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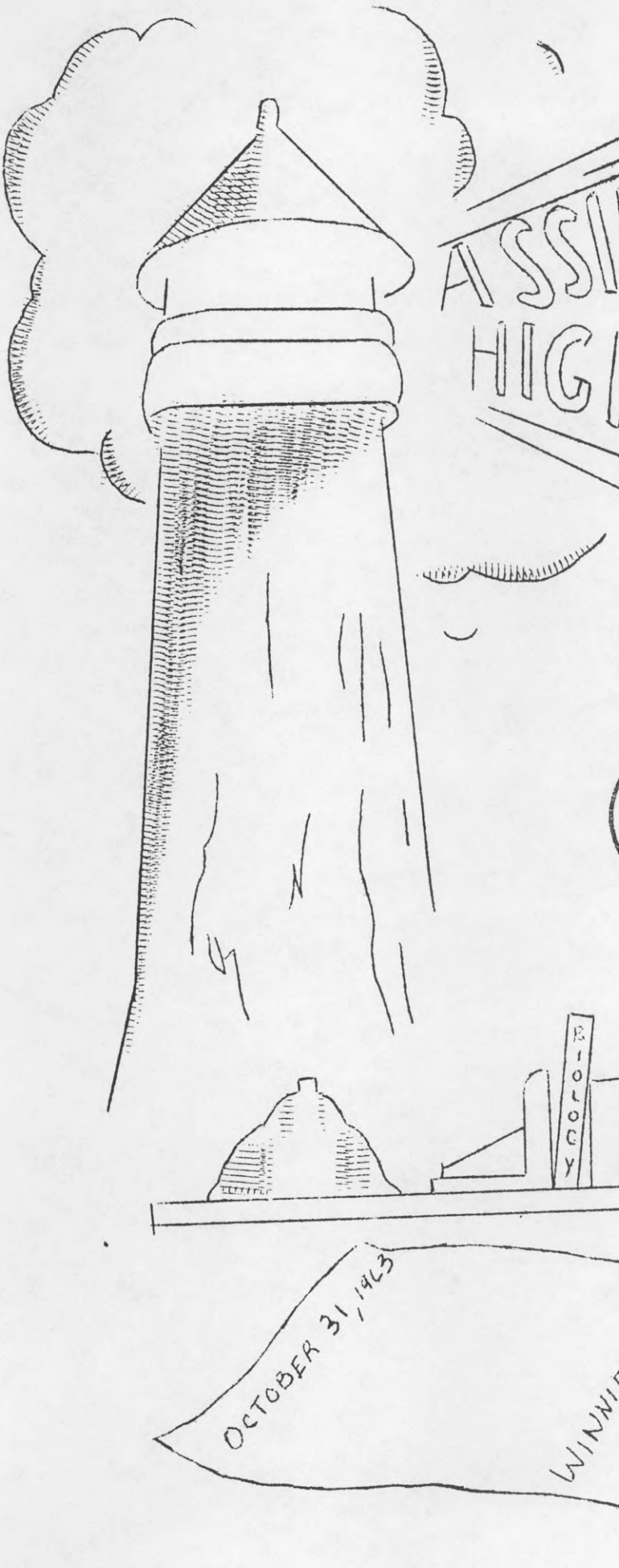

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Dearest Parents and Readers,

Since this is the first issue of our school journal for the term of 63-64, I feel that it is my privilege to explain to our dear readers how the school paper works.

First of all, the school has activities such as class, Home Economics, Manual Training, sports, etc., which we feel you parents would like to read about. In order to accomplish this, we have reporters for each various event that we do around the school. Three or four times a year, the reporters are asked to bring in their articles. In this way, the parents can follow the students' activities and doings in Assiniboia.

The work of the editor is to bring these reports together, have them typed, and printed. These various reports which are printed are put together and then sent to you, readers and parents.

I hope, dear readers, that you will enjoy our "Assiniboia Highlights" and take time to read our paper.

Editor

Bernice Henry

The Principal Says...

The "Assiniboia Highlights" takes pleasure in offering its Readers, events and facts which form an integral part of the High School training and education.

Our actual time presents amny words and numerous illustrations concerning the Indians of to-day. We do not intend to parallel or compare with other various agencies; our aim is simply to keep contacts with the parents of the students and with the friends of the school, bringing them some of the actions that have repercussions on our lives as scholars, and whose fruits and results are to be manifested throughout the years to come.

The Staff is fully aware of the importance of a thorough education. High School Students are convinced of the necessity of their intellectual and moral formation.

The interest to a school paper is a tangible proof that nothing is neglected to achieve one's task and responsibilities.

I wish to offer the Assiniboia Highlights' Staff success into the publications of their school paper.

From our Readers, we ask encouragements, as in the past.

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Principal

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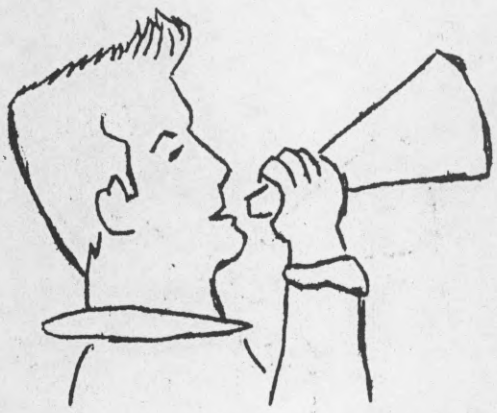

PARENT'S CALL

Dear Parents,

In this main feature of the "Assiniboia Highlights," we, students and staff, would greatly appreciate it if you would write to us concerning any subject in this school paper. You may send letters of commendation or criticism. Then these letters which we hope will come in, will be printed in our next edition of the "Assinibois Highlights."

Mail all letters to:

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So, dear Parents, get your pens busy and scratch us a few lines.

Best regards to you all!

Geraldine Archie
Assistant Editor

Parents and Friends,

On September 3, 1963, after the long, hot summer holidays, the Assiniboia Residential School officially opened and over one hundred and fifteen determined boys and girls rushed in to put in ten months of hard work.

Immediately after settling down to the school routine, a Student Council was formed by the boys' supervisors, Mr. Cardinal and Mr. Marchildon. Their aim is to give the boys more responsibility and to have to organize themselves better. The Grade Nine and Ten were divided into six teams with a leader for each team. The Grade YI and XII were left as one group with their leader. Since then, we have had various experiences and activities. I am sure you are anxious to hear about them.

Sept. 20 - The Assiniboia High School football team had its long and vigorous training rewarded as they downed the Kelvin High School 13-6 in an exhibition game.

Sept. 21 - With bruises obtained in the previous game, the team went on to defeat the Bosco team by an identical score of 13-6. The Bosco team consisted mainly of former Assiniboia stars.

Sept. 22 - The M. A. M. I. Elections took place. Here is the list of those who were elected:

President ..... Paul Hart
Vice-President ..... Audrey McPherson
Secretary ..... Donald Hill
Apostolic Chairman .....Leonard McKay
Spiritual Chairman ..... Rita Nanowin
Missionary Chairman ..... Valerie Mianville
Social Leaders ..... George Spence
Brenda Perreault

General News (cont'd)

Sept. 26 - The students had the afternoon off for the annual picnic at the Assiniboia Park where we had organized games after a tasty dinner of saucy brown beans, fruit, doughnuts, and ice cream.

Sept. 28 - The well-organized team of Assiniboia had its first taste of defeat as the Stonewall team managed a converted touchdown in the dying minutes of the game, making the score 13-12.

Sept. 29 - The boys went to the Winnipeg Stadium to watch the Regina Rams get beat by the St. James Rods.

October 1 - Aided by ten husky-voiced cheerleaders, the school team raided the town of Warren and literally ran the defenders to the ground as they upset the Collegiate team by a score of 20-0.

October 5 - After making a collection for the trip, the boys hopped on a bus and headed for Teulon where they cheered their team on to a win over the Teulon Collegiate. The score was 19-13.

In the meantime, the girls, to make the day seem shorter, went to see "The Longest Day" at the Gaiety Theatre.

October 6 - The M. A. M. I. had its first meeting.

October 8 - Again, the unfortunate Warren team feel victims to the merciless Assiniboians as Assiniboia ran over Warren by a score of 22-1.

October 9-15 - The Indian Schools Teachers' Convention was held here and, as a result, the students has an extra long week-end. The boys went for a two-day camping trip at Patricia Beach. And, the girls were not to be ignored. They also went for a camping trip to Camp Morden for five days.

October 17 - Teulon took advantage of the long layoff during which the team had no practice, and stomped the out-of-shape Braves by a score of 26-13.

October 18 - An Oratorical Contest was held in which ten students participated--two from each classroom. The judges were Rev. Fr. Alarie and Rev. Fr. Aubry, both from the Juniorate. The winners were Audrey McPherson, Grade XII, and Cecilia York, Grade X. These two will represent the school at the Manitoba Trustees' Association Oratorical contest with the contestants of the other schools of the Division. Best of luck to them!

General News (cont'd)

October 20 - The M. A. M. I. meeting was cancelled in order to have Mr. Isaac Beaulieau talk to the students about some problems the Indians have to face. We all found the evening to be very interesting. Thanks to Mr. Beaulieau.

October 22 - The school team visited Stonewall intending to have their revenge. However, the teams clashed to an 8-8 tie.

October 23-25 - The Rev. Fr. J. Morin preached a two-day retreat to the students.

October 24 - All the generous pupils of 18 years of age and over went to the Red Cross Centre to donate blood.

October 26 - The Interlake 9-Man Football League saw third-place Assiniboia High School crushed by Stonewall by a score of 25-13.

October 27 - The proudest moment of the Assiniboia School took place on October 27, 1963. Two of the former students graduated with honours--a young gentleman and a young lady.

Martin Beardy, who is presently taking a two-year course in Civil Technology at the Manitoba Institute of Technology, saw his days as a high school student come to an end. The young lady was Miss Lorna Nanowin from Matheson Island who, practically, made Assiniboia her home. Martin Beardy hails from Sandy Lake, Ontario. Only through ambition and perseverance did these two students reach their goals.

The brother of Mr. Beardy, Charley Beardy, who is a student of the McIntosh Indian School in Ontario, proudly accepted the invitation to be present at his brother's graduation. Mr. and Mrs. R. Jubinville were also present. Mrs. Jubinville is Lorna Nanowin's sister.

Among the distinguished guests, there were Rev. Fr. Provincial, Rev. Fr. Alarie who was a favorite among our teachers last year and whois presently teacher at the Juniorate College, Rev. Fr. Chaput, Principal of the Sandy Bay Indian School; Rev. Fr. Lemire from McIntosh, Ontario; Rev. Fr. Laviolette, the Reverend Sisters from St. Boniface; the Reverend Sisters of the Sandy Bay Indian School with their choir; Mr. and Mrs. E. Dagget; (Mr. Dagget is the Superintendant of the Clandeboye Agency.) Mr. J. Slobodzian, the Regional Inspector of the Indian Schools; Mr. Isaac Beaulieu, who replaced the guest speaker, The former graduates of the Assiniboia School were also present. Among these were Oliver Nelson, Joe Guy Wood, Louie Cheesaquay, and Elizabeth Menow.

Class News

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We are once again in our first edition of the "Assiniboia Highlights." This year our Grade XII students are small in number; for this reason, nothing much has been going on in our class. However, I wish to introduce to you the students of Grade XII. Because I could not have done half as good, I asked each student to describe one of his classmates. So, here you are:

LILLIAN JACK, who hails from Pawitik, Sioux Narrows, Ontario ranks as one of the prominent personalities of Assiniboia. She hopes to take Registered Nurse training in Port Arthur next year after completing the Grade XII course. We presume that her perseverance will ultimately lead to success. Good luck in your studies, Lillian. Your return in our midst rejoices us!

AUDREY McPHERSON: Miss McPherson, a girl of eighteen years of experience in life, is a serious-minded student of Grade XII, who has been in Assiniboia for three years. She has proven herself to be a good public speaker since she was unanimously chosen to represent the school in the Manitoba Divisional Speech Contest which will be held on November 4, 1963. We all hope you will come on top, Audrey.

GERALDINE ARCHIE hails from the grand place of Morson, Ont., found on the beautiful Lake of the Woods. "Jelly Bean" is everyone's friend, as her good nature attracts everyone to her, like bees to honey. (And, is she a honey!) Whenever someone mentions "volleyball" to her, her eyes sparkle like diamonds for it is her favorite sport. She plays it every chance she gets, so watch out for her unpredictable serves, girls!

Her other pleasures include dancing the "Sugar Shack" step and listening to the Everly's. Geraldine is also serious as a student She puts more than her two cents worth in all her class subjects. She excels in typing, too. All in all, she is a pretty good "jelly bean"!!!

Now, meet WILFRED MOUSSEAU, a robust gentleman who hails from Swan River, Manitoba. Wilfred, commonly known as "big Moose" because of his enormous, dynamic physique, has earned for himself nothing but praises from everyone through his good conduct, generosity, and loyalty. He is a hard digger both in and outside of class. Energetic as he is, we are positively sure that Wilfred will go through his education with great honors. Also, Wilfred is the kind of person who can pop up a joke at the proper moment. Well, Wilfred, I surely hope you keep up your good work and do not ever do anything that you will regret for the rest of your life, like quitting school. But, I assure you, readers, that Wilfred will do no such thing, for he has patience and is very determined to become somebody later on. So, dear readers, let us all wish Wilfred the best of luck in his studies. Keep on, "Moose", and you'll be a successful gentleman!

JAMES (Jimmy) COOK hails from Bloodvein Reserve on Lake Winnipeg, Manitoba, and is one of the top line-backers in the football team in the school so that he has earned for himself the name "Bulldozer." But Jimmy not only excels in football, he is a good worker in class and will likely buldoze his way to success in Grade XII. This is what we wish you, Jimmy!

PERCY TUESDAY, a 21-year-old boy, comes from Morson, Ontario. Naturally, like all other boys, he likes looking at girls. Whenever he sees a female, his eyes bulge out with delight. If he is surrounded by girls (a thing which seldom happens) he is as contented as cats in a dairy. Percy's other hobbies are singing and going plunk! plunk! or twang! twang! on his guitar. Percy is also a determined boy who is working hard to complete his Grade XII. After he graduates, he intends to take a course in teaching. Good luck, Percy!

DONALD HILL is a resident of God's Lake, Manitoba. This student is, but not a permanent student of Grade XII. Whenever I go into the Grade XII classroom for some subjects, he is leaving.

Class News (cont'd)

Don't you like me, Donald? I suppose a description would be more appropriate. Donald is a black-haired, dark-eyed individual who stands about 5'10". At first sight, you would think he is of the serious type, but don't let it deceive you, folks. He is a pleasant boy and is a friend of mine and just about everyone else. He is swell!!!

It is my greatest pleasure to introduce to you one of our Grade XII students. I believe you have met him before in our previous school papers. His name is RALPH ROBINSON. This boy hails from Cross Lake, Manitoba, and is a quiet, amiable person. "Raff", as he is commonly known, is a serious student, though, sometimes he tends to take time to look at the girls. His ambition is to be a teacher. So, Raff, I want to wish you the best of luck.

Unfortunately, one of our classmates has left us as he has not been feeling well these past few weeks, and he was unable to continue with his studies. I'm sure everyone misses PAUL HART.

So, there you are, folks. I hope you have enjoyed this report.

Geraldine Archie
Grade XII Reporter

Grade XI Class News

Dear Parents and Readers,

Meet the Grade XI students:

BELLA HART: This is one of our geniuses who hails from Norway House, Manitoba. Bella's pastime seems to be reading books studying, and telling jokes. She is a studious person, but she occasionally gets into mischief. When the results of our October exams come out, Bella may well top the class. Good luck, Bella!

EMMA FIDDLER: This fine young woman stands 5' 4", weighs 115 lbs., and has her home in Sandy Lake, Ontario. She is the product of McIntosh Indian School in Ontario. Emma is making quite a progress in Grade XI. Keep on, Emma, and best wishes!

Grade XI Class News (cont'd)

RITA NANOWIN: This pretty girl blew in Matheson Island, Lake Winnipeg, via the Northwind. She is quiet and has a friendly nature. Her dreamy eyes and that slow smile of hers distinguish her from the rest of the girls. Best of success, Ritz!

HELEN HART: Here is a charming lady whom anyone can recognize by that great, big smile that reveals two rows of pearly white teeth. Any Grade XI student will agree with me if I say that she is very unfortunate to sit near that character, George Spence. Helen, we are wishing you great success and we hope you survive big, bad George. I forgot to mention that Helen's hometown is Nelson House, Manitoba.

GEORGE SPENCE: This young man landed from Nelson House. He is the king os boy who makes everybody feel at ease; but, sometimes, he makes you wonder what kind of a nut he is. It seems that his favorite pastime is teasing girls. Please, George, have mercy on us!

BERTHA FONTAINE: This quiet, charming young lady resides at Fort Alexander, Manitoba. She won the Merit Award last year and I am sure Bertha will keep up her good works.

BRIAN TUESDAY: Here is a cheerful and jolly lad who hails from Morson, Ontario. His weight is 144 measly little pounds. His masculine muscles hang loosely. He stands 5 feet 10 inches tall. Brian is a happy-go-lucky guy, expecially when we have our Maths period, don't you agree, Gr. XI? Brian palns to be a doctor Good luck, Doctor Tuesday!

MARY EDNA FLETT: This girl comes from St. Theresa Point, Manitoba. Mary Edna is rather noisy at times but, otherwise, a very hard worker. After she completes her Grade XII, she plans to be a Registered Nurse. I only hope she doesn't get her patients sicker than they are. Best of luck to you, Mary Edna!

BERNICE HENRY: Our editor of the "Assiniboia Highlights" come from the Roseau River Reserve, sixty miles south of here. Her ambition is to be a teacher; and, with her qualities, I am sure "Bugs" will achieve her aim.

BILLY FLETT: This quiet young man hails from St. Theresa Point, Manitoba. He is very studious and is sure to pass if he keeps on studying. Best of success, Bill!

JOSEPHINE ROBINSON: Josie's home is at Whitefish Bay, Ont. She works like a beaver in class, but is never too busy to flash one of her charming smiles.

Grade XI Class News (cont'd)

ETIENNE ROBINSON: Crusoe hails from Cross Lake, Manitoba. His warm personality and wide smile attracts the friendship of his classmates. Etienne is working hard at his studies and this is a guarantee that he will pass his grade. If Etienne keeps up the good work, he will surely become the pride and joy of Cross Lake.

The Grade XI students have been awarded school pins at the Graduation ceremonies that were held here on Sunday, October 27. All are proudly wearing them.

Mary Edna Flett

Grade X-A Class News

This year we have a class of twenty-four students. There are ten girls and fourteen boys. Our teacher, Father Leroux, is now and has been for the past month and a half in the hospital. I am sorry to say that, while he was practicing with the boy's football team, his leg pulled a few muscles and he has been laid up ever since. He had taught for only two weeks when this unfortunate mishao happened. All of us do miss him very much and hope he will recover very shortly, although he may not be expected to teach till after Christmas.

We are fortunate, however, to be taught by a very good teacher who is filling out for Father Leroux. Everyone welcomed Mrs Patricia Hanley the moment she first arrived at our rescue. I would like to thank Father Robidoux and also Mrs. Hanley, who has given up her own time to come and help us. On behalf of the class we all thank you, our "new teacher."

On Friday, October 25, we were proud to have Cecilia York and Wilfred Shawanda to represent our class in the school oratorical contest. They both did a wonderful job.

Exams have also just been completed and we are anxious to see who stands where??? Each and everyone of us hope for the best. I hope for the best to you, readers too, on behalf of the Grade X-A class.

So long, till next edition.

Wilfred Shawanda

Grade X-B Class News

Dear Parents and Readers,

We were delighted to discover that our classmates of last year had completed their Grade IX and had successfully been promoted to Grade X.

Again, the process of dividing the grade in two had to be fulfilled because of the large number of Grade X students. About half of the students went down to the first floor and we remained in the same classroom as last year. So there are, again, two grade ten classes, namely: Gr. X-A and X-B.

Joseph Cook, a fine hard-working lad from Pelican Rapids, is our new classmate. He seems to be doing fine and we hope that he will continue his good work.

Unfortunately, our Maths teacher, Father Leroux, became sick early this fall. He has not come back yet; but, in the meantime, Mrs. Hanley is replacing him. Mr. Joubert, our Science teacher, and Sister Brisbois, our Literature teacher, are back with us again this year. Our home teacher, Mrs. Freynet, teaches us subjects as Geography, French, and English. All of these teachers are very patient and kind with us.

On October 25, all classes were asked to participate in the oratorical contest. Brenda Perreault of Fort Frances, Ontario, and Edwin Bruyere of Fort Alexander, Manitoba, were chosen to represent our classroom. They competed against the contestants from the other classrooms and, though, they did not win, they did exceptionally well.

The results of the October exams have not been revealed yet; but, in the next issue, we will let you know the names of the pupils from this class who secured top honors.

So, until then, dear readers, keep watch and may the good Lord bless you.

Valerie Mainville

Grade IX Class News

Dear Parents and Friends,

At the beginning of the school term, our classroom consisted of thirty-eighty ambitious students. Our class is always very and our teachers admire this.

Now, let us meet all the newcomers of this classroom: We have John P. Spence from Nelson House, and Bill Linklater from South Indian Lake. Representing Island Lake, we are fortunate to have Moses, Joseph, and George Harper, John Flett, John Mason, Joseph Wood, Ernest Monias, and Theresa Mamakesick. Tommy Canabee hails from God's Lake. We also have Betsy Ross, Irene Trout, Emma Jane Ross, Norbert Ross, and Harry Halcrow who are from Cross Lake. Representing Pakatawagon, we have Margaret Dumas, Sarah Sinclair, Marion Sinclair, and John Bighetty. The only Saskatchewan student in our classroom is Lena Highway. We also have Margaret Yellowback from Wabowden; Shirley Fontaine and Katherine Guimond from Fort Alexander. Patricia Sennie and Brenda Henry are from Roseau River.

As for our teachers, we have Mr. Joubert as our main teacher. He teaches us Science and Mathematics. Sister Tougas teaches us French. For some pupils, French is really a break; for others, it is a puzzle. Sister Brisebois is responsible for teaching us Language. Miss Freynet teaches us Literature. Mrs. Hanley teaches us the most important subject, Religion. We appreciate the kindness and the untiring zeal she displays in trying to show us a true Christian life. She is also our Health teacher. With Mr. Roscoe takes us to all kinds of imaginary and inexpensive trips to different parts of the world. Our principal, Father Robidoux, teaches Indian History.

At the beginning of the school term, we played softball against the Grade X girls. Unfortunately for us, they won five games out of eight. The Grade IX boys played football against the Grade X boys. The score was 18 - 0 for Grade X.

On October 17, we delivered our speeches in front of the class. Some of the students could not say their speech right off as they were too shy. Theresa Quewezance and Joseph Wood won the Grade IX oratorical contest and participated in the semi-finals.

This is a brief summary of all that has happened since the beginning of the school term. So, until we see you again at Christmas, we'll say good-bye and good luck.

Audrey Balfour

Hello there, friends and foes, parents and children!

Here we are with our first issue of "Assinibois Highlights." I hope to keep you all up to date on the goings-on in our school concerning our P. T. A. meetings. We have had only three meetings so far.

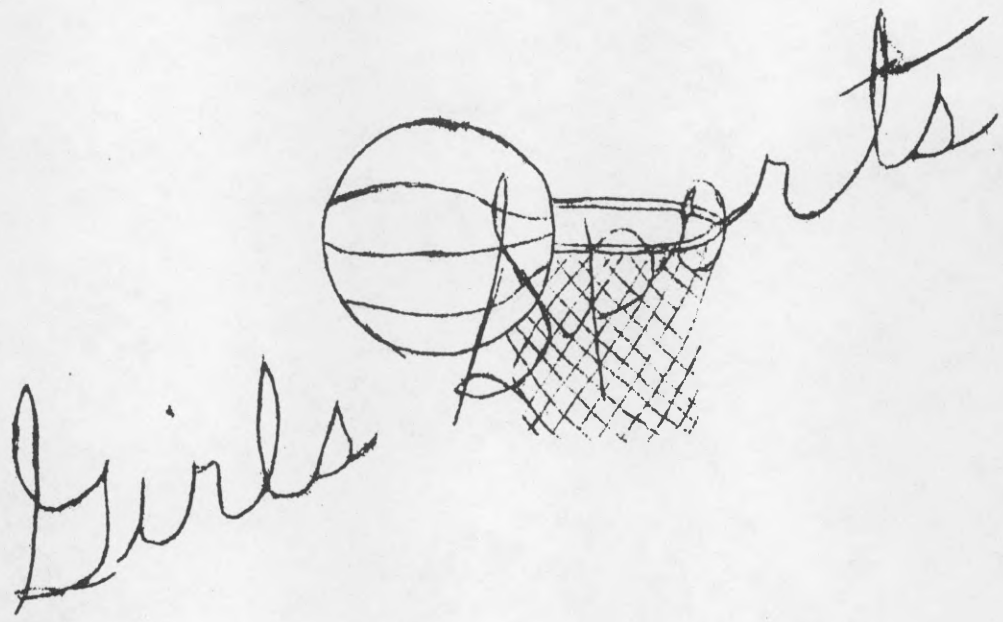
The first meeting took place on Sunday, September 15. The whole student body met for the election of the staff of both the P. T. A. and for the School Paper. The president chosen by the students was Paul Hart and the editor of the paper was Bernice Henry.

The second meeting took place on Sunday, October 6. The bulletin concerned the Holy Rosary as this is the month of the Holy Rosary. Most of the students participated very well in the discussion with the exception of a few new pupils who probably had no idea of what was going on. After the meeting, the Social Committee took over and thus ended the evening.

The third meeting took place on Sunday, October 20. This was not a regular meeting but a talk on the problems which confront the Indians today. We had the honor of having Mr. Isaac Beaulieau with us, a highly educated Indian from Sandy Bay. We discussed also the reasons and solutions for drop-outs and failures in school.

Au revoir, mes amies, till next issue!

Agnes Nanowin



Dear Readers,

In our sports field this year, we have three principal types of games that we usually play. They are baseball, basketball, and volleyball. Everyday, each team plays a different game; all the girls are in teams with a captain for each team. These captains were chosen from the Grade XI and XII girls. The six teams also have been given a name. For example, one team has the name, "Cardinals."

The three principal games provide all the girls many hours of good entertainment everyday of the week. during the months of September, October, and November. After the month of November, we welcome wholeheartedly the season of skating and curling.

I will be back in the next issue with a report on the winter sports.

Bella Hart

The nervous young fellow ahead of me in line at the blood bank was obviously offering for the first time. The nurse pricked his finger and drew out a few drops of blood for typing. In a few minutes she came repeated the process. "Lady," the young man said uneasily, "I don't want to hurry you, but isn't there some way to speed up this operation?"

BOYS' SPORTS

Welcome to the football world!

This year the Assiniboia High School football team took part in the Interlake Football League. The other teams engaged in this league were Stonewall, Warren, and Teulon.

Throughout the hard, tough season Stonewall managed to come up on top with 10 points, Teulon trailing with 8 points, Assiniboia with 6 points, and Warren finishing in the cellar with no points.

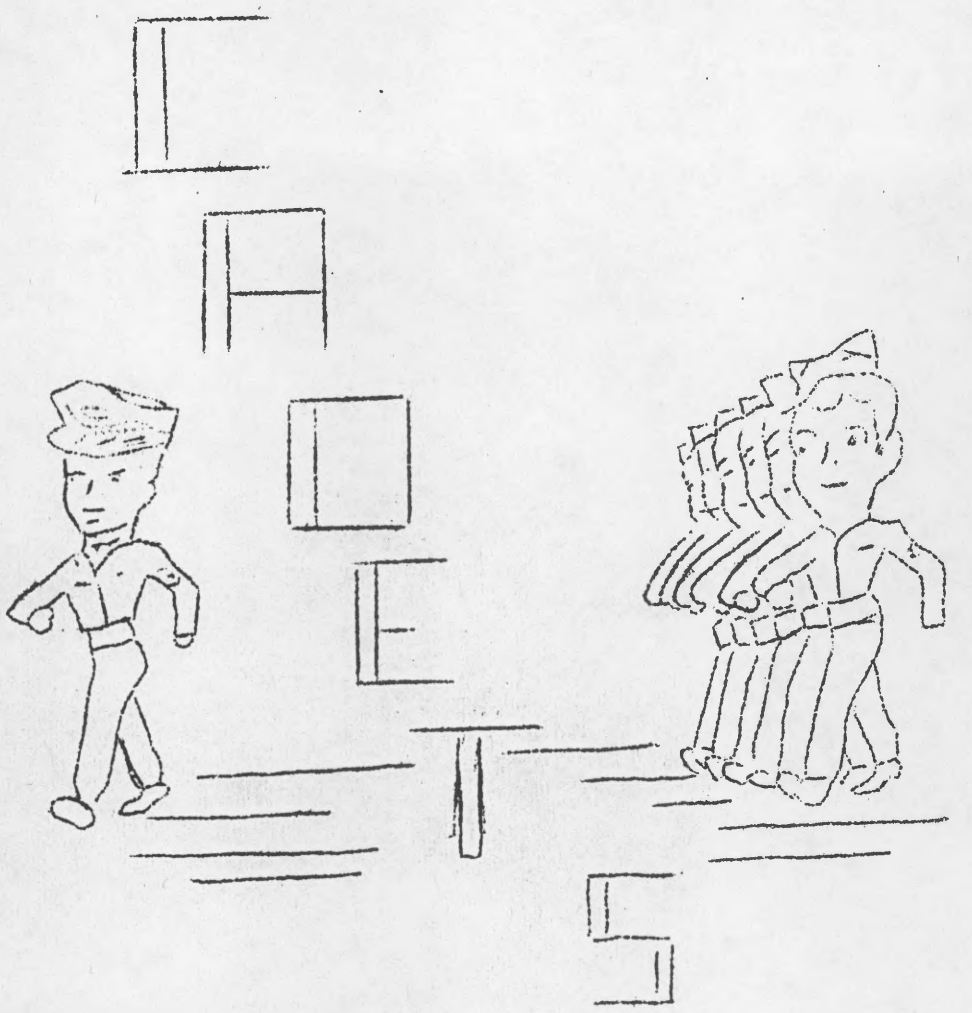
In the semi-final sudden death play-offs Stonewall defeated Assiniboia by a score of 24 to 13. And, in the other game, Teulon defeated Warren. The final game for the Championship between Teulon and Stonewall will be played on November 2 at Stonewall. Better luck to Assiniboia next year!

Now, turning to the Intramural League in Assiniboia, the league this year consisted of five teams: Packers, Colts, Eagles, Vikings, and Giants. After a hard hitting season, the Vikings finished first place with 10 points, and the Packers and Colts were tied for second place with 9 points each. The Giants finished third with 7 points, and the Eagles ended up in the cellar with 5 points.

In the semi-final playoffs, the Colts knocked off the Vikings and the Packers did likewise with the Giants. The final play-offs were played with a two-out-of-three series. And, the Colts managed to beat the Packers with two straight games, finishing up the season as school champs.

Yours truly,

George Kakeway



Dear friends,

This year we have very few first-year cadets; there are only about fourteen of them. Our commanding officer is John Flatfoot. The other officers which rank under him are: Sergeant Major W. Shawanda, Lieutenant Cecil Paul, Lieutenant Leslie McIvor, and Sergeant Rodney Spence. Our Cadet Captain is Luke Marchildon.

Also, something new has been added to our company: a band. The platoon sergeant of the band is Rodney Spence.

Our platoon sergeant is Cameron Wood. Although Cameron is rather nervous when he gives out orders, he usually settles the situation with fair success -- Keep on Cameron!

Because of a speech contest we, unfortunately, missed our cadet session one Friday. We have cadet training twice a week on Friday and Saturday. On Friday nights, we go parade and perform the same routine drills over and over again in order to improve our cadet corps. On Saturday mornings, we have lectures.

Because of the short time we have had, our activities are still few in number, but I hope they are nevertheless of interest to you!

Richard Courchene

Howdy Folks,

Yours truly, here, wants to give you readers an idea of what is going on in manual training.

First, at the beginning of the year, the boys got acquainted with the tools and their use.

When we knew how to use the tools properly we made doorstops, envelope holders, table stands, windows holders, and a book shelf. No matter how big or small the project may be, we try to do our best.

We also took notes on types of trees and wood, and later we wrote an exam.

Wesley Severite

We are sure this was one of the memorable moments of the school, and we are hoping that some of us will be graduating this year.

Well, dear parents and friends, we are hoping this ussue of the "Assiniboia Highlights" has informed you of the news of the school during these past two months. So, until the next issue, may the Good Lord keep you in perfect health.

James Cook

Dear Friends,

Hi! Here's the latest news direct from the Home Economics dep rtment.

A few ambitious girls are knitting mitts, scarfs, and slippers for their "hope chests." Some other girls are presently engaged in making aprons. In the near future, we will be making dresses. We are really looking forward to it.

Before Graduation, Mrs. Levreault kept us busy decorating the downstairs playroom and making delicious sandwiches. After much work, we were very satisfied with ourselves. It was lovely!

I guess that's about all for now. Till next time then, I'll just say "bye."

Brenda Perreault

A new waitress in a restaurant couldn't understand a customer's order because his voice was so hoarse. "I said," croaked the customer with some effort, "that I have laryingitis. Maybe some hot soup will help me." The girl got the message and brought the soup. But, since she was new and a bit excited, her hand was unsteady and she spilled the soup into the customer's lap.

When the waitress got back to the kitchen after apologizing, she heaved a deep sigh of relief. "Well anyhow," she mused, "he sure got his voice back fast."

Hi, Friends:

We are happy to let you know that Miss Minville is back with us again this year. We are very fortunate to have her again. She had different plans for this year, but broke them just to come back with us. Thank you, Miss Minville!

This year there are twelve of us girls. Unfortunately, our one musical-minded boy didn't come back with us this year. Too many girls, Moses???? There are three newcomers: Emma Jane Ross, Margaret Yellowback, and Delphine Houle.

Two out twelve -- Catherine and Margaret Yellowback are taking accordian lessons rather than piano.

We were very delighted when Miss Minville bought us a music book on the latest radio hits to learn on the piano. Almost at all times of the day, you could see one of us sitting at the piano trying to play "The Peppermint Twist" or something else!

Dolores Nanie

A first-grader was awarded a medal for reading, aloud, a grand total of 405 primary books during the year. Then his mother was called to the commencement platform -- and awarded a medal for listening.

At the Graduation exercises of our six-year-old Jimmy from kindergarten, I asked the teacher about his progress. "He's my star pupil," she replied. "He graduated 'magna cum loudest'".

FAREWELL

Dear Readers,

On behalf of the Assiniboia students, I would like to express our regrets at the loss of two of our former teachers--Reverend Father L. Alarie, and Mr. J. Lambert--who have been teaching in our school since the opening in 1958.

Father Alarie is, at present, teaching at the Manitoba Juniorate in St. Boniface.

Mr. Lambert is now teaching in Newfoundland.

We wish them the best of luck in the future.

Editor