blue, green, and scarlet. They also had snow-white caps on their heads.

As they sat spinning the parish priest came solemnly down the street. The children paused in their play and kissed the hand he extended to bless them. The women rose to welcome him with affectionate words. Then the labourers came home from the fields, the sun sank peacefully, and dusk prevailed.

These simple Acadian farmers lived together in the love of God and of each other. They were free from tyrants and envy which often ruin great republics.

Dogma of the Assumption.
Rita Eshkogagan.

All Saints' Day, November first, 1950, was a big day in Rome. Pope Pius proclaimed the Dogma of the Assumption, by which we are obliged to believe that Our Blessed Mother was taken up, body and soul into heaven. People had been praying for this dogma to be proclaimed for many centuries. It is our privilege to live in the age of this proclamation.

There were thirty-six cardinals, nearly four hundred bishops and archbishops, and a crowd of nearly two hundred people attended the ceremony

SPORTS

ST. JOSEPH'S DEFEAT MASSEY

October twenty-sixth was a day of excitement for the students of St. Joseph's. Basketball and Softball games with Massey were scheduled for that day.

Massey arrived at two-thirty. Shouts of welcome were heard from our teams. Almost immediately Basketball started. On the other side of the field, Softball was soon in full swing. A few Senior boys came over to cheer for us. The Junior Basketball team easily defeated the Massey Seniors. The score was 14-2. St. Joseph's won the Softball game by five points. Massey is a nice team to play with and we all had an enjoyable afternoon.

Reporter: K. Meawassige.

NORTH SHORE vs. MANITOULIN

November fifth was a victorious day for Manitoulin. An exciting Rugby game was held on Garnier campus. The Manitoulin warriors, led by Chief Running Deer, Small Man Fox, Wind Music and Bucking Horse, defeated The World, led by Maurice Peltier. Hurrah for Manitoulin!

Honorine Trudeau.

"Northern Lights" wants to thank all the students who made such real efforts to get their contributions in on time. We want to mention Grades Nine and Ten especially; they sent in some really good essays. Some of them we are keeping for future issues.

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COMING - SOON! THE ORATORICAL CONTEST. Are you ready? Prepare something worthwhile saying in a worthwhile way. Winners will be announced in the Christmas issue of "The Lights".

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THE HALLOWE'EN PARTY

What an exciting evening was the evening of the twenty-eighth! On this night was held our Halloween Party. Girls could be seen rushing around in all directions, but we were finally all ready to set off at seven-thirty.

The Party was held in the boys' recreation hall. This was artistically decorated with Jack-O-Lanterns, black cats, witches and streamers of orange and black crepe paper. To top it all, there were farmers, not live ones of course, slouched in chairs around the hall and looking amazingly real. The boys' orchestra, with Howard Peltier at the piano, provided the music.

Guests were Mr. Sammon, Mr. and Mrs. McGrath, Mr. Marin, Miss Labatt and Miss O'Neil. We had a great deal of fun and when the party closed we went home saying "Another grand time!"

Honorine Trudeau.

Did you read Myra Simpson's editorial in the Pembroke C.M.I. "Torch"? Good going, Myra. Keep it up!

HERE AND THERE

THE RETREAT

The Senior Retreat for the High School Girls was preached by Father D. Hannin, S.J. over the last week-end. We were privileged in having Father Hannin. As Boys' Prefect for the past several years, he took a very active part in our school activities and learned of our needs and possibilities. With his very sympathetic understanding of our problems and ambitions, he is qualified to guide us well. The Retreat was inspiring, instructive and pleasant. As one new girl said "I liked the Retreat; I learned so many things I did not know before." Thank you, Father Hannin!

SIXTEENERS' PARTY

The highlight of the last Sixteeners' Dance was the new Radio-Phonograph loaned by the Boys' School. With that kind of music how could you help having a good time.

SMALL GIRLS' HALLOWE'EN PARTY

Georgina Cooper

Grades one, two, three and four had their party in the play-room the Friday before Hallowe'en. They weren't afraid of witches or goblins; the noise would frighten them all away. Everyone had a good time and went to bed "later than the big girls."

STARS

Carmelita Fox

You can clearly see the stars
at night
For their glorious light is then
so bright
As they glide upon their endless
way
No blind hurry or delay.

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The stars are never seen in day
But at night they twinkle on the
Milky Way
On winter nights when the stars
are out
You can see them scattered far
about.

JUNIOR CATHOLICS' CLUB PARTY

Georgina Cooper

All the members of our club and some of the honorary members had a party on October twenty-seventh. We had a lot of fun. We played Adam and Eve, also Musical Chairs. Some girls had to pay a forfeit. Leona Niganig-ijig had to cry in one corner, sing in the next, and dance and laugh in the next two corners. Joyce Mitchell had to crawl around on her hands and knees; Delma Cooper had to go and ask for some candy - she got it too. Then we had a little lunch of apples and candies. A little later we went to bed.

WINTER

Mildred Shawana

Winter will soon be here. The snow will be falling down like a big white sheet. All the ground, trees and rocks will be white with snow. I like winter because you can go sliding, skating and skiing.