

Rigolet Integrated School presents

Getting Ready for Winter in 'Them Days' - Rigolet 1938

- Grade 5 & 6 students Rigolet Elementary School

Scenes

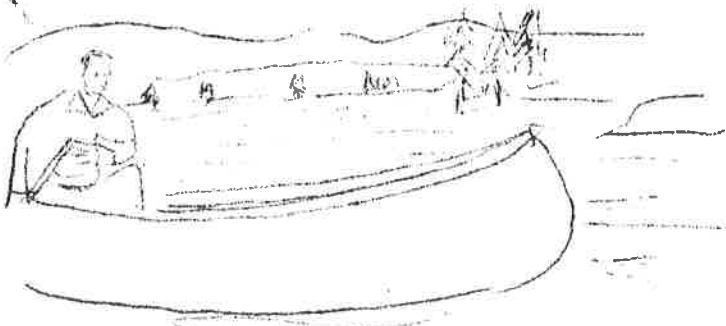
1. Tickeraluk Island - trip to Rigolet
2. trip to Rocky Cove
3. fall in Rocky Cove
4. Christmas time
5. New Years' Eve

The aim of this play is to portray winter life with all its frustrations, joy and sorrow as was around Rigolet in 'Them Days'. From it we can visualize how people got by on good fellowship, sheer determination and hard work. It was a simpler life but in many ways a more rewarding.

Many people are related to the people referred to in this story. The play was written from 2 unrelated stories in 'Them Days' Magazine - Christmas by Ike Rich Vol. 1 No. 2 and Moving!! by Phoebe Rich in Vol. 2 No. 4.

Characters      Grade 5 & 6

Aunt (Phoebe) Maud	-	Paula McLean
Uncle Jack	-	Carol Flowers
Anne	-	Paula Michelin
Kenny	-	Teresa Palliser
Aunt Kathy	-	Louisa Williams
Uncle Ned	-	Kenny Allen
Uncle Bill	-	Tony Adams
Aunt Judy	-	Judy Sheppard
Mr. Budgell, dog, fox, bear	-	Billy Blake
Directors	-	Ms. Carver, teacher Mrs. Campbell, principal



WINTER IN RIGOLET

SCENE 1

Aunt Maud (washing dishes) - Fine day for going to Rigolet today.

Uncle Jack - Yes, Maud. I'll get Uncle Jack and Uncle Bill and we'll get the motor boats ready.

Kenny (making a bow and arrow) - Mummy, I'm going over to tell Aunt Kathy, we're going to Rigolet today.

Anne (reading) - Kenny goes over to Aunt Kathy's.

Kenny - We're going to Rigolet today, I think.

Aunt Kathy - But we're not ready, are we Bill?

Kenny - Oh, I'll go over and tell daddy you're not ready.  
(Kenny goes home)

Kenny - They're not ready today, Dad.

Uncle Jack - Oh my! I'd better go and tell them we got to go because it might be stormy in a couple of days.

(Uncle Jack goes over, comes back and everyone gets ready to go to Rigolet)

Uncle Ned - We'll see you in Rigolet. (they start)

Uncle Jack - We're ready, eh Maud?

NARRATOR - After a good trip they all arrive in Rigolet.

Aunt Judy - Let's go up to Aunt Mary's for a cup of tea.

Aunt Maud - I'm thirsty too, You Aunt Kathy?

Aunt Kathy - 'Deed I am. Come on Ann.

(all exit)

Uncle Jack - Good morning, Gus. Mr. Bugall in his office? I must clue up with him.

Uncle Jack - Fine morning Sir.

Mr. Bugell - Good morning Jack. Early to Rigolet this morning!  
(The men go to Mr. Bugell and sell their salmon while the women and children go around the store picking up supplies)

Kenny - Buy me smme bars mummy?

Ann - May I have some bars too, please?

Aunt Maud - All right.  
(everyone gathers up their supplies and start back to Tickeraluk Island).

NARRATOR - After picking up their fall supplies they all start back to Tickeraluk Island. The next day they start for their winter homes at Rocky Cove.

SCENE 2

Ned - Jack, big storm coming boy.

Jack - What, Uncle Ned, I can't hear you.

Ned - (speaking loudly) A big storm coming.

Ann and Kenny crying.

Ned - What's going on.

Ann and Kenny - (crying) aaaa, Mommy, Daddy what's going on?

Aunt Maud - Come here children. (dog falls overboard)

Aunt Kathy - Bill, Bill, look the dog fell overboard.

Bill - Okay! Okay! we've got to get him. (He leans over and tries to get the dog).

Kathy - Bill don't lean over the gunnal. Bill don't or you will fall overboard with the dog.

Maud - Jack the little boat's rope broke.

Jack - We've got to try to get it.

Aunt Judy - Turn around, turn around, we've got to get it before we lose all our stuff.

Ned - Bill, we've got to get our stuff.  
Little Ann - Mommy, my bars are in the boat.  
Maud - Don't worry about your bars, dear. Just worry about getting ashore and getting our food.  
Ned - Uncle Bill will; you see that the women and kids get along alright?  
Bill - Sure Uncle Ned, I will see to it.  
Kathy - I don't need anybody looking after me.  
Ned - Come on Jack, let's go and try to get our stuff.  
(Ned and Jack go back out to find the dog and little boat).  
Ann - Mommy, I'm so scared.  
Aunt Judy - Good grief dear, come here!  
(Ned and Jack come back).  
Ned - We're almost ashore boys.  
Women - Good, thank goodness.  
Aunt Kathy - Save any of the stuff?  
Uncle Ned - We are lucky. Everything but my seal net.  
Jack - My good dog is gone overboard.  
Maud - Come on, let's boil up.  
(mime boiling up, then getting in their boats and on to Rocky Cove.  
Aunt Kathy - Rocky Cove, at last.  
Uncle Jack - The water is low, we'd better walk ashore.  
(they all get out and walk ashore).

### SCENE 3

NARRATOR - It is 1938, and everyone is preparing for winter at Rocky Cove. We will show four events in their lives. The first is Grasspicking, the second is codfishing, the third is trapping and the fourth is berrypacking.  
Aunt Maud - Jack I think I will go and get Aunt Kathy and Aunt Judy and see if they will go grass picking.  
Jack - Okay. (Maud goes and asks the others and they mime picking grass).  
Aunt Kathy - Oh help, I got an awful splinter in my eye.  
Maud - Here let me take it out.  
Kathy - It's too sore.  
Maud - Close your eye before it makes you blind.  
(She puts hanky on it and they go home).  
Maud - (Sits down and starts making a basket).

Jack - Come on my son, time to do Codfish a little fishing. You gotta catch 10 codfish or you won't get any supper.  
Kenny - But Daddy, I got the jigger in my hand. I can't get it out. It's bleeding right bad. Take me ashore.  
Jack - Don't go making up lies now.  
Kenny - Look Daddy Look. (He shows him this hand).  
Jack - That's a bad cut. We'll have to get Dr. Paddon.  
Kenny - (starting to cry) I'm scared of 'im.  
Jack - Big boys don't cry.  
Kenny - But I'm scared he might take me to North West River.  
Jack - Don't be so foolish. (they go home).

Ned - Trapping  
Good place here. (Ned sets a fox trap and then goes away hunting for a partridge).  
(fox comes along and gets caught, yells.)  
Ned - (sees fox in his trap). Stay still, boy. (he hits it with a stick on the head). (fox bites him on the leg).  
Ned - Oh, boy that's sore. (he then hits the fox harder and kills him. He starts dragging him off, but sees Bill cutting wood).

- Ned - Hey Bill, boy. I can't walk, I got bit by a fox. Give me a hand.  
Bill - (stops cutting wood and walks toward Ned). I'll help you. (He takes the fox and throws it down. Takes Ned and sits him down).  
Bill - Take it easy Ned, Here this will hurt. (Looks at leg and mimes fixing it). I'll get some turpentine form the trees. (Goes to trees and comes back). You lie down, I don't want to catch rabies.

Berries

- Aunt Judy - Come on Anne let's go redberry picking. I want to make 12 pies for Christmas.  
Anne - Aunt Judy I don't like picking. I like eating.  
Aunt Judy - Come on you little stout, Your're not getting fat on redberries. (starts picking).  
Anne - I'm going for a walk. (starts to walk away) Hey, what's that in the bushes?  
Aunt Judy - You seeing a ghost or what?  
Anne - (scared) It's ---a---bear!  
Aunt Judy - Run quick Anne.

SCENE 4

- NARRATOR - Christmas at Rocky Cove.  
Anne - When is Christmas Mommy?  
Maud - (washing dishes) You better stop asking or you won't get no presents.  
Jack - You won't have time to make your figgity bread.  
Maud - I made time last year, so I should make time this year.  
Jack - I can't wait till the dances start.  
Maud - You can never wait.  
Jack - Uncle Bill will be coming soon, because we are going in the woods.  
Maud - And it's time to go get some raisins from the storehouse. (she goes and comes back).  
Jack - You better have the beer ready by the time I come back.  
Ann - Oh, here comes Uncle Bill now. (spoken very loudly)  
Jack - Don't call so loud.  
Jack - Oh, hi Bill, I have been waiting so long I am getting thirsty now. (mimes drinking)  
Maud - Where is Aunt Kathy today?  
Bill - She is home doing grass work.  
Jack - (all of a sudden Jack starts to throw up)  
Bill - What happened Jack? (Jack goes to sleep, Bill looks out the window)  
Bill - A dog team. It looks like Dr, Paddon. It looks like his dogs.  
Maud - Ah my, I hope Jack will be alright. (all go to the door to meet Dr. Paddon)  
Maud - Dr. Paddon, come look at Jack.  
Dr. Paddon - He'll be alright tomorrow, Maud. Ho, Ho, Hops beer.  
Ann - I can't wait for tomorrow to come.  
Maud - What do you want from Santa?  
Ann - Oh I want a dolly, some candy and oranges and apples.  
Maud - That is all you're going to get anyway.

SCENE 5

- BNARRATOR - It's New Year's at Rigolet in 1938.
- Mr. Budgell - New Years Eve again. Some dogteams are in already. I hope a big crowd gets here. (barks are heard and everyone comes in)
- NARRATOR - Everyone gathers at the house called the kitchen, waiting for Mr. and Mrs. Budgell.  
(Everyone is sitting around, some are tapping their feet, Uncle Bill is tuning up his fiddle).
- Uncle Jack - Can't wait to start dancing, you Uncle Jess?
- Uncle Jess - No I can't. Come on let's warm up the floor. (Mr. Budgell comes in)
- Mr. Budgell - Hello Ned. Ready for a dance?
- Ned - You start, take your partner. (Mr. Budgell takes Maud and promenades her around to start the New Year's Ball) (Now all the rest get partners and everyone swings)
- Maud - Two minutes to 12. (men get their guns ready to shoot)
- Jack - It's 12 o'clock. (men shoot off their guns, and then everyone wishes each other happy New Year) (All start to dance again)
- NARRATOR - Everyone dances into the early hours of the morning. (Everyone gets tired and lies down) The next day is New Year's Day and in every home there's a big dinner of goose, porcupine or deer meat, along with redberry pies, raison or figgedy bread and bakeapple pies.
- Jack - We'll have another dance tonight and home tomorrow.
- Aunt Judy - What a wonderful time. I've dance enough to last until next year. (Everyone forms into a dog team and komatik)
- NARRATOR - On the day after New Year's everyone leaves to go back to their homes.
- Mr. Budgell - Time to start another year's work. Good luck boys.
- All - Good luck Mr. Budgell. We'll see you in about two weeks. (Dogs bark, and slowly leave the stage).