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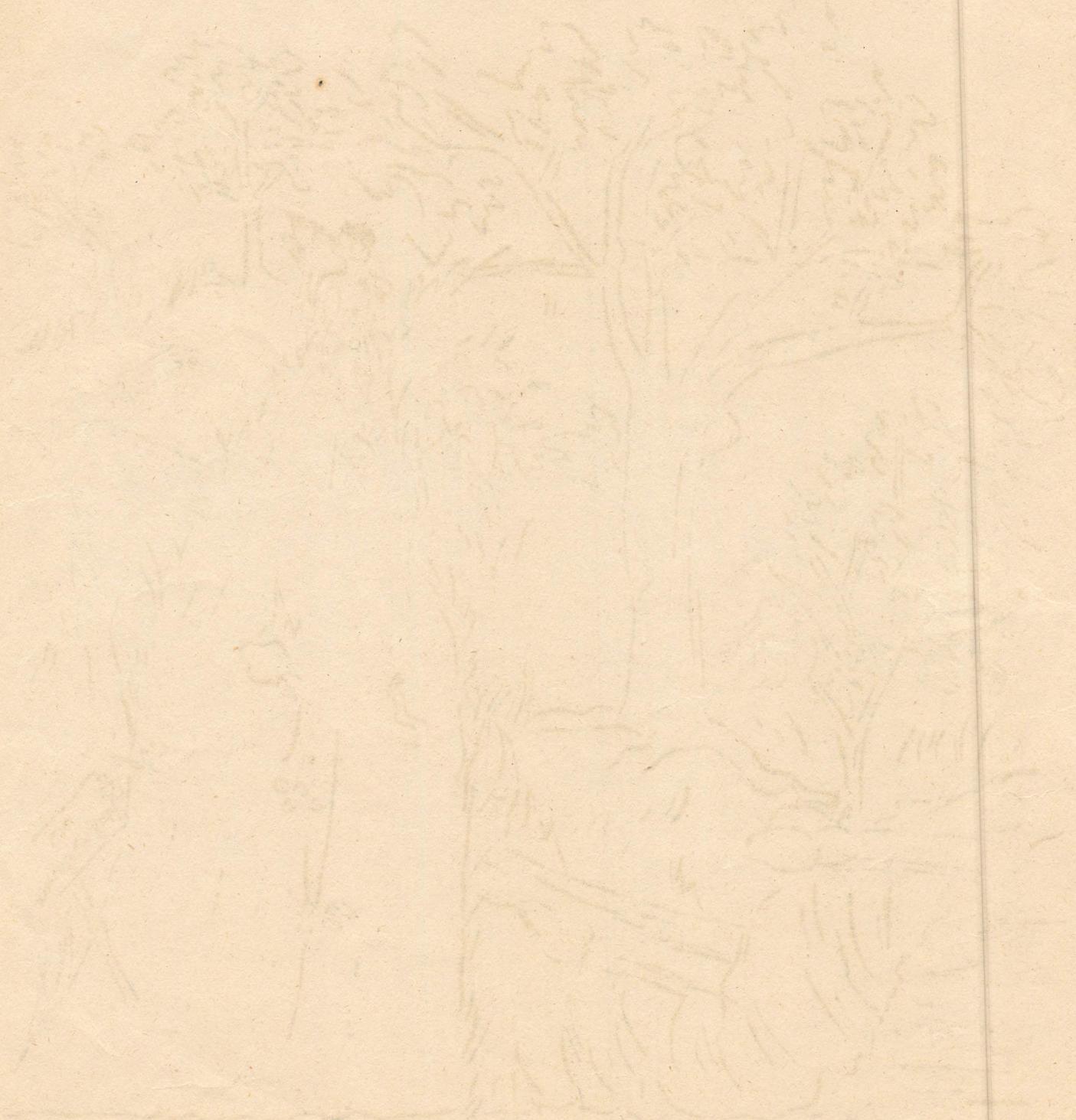
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THE FORGOTTEN BOX

One day Miss Leichter came along and asked John Parks if he would make a box to put articles in for the "Ku-cu-it", and, of course, John Parks couldn't, or wouldn't, say no as he is our only boy carpenter out here at Jesse Lee. He got started on the box and finished it, went through a lot of trouble but didn't mind. He brought it up to Miss Leichter and she put it in the dining room. That night, she announced that John Parks, our special carpenter, had made the box for articles to be put in, for instance parties that we have and everything of the sort.

Nobody seems very interested in the box because it is very dusty sitting there all these months. Why don't all of you boys and girls whenever something happens write about it and put it in the box. Then we will see which article is the best and put it in the "Ku-cu-it". So come on, boys and girls, who are able to scribble, write on things you do here at Jesse Lee. We need some good reporters.

Bertha Berntsen, 15

FATHER AND SON BANQUET

One night in April was the first time I ever went to a banquet. We had it in the basement of the Seward Memorial Church. Of course, we got in and got our places at the table so we could get something to eat since most of the people had good appetites. But, me! I wasn't hungry at all, because I didn't know I was going until the last minute and I ate my dinner before. The chicken dinner looked so good with everything from peas to cranberry sauce. I don't know how in the world I managed to finish what I had on my plate. You need a good sized stomach to get away with that.

After everybody had finished eating some important people of Seward made speeches which we enjoyed and also enjoyed the singing, plus playing with the instruments. Then came the good old community singing, such as "The Gang's All Here, What the Heck Do we Care?" and "Way Down Upon the Swanee River."

Last but not least was the father's contest, which six men took place. The idea of the game was to see who could eat a marsh-mellow first. They showed them the marshmallows and then blind-folded them, took away the good marshmallows and traded for black painted ones. I don't know what was put on them but they were black, anyway. Oh, boy, then they started smearing each other with the black marshmallows. One guy especially was trying awful hard to let the man opposite eat one while he was trying to get away from him, but that didn't do any good because he got his little beard and mustach all black and his clothes.

Yours thankfully,

John Parks, 14

Mrs. Malcolm says if Roy doesn't stop talking so much in the kitchen he will have to all the work alone. Who will listen to his moron jokes???

PENNY'S PUPPIES

We had an awful scare last night. We heard the bell ring for dinner and Penny was lost. Couldn't find her nowhere. Miss McGhee, she says for us to come on, that she'll be ok. Mrs. Wright, she says she don't leave here till we find that little dog. Then Harry, he comes back and we crawl under the bed, and she's sure in her box and some little black things with her. They made such funny little squeaks. Arthur says, I think she's got some of Mr. Cassel's little pigs. Then George, he says they look like kittens. So then we run to find Miss McGhee. She says, you boys eat your dinner, they'll play there. So when we got back they could bark a little and we saw they were puppies-- six of them, black as anything. We'll be glad when they grow up-- Penny won't play with us no more.

Nick Nickoli, 12

WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCHEON

On May 13 the women of the Woman's Club in Seward had a luncheon in the basement at the Methodist Church. Four girls from the Jesse Lee Home went to help serve. Their names were Lily Pletnikoff, Louise Berntsen, Rose Parks, and Loleta Havercamp. Mr. Wengert was the cook. Mrs. Wengert served the food and the four girls passed out the food. They had biscuits, and they put chicken stew on the biscuits. Some had coffee, one or two had tea, and one a glass of water. They also had potatoe salad and for dessert they had lemon pie. Louise brought a half of a pie to Miss Leichliter. The ex-president was the speaker. Mrs. Cassel sang two songs. Mr. Dean Phillips played the violin accompanied by Miss Smith. Richard Dangler played the accordian. Mrs. Green gave a reading and so did Rene Faulkner about Husbands. Last of all Mrs. Bogard presented the new officers for the installation.

Loleta Havercamp, 13

THE SOLDIERS' PARTY

One Sunday morning some soldiers came in the kitchen with some cases of soda pop and I asked them what are those for and they said that they are for a party tonight. I helped them pack the pop down the deep freeze.

At supper time they came back and they brought some girls along to help serve the food, and one of the girls had red hair. We called her Red. She was sure funny, After the last bell rang we all got in the dining room and started to eat. Red was waiting on tables. Mr. Cassel wanted something. She went over to see what he wanted. He just wanted some more salad. She got about four or five steps away and called back and said, "Do you want some fried potatoes?" because that is one of his favorite dishes, and she knew because she is a waitress in Moody's restaurant. He said, "Sure I do," but she only brought back some cake. Boy, she sure fooled him. We also had some ice cream and lots of it, too.

Then after we all got done eating, Red played some songs on her mouth organ. She played some funny songs and stamped her feet on the floor while she was playing. She sure made us all laugh. Then she helped the girls wash all of the dishes.

After they were all done we all went up to the gym to play games. The best game I liked was when all of us had to do something funny. Miss Smith had to be a policeman on a busy street talking to cars so they won't bump the people and hurt them.

We played all kinds of different games. We ducked for apples and got our heads and shirts all wet. The party was for George Hunter's birthday party. We all thank Pfc Snyder, Lt. Keidser, and the other soldiers for the good party and all the games.

Tommy Devine, 15

NOTE TO MIDDLE-SIZED GIRLS:

Please don't wave and call to Thomas. All this sudden popularity embarrasses him, and he thinks he doesn't like it.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BANQUET

On May the seventh there was a Mothers and Daughters Banquet at the church. All the girls were invited to go. We all went down at 6:30. There we met our mothers who were to take us.

Miss Cameron took me. We had fruit cup, roast turkey, clam dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, buttered peas, vegetable salad, cranberry sauce, hot rolls, pickles, butter, ice cream, cake, coffee, and milk to eat. We enjoyed the evening very much. The program was good too. Miss Phyllis Baker sang a song. Mrs. Harold Davis played a violin solo. Mrs. Green was the speaker for the evening. Miss Ruth Leichter told us some jokes to keep the evening very happy. They were so funny. And we all enjoyed the evening very much.

Marie R. Devine, 13

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CAMP FIRE MEETING

For our Youth Fellowship meeting one Sunday we went out to the end of Nash Road. The boys and Mr. Cassel built a big fire. Then all of us stood around the fire in a circle and had devotions. It was just a little windy that night because it was spring, not summer, then. Every now and then we had to move away from the fire, it was getting so hot. We had a discussion on "Playing Fair." Mike and Dick and a few others had very different opinions about that. After devotions we toasted marshmallows and ate graham crackers. We were very glad that Mrs. Green gave us the marshmallows. We sang quite a few songs that all of us knew. Then after awhile we came home. We surely had a nice time, but we were sorry to come indoors and leave the pretty moon outside.

Irene Ivey, 14

OUR APRIL RECITAL

On April 18 it was Sunday and we had a recital. All played lovely songs. I liked the one called Fairy Swing Song. Louise played that one. There were other girls, too. Louise and I played a duet. It was called Pretty Sunshine. We had to wear sunbonnets, their color was yellow. Some other girls and boys were dressed up in costumes. One boy had dressed up in white and gray. He was supposed to be a rabbit. And a little girl was dressed in a blue-bell costume. I think it was cute. At the last of the recital we each got a balloon. Mine was yellow. It busted soon as it got home. We had ice cream and cake, too. The Jesse Lee children who played in the recital were Louise, Leona, Loleta, George, Jack, and I.

Gladys Miller, 10

BRIGHT SAYINGS OF BRIGHT CHILDREN

On Miss McGhee's day-off, Mrs. Wright told her little boys they could stay out a while after dinner. The next day the little boys were telling Miss McGhee all about the special treat. Said Roy, "Miss 'Skee, last night Mrs. Wright let us stay up all day."

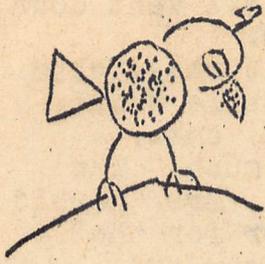
On the first Sunday since Mrs. Pierce's nursery children have been eating in the dining room, they were quite surprised to see the table cloth. It was something new to them. Carol, age 3, lifted the table cloth and said, "Oh, look. The table's under it."

Little girls at Jesse Lee Home could keep the matrons busy all day looking up answers to their questions. But Sylvia, age 4, asked the one question the other day to stump Miss Best and all quiz experts. "How come," she asked, "they call boys 'him' and girls 'her'?" How come little girls at Jesse Lee are always asking how come?

Emery and Dick were helping Miss McGhee put manure on her garden the other day. "This stuff stinks," said Dick. "I know," said Miss McGhee, "but it makes the flowers grow."

Said Emery, "I'll bet they come up fast to get away from that smell."

THIS IS A WATCHBIRD
WATCHING A
WATER WASTER



THIS IS A WATCHBIRD
WATCHING YOU



THIS IS A WATER WASTER

A water waster is a person who turns on the hot water and forgets it. Sometimes he even forgets to put the plug in the tub. He gets so interested in the adventures of Superman that he wastes all the water supply for one day. Sometimes he just forgets to turn off the hot water tap when he washes his hands. One water waster was cured of wasting water when he was put on the job of washing pots and pans one month. One day he started to wash the pots and pans and found that all the water was cold. Some other water wasters had been letting the water flow carelessly and he had to wait till 7 o'clock for hot water to wash pots and pans.

YES

WERE YOU A WATER WASTER THIS MONTH?

NO

THE SCHOOL PICNIC

One day we went for a school picnic. We went across to the Jesse Lee Home Cabin. Mrs. Green brought baked beans. We had kool-aid and cookies and sandwiches. Then we played games. Roy was climbing on a tree. It broke and he fell into the creek. He went away saying, "owch, owch," and then he came back laughing.

Zena Hoff

OPEN HOUSE

On Friday 14, 1948 there was a party at the Service Club. Miss Leichter had open house for everyone there to have fun. They had games, folk dances, square dances, polkas, and others. There was also refreshments, pop, hot dogs, etc.

Everyone, young and old, from the seventh grade up was welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Green were learning how to do the schottische, and also Mrs. Cassel. I taught Mrs. Cassel how and she thought it was very easy. There were four boys and six girls from Jesse Lee Home as guests. The boys were Mike Cassel, Jack Cassel, Dick Deigh, and Thomas Devine. The girls were Irene Ivey, Lily Pletnikoff, Bertha Berntsen, Loleta Havercamp, and Marlene Baktuit and I.

Dick Deigh and Mike Cassel served the refreshments. There were quite a few people there.

The fire place was burning so it was very warm. There were tables in front of the fire place where people could play games.

We hope to have everyone come the next time we have open house at the Service Club.

Marie James

AT THE CREEK

One Sunday afternoon all of us middle-sized girls went for a walk in the woods. Sharon went with us and she forgot to wear her boots. We met some snow and we didn't know what to do with Sharon. Miss Smith decided to let Sharon wear her boots, but they were too big so Adeline let her wear her boots. Adeline wore Miss Smith's boots. Miss Smith didn't have any boots to wear. When Miss Smith was walking through the snow she got her feet wet. Emma got her feet wet too. Miss Smith had a sack with a secret in it. We kept asking her what was in it. We heard a noise. It was a creek. We ran to it. When we got there Mr. Phillips got some wood and Evelyn just thought it was marshmallows that was in the sack. Carol peeked in the sack. She knew first.

We walked on the rocks to get across the creek. Miss Smith told us to get a stick to roast our marshmallows and some sticks to dry Emma's and Miss Smith's socks. When we got done with the marshmallows we had to go. We all thought that Mary was going to be late for her job in the kitchen. So Mary and I ran ahead. When we all got home most of us had wet feet. So we had to wear our slippers to the dining room.

Anna Jensen, 10

SUNDAY AT MRS. GREEN'S

One Sunday afternoon Mrs. Green called us girls over to her house. She told us to do anything we liked. Some of the girls looked at books and some played the piano. Bertha and Irene made the fudge which was very good. They also made the popcorn. ~~Maria~~ James and I made the punch. We all sat and talked while we ate our refreshments. We all enjoyed it very much. Thanks to Mrs. Green for the lovely times we have.

Marlene Baktuit, 15

NEWS

By Lily and Louise

Dick Deigh and Mike Cassel left for Egegik on May 18 to go fishing. Dick's father and mother live at Egegik.

Evelyn and Carol Baktuit left for their home in Kenai on May 15 on the Alaska Airlines.

The Perrys, who left about a year ago, came back again to stay. We are glad to have them back. Mrs. Perry used to help us with our arithmetic and other school subjects, and Mr. Perry used to make and fix many things. We all missed them after they left.

There were six new children who came to Jesse Lee Home May 21 from Seward. Their names are Dixie, Diana, Dennis, Donald, Donna, and Delores. Their last name is Overturf.

Miss Leichter, who is our matron, has been sick in the hospital for some time. We hope she gets well soon.

The children who are taking piano lessons are going to have a vacation.

Hilma Showalter has been in the hospital for a couple of days.

George Hunter and Ralph, who is his brother, and his sister, Virginia, left for Kenai on May 17.

We went out on a school picnic a couple of days before school was out. We walked out to the first bridge while Mrs. Rager rode out in her car. We made our lunches at home and took them with us. The teachers liked the sandwiches very much. We all had a lot of fun.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

Our Sunday School class has a meeting every first two weeks of every month. This month we were to have the meeting outdoors. We were going to have roasted weiners and other stuff. Our teacher Miss Leichter, bought the stuff and had everything all ready. I was supposed to have the games and the other girls were to have refreshments. After supper we started out. It was a very pretty evening. But we had to wait for the girls from town. They didn't come for quite a while, so we waited a little longer. Finally they came. But we changed our minds about having it outdoors so we had it indoors. After we got through eating we went outside and played a few games and then came in. And then we started square dancing. We were trying to teach the other girls how. They did very well for the first time. We enjoyed it very much.

Lily Pletnikoff, 14

SERVING AT THE FATHER-SON BANQUET

Around the last of April Loleta Havercamp, Lily Pletnikoff, Rose Parks, Irene Ivey, and I went to serve at a Father and Son banquet. It started about seven and lasted till about ten.

When we first got down there we put on the salads, then we put on the water for the fathers and kool-aid for the boys. Then the fathers and sons started coming in. After they were all in, Mr. Skidmore said grace. Then they all sat down. After they were done with their salad we went around collecting the dishes. We also served coffee to the men. Then we gave them their food. They had ice cream for dessert.

After they ate they were talking and playing the piano. It was over, then they all left, and we ate and went home. We girls sure had a swell time, and the Jesse Lee boys who were invited had a good time too.

Louise Berntsen, 12

MORE NEWS

Two new members of the Jesse Lee family are Molly and King, our new horses.

Lily had a birthday on April 30. Louise, Leona, and Marie Devine gave a party for her in the basement and invited all the big girls.

Congratulations to Mike, Dick, Bob, Loleta, John, and Jack for answering so many of Rev. Skidmore's New Testament questions in Sunday school. There are four questions every Sunday and, if you answer them with only one clue, you get fifty points. You get five clues and lose ten points every time you have to take another clue. Most of the questions have been answered by Jesse Lee Home Youth Fellowship members. Bob Deigh is ahead now.

Congratulations to Lily and Marie James for baking such nice birthday cake for the April and May birthday people. Lily also baked cookies for us, and Marlene baked the green frosting cake and also the bread and biscuits the other day.

Four mouths fell open on four horror-stricken faces when Mrs. Malcom came dashing into the sewing room the other day. "May I borrow some pins?--I'm baking some gingerbread," she said. There was no sound from the shocked people in the room. Then Mrs. Malcom continued, "I thought I might cut out a dress while it's in the oven," and Mrs. Pierce, Miss McGhee, Miss Smith and Marie sighed sighs of relief.

Robert came back from the hospital, but he still can't walk and has a slipper on his foot. Someone asked James, who helps Miss McGhee take care of the little boys, if he could tell Robert and Ronnie, twins, age 4, apart. He said, "Yes, when they get to their own beds." He said he can tell them apart now because Robert is the twin with the slipper on. Robert says, "That's funny, I don't get us mixed up."