

## Saga of Lone'y Indian Boys Ends Almost in Death

KENORA, Ont. (CP)—They were lonely, so they ran away from school.

They were three little Indians, so they went by canoe. And because they were young with big appetites, they broke a few laws. And because they were cold, they almost lost their lives.

All these circumstances added up to a fabulous adventure for the boys and a splitting headache for the police.

Roger Martin, 10, Fred Big George, 10, and Alex Big George, 12, stayed snug in bed Friday while the winter wind blew and the snow piled up outside their hospital room.

For the first time in more than two weeks they ate regular meals, had a bath and slept in comfort. Their condition is described as good but they will be in bed for a few days.

**STOLE A CANOE**  
The adventure began Nov. 9 when they ran away from the St. Mary's residential Indian school here and stole a canoe. It ended on the brink of tragedy Thursday at Big Island, 18 miles away.

Bob McGarva, an Ontario provincial police constable, flew to the island on a hunch when even a plane was brought into the search. When he was the pilot and a RCMP constable.

The missing canoe was sighted from the air, near a hunting camp owned by American sportsmen. As the balloon-equipped plane searched through the thin ice for a landing, McGarva saw smoke

pouring from a window of the camp. McGarva ran ashore ahead of the other men. As he opened the door, great clouds of smoke poured out. At the doorway he stumbled over one of the boys—unconscious on the floor. The other two were found in the same shape.

A flaming mattress was dragged from the camp and the men put out other small fires which were also burning. The boys were wrapped in blankets and flown to hospital.

"Another half hour," said McGarva, "and the camp would have been levelled. Had we decided to search one of a half dozen other spots, which we nearly did, it would have been too late."

The little Indians explained later that they had run away because they were lonely for their parents. Because there was no wood, they started the fire in the mattress to keep warm. They went to sleep and it spread.

School authorities explained that the boys were not "town Indians" but children in nomadic families who depend on fishing and trapping for their livelihood. In such cases runaways are common.

**STOLE ONLY FOOD**  
They lived on food taken from three cabins they broke into. Nothing was stolen except scraps of food and some canned goods.

More than a week after they ran away the boys were seen paddling their canoe near Kenora, breaking ice as they went. Police borrowed a launch but were forced to turn back when waves threatened to drive the vessel ashore.

Constable McGarva, although he has had a rough time, gave the three youngsters high marks for courage.

"Think of the hardships those little fellows must have suffered," he said.

## Murray Harbour

Mrs. Annie Kennedy has returned home after spending a pleasant holiday visiting relatives and friends in New Glasgow and Wallace, N. S.

Mrs. William Kennedy and Miss Jessie McRae were recent visitors to Charlottetown.

The Women's Missionary Society met in the vestry of the church on November 14, with nine members present.

Little friends of Heather Graham, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Graham, Gaspereaux, are pleased to see her home again after being a patient in the King's County Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. George Graham are spending some time visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Graham, New Glasgow, N. S.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Simmon, Charlottetown, were recent visitors to Murray Harbour North, the guests of Mrs. Simmon's aunt, Mrs. C. J. McLure.

A. C. I. Harry Higginbotham, Jr., R. C. A. F., accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Harry Higginbotham, Halifax, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Henderson.

Mr. Gordon Reid recently returned home from a trip to Cape Breton and Dartmouth, N. S. While in Dartmouth he was the guest of his brother, Mr. (Stuart) Reid and Mrs. Reid.

The "Willing Workers for Jesus" Mission Band met in the vestry of the church on Saturday afternoon, November 13, with seven members present.

## Georgetown

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Walker, accompanied by Mrs. J. W. Lavers and daughter, Corinne, moved to Charlottetown early in the week, where they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Walker.

Mr. Ernest Jamieson, who has been employed in Hamilton, Ontario, is visiting his home in Georgetown.

Friends of Mrs. Laura Lavers, are sorry to hear of her recent sudden illness which has necessitated her entering the King's County Memorial Hospital in Montague, and all hope for a successful recovery.

Mr. Raymond DeRoche, arrived in Georgetown on a visit from Halifax, N. S., on Wednesday, November 24th.

Miss Lilly Hearn, who is employed in Victoria Cross, was a recent visitor to her home in Georgetown.

Miss Marguerite Hemphill recently returned to employment in Montague, after being ill at her home in Georgetown.

Mrs. Clair Currie and young son, of Charlottetown, are guests at the home of Mrs. Currie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred McQuillan.

Mr. Gordon Lavers arrived at his home in Georgetown recently from Fredericton, N. B., where he received his discharge from the Canadian Army.

Dr. and Mrs. A. Kennedy and Duke, returned recently from a motor trip to Antigonish, N. S.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martell,

## West Covehead Young Adults Meet

The Young Adults held their annual meeting at the Marse on Friday evening, Nov. 12th. The president opened the meeting with hymn—"What A Friend We Have In Jesus," followed by prayer by Miss Jean MacLean. The meditation, "Commit Thyself to Christ," was read by Mrs. Chesley Hughes, followed by a reading by Mrs. George Bell.

Mrs. Grace read from "The Upper Room." Mrs. Walter MacLure read "People Will Talk." The devotional period was closed with hymn, "Saviour Like A Shepherd Lead Us." This was followed by the election of officers for 1955.

visitors to Charlottetown on Thursday, Nov. 25th.

The many friends of Mrs. Victor Rafuse, who recently underwent an operation in the Prince Edward Island Hospital, are pleased to hear that she returned to her home in Georgetown on Thursday, November 25th.

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Devotional leaders for next meeting, Mrs. Leith MacMillan, Mrs. Norman Green and Mrs. Walter MacLure.

Roll call was answered with a verse of Scripture by eleven members. The Christmas cards which were purchased were given out, each member to sell four boxes. It was decided to choose the lunch committee according to the roll call.

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## BUILDING CLASSES

KINGSTON, Ont. (CP)—The Canadian Legion will sponsor house building classes for veterans this winter. Officials said the classes will be held once a week.

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