



Autumn Activities Keep Aging Communities Busy

Most communities of the Province experienced balmy autumn weather in New England, Upstate New York and Northeastern Ohio.

For the Alfred community the apple pick-your-own/selling season extended from the first days of September to Columbus Day and the apple store season ended just before Thanksgiving. As Br. Marcel Crete, orchard manager, stated: "The apple store carried on a thriving business as usual as buyers came from miles around to purchase from the variety offered." He was most grateful to the 13 volunteers who bagged and sold apples from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p. m. every day. An Early Cortland weighing 1¼ lbs. took first prize at the Topsfield Fair. Thanks to the volunteers, the apple store ran smoothly.

The most important seasonal occupation in Fall River is the opening of another school year. The enrollment may have diminished, but the class and sports activities went on with enthusiasm. The open house and

Br. Marcel Crete is proud of his prize apple and ribbon while Mr. & Mrs. Richard Michaud, two of the volunteer crew, rejoice with him.

Brothers Daniel Caron, Roger Millette and Walter Zwierchowski carry on the FIC presence at Connolly High (below).



parent-teacher conferences were a great success. "Homecoming Week was enjoyed due to the various contests, rallies and dress down theme days that inspired a lot of school spirit. The grand finale of the week was the football game and homecoming dance," reported Br. Walter Zwierchowski. Brothers Roger and Walter also attended a Retreat Day for Religious in October.

Seven Canadian Brothers from LaPrairie and Philipsburg visited the Plattsburgh retired community in constant activity, toured the local orchards, examined the storage process, bought Upstate New York apples, and shared a fraternal meal.

Most of the retirement community in Canton, besides the few involved with Walsh, had busy schedules. Brother Marcel Sylvestre was busy with his mission appeal on campus, which raised \$6000 for the work of Brother Francis Blouin in Uganda. Brother Joseph Power lectured on "The Abolition of Man" at Josephinum Seminary. All the community, including its new member Ugandan Br. John Baptist, were present for the wedding reception of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jusseaume, son of Walsh President Richard Jusseaume.