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GARNIER'S SCHOOL SPIRIT

Here at Garnier, we even doubt great Shakespeare as being one hundred per cent "on the beam". Our boys return, and welcome to them, but not "like snails", unwillingly to school. The attitude at the Garnier Residential School was never known to that immortal bard. Here prevaileth wit, humour and even sophistication to brighten up monotony. Nor did this hurt scholastic records, nor athletic attainments, nor skill in drama well presented. We have not been daunted by tremendous words in Science or in language nor by the size of weighty hockey players.

Alphonse and Alfie and Jim showed learned lore, so did Adam, Peter Cooney, Frank and Chicken swing a goodly hockey stick or win the laurel wreaths, and Clement and Dominic entertain in clever drama; or Julius bear a dextrous brush.

Our pastimes brightened labour. Our good Fathers, the Jesuits, of ancient and present fame in education, showed us the way by all-round co-operation; and we, who write this, know the boys and young men at Garnier School in '47-'48 will hold the record high. We played and played and played We won and lost and tied. Exams so stiff and hard and long delayed We, strongly, always laughing tried. And when the year's long work was o'er And honors came to us at last, We know we'd only ask for more The next year's coming fast.

JOSEPH SAMMON, B.A.

NEWS BRIEFS

Rev. Father Hannin who was Prefect for the past two years, is taking a special course of studies at Auriesville, New York. We wish him every success and will welcome his return to Garnier next June.

IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL WE GO

It was cloudy, but who would say it was cold, when on September first three sturdy well-painted buses from Sudbury gracefully came to a stop in Wikwemikong. They were empty but they held the eyes of the whole village. Eagerly a crowd of men, women and children had gathered in front of the old stone church and rectory built high in the leeward side of a hill and watched the buses speed along in procession up the last mile of curved road. As the buses drew up one behind the other, the crowd grew mushroom-like.

Boys and girls for Spanish get ready! Older girls in the first bus! Small girls and boys in the second bus! Older boys in the last! Without ado boys and girls took leave of parents, sisters, brothers and friends. Words were few, but feelings countless as the stars. In each parent's heart waged a battle: the sense of loss was struggling fiercely against the hope for a rappier future. That something of the same struggle reached the heart of many a tired bus boy was evident from the grim hush that followed the closing of the bus doors. However, the quickly changing countryside and a few of those magnificent views that swell the heart with Divine praises soon healed the hearts that bled. Remember the wonderful view of bay and town just before we reached Manitowaning? Remember the islands we saw far below us at Ten Mile Point?

Perhaps school isn't so bad if they give us a free bus-ride.

THE DEPARTMENT'S INTEREST IN THE "CLUB STAR"

We are always pleased to hear from those who are interested in the boys and work done at Garnier so, it is with great pleasure and satisfaction that we

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EDITORIAL

STAFF

Our staff this year has been increased by the coming of Mr. Emmet J. McCart, graduate of North Bay Normal College, who has taken over Grades Four and Five, and Mr. Lorenzo Deschamps of Ottawa Normal. We are delighted to see Mr. Joseph Sammon, B.A., Mr. William McGrath, both Entrance and High School teachers. Miss Virginia Laroque has taken over the music and singing grades, One to Five. The Grades One and Two have already begun several Nursery Rhymes and are already tinkling castinets and clanging cymbals. Their speedy advance is a tribute to Miss Laroque's patience and gentleness. This column offers us the chance to say "Thank You" to all our teachers and to offer them our best co-operation through the year. We want to do our best and despite our resolutions, we may try their patience sometimes, but we do appreciate them even come "Black Monday".

DEPARTMENT'S INTEREST (continued)

quote a letter which Mr. Bernard F. Neary of the Department of Indian Affairs addressed to the Editor of "The Club Star."

During the past year we have read the issues of your Bulletin with much interest. An esprit de corps and a pride in your school is self evident from even one issue.

When I looked at the June issue and saw the list of promotions from Grade 2 up to Grade 10, I was indeed very pleased. We are in urgent need of better educated Indians as teachers, as nurses, and as leaders of their own people. Let us hope that in the years to come graduates of your school will make a proud record for themselves in those and other fields.

Sincerely yours,

BERNARD F. NEARY,

Supt. of Welfare and Training

BASEBALL LEAGUES IN FULL SWING

The day after classes began the school baseball-softball league got under way. Because of the large number of boys, the Seniors, Intermediates, Juniors and Midgets have four teams in their leagues. Up to September 15th each team has played ten games.

In the Senior Division, which plays both hardball and softball. Alfie Cooper's "Mable Leafs" and Maxie Simon's "Red Wings" are fighting it out for first place. Eugene Fox's "Canadians" are not far behind either of these teams.

Dominic Cantin has spurred his "Canadians" on to six victories out of nine games to take the lead among the Intermediates. Close on the heels of the "Canadians" are the "Black Hawks" with 5 wins, 4 losses and 1 tie.

Of all the teams in the School League, the Junior "Black Hawks", captained by Stanley Trudeau, is the only one that still remains unbeaten and untied. Needless to say, this powerful team is at the head of its league, with its nearest rival ten points behind.

The mighty Midgets, despite their size and age, have also played their full share of softball games. For some of the players as, Gerald Nadjiwan, Jimmy King and Joe Alec Trudeau, the bat is almost bigger than they are, but every day they are getting better and better at handling it. Maurice Dabutch's "Canadians" are in first place but only five points ahead of the up and coming "Red Wings".

SENIORS DEFEAT CUTLER

The first game with an outside team ended in a decisive 18-9 win for Garnier. . . . A first inning rally of 8 runs gave the school team a lead which Cutler could never overcome.

DRAMATICS

Father Hannin's excellent training of the intermediate grades in dramatics is bearing fruit already. This month Maxie is producing "The Wise Old Shepherd" an English Folk Story from "Pattern Prose" with experienced actors such as Alphonse Shawana, Peter Cooper and Cornelius McComber in the main roles. Every member of Grade Nine Class participates; those taking the parts of the Royal Horses will be

hardly recognizable. Grade Ten is preparing the Trial Scene from "Merchant of Venice" which promises to be very well done. Grade Eight, not willing to be left behind have chosen "The Story of Bishop Forbin-Janson" a radio play from the Corona Grade Eight Reader, "Wide Horizons". Jimmie Brooklyn Norton, Joseph Bonaparte co-star. Wilmur Nogonash produces this play.

DEBATES

The first formal debate will take place towards the end of the month. Mr. Sammon, B.A., who has wide experience in this line, will coach the boys. Miss Whelan, an excellent debater, has undertaken to direct the Girls' Section in the verbal battles. Dominic McComber will preside. The subject "Woman's Place is in The Home" has already stirred up not a few arguments among non-debaters, so that ex Corona speakers will undoubtedly be many and vigorous. All our teachers from both schools will, we hope, air their views. The affirmative is to be upheld by Francis Commanda and Alfred Cooper; the negative by Violet Cooper and Doris Oshkawabisens. The judges for this occasion will be the three teachers from Holy Family School, Mr. Gordon Bazinet, Miss Theresa Cihsholm and Miss Agnes Bruder.

BOXING

Boy . . . that was really a haymaker. Adam Commanda and Maxie Simon are in the ring and there is plenty of leather flying. You'll have to cover up a bit more Maxie. Those artificial stars are alright in their place, but not in the ring. Both of these lads show plenty of promise and they are only two of fifteen seniors who are getting ready to take on all comers in the 150 lb. class. Peter Cooper and Mike Esquimault must have been doing a bit of training on the quiet for they surely don't look beginners. However, that ear is growing nicely Peter.

Among the smaller lads Ken Antoine and Teddy Jacobs have taken the lead, but not for long . . . so quite a number of the others say.

Father Skillon, of Blind River, former boxing instructor of the C.Y.O. in Sudbury, will be in charge of the boxing here very soon and many of the

rough edges will disappear. The first bout of the year is scheduled for October 8th and it promises to be an evening packed with thrills. We hope to have, as the third man in the ring, Mr. Hector Bishop of Massey, that cagey light heavyweight of a few years ago.

One thing certain, there will be plenty of cheers and groans from the girls' section, depending upon the position of their favourites . . . up or down.

FROM THE MAIL BOX

Hello Friends,

During the holidays I could not write to all of you, so I welcomed Fr. Rushman's offer to do so in the Club Star. Most of you will remember me as a strict prefect who was always taking you on long walks to the old farm, to Cutler and even to Victoria Mountain. Yet we did have fun. Remember the time the lights failed and we walked almost to Cutler in the dark.

In the line of sports, too, we had our fun; and Maxie, Harold and the rest of the senior hockey team can always be proud of the way they came from behind to tie the Sudbury Imperials. Frank Commanda's home-runs and the baseball scores of 19-1 and 19-5 against Spanish and Massey show what school and team spirit can do.

But of course sports are of less importance than the study and development of character which each of you got from your year's work and play at the school. I have no doubt but that already the happy, cheerful and intelligent faces of those who have been through Garnier mark them out from those who have been less fortunate. During the summer, the bigger boys, I am sure, learned that their prowess in sports was not half as helpful to them as was their knowledge of good manners and their being able to carry on a conversation with those they met.

As a parting word from a former prefect, who really has the interest and welfare of each boy at the school at heart; whatever you do, do it with all your might. For, if a thing is worth doing at all, it is worth doing well. So pray, work and play your best and this coming year will be better even than the last.

Sincerely,

P. J. BROWN, S.J.

RECORD ENROLLMENT

This year, the number of boys at Garnier is the largest ever. So far 152 have enrolled and more are expected before the end of the month.

SENIOR CLUB NEW OFFICERS

Elections for the officers of the Senior Club took place the third week in September. Adam Commanda was chosen President; Francis Commanda, Vice-President; Alphonse Cooper, Secretary.

WANTED

A name for a white cat which has one blue and one green eye . . . Unusual names given a preference . . . All entries received by the girls of St. Joseph's until October 4th.

Nearly all the girls came back on Labor Day for another year of hard study. We were all happy to see each other again after the two short months of fun.

The boys and girls had a "Corn Roast" last week down at the shore. It's been the first one they've had, so they say. After the corn roast, we had a sing-song around the bonfires with Father Johnston leading.

We all enjoy Blimps orchestra.

We are all looking forward to the Gilbert and Sullivan Operetta especially the practices and hope it will be a great success.

The refectory girls have their own troubles trying to shine the floor up these days. Probably the prefects will have some trouble trying to sort out the shoes to see which are worth mending and which are not. Also we need a good player like the boys have.

The convent girls were quite thankful that they had the movie of "Dick Tracy" in the afternoon. Otherwise they would not have been able to walk home in the night for fear that one of them would be the sixteenth to die.

We girls all wish to say "Thank You" to the Fathers and boys who gave us the entertainment of a corn roast the other night. We enjoyed it very much.

GIRLS' SCHOOL

1947-48 School Year opens with 140 pupils. A welcome back to all who went home for vacation and to all newcomers.

The Staff and pupils are glad to see Miss Lacey again after an absence of four years.

Congratulations to the successful entrance pupils of both schools and their teachers.

The music stops but they dance right on. Dancing seems to be this season's favourite pastime and it's in full swing too. Could there be something brewing??? Or is it just a hobby? Anyway the waltzes, reels, fox-trots and square dances are tripping off . . . many tapping feet.

NEWS BRIEFS

FEAST OF SCHOOL'S PATRON

September 26th will be a holiday. This is the feast day of the eight Canadian Jesuit Martyrs, one of whom is St. Charles Garnier, the Patron of our school.

CORN ROAST

A corn roast was the feature attraction at the first get-together of the High School girls and boys Wednesday, Sept. 17th. After everyone had his fill of corn, cocoa and ginger cookies a sing-song got under way. Guests for the evening's outing were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Sammon, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hayes, Miss Virginia Yaroque, Miss Mary Whalen, Mr. Emmett McCart and Mr. Lorenzo Deschamps.

CONGRATULATIONS

"The Club Star" on behalf of the faculty and all the boys wishes to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. J. Sammon on their recent marriage.