

A Diary from the Village of St. Mary's

Records Daily Village and School Activities

St. Marys, Alaska
NEWS
10/14/68 - 11/7/68

OCTOBER 14, 1968-MONDAY—Tonight the barge finally arrived. It had winter supplies for both the mission and city. The temperature today was maximum 25, Min. 26, Obs 53 and Rain T.

OCTOBER 15, 1968-TUESDAY—Today the boys unloaded the barge. Most of the supplies were for Shephards store. Also, a nurse arrived, Fran Hoyle. She will make her stay for a period of 2 months. A student, Alexis Mattias, returned from Bethel. Mr. Dixon also came in. The F 27 came in okay. The temp: Max 32 Min 20, Obs. 31.

OCTOBER 16, 1968 -WEDNESDAY—Today the river had a thin layer of ice. The tug boat

left today leaving the barge to winter here. Sr. Patricia completed her parka today. The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade were dismissed in the afternoon. The girls went berry-picking and the boys did odd jobs around the mission.

OCTOBER 17, 1968-THURSDAY—The F 27 made it in alright. The river is freezing.

OCTOBER 18, 1968- FRIDAY—Friday night activities in the village were a Teen dance and Eskimo dance. The mission had birthday parties.

OCTOBER 19, 1968-SATURDAY—Work day, everyone doing his or her assigned chore. In the evening the boarders (girls), Sr. DeLourdes and Sr. Patricia, and several volunteers went up river for a marshmallow roast. Very cold, but enjoyed by all.

OCTOBER 20, 1968- SUNDAY— Today Miss Anderson,

Miss Harrington and Miss Custer went meter reading. Several villagers are beginning to fish through the ice. Movie in the evening.

OCTOBER 21, 1968-MONDAY—Feast of the Ursuline Sisters. We celebrated the occasion with Mass in the gum for school children and village people. After lunch, the sisters showed a movie "Fancy Pants."

OCTOBER 22, 1968-TUESDAY—Bishop Gleeson came for a visit. He said the 5:00 p.m. mass. F 27 came. Theresa Edwards and Rita Bromerro returned home. Dr. Hill came and will be with us this week.

OCTOBER 23, 1968- WEDNESDAY—Brisk and beautiful day.

OCTOBER 24, 1968-THURSDAY—The Bishop left, so did the nurse (Fran) to take the Polty's baby to Bethel Hospital. Fr. Jorday came for a few hours from Mt. Village.

OCTOBER 25, 1968- FRIDAY—The Friday night activities for the mission children were: grade school—Halloween mask making and stories. high school—Bingo and dancing. Quarter exams began today for the high

OCTOBER 26, 1968- SATURDAY—The river is frozen and many of the mission and village children were out skating. Fr. Astruc, Superior, left on a trip to Anchorage. F 27 came in alright. The nurse came back from Bethel today.

OCTOBER 27, 1968- SUNDAY—The regular masses 8-10-5. Fr. Mueller sermon was on Christ the King. The movie tonight was "The Face of Fu Manchu." During the day the students and villagers were skating. The mission boys had their All-Star game. The Roughriders team are the champions. The village teen club sponsored a Halloween dance.

OCTOBER 28, 1968-MONDAY—Exams—last day. The high school students had a skating party and it was enjoyed by all. Cold today with a lot of wind.

OCTOBER 29, 1968-TUESDAY—Water shortage is beginning. The F 27 made it in with lots-o-mail. Miss Custer talked to Portland on the Ham. Fr. Jorday from Mt. Village was here for a visit, due to bad weather.

OCTOBER 31, 1968-THURSDAY— Halloween—The village children were all out trick or treating. The shcool had a Halloween dance sponsored by the Junior class. Village adults were invited. Fun was had by all. F 27 didn't make it in today—bad weather.

NOVEMBER 1, 1968- FRIDAY—All Saints Day—no school. The girls went on a wiener roast up the river. The students were skating or just relaxing. Movie tonight.

NOVEMBER 2, 1968-SATURDAY—Three F 27 came in today. Lots of mail and freight. Fr. Astruc returned and brought real milk and cottage chese. The children are ice skating on the ice. Several villagers were hook fishing up river. Mr. Ray Christianson came to campaign in the village.

NOVEMBER 3, 1968-SUNDAY—Today a windy but beautiful day. Report cards were given out today. The grade school had a honors assembly. Sheppards store had power failure, so Fr. Jordan brought workers from Mt. Village in his plane to fix it. Tonight the juniors put on a convention rally. The 7th through 12th grades participated.

NOVEMBER 5, 1968-TUESDAY—The sun came up at a prompt 7:00 a.m. this morning. Voting took place all day today. Bro. Benish kept us posted on the election returns as they came in. No final news today or tonight.

NOVEMBER 6, 1968-WEDNESDAY—A new President is elected. Richard Nixon won. St. Mary's went Democrat. It was a beautiful day. Just an ordinary day of school and jobs.

NOVEMBER 7, 1968-THURSDAY—A cold clear day with some wind. The F 27 came in from Anchorage. Fr. Mueller came in from Pilot Station. At 8:00 p.m. the P.T.A. of St. Mary's met in the school cafeteria. A school board is in process of being selected. Two villagers were chosen to serve on it. Willaim Tyson and Johnny Thompson.