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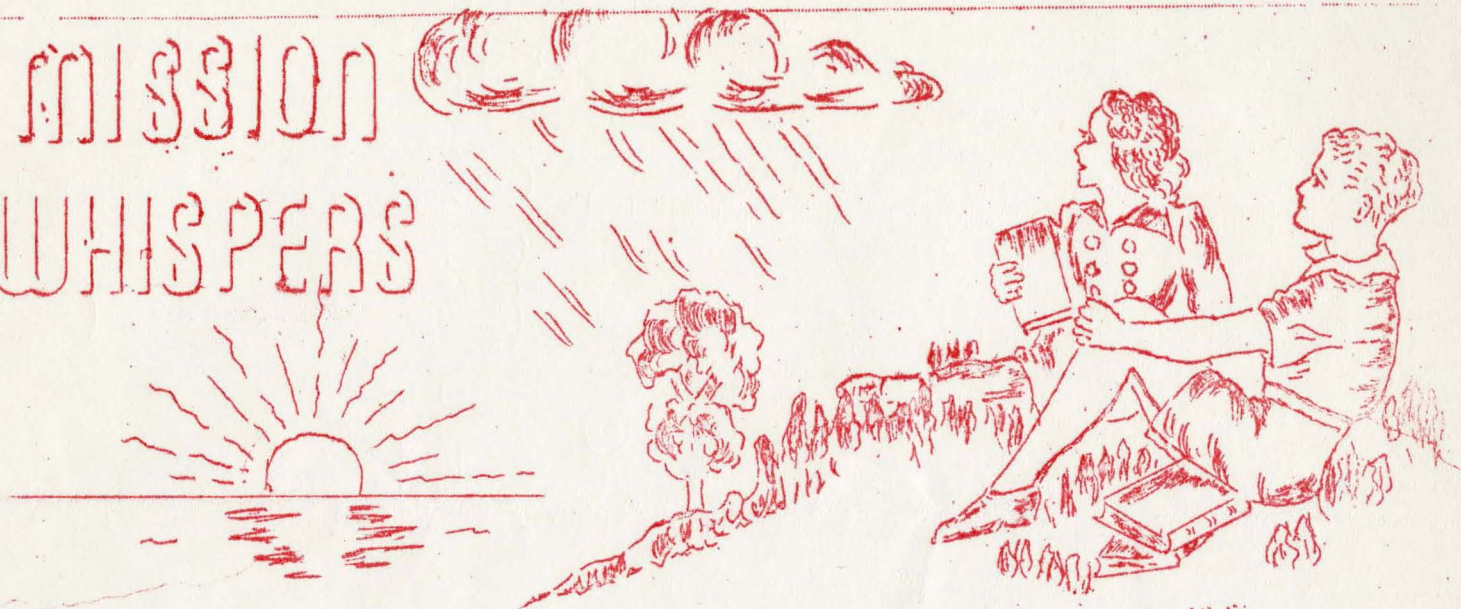
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SCHOOL DAYS BACK AGAIN

A larger number of pupils have returned to school this year. Reverend Father Landry made two trips by boat to the North and returned with a good number of pupils. There were about twenty beginners from the different points: Cree Lake, Clear Lake, Patuanak, Buffalo River and Canoe Lake. The trip South to Meadow Lake and Water Hen Lake brought the number up to 142; that is, about seventeen more than last year. It goes to prove that the younger generation seems to appreciate more than ever, the dear Old Golden Rule Days. A hearty "welcome home" was paraphrased by Father Principal at the first reunion. He was happy to see his dear children again, and it was evident that they were overjoyed to see him too. May the school year 1952-53 be a happy and successful one.

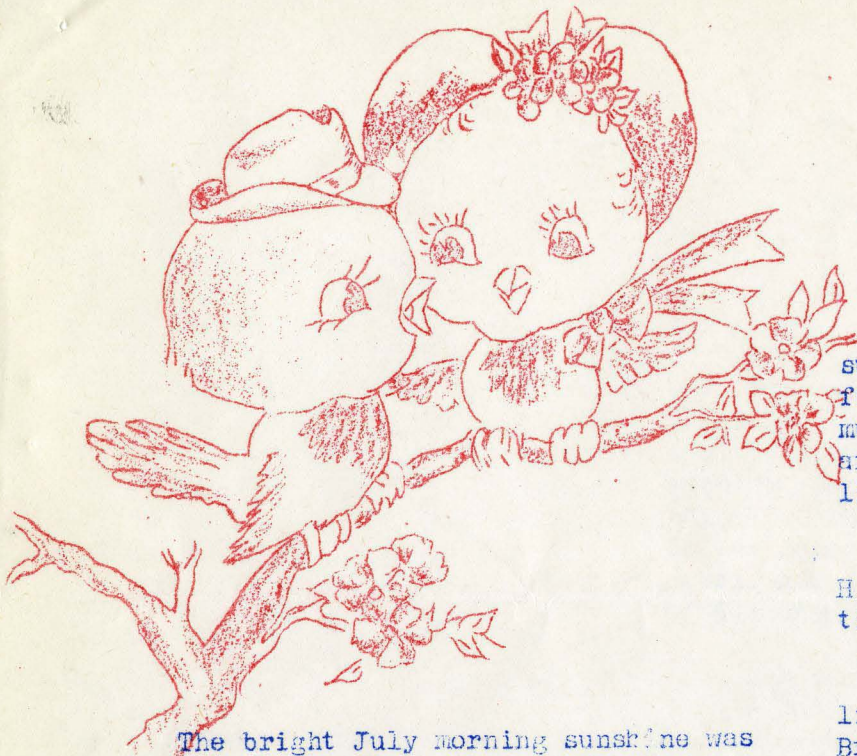
CHANGES IN STAFF

In late August, Reverend Father D'Arche received his nomination for Buffalo River. He immediately left with Brother Bellefleur, who had been at Beauval four months only. Our good Brother George also left us for Le Pas, where he is doing carpentry work. Sister M. Lamy, Superior was named for the Indian School of Cardston where she will be Superior. Sister Francoise Coté, last year's grade 1 and 2 teacher was sent to La Loche. Rev. Father Fournier came to replace Father D'Arche. Brother George was replaced by Brother St. Arnaud from Sturgeon Landing. Rev. Sister Corriveau, our new Superior came from Cardston in Alberta, and Sister M.L. Grégoire, the new teacher on the staff arrived from La Loche where she was teaching last year. To all those who left we wish success and happiness in their new mission fields, and to the newcomers we extend a most hearty welcome.

A BEAUTIFUL DAY

At the end of the first week of school in September, Rev. Father Principal announced that he would take all the children on a picnic. Moreover, they would travel on the river in the new barge which was built in the spring. The sun was shining brightly when the happy group left. The scenery was very colorful with its bright autumn shades of yellow, green and red, which was clearly reflected in the waters of the Beaver River. They stopped at a lovely spot and it wasn't long before all the children were out in the bush in quest of birds' nests, berries and "what not".... Everybody enjoyed eating lunch in the shade of the evergreens. Soon, too soon indeed, the whistle resounded the "home going" call and in no time all the little people were back in the barge, for the return trip meant more fun ahead. There was a gamut of thanks offered to Rev. Father Principal when the flock reached home. They will not forget the joy of that beautiful day.

VILLAGE NEWS



Mr. Louis Roy and his wife made a sudden appearance at the Vale after a long fishing excursion at Great Slave Lake. He must have done very well out there, for he arrived home with an attractive dark blue light delivery truck.

Mr. Hugh Ross, head manager of the H.B.C. in the North, paid a short visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mathieson.

On October 2 Mrs. Mathieson and her little son, Brian, left with the Brander Bros. for Prince Albert. Brian had faithfully asked his permission to be absent from school for a week or so, to have his tonsils removed, but unfortunately he was not operated because of the polio epidemic in the Province.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Malboeuf and their son Clément came back to the village after having spent the holidays on the "Beauval Heights", where Alex carefully watched for forest fires from the tower situated at approximately six miles from the village.

Mrs. W. Gauthier, now living at Meadow Lake, paid a short visit to their Beauval Ranch in October. Léo, Delina and Marguerite accompanied her. We hope they will pay us a surprise visit in the course of the year.

On October 10, Mrs. Beatrice Sandherr went to visit her sick mother at Green Lake. Her children, Laura, Kenny and Rose went with her. Delphina Alcrow and Alexine Laliberté also joined the happy gang.

Some of the villagers have tried their luck fishing at Arseneault Lake again this year. They are expected to come home soon. Mr. Raphael Laliberté and Emilien Hanson have already reached the happy shore.

Ever smiling Léon Hanson beamed in after an absence of a year and two months from school. Last year he was a boarder at Ile a la Crosse, but this year he has decided to stay at Beauval-- except when he goes out fishing or hunting with dad.

Life is what you make it.....

The bright July morning sunshine was welcomed with delight by a group of villagers, namely: Mrs. Bill Sandherr and her children Laura, Kenny and Rosa; Beatrice Roy, Mrs. Mathilda Laliberté; Mr. and Mrs. Prosper McCallum, and Mrs. Francis Durocher and her little daughter. They left the Beautiful Vale with Mr. George Larivière for Meadow Lake, where they joined another party "en route" for the pilgrimage at Lake St. Ann, in Alberta. Although the pilgrims returned home through muddy roads, they were very happy to have gone all the way through the western prairies to pay their homage to the kind mother of our dear Mother Mary.

Mr. W. Gauthier, foreman of the ROAD GANG spent his summer holidays working on the roads from Green Lake to Ile a la Crosse. He definitely did a splendid job, considering the "weak spots" of our northern country. Mrs. Gauthier, Delina and Margaret valiantly followed the crew... and I am sure Mrs. Gauthier's meals were highly appreciated by all.

Mr. Archie Buffin now owns Mr. Gauthier's ranch which lies at about ten miles south of the village.

On September 17, Edward and Eugene Corrigan and their wives arrived by plane from Lake Athabaska where they have spent a few months fishing.

Shortly after his arrival from Lake Athabaska, Edward Corrigan moved his house behind the yard of the teacherage, in the shade of a cluster of trees.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY'S GALORE



On September 8, the Beauval Seniors were seen bright and early in their garden and potato plots, and this, because the following day was to be the Achievement Day for the two Clubs. Hence, on Tuesday morning, September 9, each member of the Clubs had a sample of her or his best vegetable produce on display in the school basement and these were judged by Miss Jessie Rae from the Extension Department of University of Saskatchewan.

Our teacher and Club Leader being still at St. Paul's Hospital as a patient, was unable to attend the Achievement Day, but I'm sure she must have thought of us quite frequently on that day. Her sister, Sister Annette Mageau, spent a lot of her time to help us with the preparation of the display, and everything went on smoothly all day.

In the Potato Club, the first prize went to Johnny Mathieson, the second to Alex Corrigan, and the third to Peter Buffin. Five fourth prizes went to Jim Roy, Léon Durocher, Armand Gauthier and Martin Gauthier. Five fifth prizes went to Arthur Durocher, Louis Lafleur, Raphaël Lafleur, Jimmy Lafleur and Marcel Bouvier.

Like for the Potato Club, the girls had on display, vegetables required by their Club project, namely: carrots, cabbages and two types of beans. The season for fresh beans being over, each member brought a jar of beans she had canned during the summer. Miss Jessie Rae judged the vegetables and gave a very instructive talk on canning, which the girls appreciated greatly. For this Club, the first prize went to Florence Buffin, the second to Hermeline Corrigan, and the third to Delphina Alcrow. Three fourth prizes went to

Delma Bonneau, Josephine Morin, and to one of the little Junior boys, Thomas Alcrow. Eight fifth prizes went to Alice Maurice, Josephine Alcrow, Philip Gauthier, Alexina Laliberté, Delia Gauthier, Louise Maurice, Annette Maurice, and Mary Madeleine Durocher. Two sixth prizes went to Marie Diana Durocher, and Christine Roy. Sixty dollars worth of prizes were divided evenly between the two Clubs.

Our guests of honor for that day were, Mr. Don Neilson, our kind Agricultural Representative, Miss Jessie Rae, Mr. Francis our local Field Officer, and Mr. Valentine, an Anthropologist from Toronto's University. Mr. Neilson gave us a substantial talk on gardening and Mr. Tommy Francis was the interpreter.

We wish to extend our most heartfelt thanks to our parents and all the kind friends who came to encourage us on that day, and in particular to Mr. Neilson and Miss Rae, for the keen interest they have shown to both Clubs.

Hermeline Corrigan (Gr.9)



DEATH IN THE VALE

FORMER PUPIL DIES IN SHOOTING ACCIDENT

Very sad news reached our little hamlet on September 11. Seventeen year old Joachim Bonneau, our last year's classmate was instantly killed when the single barrelled shotgun with which he was hunting ducks accidentally discharged and struck him in the chest.

Joachim had been employed by Edward La Rocque for haying at Meadow Lake, only a few weeks before the fatal shooting.

On Thursday, September 11, Joachim was unable to rake hay because of rain, so he decided to go hunting ducks in the backwater of the Meadow River, on the farm of W. La Rocque, a short distance from town. He was standing in the tall grass near the edge of the water when two little girls, Ver-na de la Ronde, 12 years old, and Jeannie St. Germain, came along in a little canoe. After talking with them for a while, Joachim asked them to lend him their canoe, in order to reach a better shooting position. While conversing with the girls, he was leaning on his gun, the butt end of which was on the ground, the other was against his side. Suddenly he slipped, the gun discharged, and he was instantly killed.

After two days of travel in muddy roads, our dear Joachim's body arrived at his parents' home, here at Beauval, where a great many of his friends and relatives had been waiting for him for a long time. It was indeed very sad to see his poor mother when the body was taken into the house. His little sister, Delma, who could almost be called his twin, for the love and understanding they had for each other, fainted at the first glance of her beloved brother. The father and the mother were both admirable for their courage and resignation in this great trial the dear Lord had sent to them. The many prayers which were said for their deceased son proved that all of us sympathized with them. Father Perreault, our teachers and Mr. and Mrs. Mathieson were among those who showed the most sympathy; father Perreault by being the leader in the many prayers recited by the body, our teachers by the beautiful cross of natural flowers which they themselves placed on the coffin, and Mr. & Mrs. Mathieson by their kind visit and by the pictures they took of our dear classmate in his coffin.

On Monday, September 15, a funeral mass was sung for the repose of the soul of our friend, and on the following week, we, the children of the school offered and sang a high mass for the eternal happiness of our dear Joachim. Father Landry was kind enough to come and sing the mass. He came with a few boys from the mission who had known Joachim and had played ball with him only a few months before. For this delicate thoughtfulness we wish to extend our most heartfelt thanks to father Landry and his boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Bonneau wish to thank all the kind friends who have shown sympathy in one way or another during these few days of bitter sorrow.

Alex Corrigan (Gr. 9)

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