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Sister Superior And 9 Children Perish in Fire

(By N.C.W.C. News Service) The Pas, Man., March 7.—Sister Margaret, superior of the Cross Lake Indian School, an isolated outpost, died with nine of her charges in a fire that destroyed the school on February 27, according to authorities received here.

The superior died in a vain attempt to lead the Indian girls, none of them over nine years of age, from the school. Sister Jeanne Deschamps was seriously injured in a leap from the second floor.

As soon as word of the tragedy was received here, plans were made to rush aid to the scene. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Ovide Charbonneau, O. M. I., Vicar Apostolic of Kewatin, and another plane was dispatched immediately to bring out the injured.

The second plane returned shortly afterward, carrying five Sisters who had been injured. The fire was discovered about 3 o'clock in the morning by the Sister Superior, who awakened the other nuns. All of them then fought their way through the smoke to the dormitory, where the little girls were sleeping.

The superior remained behind with the children, handing them out to the Sisters, waiting outside. When all but nine of the children had been rescued, a wall of flame shot up between the Sisters outside and the superior, and they were unable to get through to her to bring her out.

News of the fire was first brought here by a man who drove fifty-five miles through severe weather from Cross Lake. The fire, the man believed, began in the third floor of the school, a brick structure built in 1914. The cause has not been determined.

Damage to the building was estimated at \$200,000. Sister Margaret was a native of St. Boniface, Quebec and was an Oblate Sister of St. Boniface. She had been stationed at the Cross Lake school since 1911, except for three years when she was stationed in Quebec. She became Sister Superior of the school upon her return to it in 1923.

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An American Priest Attacked and Badly Clawed By Bengal Tiger in India

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Washington, March 7.—How an American Catholic missionary in India, seeking to protect his native parishioners from the attacks of an infuriated Bengal tiger, engaged the least battle-hardened in a desperate struggle, has just become known here with the receipt of word that the missionary, who was seriously injured in the encounter, has completely recovered from his wounds.

The missionary is the Rev. Christopher Brooks, C. S. C., whose home is in Watertown, Wis., but who has been stationed in India for nearly 15 years. His mother still lives in Wisconsin, and a brother, the Rev. Peter A. Brooks, S. J., is stationed at St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo.

At the time of his adventure with the tiger, the first such in the history of the Congregation of the Holy Cross in the Diocese of Dacca, Bengal, India, where he founded the mission station, building its church with his own hands. In this field, which is in the hill country among the Garos, Father Brooks has established what is regarded as a remarkably good record in modern missionary history—the conversion of 2,000 uninitiated Indians in the short space of four years.

Tiger's Bold Attack On January 3, last, Father Brooks and his assistants were working in the Church of the Little Flower at their station. Suddenly, they were disturbed by a great commotion in the little clearing outside the church, and, rushing out, heard the natives shouting excitedly that a tiger had been seen in the rice fields nearby.

There being no time to return to his quarters for a rifle, Father Brooks and a native priest, Father Anthony Gomez, C. S. C., his assistant, and Brother Bede, C. S. C., an American, started at once into the rice fields.

At the same time the tiger leaped from the rice, and striking him flat upon the ground, continuing on the breast made for Father Gomez, but the native priest, with an agile twist of his body, narrowly escaped the onslaught of the animal.

The tiger then fell upon an old Christian native, and knocking him to the ground, began to claw him. Father Brooks, seizing a spear from a man standing nearby, sought to wound the animal in a vital spot. The attempt was unsuccessful, and the animal, transferring his attention to Father Brooks, knocked him to the ground and began to tear at his chest and arms.

Brother Bede, seizing a tin from a native standing by, who thought possessing the rifle, was too frightened to use it, shot the beast through the head, killing it instantly.

Priest Completely Recovered As the nearest doctor was three or four days' journey removed from the mission station, it was necessary for Father Gomez and Brother Bede to nurse Father Brooks through his wounds, using only the simple medicines in the mission dispensary. After a month of this simple, but effective, treatment, Father Brooks is reported to be entirely recovered.

It is interesting that at the time of this amazing experience, Father Brooks had been assigned another station at Brodakant, but had not departed from his old mission. He has since gone to his new post, it is reported.

Father Brooks is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind., and received the degree Doctor of Philosophy at the Gregorian University, in Rome. Returning from Rome, studied for three years at Holy Cross College, in this city, where he was ordained to the priesthood.

Knights of St. John, Com. 25, Hold Very Successful Smoker The Knights of St. John, Commandery No. 25, held a smoker in St. Boniface School Hall, Wabash Street, Monday evening. The smokers given by Commandery No. 25 are always of the ordinary, and this one was no exception. There were few and excellent vaudeville acts, boxing and wrestling, and much was served. There was a fine attendance and everybody had a good time.

FATHER DAN'S COLUMN

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white mouse to school in his pocket. About eleven o'clock the mouse woke up, didn't like the darkness of Will's pocket and hopped out on the floor. You can imagine what happened in that school room. All the girls were standing up on the seats and crying for help, and all the boys were trying to catch the mouse. Will crawled under a desk and grabbed for the mouse but all he caught was Jimmy Nagel's hat.

Sister gave one bang of her ruler on the desk and said for everyone to sit down and the way she said it, everyone decided to obey. Then she told Eddie Murphy to catch the mouse and take it out of the room. Will hacon took one look in the direction of the teacher's desk and decided that it was better not to admit ownership of the mouse. Eddie took the mouse downstairs and we all knew that the janitor would take care of it. For Will and he are good friends. Then Sister read us a lecture. She said that we had been carrying on all morning and that the best thing would be to burn it all out, but that since it had not all the boys could stay in that afternoon until five o'clock. It was a bright sunny day and the skatians was extra good.

At noon all the boys gathered around "Red" Reilly and waited their money back, but "Red" said he had given it to the butcher and that the turkey had been ordered, and Reilly's popularity did not increase when we found out that he had ordered the turkey so soon.

In the times school closed for the holidays all of us had forgotten about being kept in with the turkey to Sister. One of the girls played a march on the piano and "Red" Reilly led the procession but didn't look much like a soldier because he is round-shouldered and not straight and good-looking like I am. Sister was very happy and told us that if we all came back the next afternoon we could have a Christmas party and that one of the boys would act as Santa Claus. Will hacon said he did not want to wear a Santa Claus suit because if he went home in it and frightened his little brother he would get a "licking." "Red" Reilly said he wouldn't be Santa Claus because maybe he couldn't get the whiskers of his chin and he asked how he would look going through life with a long beard. Sister told them not to worry as they would appoint Master Mahaney the Santa Clause of the class. You've got to give Sister credit for her good judgment. I was glad to be Santa Claus

because I would not have to give presents but only pass them out. I didn't like the idea of paying fifty cents for a present for Joe Burke knowing that he would bring me a game that he bought at the Enterprise for ten cents.

Well, I have told you about the most interesting things that have happened since school opened in September. This brings us up to the present, the beginning of the holy season of Lent and all the boys are planning how they are going to do penance. Sister has asked us to save our pennies for the missions—to adopt Chinese babies, because Chinese mothers and fathers sometimes allow their little ones to die of hunger without baptism. All the boys and girls are anxious to see how many babies we can adopt and save before Easter. If I get enough money together to adopt a Chinese baby I am going to ask the missionary priest to call it "Red Reilly" because "Red" looks like a Chinaman. Well next week I am going to tell you a wonderful mission story. So don't fail to read this column in next week's issue. Yours affectionately, F. J. Mahaney.

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How Both Ends of Paint Brush Work Everybody knows that a paint brush is made up of two main parts—the bristles that spread the paint and the handle that the painter grasps. What may not be so apparent is the wisdom of knowing in any painting job just what is going on both the handle end and on the bristle end.

At the bristle end of the brush we have the materials for the work to be done, the white-lead, linseed oil and tinting colors. These must be mixed and tinted to the individual tone and applied in such a manner as to insure a satisfactory and lasting job—and it is in this end of the work that the competent painter proves his worth, and in the long run pays for himself.

Some people upon deciding to have a room decorated or a house painted, think first of how cheaply the job can be done instead of taking into consideration the fact that in the long run the painter who charges a little more and guarantees a perfect job is by far the cheapest painter of all. Good painters, men of reputation, are forever on the lookout for new ideas in decoration, for means of doing the work so that it will last longer. And although as a result they may charge more they will inevitably stand back of the work after it has been done.

Therefore although almost everybody can handle a paint brush after a fashion it is well to bear in mind that a brush has two ends, and that to obtain the best results the quality of the materials and the reputation of the painter must both be given first consideration before price enters into the painting plan.

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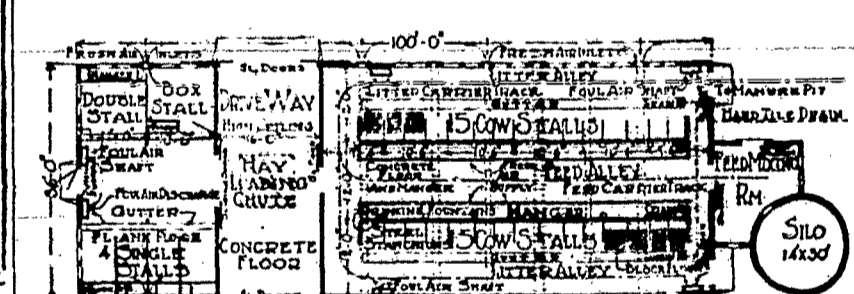
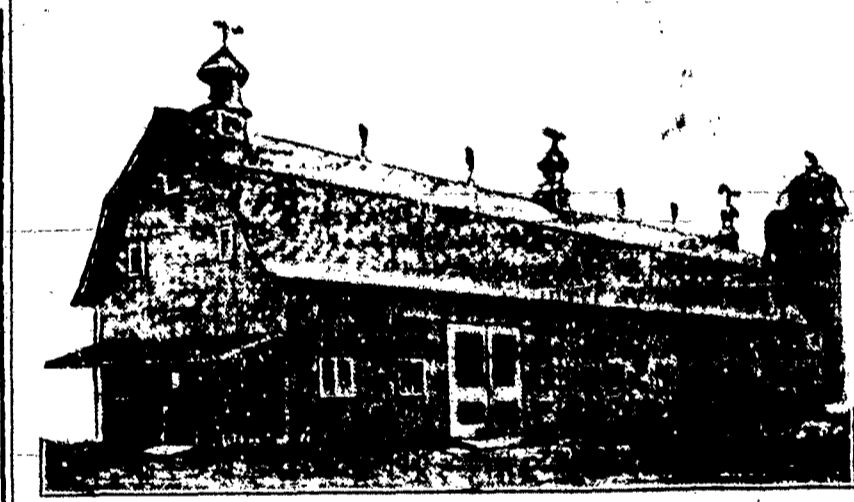
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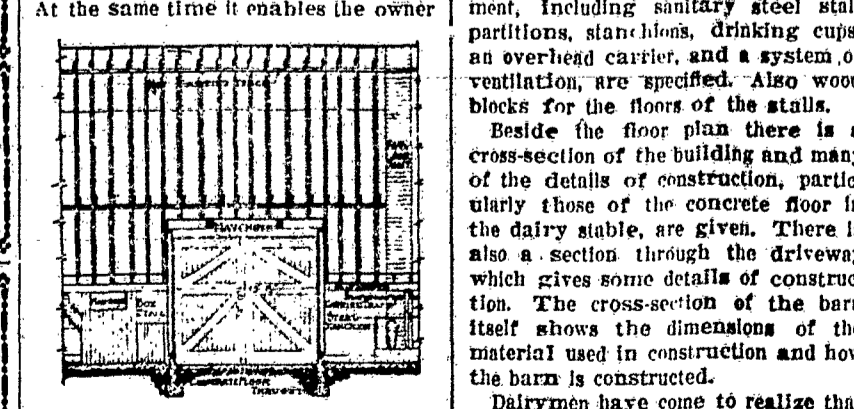
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