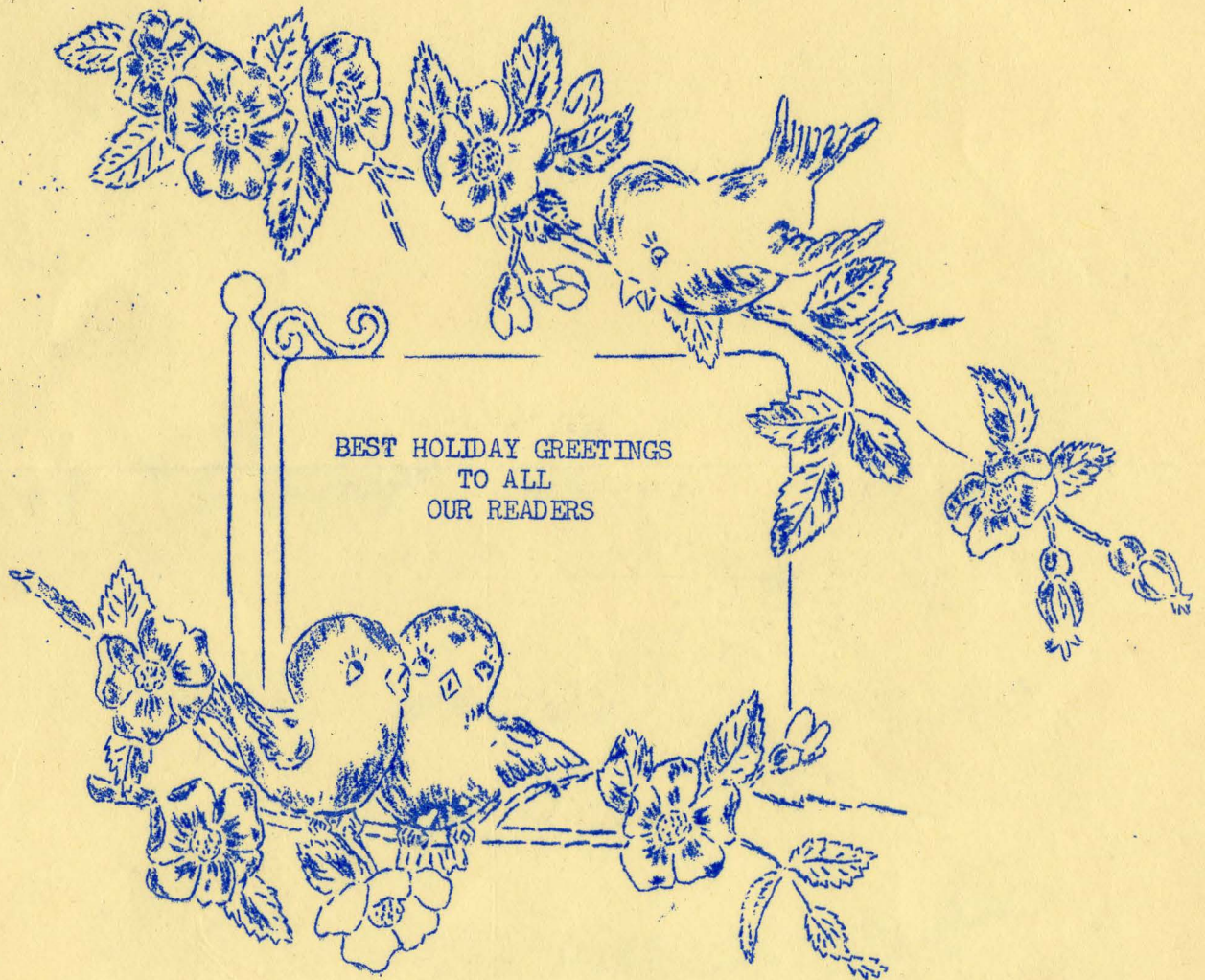


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Here OUR BISHOP
with the sweet voice
- and
the winning smile



DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The little church bell in the vale chimed merrily, as the rifle shots re-echoed a welcome refrain, when our beloved Bishop, his Excellency Mgr. Lajeunesse arrived at Beauval on June 13. The whole village population greeted his Excellency at the door of the church.

Bishop Lajeunesse made a solemn entry into the church followed by the Rev. Fathers and all the faithful. After having expressed his joy of being in the midst of his flock again, our kind Bishop introduced Rev. Father Daniel o.m.i. who was to preach a retreat to the people. His Excellency attended every religious ceremony after which he welcomed with a gracious smile, all those who wished to speak to him.

On Sunday afternoon, June 17, he conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation to nineteen children. After this very imposing ceremony, a delicious lunch was served to all the parishioners. It was most gratifying to behold our dignified Bishop distributing sandwiches, cookies and ice cream to the people. It reminded one of the Good Shepherd of the Gospel, feeding his hungry people. Both children and grown-ups were overjoyed to receive an ice cream cone from his Excellency. Then our loving Pastor sang in his rich, melodious a few songs to which young and old responded cheerfully.

On June 19, The parishioners bade farewell to Mgr. Lajeunesse. Now he is gone, but the good he has done among us will remain "till we meet again" by the little white church in the vale.

The day after the arrival of our good Mgr. Lajeunesse, Rev. Father Rémi again came gliding along in his speed boat with two most welcome visitors, the Rev. Mother Annette Lachance, assistant general of the Gray Nuns of Montréal and her secretary, Rev. Sister Estelle Mitchell. A few days after her arrival, the kind Mother and her companion came to visit our little village school. We were anxiously expecting them, for we longed to thank Mother

Lachance for the valuable printing set and all the other useful articles she has given to us.

After we had sung our favorite songs to her, Mother distributed pictures and balloons to each one of us. Even the big boys and girls prized their balloons to the point of blowing them to capacity and even beyond capacity....

Then our dear visitors examined our school work before going back to the Res. School. Aurevoir, dear visitors. May we again have the pleasure of wishing you a hearty welcome to our school.

Alexina Laliberté.

OUR PASTOR'S FEAST

All eyes turned toward the hero of the day, when our kind pastor, Rev. Father Perreault walked to the place of honor which had been reserved for him in the Club House on May 13. In fact, the pastor's feast is the feast of the parishioners also, that is why the whole audience was tuned to the note "happiness."

The concert started with the chorus "Come to the Church in the Vale." Then the little "Ribbon Drill" girls skipped merrily as they twined their colorful ribbons around the central pole.

With white caps and aprons, the active little cooks marched majestically along, holding in their hand a large butcher knife with which they performed actions with dexterity and ease.

Johnny Mathieson's interpretation of the old grandpère in "Little Bateese" provoked a chorus of laughter from the attentive crowd.

Up went shouts of laughter from the audience when Farmer Brown (Léo Gauthier) after many complaints about the hardships of a farmer decided to change place with his wife, Delina Gauthier, who, according to him, enjoyed an easy and peaceful life at home while he had to do all the work.

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OUR PASTOR'S FEAST (cont.)

During the course of the day, however, he realized that housekeeping was no easy task and when his two naughty boys, Dick (Philip Gauthier) and baby Johnny (Brian Mathieson) caused him more trouble than the animals on the farm, he longed to go back where he belonged. Peter Buffin played the part of the policeman, while Johnny Mathieson interpreted to perfection the part of the doctor called upon to give an antidote to Dick and his friends who had taken a soft drink preparation seasoned with Iodine.

The girls of the senior class looked very attractive in their spring-like costumes when they danced with grace and rhythm to the tune of "Home Coming Waltz." In their right hand they held a bright shining star with which they performed elegant actions.

Little Tarcisius allured the sympathetic audience when he (Valmore Corrigan) asked the Bishop, (Alex Corrigan) to carry the Sacred Hosts to the Christians detained in the prisons of Rome. Delma Bonneau interpreted eloquently the part of Tarcisius' mother.

Before closing the curtains, the school choir sang the beautiful hymn "Le printemps s'éveille" to which everyone participated in thanksgiving to Our Lady for the untold joy of this perfect day.

JOY IN HELPING

On Wednesday afternoon, March 21, Delphina, Alice, Hermeline and Georgiana went to clean and decorate the church for Holy Thursday. The next morning we admired the beautiful adornment on the white altar. There were flowers, garlands, and grapes. On Good Friday the girls helped again to ornate the altar. Then on Saturday, Delina, Delphina, Florence and I went to decorate the church for Easter Sunday. Our little white church was indeed very attractive on Easter Sunday.

Alexina Laliberté.

He who wishes for peace doesn't contradict any one.

THE PASSION SHOW

On Good Friday we went to see the show of the Passion of Our Lord at the Mission. Rev. Father Perreault asked Rev. Father Gagnon to show it to the people free of charge. Most of the people were present and enjoyed it very much. We thank Father Perreault for his kind invitation.

Alice Maurice

THANK YOU MR. WAUGH

When Mr. Waugh came to Beauval in Jan. he promised to send us window shades to darken the room for our picture shows. Two weeks later we were delighted to receive by mail both the film slides and the pretty dark green window shades. The pictures on the screen are now bright and clear, due to the complete darkness produced by the dark window shades.

On March 28, Mr. Waugh informed us by telegram that our box of exhibits had not yet reached Prince Albert. He asked us to listen in a fifteen to six for his radio message. He offered his sympathy, hoping that we should soon find the missing box. Thank you, Mr. Waugh, for your very encouraging words and also for your generous donations to our school.

Alex Corrigan

A DELIGHTFUL TRIP

I was far from thinking that a fascinating experience lay ahead of me when I made my way to the hotel one afternoon. I went down to the river to watch Zane Palmer take off for Ile a la Crosse with Brother George as a patient. Zane asked me if I'd care to go with him. Did I care??? In the space of a minute I was in the plane ready to leave. Unfortunately my "flying" dream did not come true. One of the motors having refused to start, Zane was forced to delay the trip, so I climbed the hill with a heavy heart, when Zane called after me: "That was a rather short trip, wasn't it, Léo. But cheer up, you may have better luck the next time."

I did get better luck a week later and this time I went up so high that Beauval

almost disappeared before my rapturous eyes. No one knew what had happened to me. Sister sent Delina home to inquire about me, but even my mother knew nothing of my whereabouts. When I came back they didn't believe I had gone as far as Snake Lake. I hope to become a pilot some day.

Léo Gauthier

LOST AND FOUND

The basement of the school became the center of attraction when everyone rushed back and forth with their finished articles on Friday afternoon, Feb. 17. We had our work on display and we were anxiously expecting our parents. We were disappointed when only three persons answered our invitation. Mr. and Mrs. Mathieson and Mrs. Gauthier were the only ones who came to encourage us.

On Saturday afternoon, the Sisters from the Mission came to examine our work and that same afternoon, the teachers packed the exhibits, so that they could reach P.A. on time for Education Week. Father Perreault took the box to the hotel from where the Big River truck drivers would take it to Meadow Lake.

A month later, Mr. Waugh sent a telegram to our teacher informing her that the box had not yet arrived at Prince Albert. I can still see the disappointed looks on our faces when we got the sad news. We had missed Education Week and besides, we had lost our precious box of exhibits.

After many fruitless inquiries, we came in touch with Mr. (pilot) Greening who promised to "Look for the box until he'd find it. The next day we received a telegram which read: " Found box of exhibits. Will deliver it myself to Mr. Waugh at P.A. George Greening."

All is well that ends well. Mr. Waugh will keep our articles until the teachers' Conventions in the fall and then it will come back to us. Through the voice of "Beautiful Valley Echo" we once more thank Mr. Greening for the keen interest he has shown to our isolated school, but more especially for this good deed which has ranked him among our best friends.

Georgiana Laliberté.

On April 13, Mrs. Emilien Lafleur peacefully passed away at the hospital at Ile a la Crosse. She had been ill part of the winter, but like all good mothers, she suffered patiently and silently, lest she should leave her children alone during her stay at the hospital.

After a week of intense pain, she died at the hospital, while her husband and children whispered a prayer by her side. A group of sympathetic friends gathered at the home of Mr. Michel Laliberté to pray for the repose of her soul. Those who have known Mrs. Lafleur will always remember her as a kind woman and a loving mother. May her soul rest in peace.

At dawn, on June 13, it was Mr. Buffin's turn to answer the last call. He died at his home at the age of 87. Mr. Buffin had always been a hard worker, doing the utmost to procure the welfare and happiness of his family. His daughter, Pearl arrived just before the funeral. Thus she was able to bid an eternal farewell to her beloved father.

The family had the great consolation of having in their midst at the funeral Mass, His Excellency Bishop Lajeunesse, who mixed his melodious voice with those of the choir at Holy Mass.

We offer our most heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Buffin and her children.

EASTER SEAL DRIVE

After we had sent our donations to the Red Cross, we received a large envelope of Easter seals which we were asked to sell as a means of helping the crippled children of Saskatchewan. It is not an easy task to make collections in a small community like Beauval. Nevertheless, as "There's nothing like trying" Sister called for volunteers to sell a sheet of Easter Seals. So out we went, two by two, on the Easter Seal parade. The people were so generous that we became all pepped up and by the end of the week we had collected the astounding sum of \$ 17.00 We were proud of ourselves and of our parents too.

Hermeline Corrival.

On May 13, Mrs. Marie Louise Bouvier bade farewell to this vale of tears. She died at her home, where she had been ill for a long time. She leaves two little orphaned children. R.I.P.

VILLAGE NEWS

MARCH



11- Mr. Zane Palmer broke his plane while he was hauling fish. Fortunately he was able to fly to Meadow Lake With Mr. Johnson for repairs.

- Mr. W. Gauthier spent a week-end at Beauval with his family.

13- Mr. Jack Johnson arrived from Snake Lake where he had been

repairing Mr. W Sandherr's snow bug.

14- Mr. Alex Burnouf brought his first load of fish from Ile a la Crosse for Mr. Sandherr.

18- Mr. Louis Laliberté and Joachim Maurice arrived from Dillon Lake with Zane Palmer.

20- Joe Landry and his son left with Zane for Dillon Lake where they will spend some time fishing.

- George and Isidore Hood, aged 4 and 5 took a notion to visit their uncle Isidore Laliberté who lives four miles out of town. Mr. and Mrs. Hood were still searching high and low when they arrived at ten o'clock p.m., tired and sleepy, but as happy and carefree as two little larks.

24- Alex Burnouf hailed from Meadow Lake in a handsome wine-colored car. Jack Rickelton bought his former grey car.

APRIL

1- Mr. and Mrs. Gauthier and Armand went to Meadow Lake on business.

4- A plane glided down the river this morning. It came from La Ronge Lake and the pilot, C. Labey drove to Beauval with Cpl Gibbs of the R.C.M.P. Constable Gibbs asked

Mr. W. Sandherr to get the fishermen from High Rock before the thawing of the ice.

6- Mrs. Léon Bélanger and Mrs. Béatrice Buffin left with Zane Palmer for the hospital at Ile a la Crosse.

7- Mr. Paul Slager flew from Meadow Lake in his private plane. He carried a passenger with him.

8- Eugene Burnouf and his brother François accompanied Zane Palmer from Ile a la Crosse to Beauval. They came to visit their relatives and friends.

11- Rev. Father Perreault took Mr. Emilien Lafleur to Ile a la Crosse with his jeep. Mr. Lafleur went to visit his wife who is very ill. Théodore Roy who had been treated for pneumonia came back from the hospital with Father.

15- Pilot Jim Barber and passengers Tom Scrimshaw and our good friend George Greening landed at Beauval today. Later in the day Wilson MacIntosh arrived with his caterpillar from Buffalo Narrows and the whole gang were on their way to remove the valuable parts from the plane which crashed four miles south of Beauval last winter.

17- Through the courtesy of George Greening the mail came to us by plane today. We had been without mail for three long weeks. Mr. W. Sandherr went back with Jim Barber to Meadow Lake and came back that same afternoon with freight for his store.

17- Dr. Lavoie visited the sick people of Beauval today. He had with him two little boys from the Indian School.

20- Mr. Marion came from Ile a la Crosse with his little yellow-red plane.

23- Louis and Ambroise Durocher left by plane with Zane Palmer for Regina where they will train in the Canadian Army Corps

MAY

7- An ambulance plane from Prince Albert took little Guy Gauthier to the hospital.

VILLAGE NEWS (Cont.) MAY

15- Eugene Burnouf and René Lavoie from Ile a la Crosse were at Beauval today to repair Henry Schneider's truck which broke down early in the spring.

18- The Brander Brothers appeared in the village today. It was grand to see them after a long absence due to a broken down bridge near Green Lake.

13- Dr. Lavoie and his son came to Beauval in the speed boat on a sick call.

19- Three Big River trucks arrived after three long days of hardship in the flooded roads. They were J. Edson, E.P. Waltz and M. Wilson.

20- The Buffalo Narrows transport boats arrived this morning. They take in the freight on shore by the Big River trucks.

20- Mr. Waite and George Greening flew in this afternoon. The plane landed in a very picturesque place- on the small island between the two branches of the Beaver R. The pilot was Jim Barber.

JUNE

1- Mr. W. Sandherr now owns his private plane. It is very attractive indeed. The pilot is Sam McNight.

- Jim Barber brought repairs for the Big River truck drivers by plane.

2- Zane Palmer and Paul Slager after having scared over Beauval for some time, decided to land in Father Gagnon's field, because they had no pontoons.

4- Mr. Mc Lean and Mr. McDonald from P. A. aroused the curiosity of the villagers when they drove through the village with a smart "sedan" jeep. Mr. McDonald is touring the beautiful lakes of northern Sask.

10- Peter Buffin was flown to the Ile a la Crosse hospital in Mr. Sandherr's plane. We wish him a speedy recovery.

- A party of twelve men left with Alex Burnouf for Alberta to work in a saw mill.

10- The Beauval Hotel has re-opened its door with the arrival of Mrs. Belanger. Welcome , Mrs. Belanger.

10- Eighteen Ile a la Crosse men have joined the Beauval men " en route" for the saw mills of Alberta. We wish them the very best of luck.

12- Mr. and Mrs. Gauthier and Armand left for Meadow Lake this morning. Mr. Gauthier will go as far as Saskatoon to consult his doctor.

13- A. Hartly, pilot, landed with the men who are responsible for the fire survey tower which has been erected a few miles from the village.

- Mr. W. Buffin died early this morning. He had been ill for many years. He died at the age of 87.

- Miss Pearl Buffin flew from North Battleford to assist at the funeral service of her beloved father.

- His Excellency Bishop Lajeunesse and Rev. Father Daniel arrived at Beauval at sunset amid ringing bells and welcome gun shots. Father Rémi, expert pilot, drove them from Ile a la Crosse with his speed boat.

14- Rev. Mother Annette Lachance, assistant general of the Grey Nuns of Montréal, and her secretary Rev. Sister Estelle Mitchell visited the Sisters of Beauval.

20- Mr. Neilson came from Prince Albert to visit the Vegetable Club of Beauval. He seemed very satisfied with the work that has been done since spring. He encouraged the children by offering them a lovely weeder to facilitate the unpleasant task of weeding by hand.

AIR FIELD "TO BE "

Early in March there were rumors that an airfield would be opened at Beauval. It became a fact when it was officially announced on the Saskatchewan News Bulletin. Bulldozers will come from Meadow Lake to level the land somewhere near the hotel. Then we will have our mail by plane every Saturday. This will greatly facilitate communications with the outside world. We are most anxious to have airmail at Beauval.

Léonie Lafleur

Mosquitoes in the North are humming like an army in retreat.

Be it ever so humble, there's no place like HOME.

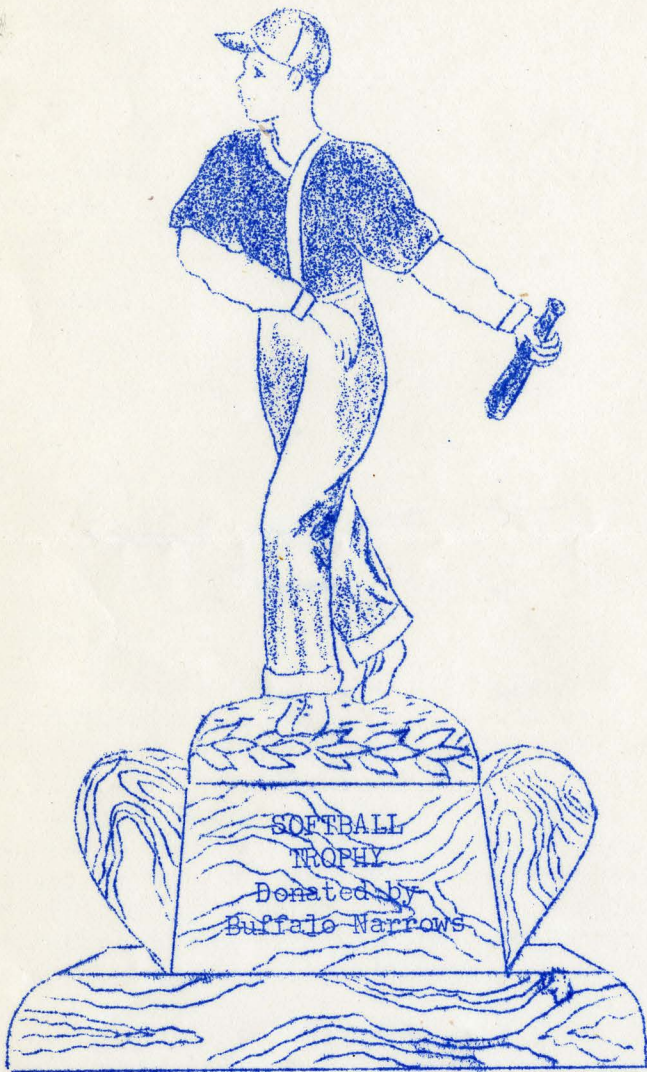
icipated this pleasure by going on a picnick-
ing tour to Ile a la Crosse. This was on
Saturday, June the 2nd. We were very warmly
greeted by the players there as well as by
the entire personel. We enjoyed playing
with Ile a la Crosse's Team, and I think
they did too. The scores were 25-20 in favor
of our good neighbors. After the game was
over we heartily cheered for the winners
for it really had been a good and fair game.
A delicious lunch was then served to the en-
tire party and we all returned home enchant
ed of the few hours spent with the boys and
girls of the Beautiful Isle. Our teachers
enjoyed also a lovely afternoon with the
teachers and sisters of the hospital.

The following Monday, being the King's
Birthday and a school holiday, the Islanders
gracefully returned our visit. At 11:30 a.m.
they arrived here in two beaming motor-boats.
They had lunch in the Club House and at 2:00
p. m. the entire inhabitants of the Beautiful
Isle gathered around the softball diamond.
It was an interesting game from the beginning
to the end. This time however we were the
victors. The scores were 15 to 8. Once again
we admired the good sportsmanship of our
Islander neighbors. Congratulation Father
Beudet for the good sportsmanship training
you are giving to your boys.

A lunch was then served to our kind
visitors and by 5:00 p. m. they were sail-
ing back home. A most hearty welcome is
extended to you, Ile a la Crosse, if you
wish to come and play with us again when
school re-opens in September.

June the 8th. beamed at last. The night
before, Mr. Wilfrid Gauthier and family
took us in their truck to Fort Black. Our
trip on the barge across the lake was grace-
fully given to us by Mr. McNeil, our kind
Field Officer. Thanks once again Mr. McNeil
for this delicate thoughtfulness.

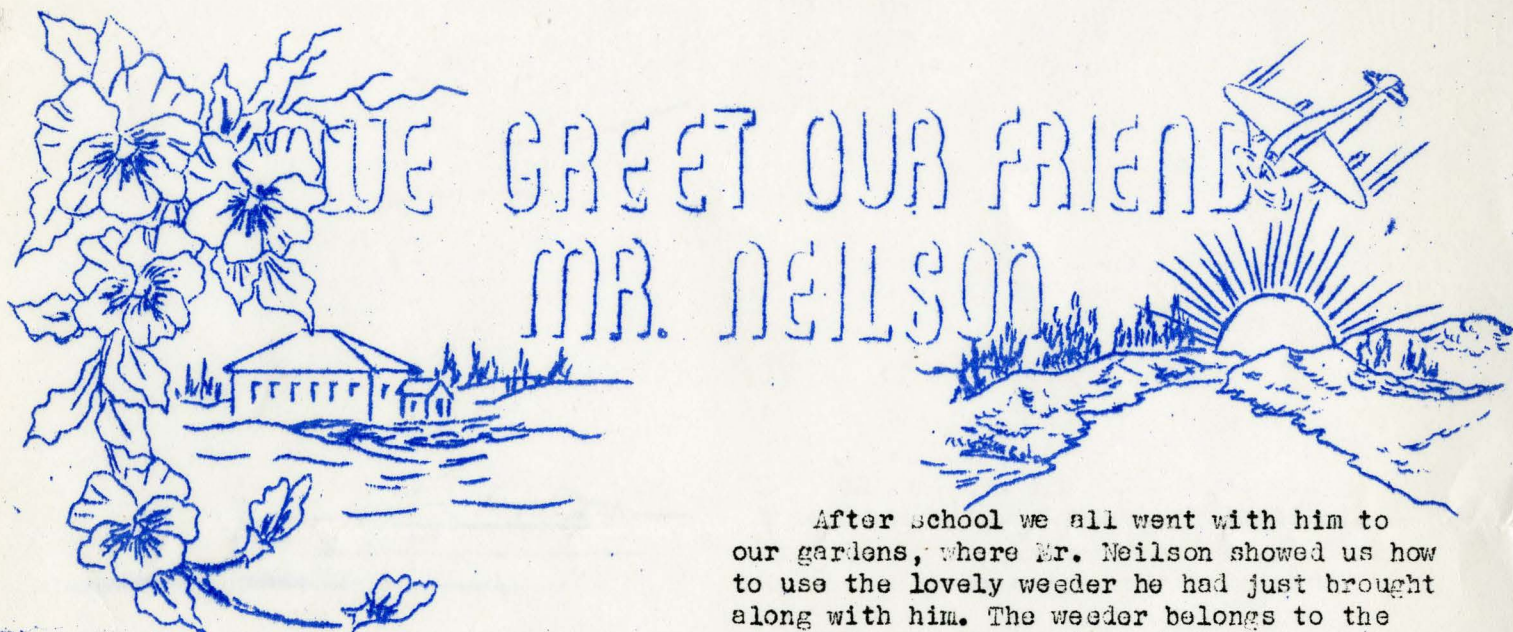
The Field-Events started at 11:00 a.m.
Friday. Everything went on smoothly all
day, thanks to the teachers of Ile a la
Crosse who had organized the day so well.
By 3:00 p. m. all the events were completed,
and the leaders of each group had but con-
gratulations to give to the childrex for
their good efforts. The crucial test of
the day however ~~was~~ still to come; the soft-
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SOFTBALL TROPHY WON

Since our first experience at a Field -
Meet last year, we longed and hoped with
anxiety that a bright sunny day would be
granted to us for the Track-Meet which was
to take place at Ile a la Crosse on June the
8 this year. This event is cherished by all
of us since it gives us a splendid opportuni-
ty to meet and know the pupils of our good
neighboring schools.

A week before the Field-Meet however, our
softball team and a dozen of cheerers anti-



On June 21, we were happy to welcome in our midst, our kind friend, Mr. Neilson, Agriculturer Representative and promoter of our Vitamin Garden Club. We were very happy to greet Mr. Neilson after school because we had a very pleasant duty to perform toward him, namely; to show our gratitude for the lovely box of seeds he sent in for our gardens and later for the big bag of commercial fertilizer for same.

Mr. Neilson was most encouraging in his little talk to the class and seemed very satisfied with the work we had done in our gardens.

After school we all went with him to our gardens, where Mr. Neilson showed us how to use the lovely weeder he had just brought along with him. The weeder belongs to the community and to us also. This machine works like magic. Our gardens are nice and clean now and we hope to keep them in good shape until harvest time.

Before leaving, Mr. Neilson took pictures of the gardens and the gardeners. We hope they will turn out well, Mr. Neilson, and how about taking them along with you on your next visit?

Thanks once again for your kind help and encouragement, Mr. Neilson. We do hope that when you come back to Beauval, we will have tasty vegetables to show you.

A member of the Club.

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SOFTBALL TROPHY (cont.)

ball games. Every team was anxious to know who would be its lucky or unlucky opponent. The two names drawn were Buffalo Narrows & Beauval Res. School. That meant that we would play with The Ile a la Crosse. Both teams welcomed the news. After supper the two leading teams, Beauval Res. School and Beauval Village played the final game. Although the boys of the Indian School played very well, our team won with the scores 22 to 7. Our boys played as they have never played before. We stood by them and cheered to our heart's content, by repeating jingles we had learned at school. That was our part in the game. This spring, the boys were asked to practice every night until nine o'clock, and although they found it hard at times, they were happy to have done so, because they felt more able to meet other teams this year.

At 8:00 p.m. Rev. Fathers Rémi, and Fleury distributed the cup, trophy and ribbons to the winners. For the third time, The Ile a la Crosse school won the cup for the events. Congratulations, dear friends. The cup is all yours, now, isn't it? Our School won the trophy. Our victory was not the only cause of our happiness. We were happy and grateful for the friendly hospitality which had been given to us at Ile a la Crosse. We also felt great satisfaction to feel that we belonged to a group of students which had been nice to meet and to know.

The next morning the Buffalo Narrows and our school stood on dock. The Ile a la Crosse children came to say good bye to the two groups. The parting "aurevoirs" exhibited an attitude of friendship that was worth remembering. I'm anxious for the next Track meet.

Johnny Mathieson,



FIRST COMMUNION

I recalled to mind the words of the Sweet Master "Let the little children come to me", when I witnessed the beautiful ceremony of the First Communion of 12 children on April 11. All dressed in white, symbol of purity, six little girls walked beside their partners six little boys wearing arm bands, to the altar rails. On that unforgettable day they received in their souls, the Bread of Angels, Jesus, the friend of the pure of heart. These happy children were: Margaret Hood, Antoinette Durocher, Emilia Roy, Thérèse Corrigan, Jean Hanson, Delia Gauthier, Billy Hood, Raphael Lafleur, Thomas Alcrow, Armand Roy, Francois Roy, and Léon Hanson.

After the ceremony, the children and their parents went to the Club House, where breakfast was served to the first Communicants. Apples and candies were distributed by our kind Pastor, Rev. Father Perreault, to all the parents. This happy day will ever remain in the hearts of those dear children, one of the happiest moments of their lives.

A Friend of Children.

A BENEFACTRESS

When the Brander Brothers arrived at Beauval in May, they left a large box at the door of the teacherage. We were all very anxious to know who had sent it and what it contained. It came from Calgary and it was

sent to our teachers by their sister, Sister Simone Mageau who is a nurse at Holy Cross Hospital at Calgary. The box contained many very interesting articles, such as sweaters, dresses, coats etc.... Our teachers told us they'd be ours at the end of the year if we worked well in school.

Thank you very much, dear Sister Simone Mageau. Your name has been registered on our list of benefactors for whom we offer daily prayers.

CLINIC

On June 18, the Club House was transformed into a temporary hospital, when Dr. Lavoie, two other doctors from Regina, two nurses and other helpers, vaccinated the school children and many other people of the village. We went in turn for vaccination, but we were not afraid because the doctors and nurses treated us very kindly. They even gave each one of us a handful of candies after we had been pricked with the needle.

The next day our arms were quite sore, but now we feel very well. I would much sooner feel pain for a day or two than to catch a contagious disease.

Marguerite Gauthier

We ought not to let any one go away from us without our having given him or her pleasure, and we should not lay our head on our pillow at night without asking ourselves whether any one has been made happy by us.

Little Brian Mathieson, aged 6 came to school one fine morning and declared to his teacher:

"Mother has a corn on her foot but it's not the kind of corn that you eat, because it always stays there."

Real appreciation: Rosemarie to her best friend. "If I could combine the two I'd be the happiest woman in the world. Jim is gay, handsome, generous, a good sport, and Dick wants to marry me."

NEW BORN BABIES

Here is a list of the future generation of Beauval Village.

Julia Mary Buffin born on April 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buffin.

A little rosy boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Burnouf on April 17.

Alma Roy, born on May 6, to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Roy.

Florence Roy, born on May 13, to Mr. and Mrs. Théodore Roy.

Réné Roy, born on May 20, to Mr. & Mrs. John Roy.

Antoine, born on May 22, to Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Maurice

Ernest, born on June 11, to Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Maurice

Joseph Robert, born on June 12, to Mr. & Mrs. Albert Laliberté

Lawrence, born on June 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Elie Iron.


BINGO

The first Bingo and pie social of the Easter season was held in the Club House on March 31. It was quite interesting to see the women displaying their pies which were all very attractive and appetizing. As the men were still out fishing, there was less enthusiasm than usual, yet all those who were present enjoyed the evening very much.

Laura Aubichon

Oh, come, come, come, to the church
In the wild wood
Oh, come to the church in the vale
No spot is so dear to my childhood
As the little white church in the vale.

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