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June 3, 1955

First Friday of the Month. 22 Indian communions. Children go to their families
Cadet parade at Wetaskiwin.

June 5, 1955

Fr. Allard said mass at 7:30 for the cadets going to the parade in Edmonton. [... ..]
Return of the children.

June 7, 1955

Picnic at Chief Dan Minde's for the children. After dinner, back to school due to rain. The
children have a great time.

June 9th, 1955

Jubilee Day. Children present a "pageant". Enough parents in attendance.

June 10, 1955

Children are with their families.

June 24, 1955

The 21st anniversary of the ordination of Fr. G. M. Latour. The children sing in Cree. They go
to their families.

June 26, 1955

The children return.

June 28, 1955

Distribution of prizes and promotions. All are happy.

July 13, 1955

Mr. Laval Fortier of Ottawa, Deputy Minister, Mr. Jones, Director, Mr. Brown, all three from
Ottawa. Mr. R. F. Battle, Inspector from Calgary, Mr. Will, come here for dinner. They left at
3.30 p. m. Visit to the building. Plan for the education of our Indians.

September 6, 1955

Fr. Allard and Brother Detilleux went to pick up the children from Sunchild Cree Reserve. Fr.
Allard also went to Pigeon Lake and Red Deer to pick up and drive the children.

About 170 sleep here tonight.

September 16, 1955

The children went to their families.

September 19, 1955

Cadets begin training. 36 in all. Crook comes to start them.

September 23, 1955

Children go to their families.

September 25, 1955

Mr. Waller is visiting; he comes to talk for a few minutes.

The children return.

October 7, 1955

The children go to their family.

October 17, 1955

Mr. Davey and Waller dine here and visit schools.

October 30, 1955

Children return from home.

November 7, 1955

Cadet parade. Dentist here.

November 11, 1955

Cadets go to parade in Ponoka; return around noon.

November 14, 1955

Crook came to inspect the Cadet store.

November 22, 1955

Dentist continues his work.

November 25, 1955

Children go to their families.

2 December 1955

The children are with their families.

December 4, 1955

Meeting of the members of the C. I. L. [Catholic Indian League]. Fr. Principal speaks to our members. Indians praise their school.

December 6, 1955

Arrival of Inspector Waller.

December 7, 1955

Mr. Waller continues his visit.

December 9, 1955

Mr. Waller returns to visit Grades VII, VIII & IX. Children go to their families.

December 11, 1955

Children return.

December 12, 1955

Storm! We have to return the children to their homes after dinner.

December 13, 1955

Waller arrives. No classes for day students. Waller promises 13 teachers for next year. He has a small meeting with the Sisters.

December 16, 1955

The children go to their families. Dentist leaves until spring.

December 22, 1955

Christmas concert very successful. Many Indians. Parents very pleased. Mr. Wild and his wife, Dr. Lavallée, etc.

Departure of the children for their vacations.

December 23, 1955

Mr. Baril will drive the children from Winterburn. Fathers Allard and R. Lafrenière those from Rocky.

January 2, 1956

Fr. G. M. Latour & Mr. Baril and a group of Sisters and some of the children went to pick up other children from Winterburn. Brother Detillieux goes to Pigeon Lake. The children enter quite well.

January 13, 1956

The children go to their families.

January 18, 1956

Film: Citizen Saint.

January 24, 1956

Film: "Perpetual Sacrifice" is shown to children and at 7:00 to the adults in Samson Hall.

January 27, 1956

Children go to their families.

January 28, 1956

The boys go to play at St. Joachim. They win 7 to 4.

January 30, 1956

Cadet parade.

January 31, 1956

Parade of the Guides.

February 4, 1956

Our Pee-wee play at Ponoka. 7-0 for them.

February 14, 1956

Mr. Lapp from Edmonton comes to pick up the Winterburn children who refuse to go home without their parents.

February 15, 1956

Inspectors Waller, Cairns from Saskatchewan and Marcoux from Manitoba visit. They visited the new school and had dinner here.

March 5, 1956

Cadet parade at 7:15. Day students return to school after a 15-day absence due to illness.

March 9, 1956

Children go to their families. Our pee wees at Wetaskiwin: 2-3 for Wetaskiwin.

March 12, 1956

Cadet parade. Kil Patrick comes to visit and Mr. Rank presents a film.

March 19, 1956

Brown, Filteau and Buck Board of Inquiry arrive for dinner with Mr. Wild and Waller. They visit the old school, except for Buck who stays in the Principal's office. They admired the dedication of the Sisters who work in such poor conditions. They (Brown & Filteau) also visited the new dormitories. Mr. Filteau understands our situation. The others, less so. Buck wants Day Schools everywhere. What will come of all this? For us, we will have to fight; otherwise, it is control over our Indian schools.

March 23, 1956

Children go to their families.

March 28, 1956

The three Rockeys and 11 Winterburn return to their families with M. Baril and Fr. Latour. Brother Detillieux will drive the children from Pigeon Lake.

March 29, 1956

Children leave after dinner for Easter vacation.

April 6, 1956

Fr. Peroni and Brother Detillieux went to Pigeon Lake for the funeral of two young people who were poisoned in a car: Robert Roasting and Theresa Smith.

April 8, 1956

Fr. Peroni goes to Louis Bull 30 then brings the children back from Pigeon Lake. M. Baril picks up the children from Winterburn.

April 13, 1956

Children go to their families.

April 16, 1956

Cadet parade. Crooks is present.

April 17, 1956

White visits.

April 19, 1956

Mr. White continues his visit.

April 20, 1956

Children go to their families. Brother Boutette goes to Pigeon Lake.

April 30, 1956

Cadet parade. Killpatrick is present.

May 4, 1956

Children go to their families.

May 7, 1956

Cadet parade.

May 11, 1956

Children go to their families.

May 13, 1956

The children return in the evening.

May 15, 1956

Mr. Baril in Edmonton. White visit. Celebration in honor of Fr. Latour. At supper: Fr. Rhéaume, Fr. J. Patoine, Fr. Breton, Major Lavallée, Brothers Charest and Borghese, and Fr. Charron and the parish priest of Ponoka, Mr. Murray. After supper, a magnificent concert was

given by the children. Many visitors from Hobbema, Wetaskiwin and Ponoka. The next day, concert for the parents of the children.

May 18, 1956

The children went to their families.

May 21, 1956

The children return this evening.

25 May 1956

Inspection of cadets. Mr. Callingwood, Killpatrick and Crook arrive at 2 p.m.

Children go to their families, those to be confirmed remain here.

May 31, 1956

Achievement Day on 4-H. Our children have many prizes. It is a real success. Miss Menka from Edmonton and Miss Haliday from Wetaskiwin.

June 1, 1956

Children with their families.

June 2, 1956

4-H rally at Ma-Me-O Beach. 35 of us went. Two Sisters and Mrs. Minde and Lynch.

June 14, 1956

Children's picnic at Chief Minde's house. Perfect day. Everyone having a great time.

June 15, 1956

The children go to their families.

June 19, 1956

Mr. Kirkly, Hiller and Albinson come to visit.

June 22, 1956

Father Latour drives children to Ma-Me-O Beach.

June 23, 1956

M. Baril drove the three Edwards to Rocky Mountain House.

June 27, 1956

Children leave for vacation.

September 3, 1956

Fr. Allard picked up the children from Pigeon Lake. M. Baril and Fr. Peroni from Wetaskiwin. 256 in residence.

September 4, 1956

Opening of classes. 13 classrooms with 360 children.

September 17, 1956

Killpatrick comes to inspect the Cadet store.

September 19, 1956

Cadet parade at 7:30.

September 21, 1956

Nurse comes to see some of the children.

September 23, 1956

The R. C. M. P. comes to make a visit.

September 25, 1956

Harrington, assisted by Lapp, brings two children from Winterburn.

September 26, 1956

Chuck Albinson comes to visit. Mr. Laight and family here. Cadet parade.

October 2, 1956

Mr. Callingwood visits the school.

October 15, 1956

Mr. Laight, Aldring and Parr from Ottawa dine here.

October 19, 1956

Children go to their families.

October 23, 1956

Mrs. Jos Minde and Leo Lynch return from Olds; 4-H meeting.

October 24, 1956

Cadet parade. Miss Broderick here.

October 25, 1956

Mr. Leslie from Ottawa came to visit the school and inquire about our school situation.

October 26, 1956

Children go to their families. Inspection of the cadet store.

November 2, 1956

Some children go home.

14 November 1956

Kilpatrick came to inspect the Cadets going to Wetaskiwin.

November 16, 1956

Children go to their families.

November 21, 1956

Parade of the Cadets.

November 23, 1956

Children go to their families.

December 8, 1956

Closing of the retreat by the preacher, Fr. Rhéaume at 7:30. Fr. Peroni sings the mass. Fr. Rhéaume preaches, quite a large crowd. Benediction at 4:30. Big banquet for our children at 5:30 and meeting and games for all.

December 14, 1956

The children stay here.

December 21, 1956

Christmas tree and children go on vacation. Mr. Baril will drive the Winterburn children and Fred Hodgson the Pigeon Lake children.

January 2, 1957

The children return.

January 17, 1957

Calgary TV comes to take pictures of the children. The representatives have dinner here.

January 23, 1957

Visitor from schools, Mr. Koester, arrives. Mr. Callingwood comes here. 4-H meeting. Miss Holyday not coming! All Indian Bonspiel.

January 25, 1957

Mr. Koester returns to Edmonton. Children go to their families.

January 29, 1957

Crooks comes to supper. Cadet parade.

January 31, 1957

Children go to Indian dance.

February 6, 1957

Albinson has dinner here and has supper too. He inspects the school.

February 8, 1957

Children go to their families.

February 9, 1957

Our children go to play in Edmonton, St. Jean College. The Midgets win, the Bantams lose.

February 12, 1957

Parade of our cadets at Wetaskiwin. Killpatrick is here.

February 15, 1957

Children go to their families.

19 February 1957

Fr. E. Pratt comes to give a film in the afternoon.

February 22, 1957

The children go to their families.

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