

Oblates of Mary Immaculate - Hobbema  
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**January 6, 1952**

Father G. M. Latour goes to Bull. Fr. Levert goes to Pigeon Lake; he brings back the children. The others enter today, 6 boys and 1 girl.

**January 11, 1952**

Children not going home today. The big club is going to play in Edmonton at the College.

**January 13, 1952**

Mr. Wild and Laight and families come here for supper. Girls serving.

**January 18, 1952**

Children stay here; it is too cold.

**Jan. 19, 1952**

Bantam at Wetaskiwin: 7-2 for our children.

**January 20, 1952**

Stormy weather. Bingo. The children are happy.

**January 26, 1952**

Concordia from Edmonton comes here to play: 1-7 for Indians. In the evening, Wetaskiwin Bantam comes here: 0-11 for our children.

**January 27, 1952**

Father Allard goes with the juniors to St. Albert: 4-3 for our Indians.

**January 29, 1952**

Visit from Mr. Wild. Ernest Moonias returns to school. Films for the children.

**January 30, 1952**

Optimist Club comes to train our wrestlers: four have been chosen for the February tournament.

**February 1, 1952**

The children go home.

**February 3, 1952**

St. Jean vs Indians - 3-3. The children return.

**February 8, 1952**

Our Indians play at 12:30 against Brightview: 8-4. Again at 5:30 against Millet: 4-3. At 830 vs Pipstone: 10-6 and they are the champions. They win the cup. Our players are the favorites of all.

**February 12, 1952**

Mr. Wild comes to visit the school.  
[Many results of hockey games].

**February 15, 1952**

Fr. Allard goes to Edmonton with his four "Golden Gloves" boxers.

**February 16, 1952**

Boxers, while not champions, win prizes: David Headman - Hard Luck Loser, Jimmy Minde - "Youngest contestant".

**February 20, 1952**

R. C. M. P. come to show moving pictures on Eskimos, etc.

**February 29, 1952**

Children go to their families.

**March 2, 1952**

The children come back happy. It is cold.

**March 14, 1952**

Children go home. Visit from Mr. Gooderham and Wild.

**March 16, 1952**

In the afternoon, Fr. Levert and Mr. Baril pick up the children from Pigeon Lake. Game with Jasper Place: 6-3 for our Indians. All the children return to school.

**March 25, 1952**

An army officer comes to organize the cadets.

**March 26, 1952**

The Optimist Club comes to award 2 prizes to our 2 wrestlers: David Headman & Tom Minde.

**March 28, 1952**

The children go home. Fathers Allard and G. M. Latour drive the children to Pigeon Lake.

**March 30, 1952**

Children return; some missing.

**April 1, 1952**

S. Littlechild wants to leave. Everything is arranged.

**April 15, 1952**

Dinner for our hockey players - several guests of honor: Kramer, Caughlan, Chief Minde, the counselors and our helpers. Everyone is happy. It was a success. Thanks to our Sisters.

**May 2, 1952**

The children go home.

**May 4, 1952**

The ball league is going well. Our young people are getting organized: 3 teams. The children come back.

**May 7, 1952**

At 6:30, ball game with Edmonton. Our children win 2-1.

**May 10, 1952**

St. Jean comes to play here: 7-6 for our children.  
Barbara breaks her arm.

**May 16, 1952**

The children go home.

**May 18, 1952**

The children come back. Ball game. Fathers Allard and Latour at Pigeon Lake.

**May 26, 1952**

The dentists return. Carley & Leeman. Visit of two military officers. Cadets. Lt Jones.

**May 27, 1952**

Father Latour goes to Edmonton with Indians at Camsell.

**June 6, 1952**

Children go to their families.

**June 9, 1952**

Return of the children. All return.

**22 June 1952**

Today, Sunday, it is pouring rain; however, the church is full, it is the high mass of the Sacred Heart. Act of consecration at 2:00 p.m., Benediction by Father Latour. Fr. Allard goes to Samson, the roads are terrible. Fr. Levert in Bull.

At about 3 p.m., close to 100 people come to visit the work of the children. Mr. Wild announces the construction of a new building.

**June 26, 1952**

Half day off for our children who are having a great time. Supper outside.

**June 27, 1952**

A great number of communions. Distribution of prizes & cards. All are happy. A big thank you from the children. At 11:15, recitation of the Rosary, promises at the foot of the Blessed Virgin and it is dinner time. Everyone left. Father Allard went to pick up the children from Red Deer and we drove the children from Pigeon Lake.

**August 30, 1952**

Mr. Waller of Calgary announces that Ottawa is asking us not to accept the children from Sunchild Cree reserve until we have received permission from the Department. This is too late.

**September 1, 1952**

Several children enter tonight - 65

**September 2, 1952**

Classes start again. 165 children and 37 day students.

**September 12, 1952**

The children go to their families.

**September 19, 1952**

X-Ray arrives. 1st cadet meeting.

**September 22, 1952**

Cadet meeting with Mr. Conrad.

**October 19, 1952**

Fr. Allard goes to pick up children at Pigeon Lake. Fathers G. M. Latour & L. C. Latour to pick up those at Rocky Mountain House.

**October 3, 1952**

Children go home.

**October 10, 1952**

Children go to their families.

**October 19, 1952**

Father Allard picks up children at Pigeon Lake. Fathers G. M. Latour and L. C. Latour pick up children from Rocky Mountain House.

**October 26, 1952**

Mr. Laval Fortier, Deputy Minister of the Department of Citizenship, comes to dinner. Mr. G. Gooderham, Robertson, Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Wild, nurse Taylor & Killam. The Sisters serve a magnificent meal. The children served at the table. Then it was the reception by the children

and the visit of the school. The Deputy Minister admits that we need a new school. At 3 pm, departure for the agency. The Indian chiefs also ask for a school.

**October 31, 1952**

The children are with their families.

**November 9, 1952**

Film for our Indians.

**November 11, 1952**

Fathers Allard and Latour pick up the children at Pigeon Lake. Return of all the children.

**November 29, 1952**

General meeting of the M. A. M. I. of children. Nice results.

**November 30, 1952**

Films for the children at 7:30.

**December 9, 1952**

The R. C. M. P. come to give moving pictures & visit the school.

**December 19, 1952**

Great Christmas concert by our children. It was a success. Almost all the parents came to this concert. Mr. Wild & his wife, two nurses. Judge Bartley of Wetaskiwin and the R. C. M. P., etc. Fr. Allard will drive the children from Pigeon Lake with Mr. Baril. Parents bring their children.

**January 6, 1953**

Fathers Allard and G. M. Latour go to Pigeon Lake to get the children. The children return.

**January 10, 1953**

Desertion of the four Indians from Sun Child.

**January 11, 1953**

Providential return of our 4 children - very cold.

**February 13, 1953**

The children go to their family.

**February 15, 1953**

Father Allard goes to get the children at Pigeon Lake. All come back.

**February 20, 1953**

The midgets come to play here: 4-4. Very nice game! Many people from Ponoka.

**February 21, 1953**

Our Cadets are waiting for the Fawsett Cadets. Disappointment. No one comes!

**February 25, 1953**

Return of our children.

**February 26, 1953**

Arrival of four Indians from Cardston with Fr. Lafrance.

**February 27-28, 1953**

Departure for Edmonton, our boxers too: T. Minde, Herman Minde, L. Northwest, D. Headman. Only Herman Minde stayed; in the finals he lost. Our kids did well. Have prizes!

**March 2, 1953**

Game at Ponoka Arena between Hanna and our midgets: 8-6 for them. It's over for our kids.

**March 7, 1953**

Our Indians defeated Falun at 2:30, then at 5.30 Millet and lost to Wetaskiwin 10-7.

March 27, 1953

Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows. Reception of the green scapular. All our children receive it. Father Allard goes to Edmonton with our three boxers.

**April 14, 1953**

Mr. P. Waller begins his visit of the classes. Movie: Buffalo Bill.

**April 23, 1953**

St. George's. High mass at 7:30 by children, performance for the parents in afternoon. Many Indians. Complete success.

**April 24, 1953**

Departure of Mr. Waller. He had his meeting the day before with the staff.

**May 1, 1953**

Children go to their families.

**May 3, 1953**

Children return. Film: "Silver Trail".

**May 9, 1953**

Children had supper outside.

**May 13, 1953**

Heights College comes to visit the school. The teacher is very impressed with the children's work.

**May 15, 1953**

Inspection of the Cadets.

The children are at home.

**May 25, 1953**

X-ray of some children. An outbreak of T. B. Ten children must leave.

**May 26, 1953**

Gooderham, Regional Inspector, comes to pay a visit. Miss Brodrick also comes.

**June 5, 1953**

Mr. Rodrigue LeMay, "Vocation training", from Ottawa, comes to visit with Mr. Waller. He says he is very satisfied with his inspection. Mr. Waller must say the same thing! This Mr. LeMay is a missionary!

**June 11, 1953**

The children are with their family.

**June 14, 1953**

Optimist Club comes to play. They win the first game, lose the second. Fathers Allard and Latour pick up children from Pigeon Lake.

**June 16, 1953**

Today, Chief Dan Minde & his councillors voted the land south of the new well (18 acres) to the department for school purposes. This is where the new dormitories will be built. A magnanimous gesture on the part of the Ermineskin Indians.

**June 24, 1953**

Fathers Allard and Latour to drive Sunchild Cree children. Impassable roads. Children stay in Rocky. Grade 9 exams begin.

**June 27, 1953**

Children have a lot of time off. All eat together.

**28 June 1953**

The children come to communion in quite a good number. Games in the afternoon and in the evening. They have a great time!

**June 30, 1953**

Distribution of prizes and grades. The children are all happy. They all stay until after dinner. Proof that they love their school. Departure at 1:00.

**July 3, 1953**

1st Friday. 26 Indians come to take communion. Service at 11:30 a.m. in Samson by Fr. G. M. Latour. A large crowd attended. Chief Minde says publicly that the Catholic religion does not sleep on our reserves. Proof: what our missionaries are doing!

**July 17, 1953**

The Indians have been working since last Monday on the cemetery. It is quite beautiful now. There is still work to be done. The school gave the meals.

**September 4, 1953**

Miss Brodrick brings the four children of Edward Rowan deserted by their mother: poor Christine!

**September 13, 1953**

Children enter the school. 165 boarders.

**September 15, 1953**

Fathers Allard and Roy go to Rocky Mountain House. The children are not there.

**October 2, 1953**

Children go home.

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