

ALL SAINTS RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

AKLAVIK

COMMUNITY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

JUNE ; 1959

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - EXCELLENT

ROUTINE COMMUNITY PROGRAMME ACTIVITY:

Weather continued dull and chilly in June but outdoor activities stressed as cold weather delayed mosquitoes considerably. Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides able to remain in full swing till end of month. Had Church Parade Sunday June 14th which made a good impression on all, children at their best and of course they love a parade with flags flying!! River late breaking up, went out very quickly, no excitement, water not exceptionally high. More bird watching encouraged, also protection of nests located. No local Sports Day this year so had school sports day June 18th. Teachers did wonderful job of organizing and running it. Senior, Intermediate and Junior events, everyone participated in at least two events. Most competed in every even in their class, this was the most successful sports day we have ever had. Prizes were coloured ribbons and these valued more than anything else we could have awarded. Some Seniors did exceptionally well, good spirit throughout. Teachers had children well classified and every pupil had at least one coloured ribbon to wear.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION - As usual with local branch

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN THE COMMUNITY:

Prices continued to hold quite firm on muskrats. Sixty cents being paid for shot rats, due to late season, shooting extended to June 20th. Good mink and marten ~~makka~~ year plus the rats gave most a better income than usual. Jobs still slow in opening up due to lack of materials. None arrived first barge, are expected on the second about the middle of July. Most of the children away home at the end of the month. DEW line children last to go. Only 9 girls and 10 Boys left, some of these are waiting arrival of parents from Banksland. Cash scarce in town as people paying up old debt at traders. The manner in which the Eskimo pay up ~~thems~~ their old debts can well be a lesson to the white man. It may take him a long time but he never forgets and always comes of his own accord when he has some money and settles his account.

OTHER NOTES:

Tragedy struck Aklavik in the form of an empty liquor store!!! For over a month many were the wails and complaints that no beer, liquor or wines were to be had. However, the boat arrived with a fine load before the complainers wasted completely away and many volunteers were on hand to help unload, if needed. Sales were high the first day the store was in business again and the results can well be imagined, the police were busy lads all night. Has settled down considerably as cash runs out. This has been a very healthy year for the children, every child gained weight, some from underprivileged homes gained as much as 20 lbs!!! Have stressed milk and tomatoes in diet and apparently with good effect. Have never seen children so eager for canned tomatoes just as they come from the cans. Would eat them three times a day every day if given their choice. Preparing for Exodus to Umuvik. Children looking forward to being in the new Residence. Boys and Girls back from Yellowknife, so far have not repeat NOT been able to unearth any reasonable complaints, all seem happy and ~~satisfied~~ satisfied and eager to get back for another year of training. Have heard indirectly from several of the employers who have the trainees working for them and they are more than satisfied, ~~with~~ with Construction Co. as carpenter, they are very satisfied, ~~working~~ working at Garage, owner very pleased

██████████ working at Port Smith as heavy duty operator for Highway Construction Co. and understand Supt. exceptionally pleased with ██████████ and hopes he can get more like him. The girls being employed for the summer seem to be equally satisfactory. This is a fine reflection on our Yellowknife project. We know they have had many headaches during their first year but all are looking forward to better times next session. Mr. Boxer and Mr. Black have done what could almost be termed the impossible. We, at least, are very grateful to both these men and their respective staffs for what they have accomplished. Trust their will not be a large staff turnover this coming year in Yellowknife. Those taking the Academic course may not have made as good a showing as the Vocational types but this could be expected the first year. The change for them from Correspondence to taught classes in High School subjects took some adjusting but taking an all round view, it would seem that, ~~xxxxxx~~ they, too, have proved themselves.

The new residences and school at Inuvik will undoubtedly bring forth new problems which, as usual, we will deal with as they crop up and endeavour to make the best of it. Even though many of the whites depart from Aklavik it is now definite that Aklavik will remain for some time to come. There will not likely be any mass exodus of natives, especially to Inuvik, as Inuvik has nothing for them unless they have permanent employment with the administration or private business men.

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