

# BEAUTIFUL VALLEY ECHO

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# WE MOURN OUR KING

of our beloved Sovereign, King George VI, on February 6.

At nine o'clock we grouped around the flag, raised at half-mast, and uniting our voices to those of thousands of Canadians who also mourn our departed king, we prayerfully sang: God Save the King."

The older students still remember the royal visit to Canada, and how all Canadians from far and wide had been favorably impressed by the amenity and refinement of our King and Queen.

May God save our king and give him an eternal reward for the good he has done to his innumerable subjects, especially to those who have been deprived of a home during the last war. We will remember King George VI not only as a kind and devoted Sovereign, but also as the prototype of the good father, who was always happy to be at home with his wife and children.

## A ROYAL MESSAGE

When Princess Elizabeth, now Queen Elizabeth Second, came to visit Canada last fall, we sent her a copy of Beautiful Valley Echo with her picture on the front page.

Shortly afterwards I received a message from the Princess herself, telling me how she had appreciated our "interesting" school paper.

Unfortunately my little niece found the letter and destroyed it, but I was very honored to receive a letter from our dear Queen Elizabeth.

Florence Buffin,

## AMONG THE DEAD

"Be ready," warned the Master, "for I shall come unexpectedly." Thus came the Lord to call to Him, Mr. Célestin Durocher, on January 2. Although suffering from heart trouble Mr. Durocher, nevertheless prepared his fishing nets and set out for Lac La Plonge with his son, Delphis. When his son came to awaken him, on Wednesday morning, he found him motionless and cold. Mr. Durocher had lived and died peacefully. Mr. Louis Durocher and Mrs. Larivière, his son and daughter, came from Snake Lake for the funeral.

On February 6, little Francois Maurice, aged 8, also bade farewell to this world for a better one. He died at the hospital at Ile a la Crosse after two long months of illness. We offer our most heartfelt sympathy to the Maurice family.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Buffin had the misfortune of losing their second child, on January 7. Little Mary Doris was rushed to the hospital, where she stayed until she was well enough to come back home. But a week later she took ill again and died in her mother's arms.

R.I.P.

## PRIZE WINNERS

Every year the Hudson's Bay Co. offers a prize for the best gardens in Saskatchewan. This year my parents' garden was tie with that of La Loche. We were proud to receive a sparkling ten dollar bill. My mother also received two dollars with the photos she had sent of the garden. She certainly deserved this reward, because she has worked hard all summer in our garden. I think gardening is a very interesting hobby, and when you get a ten-dollar bill for your trouble, you can really say that it pays too.

Johnny Mathieson



# VILLAGE NEWS

FEBRUARY

Mr. and Mrs. Bélanger went to Meadow Lake with three important passengers. They were: Mr. Corrigan, Sam McNight and Alex Malboeuf.

Mr. Sam McNight flew to Meadow Lake with Rev. Father Landry as a passenger. Would our readers be interested to know that Father Landry is a pilot too? That is one of his many capacities....

Good old Doctor Lavoie is kept very busy taking patients to and from the hospital. Numerous are the trips he took to Beauval this winter.

Miss Florence Baer from Meadow Lake paid a short visit to her young brothers and sisters at the Indian School before going to Buffalo Narrows, where she is expected to work.

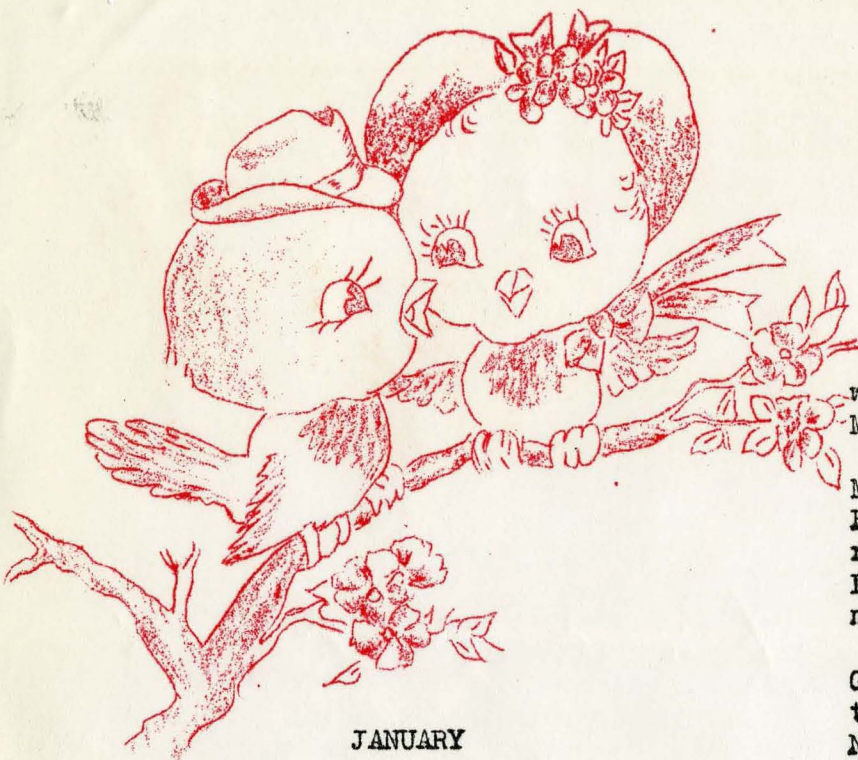
George and Armand Gauthier, both working in fishery business at Patuanak, came home for a week-end. They picked Mrs. Mathieson and Brian at the village, and the happy gang went to surprise Ma and Pa Gauthier at the Ranch.

Mr. Bill Sandherr and his pilot Sam McNight travel back and forth from Arseneault, Doré and La Plonge Lakes with "planeuls" of appetizing fresh fish.

Five snow "bugs" at Beauval on the same day is quite an important event. The "parade of the BUGS, headed by Constable Gibbon, was followed by Mr. Alex Bournof, Mr. Tom Francis René Lavoie and Léon Bélanger.

Mr. Jack Rickleton, back from Arseneault Lake takes pleasure in travelling to the village with his little blue truck. We're lucky not to have speed limits at Beauval, aren't we, Jack?

Rev. Fathers Bourbonnais and Poirier paid a short but appreciated visit to school before going back to their respective missions. Father Poirier is the newly appointed director of the Ile a la Crosse Mission.



JANUARY

Mr. Francis' frequent visits to the Vale are highly appreciated by all. He shows himself helpful and devoted to all.

It isn't interesting to travel when you are ill, especially when you are a patient for the hospital. The following people were patients at the Ile a la Crosse hospital this last month: Mrs. Léon Bélanger's little baby boy, Mr. Kerr., Mrs. Susan Roy, Mrs. Rosa Malboeuf, Mrs. Joe Durocher, Baby Doris Buffin, Francois Maurice, Eugene Hood and René Durocher.

Born to Mrs. Cyprien Corrigan, on Jan. 21, a lively baby girl, christened Margaret Rose. When the mother arrived home, little Mary Corrigan, aged one, asked for the doll, whom she thought was for her.

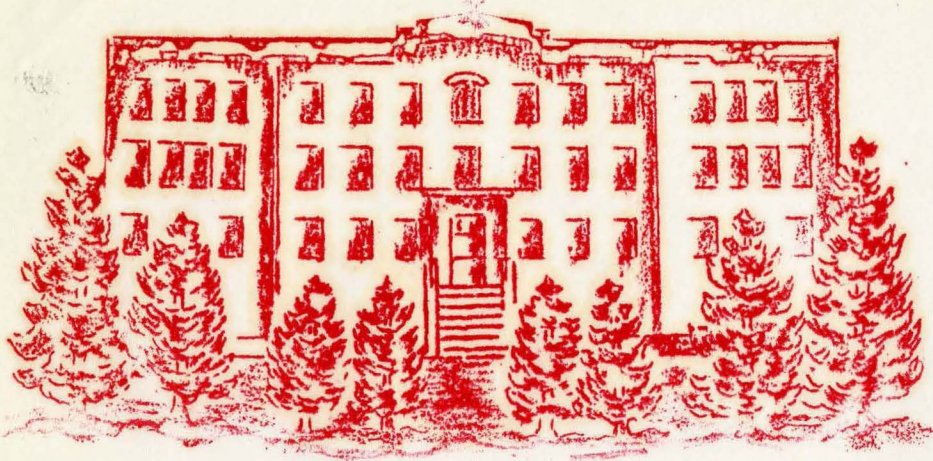
Mrs. Victor Larivière from Sled Lake came to visit her friends and relatives at Beauval.

Travelling salesmen have good "road sense". That is why they travel back and forth on the northern "snow-paved" routes, while the weather is still bright and fair.

Mr. Norton from Buffalo Narrows came to Beauval recently.

A Bingo party was held at the Club House in January. The prizes were most attractive, especially the woollen articles.





# BENEATH THE PINES

NEW PASTOR

## AU REVOIR

The Staff and Pupils of the Indian Res. School were in the midst of rejoicings and feasting in honor of Father F.X. Gagnon's Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee, when they heard the sad news of his departure from Beauval.

A pang of sorrow filled the hearts as each one recalled the numerous favors and the constant devotedness received from this kind and understanding Father. Twenty-five years of zealous missionary life in a northern Mission, such as Beauval, is a precious asset in God's Book of Gold. Father Gagnon's spiritual account is happily credited therein and the prayers and sacrifices which will be offered for him each day by his pupils and staff will be a reminder of their affection and lasting gratitude.

During one of his last visits to the children, some of them suggested that he ask His Excellency Bishop Lajeunesse to remain at Beauval.... His answer came readily: "Children... I always asked you to obey to those in charge of you... Now, if I didn't practice obedience myself, all my teachings and deeds would be useless, wouldn't they?" These, and other similar reflections prove his deeply religious soul, coupled with his respect for authority. They give him a pass-port to success in his new field of action at Island Falls. This request is included in the prayers of his beloved people of the Beauval R. School.

A resident

Virtue is so beautiful that even those who try to abolish it, cannot but admire it.

S.J.G.

In the quietude of the early morn, Sunday, January 13, the new Pastor of the Indian Res. School, Rev. Father Landry, arrived at the village, where he paid an early and surprised visit to Rev. Father Perreault. It was only later in the day that the school residents wished a hearty welcome to their new Father and Principal.

Father Landry spent seven years at Island Falls, where he has won, by his unselfish devotedness, the lasting friendship and appreciation of his people; this we judge by the abundance of letters that comes to him weekly from his beloved Islanders.

We know that Father Principal made a great sacrifice in leaving his missionary work at Island Falls, but we hope he will find joy and consolation his numerous flock at Beauval. with

## WINNERS WITH FLYING COLORS

The outstanding event of the day, on January 12, was a trip to Meadow Lake, where the Beauval Canadian Pee Wees were to play a hockey game with the Meadow Lake Pee Wee all Stars. Although it was their first game at Meadow Lake, the boys felt quite confident when they witnessed an enthusiastic crowd, eager to see how the northern players would manage the game.

Quoted from The Meadow Lake Progress:

"Coached by Brother Bélanger, the Beauval Pee Wees surprised the fans by their skill in passing, stick handling, and shooting; they brought cheers from all the crowd.

The local boys put up a game battle all the way, but were unable to score a  
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point, while the visitors netted 13 goals, seven being made by Eugene Kimbley.

Referee Eddie Friesen handled the game which was fast and clean all the way."  
Meadow Lake Progress.

One of the on-lookers remarked that the Beauval boys whizzed by like "jet planes". "It is," he said, "one of the best games I've seen at Meadow Lake this winter." Congratulations to the Beauval fans.

#### VISITORS FROM ALBERTA

It takes brave people to undertake a five hundred mile trip to a bushy northern country in below-zero weather. There were some, however, who had the good inspiration to risk it. They were: Mrs. L. Cyre of Legal Alberta and her son & daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Hilaire Cyre. They arrived at Beauval on January 5, to visit Mrs. Cyre's daughter, Sister Antoinette Cyre.

Their impression of our country was most favorable and especially encouraging for those who would be interested to visit the North. It may be appropriate to mention that the trip from Legal to Beauval via Meadow was realized in about fourteen hours at a mileage rate of between 20 to 70 miles per hour. It must be noted here that Mr. Hilaire Cyre is one of those western brave hearts who is not frightened by difficulties. The return trip via Cold Lake proved even shorter and more satisfactory to the travelers.

The family took a short but peppy trip to Ile a la Crosse, where they had another opportunity of appreciating northern hospitality. They had no idea that missionary life in these northern regions could be so simple and so cheerful.

The visitors were not alone to enjoy themselves; the visited were even happier to entertain their loving guests... The "good bye" moment, however came too soon. They left early on Monday morning as there was a storm in the air. May we enjoy again surprise visits similar to this one in the near future.... remember visitors are always welcome at Beauval.

Susie (peeking her head through the school door) Miss Brown, Jimmie can't come to school today, cause he got caught by a skunk.

This year the R.N.A.L. Conventions were held at Beauval. This gave our friends and neighbors from Ile a la Crosse, who have always been on the receiving end, an opportunity to enjoy a change which is often as good as a rest.

At three o'clock, on Thursday afternoon January 17, the teachers from Green Lake arrived at the village school. While they sat around the fire, the Sisters prepared lunch for them. After a short visit to the school, they all went to the Indian School, where the meeting was to be held.

On Friday morning, the teachers from Ile a la Crosse and Buffalo Narrows hailed in with Constable Gibbon, guest speaker for the afternoon.

We were sorry to hear that the teachers from La Loche, Chitek and Mr. Liskoe from Buffalo Narrows were unable to attend. Their names were often mentioned, however...proof that we missed them a great deal.

In the afternoon, the jolly group went to visit the village school, the teacherage and the Church. That is where Mr. Stoebber performed his great deeds. John is very interested in cooking as we all know, and... naturally he would be eager to visit the pantry at the teacherage.....

The Conventions proved a success, thanks to Rev. Father Landry, who wished such a hearty welcome to all the visitors; thanks also to the Sisters of the Res. School, who spared neither time nor energy for the welfare and happiness of their guests, and last but not least, thanks to Constable Gibbon who as so graciously taken some of his precious time to entertain us on the all-important topic of his interesting talk, "youth and the Police."

#### ON WINGS OF PRAYER

The Fathers and Brothers of the northern Missions have gathered at the Indian School at Beauval on Feb. 10 for the annual retreat. During this week of solitude their requests will rise on the wings of prayer before the throne of God, and He, as a good Father, will bestow upon them, his choicest blessings. This is the fervent hope of those confided to their care.



# SLEIGH RIDE

On the 31st. of January, 14 pupils of our class and 4 from the Junior class were among the lucky ones who had not missed one day of school since the 3rd. of January 1952. As an encouragement, our teachers promised us a sleigh ride up to Ile-a-la-Crosse. You can well imagine how anxious we waited for this coming event.

Around two o'clock on Feb. 6, the little jeep waited patiently at the gate of our school for the moment we would be dismissed from each classroom. Three o'clock came at last, and out we went. Father Landry's lovely green trailer on skis was graciously lend to us. It fitted like a glove behind the bold little jeep who seemed to face without the least worry one of these Northwinds which made more than one truck driver blink and hesitate. We left with a song of hope in our hearts however, but to our great dismay this joy was to be of a different kind from the one we had expected.

Just as we were to leave the forest road for that of the lovely one on the river, we met two Big River trucks. In answer to our inquiry, the drivers told us that they had laboured several hours through the road we had pictured so lovely. The drifting snow had made it almost impassable. We did not feel that our plan had entirely failed however, so we decided to follow the

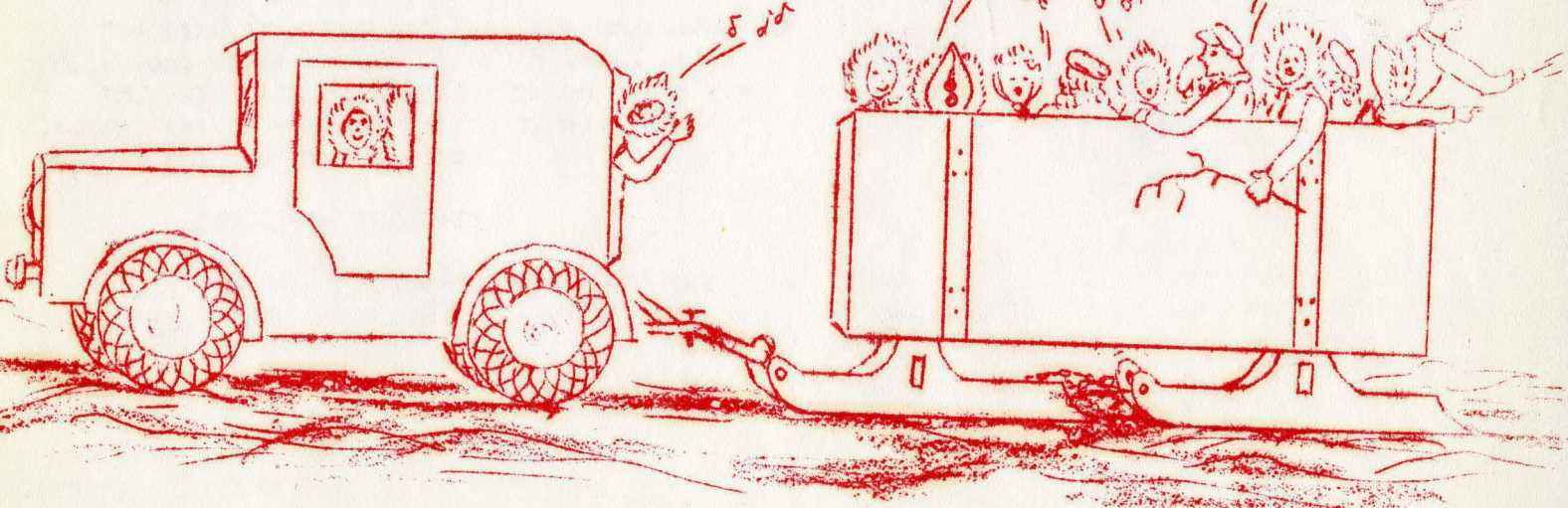
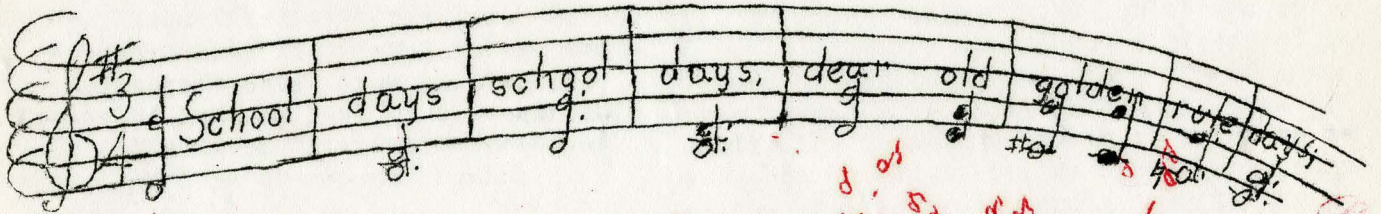
forest road. The snow plough having passed but a few hours before had softened quite a bit the hard portion of the road. There we stood before another difficulty! In spite of all and everything, the little jeep did the best that could be done.

After travelling for an hour however we had to admit that such a long trip on a soft road was quite impossible for that afternoon, as we had covered but nine miles after one hour of travel. The sun was already going down, so we decided to have our lunch in a sunny spot before the pines. We made the best of it any way in spite of our disappointment. This sleigh ride in the open gave us rosy cheeks, a sprightly spirit and a heart filled with glee. The thrilling little ups and downs over the sharp hills stirred more than one laughter. In fact, the fun reached such a point at times that we almost thought we had reached the end of the road we had wished for.

From the very bottom of our hearts, we wish to extend to Rev. Father Perreault as well as to Rev. Father Landry, a very sincere and grateful thanks for making possible, this additional happiness to our school experiences

Lalexina Laliberté (Gr. 8)

Whatever you do to these, the least of my brethren, you do it unto me. (Holy Bible)





## WELCOME VISITORS

The first visitor of the New Year was Rev. Father Rémy. He stayed with us a little longer than usual to the joy and contentment of all. He looked at our work and encouraged us to strive for the best in everything we do. Thank you, Father. We greatly enjoyed your visit.

A week later, Father Perreault brought another visitor to school. This time it was Rev. Father Landry, the new Principal of the Indian School. He gave us a very interesting talk, after which, he played on the organ and sang for us. (Confidentially) Father Landry is a very talented priest-- an appreciated Missionary for the Indian School. We hope you will come again, Father.

Mrs. Sue Brander and Baby Ann stopped in for a friendly visit on their return trip from Ile a la Grosse. Baby Ann was all "eyes" to admire the Christmas decorations, while a group of "admirers" encircled her, to the contentment of the little girl dressed in red.

There's never a dull moment for Léo Gauthier, especially when he's home for his Christmas holidays. He strolled in with the students on Jan. 3, to enjoy a pleasant forenoon in the company of his teacher and last year's school pals. Come again, Léo--remember you're still one of the gang.

On January 22, Mr. René Lavoie, newly appointed representative for the Co-operative movements in the northern districts, came to school to get acquainted with the teachers and pupils. He was deeply interested in the woodwork and needlecraft activities on display. His appreciative remarks gave us new courage to carry on in spite of difficulties with our manual work. We hope to see him again.

"We like that Father", was the unanimous reflection, after Father Fleury's visit on Feb. 13. Although he stayed with us but a few minutes, yet he won all hearts by his friendly attitude and his jovial words.

## HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Delina and Marguerite Gauthier came home for the Christmas holidays. They came to the village for Midnight Mass, but were not seen after. We were sorry to hear that their truck had broken down, making it impossible for

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lien Mageau \$2.00, Mr. & Mrs. Laurent Mageau \$2.00, Holy Cross Hospital, Calgary \$25.00.

them to come back to the village before going back to Prince Albert. We hope you will be back home for Easter, Delina and Marguerite, and this time, be sure to come and see us at school.

Delma Bonneau

## DENTIST AT INDIAN SCHOOL

Dr. O.G. Shepherd of Bert Qu'appelle, the only dentist for Indian Schools in Sask. is stationed here for a month or so, to examine and do remedial work on the teeth of the 127 children of the Indian School. Dr. Shepherd's patients seem to enjoy a visit to the dentist, whose remarkable patience and amenity seem to attract them to him. He enjoyed reading the last two issues of Beautiful Valley Echo, which he sent to his daughter, Doris, attending High School at Cochrane, Ont. Thanks, Dr. Shepherd for the interest you show in our school paper.

## ----- DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

On Feb. 12, we had the great pleasure of having Mr. D. Neilson and Mr. Smith assist at our "Club Meeting" which took place in our classroom.

After the reading of the minutes, the president of the "Boys' Club" introduced Mr. Neilson as our guest speaker. We enjoyed our kind friend's talk very much. Mr. Neilson has the knack of bringing across to young minds his deep knowledge in agriculture. We appreciate this help immensely and do hope to make good use of it in our gardens this spring. After Mr. Neilson's talk, Mr. Smith showed on the screen, a series of colored pictures of different districts in the north. These have been taken by Mr. Neilson himself, and after seeing the ones shown to us, I think he is quite an expert at it. We were also glad to see his charming wife and little daughter.

Thankyou very much for this kind visit dear friends, and please come again.

Hermeline Corrigan (Gr. 8)  
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## A BIG THANKYOU

The following donations were sent in as a help to our SCHOOL PAPER, and as a token of appreciation we wish to mention the kind donors here: Mr. & Mrs. Emile Mageau \$5.00, Mr. & Mr. Armand Mageau \$5.00, Mr. & Mr. Emi-



# CLUB BINGO & PIE SOCIAL

Jan. 31, was indeed a great day for all the children of our school for, on that day, the Vitamin Garden Club Members held their first Bingo of the year. And believe it or not, the girls organized a pie social which was successful beyond all expectations. I say successful, and in fact it was as you will see for yourself by the results which follow.

The purpose of this drive was to raise funds for our Garden Club. We are cuddling quite a few new activities which we wish to carry on in the spring and throughout the summer, and we know that a few additional pennies in our school bank will assist us greatly in carrying them to maturity.

At 7:00 p. m. our classroom was filled to capacity. The little Juniors were free to join the jolly Seniors for the occasion, and so were the former pupils. As this activity was solely a school affair, only these were invited. The first five games of bingo were set up at .5¢ a game, all other games which were to be played were free. The little Juniors had a reduction however. Their fee was but .15¢ Twenty enthusiastic games were played. A large table was set up in the center of the Seniors' classroom and the happy winners were free to choose from a large variety of articles, the item which pleased them best.

Then came the pie sale. This was really the most attractive and exuberant moment of the whole evening. Lawrence Landry was chosen as auctioneer and apparently he is a promising character in this field of action.....

I suppose it was with a little pride in their hearts that the girls set up the 16 crispy pies on the table. The real fun began however when the boys started bidding on them. To my opinion I think the three Gauthiers, Jimmy Roy and Marcel are the best at it. They surely knew how to make Peter and Joachim pay for their peas, or... for the girl they wanted to lunch with! The list which follows shows how well each one was evaluated.

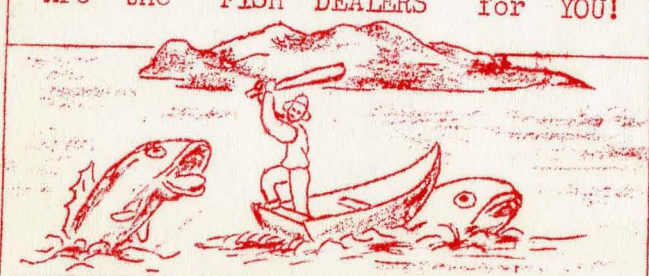
PIES:	BUYERS:	PRICE:
Delma Bonneau,	Lawrence Landry	.60¢
Teresa Aubichon,	Peter Buffin	\$1.25
Laura Aubichon,	Philippe Gauthier	1.10
Alexina Laliberté	Dolphis Durocher	.95
M.Diana Durocher	Léon Durocher	.45
Delphina Alcrow	Freddie Laliberté	.35
Our Teacher	Valmore Corrigan	.75
Florence Buffin	Léon Durocher	.85
Madeleine D.	Arthur Durocher	.45
Hermeline Corrigan,	Joachim Bonneau	1.75
Clarisse Bouvier,	Armand Gauthier	.60
Alice Maurice	Armand Gauthier	.35
Christine Roy	Martin Gauthier	.95
Josephine Morin	Jimmy Roy	.75
Claire Laliberté,	Marcel Bouvier	.65
Josephine Alcrow,	Martin Gauthier	.75
Delia Gauthier,	Valmore Corrigan	.45

After the pies were all sold, our teacher served a delicious, steaming-hot chocolate milk. This was followed by a stick of gum. This is one of the rare times that we can chew gum at school. There was one more game before we said good night and I'm glad I didn't miss it. A dozen or so of sparkling red apples tied to a string were pinned to the ceiling. With hands in the back, twelve of us at one time, tried to bite at them. My! but was that ever funny. Some were opening their mouths almost as wide


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## CLUB BINGO & PIE SOCIAL (cont)

as an alligator's mouth, and still they couldn't have a bite at them. I think Clement was the first one to be successful, but you should have seen the nice picture he made just then!.....

By 9:15, the party was over. We were sorry it had gone by so fast. The girls left first, and for once, we the boys swept the room and placed the desks in order. We were happy, our Club had now a fund of \$22.75.

We enjoyed this party so much that after the girls had left we mentioned to our teacher that we would be very pleased to have another one similar to this one for St. Valentine's Day. The next morning, this proposition was discussed during the science period when a discussion arose about gardening. It was decided that this time, a basket social would be organized for the same purpose as the one we had the preceding day. Don't forget to read about it if the printing of this paper is not completed before it takes place.

Johnny Mathieson, (Gr.8)

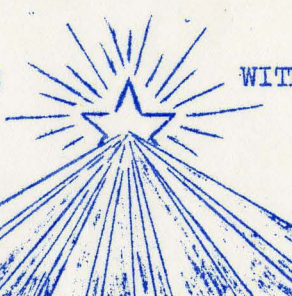
## BASKET SOCIAL

Valentine was this year a 'Heart..Hearty' one for all the pupils of this school. We did succeed on having a basket social, the first that ever took place in our little hamlet; but I can assure you that it will not be the last one, for it brought in our "Club Fund", \$25.00 crinkly dollars.

The fun we had during this social gathering is hard to describe in words, and I have but this little space left before the printing of this issue is completed. Watch for the details in our next school paper.

I must state here however, that we had at our Party, two great friends of ours as our guests of honor. These were Mr. D. Neilson and his friend Mr. R. Smith. Their presence in our midst was most encouraging and appreciated. After the basket sale, they showed us on the screen, the lovely collection of colored slides Mr. D. Neilson took himself of several communities in the Northland, a few of "Beauval, and our Vitamin Garden Club at work". We wish to extend to these two distinguished visitors, our most heartfelt and grateful thanks for the interest they have shown in our activities at work or at play. Laura Aubichon (Gr.8)

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