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BEAUJVAL

Dedication



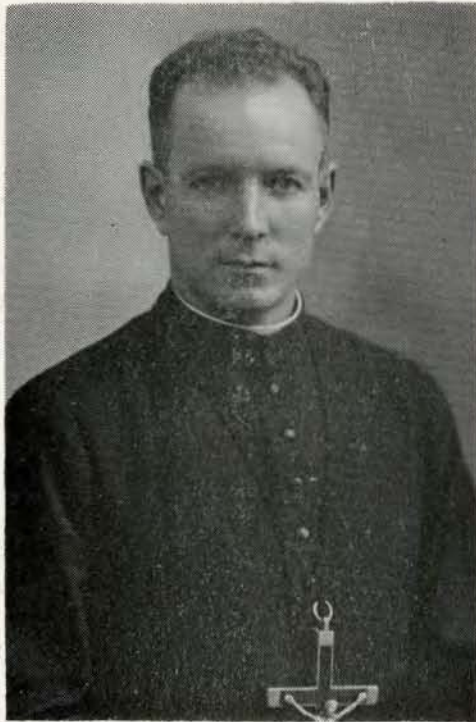
With Love and Gratitude

This Year Book is dedicated
to all the Missionaries who
have spent the best of their lives
for our school, and to former pupils
of fond remembrance.



Father Ansel O.M.I.
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Bishop K. Lajeunesse O.M.I.
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Father M. Landry O.M.I.





by F. C. orge

October, 1952.

FOREWORD

It is quite a feeling of fatherhood that I have, after roaming around the different reserves of the North and the South: Water Hen, Meadow Lake, English River, Peter Pond Lake, Canoe Lake, etc.... by truck, boat and barge, to find myself surrounded by some 140 children, the girls exceeding the boys by ten only.

I would be overwhelmed by the responsibility of caring for such a large family, if I did not have the experienced and whole-hearted assistance of the other members of the staff. Towards them all I feel profoundly indebted.

Our pupils form a fine group of children and the great great majority of them come back to school singing, laughing in all happiness, which I find rather encouraging and which is a good note in favor of our Residential Schools, no matter what some may think in some circles. One usually shuns at what one dislikes; and if the children like their school - and a boarding school if you please - this is the most solid argument and the undeniable proof that the monies spent by the Government thereof are not spent to no purpose.

If a child comes to Beauval to receive an education - to which every child has a right - and in our case, if the child likes the place where she or he receives his or her education, there must be a secret to that. And our secret is very simple. It is one of the many schools throughout Canada where education is based upon God's plan and God's design. God's plan and God's design is the best blue-print for training children. When the fourth "R" of Religion is learned along with the other three Rs; when the whole atmosphere of education is imbued with christian principles, then, and then only, is training and education most effective and solid. Then and then only reigns an atmosphere of happiness, for where there is God there is peace and happiness. Only then does the child become a human being, for he has been gifted with a moral training. Moral training gives first place to religion, without which the child would be a misfit an unfortunate in his own life and an unfortunate for society.

Excuse me for being so didactical, but I cannot help confessing that upon Almighty God-- the Father from Whom derives my temporary fatherhood; the Son, Jesus, Whose teachings I am to impress upon our children; the Holy Spirit, who enlightens all intelligence-- upon God, I say, and God alone do I establish the success of this school year.

May He bless all in our efforts-- the children and the staff!

May He preserve us from all dangers; moral, physical, so that in June when the school doors open for the birds to leave the nest, the same song of happiness trills through the air - from the same birds though enriched with a more assured and cultivated voice.

May Our Lady of the Sacred Heart protect you all!

Good luck to you, dear children.

Happy New School Year !

Mr. Landry, O.M.I.



The Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady

In the Keewatin District the fifteenth of August is always a great feast and it usually celebrated with utmost solemnity. Although the children were all on their 1 days at the time, many of them returned with their parents from Canoe Lake and Patuak, in order to be present for the feast of Our Lady.

The altar of the chapel had donned a beautiful decoration of fresh Gladioli. The Royal Mass, the favourite of the natives, was sung alternately by the religious staff and the Indian people. George Paul, councillor, of Patuanak sang the solos of the well known chipweyan hymn: "Mouan Marie". An atmosphere of recollection and devotion hovered over the assembly and made one feel thankful to love and to be loved by such a Mother, the "likes of which was never seen before"

After benediction in the afternoon all the people gathered in the shade of the pine trees in the girls' play-grounds where bingo tables were set. Game after game was played. The older ones put even more interest in the game than the young, and as some of them had never played before, the Sisters help them. How happy they were to go and get a prize of their own choice and without cost!!!

Around four o'clock, refreshments were served: soft-drinks, cookies and peanuts were enjoyed immensely. Reverend Father Principal called a blessing from God Almighty on these, his good children and all retired satisfied and happy.

Hail, heavenly Queen! Hail, foamy ocean star!
 O be our guide, diffuse thy beams afar;
 Hail, Mother of God! above all virgins blest,
 Hail, happy gate of heav'n's eternal rest.
 Hail, foamy ocean star! Hail, heav'nly Queen!
 O be our guide to endless joys unseen.

Annals

July 3 - We were all surprised and sorry to hear that our kind Father Darche would leave Beauval. He could barely conceal his sorrow as he told us of his nomination for Buffalo River Mission. He had spent two years here working and devoting himself to the Indian children, which he loved ardently and by whom he also was loved.

Reverend Brother Bellefleur, our cheerful gardener, also received an obedience for Buffalo River, where he will help Father Darche and assist him in his missionary work amongst the people there. To both Father Darche and Brother Bellefleur we wish much success and happiness in their new mission.

August 20 - Sister Marthe Lamy, who had been our superior for the last five years, also, left during the holidays. This departure was more unexpected than any other, because according to customs, in the community a superior is named for three years and Sister Lamy had still a year to serve as Superior here. However the Indian Residential School at Cardston was to become her new charge, as the superior there was to leave. Resignedly but sorrowfully we bade her farewell, on August 20, trusting in Divine Providence to give us another one to walk in her steps as a kind and devoted mother. We thank her for all the help she gave us and pray that she will be very happy in her new field of labor.

We sincerely congratulated Mr. W. Tunstead for the promotion to a new, higher position in Regina, but we knew that we were losing an enthusiastic and devoted agent. His long stay in the North helped him to know and understand the Indians and their problems. His cooperation with the Principal and the Staff of Beauval School was deeply appreciated and though he has left, it is to be hoped that he will pay us a visit occasionally. Good luck and may success be yours in all your undertake, Mr. Tunstead.

When Sister F. Cote left to go and take a summer course at Saskatoon, in June, it was not yet known officially that she was leaving for good, but her frequent inquiries about LaLoche made a few wonder! Was she to be transferred there ??? Definite news came during holidays when we learned that she was named for that school where she is now teaching. We are sure that you will like it there Sister because LaLoche is something like Beauval in this regard that, all who go there like it very much. May this be your case Sister!

September 26 - Reverend Father Clement came to bid us an "Au revoir" before leaving for the East, where he will receive medical care. Since Father Darche had replaced him at Buffalo River, Father Clement had been helping Father Lemay at Buffalo Narrows and doing missionary work at Clear Lake. We sincerely hope that God will give him health, so that he may come back to the Keewatin and add a few more years of missionary work, to the decade or more that he already counts.

October 16 - Brother George has also left us. If you were sorry to leave, Brother; Beauval was much more sorry to see you go. The work you have done in this mission since you arrived is known by God alone, but you have left a

very good impression to all those who have known you: It is that of a very good and cheerful religious! Keep smiling! Brother George is now stationed in The Pas, Man.

November 11 - Sister Aurea Mageau, one of the Village school teachers, left for St-Paul's Hospital, Saskatoon, where she underwent a serious operation. She was gone three months and during this time she was replaced by Sister Annette Mageau. We hope Sister Aurea's health will improve more and more as time goes on.

March 8 - Changes are in vogue at Beauval this year, it seems, and one cannot help wondering why it should be thus. Brother St-Arnaud missioned here since August only was called to replace Brother Loranger at Ile-a-la-Crosse. He was not here long but we found out, at least, one thing about him: he was a "working concern". Ile-a-la-Crosse is lucky to get him and we hope he will like his new mission even more than he did Beauval.

JULY - AUGUST

Miscellaneous News

- 1 - The children have all gone as happy as larks. May the Lord keep them and grant all of them a joyful vacation amid their loved ones.
- 22- "Father Landry made a most useful purchase" so the hay-makers think. The new bailer if it works well, will help to get the hay done more easily and quickly.

August

- 26 - Father Crepeau of Meadow Lake having chauffeured Father Principal home was our guest for to-day.
- 30 - Time for the children to start thinking of the dear old golden school days. Canoe Lake band arrive with their parents. They're sure to be on time.
- 31 - Buffalo River, Buffalo Narrows and Clear Lake pupils arrive at 5:00 a.m. In order to give them a few hours of sleep a Mass is said at 9:00. Father Principal takes no time to rest however. He and Father Renaud, who is here on visit, leave with the boat again to go and get children of Patamak and a few others from Canoe Lake.

WELCOME

July 26 - Sister M.L.Gregoire arrived by speed-boat with Sister Superior and Sister T. Chartier, who were returning from their retreat at Ile-a-Crosse. Many sisters knew and were anxious to greet the new missionary, but none were more anxious than her own sister, Sister St.Adelin, whom she had not seen for four years. Sister Gregoire had been missioned at La Loche for a year. We are sure that they will miss her there, but we are all the more glad to have her here and hope she will like it.

August 19 - Another missionary from La Loche is Reverend Father J.P. Fournier, o.m.i. He has been sent to replace Father Darche and we are sure that all the children will find in him a very charitable friend, eager to help them to work well, pray well and play well, in other words to be good in all they do,

August 20 - All the staff went to greet Reverend Sister A. Corriveau, our new Sister Superior, when she arrived from Cardston where she had supervised the mission for the last six years. She admitted having made a sacrifice in coming to a region so unknown to her, but then she added: "I like it here already." Welcome dear Sister Superior.

August 23 - Reverend Brother St.Arnaud caused a pleasant surprise to the staff when he appeared. Brother Rioux had not been permanently replaced since his departure two years ago. Brother George knew and felt this, for he had to fill in the gap as best he could. No wonder he gave Brother St.Arnaud such a hearty welcome!

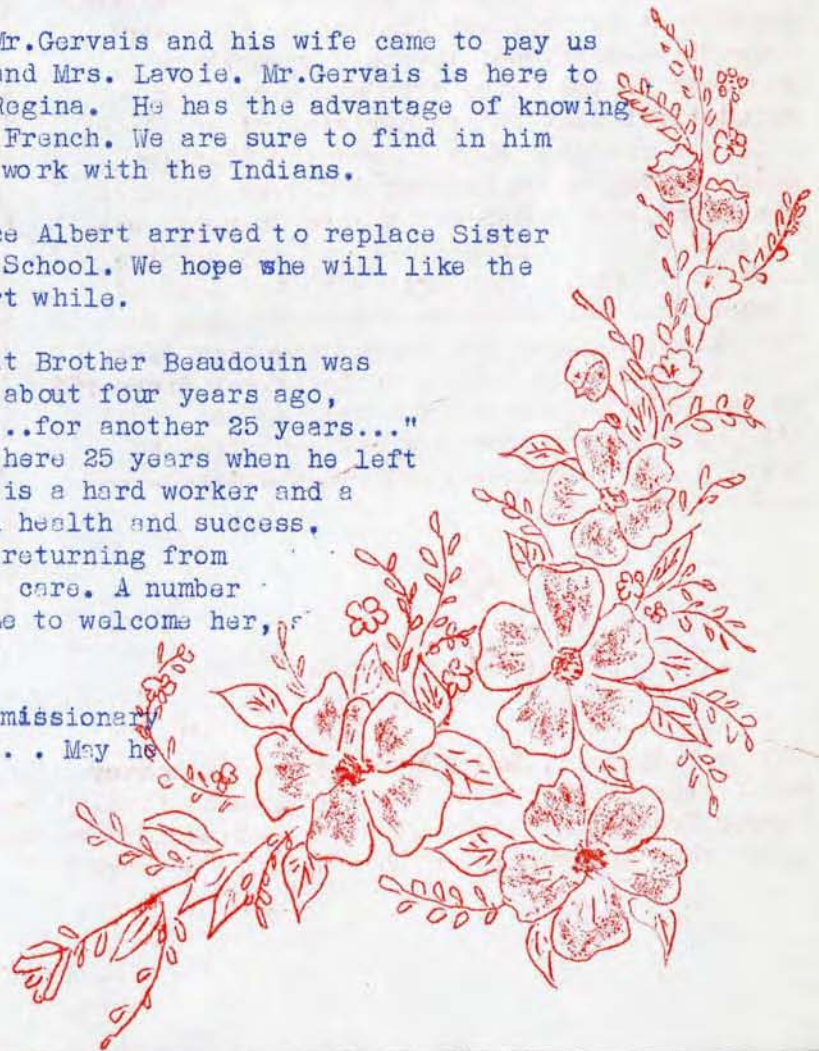
September 5 - Our new Assistant -Agent, Mr.Gervais and his wife came to pay us an introductory visit today with Doctor and Mrs. Lavoie. Mr.Gervais is here to replace Mr.W.Tunstead, who has left for Regina. He has the advantage of knowing the Cree language as well as English and French. We are sure to find in him a co-operative and devoted helper in our work with the Indians.

November 24 - Miss Alide Georget of Prince Albert arrived to replace Sister Aurea Mageau temporarily at the Village School. We hope she will like the North even if she is here only for a short while.

February 22 Everyone was glad to hear that Brother Beaudouin was coming back to Beauval. He had left here about four years ago, and on February 22, he was returning "...for another 25 years..." so he says. It is true that he had been here 25 years when he left for Sturgeon Landing. Brother Beaudouin is a hard worker and a man of all trades. May God bless him with health and success.

We also greeted Sister Aurea Mageau, returning from Saskatoon where she had received medical care. A number of her pupils from the village School came to welcome her, shortly after her arrival.

March 8 - Brother Laberge is another new missionary whom we are happy to receive in our midst. . May he enjoy a long and happy stay in Beauval.



NEW BARGE REPLACES THE STAR

Mr Frank Fiddler, our good carpenter was the one who built the nice new barge for the mission. It is most attractive with its coat of light grey paint, trimmed with red, and equally handy, because of the front part which may be lowered as a platform for embarking and then pulled up by means of cables operated from the back.

Almost six months prior to this, we had bid farewell to the "Star", the old mission boat, as it headed for Dore Lake where it became a very handy instrument in Mr Sandherr's fishing business. One could not help thinking as it was carried away behind the caterpillar, of the numerous trips which had been made in it, bringing the children to and from the school. It had provided shelter during many a storm on the big Peter Pond Lake and others too. But since the new government cruiser had proved to be a more expedient means of transportation, the Star had been obliged to resign and it dolefully rested on the side of the river, until it was sold to Mr Sandherr.

The new barge was handselled on July 15. Brothers George, Belanger and Bellefleur were going for a load of lumber at Ile-a-la-Crosse, and at the same time a number of Sisters from La Loche and Ile-a-la-Crosse having made their retreat at Beauval were returning to their respective missions. The only remarkable incident of the going trip was a regular cloud-burst just before arriving at the Isle.

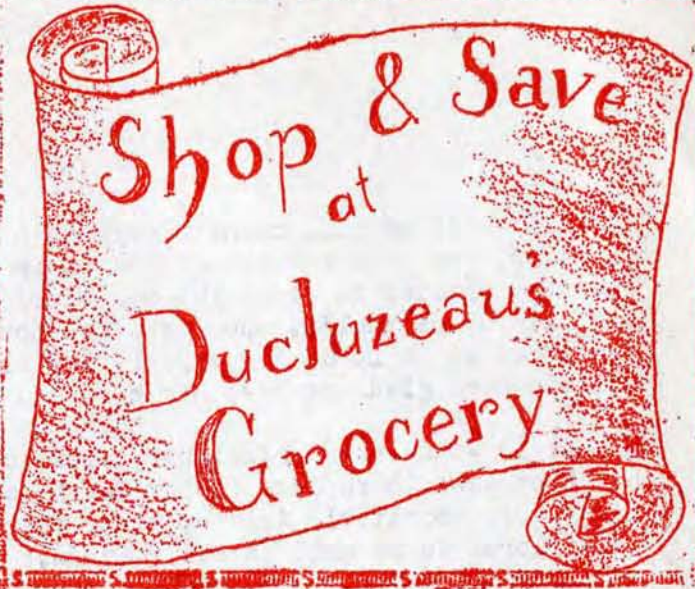
It was almost a show to see the Sisters emerge from under shelter could be found on the barge, some whose garbs were dripping wet.

But Brother George simply enjoys relating the fun of the return trip with the load of lumber: how the water seeped in between the two floors causing the barge gradually sink. "Did it go to the bottom of the river Brother"? It couldn't have been that bad, because they all got back the next day, but not without using a little elbow-grease on the water-pump occasionally.



Double Double Cross

George Glasgow, British writer on diplomacy and finance, expected a flare-up when he finally decided to tell his wife, the daughter of a former Protestant bishop, that he had decided to become a Catholic. He got the surprise of his life when she replied with a smile, "So have I."



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January

Annette Sylvestre	22/37
Flora Iron	30/40
Delia Iron	27/42
Hermeline Cantoner	9/40
Jimmy Durocher	3/38
Edward Byhette	26/38
François Iron	18/40
Lawrence Baer	37
Louis Sylvestre	27/42

February

Monique Noulchos	28/38
M. Jeanne Paul	15/41
Marcelline Hainault	23/41
Agnes Iron	4/42
Rita Baer	28/42
Monique Marsilar	2/42
Agnes Opikokew	5/46
Albert Fiddler	16/39
Mathias Byhette	24/40
Jean Campbell	28/41
Isidore Kimbley	9/40

March

Therese Blackbird	8/41
M. Monique Campbell	1/42
Adelaide Kimbley	4/42
M. Lilly Iron	3/45
Therese Mongrand	30/44
M. Benedict Opikokew	4/44
Rose Ann Fiddler	12/44
Paulette Opikokew	15/45
Juliette Noulchos	30/51

March

Raphael Paul	15/38
Armand Byhette	23/41
Thomas Byhette	29/42
Norman Vasale	17/46
William Iron	24/46
Bruno Baer	/40

April

Delanie Iron	3/38
M. Angelle Iron	26/39
Pose Lariviere	20/42
J. d'Arc Bernard	16/38
Caroline Bernard	13/42
Martin Bell	6/38
Eugene Kimbley	20/38
Jerome Noulchos	6/41
Emile Bell	6/40
Edward Runningaround	18/39
William Baer	7/39

May

Therese Laroque	28/40
Alice Ochipewésis	24/42
Mary Sarah Iron	26/43
Mary Ange Opikokew	22/43
Florence Piché	19/44
Antoinette Byhette	7/44
Annette Iron	26/43
Antoinette Bell	20/47
John Martell	/41
Ovide Opikokew	6/42
Oliver Kimbley	30/41

June

Isabelle Smallboy	4/39
Delagèie Smallboy	4/39
Claire Opikokew	6/40
Monique McIntyre	9/37
Lillian Merasty	21/38
Françoise Gunn	18/38
Antoine Opikokew	19/39
Paul Sylvestre	1/41
Peter Laroque	18/44
George Lasas	46

July

Annette Salomon	8/39
Pauline Bell	3/44
Therese Tabac	25/45
Rose Kimbley	7/45
M. Adeline Piché	13/38
Therese C. Harry	/40
René Mc Intyre	31/39
James Sylvestre	10/40
Samuel Iron	30/43
William Mistikokat	/40
Gerard George	20/41
Victor Matchee	4/44

August

Florence Chanalqui	21/40
Agnes Chanalqui	3/38
Mary Campbell	8/39
Monique Billette	14/42
Mary Iron	10/42
Rose Irene Salomon	10/41
Elizabeth Opikokew	10/43
Annie Iron	8/43
Eliz.V. Iron	8/44
Clara Nouichos	23/49
Alice Eva Piché	18/46
Auguste Iron	7/38
Leon Matchee	6/39
Noel McIntyre	3/43
Maxime Iron	31/43

SEPTEMBER

Alice Iron	1/39
Veronique Sylvestre	9/39
Delia Opikokew	4/44
Marguerite Car	6/44
Cecile Smallboy	/41
Helen Blackbird	38
Joseph Billette	20/38
Leon Caterat	21/43
William Matchee	20/41
Lawrence Fiddler	6/42
Victor Durocher	22/43
Ernest Piché	17/48

OCTOBER

Therese Yasale	15/43
M. Ann Mistikokat	4/41
R. Irene Iron	18/43
M. Ann Harry	8/43
Vitoline Campbell	3/43
Christine Benjamin	28/43



Monique McIntyre

October

Peter Cantoner	18/37
Antoine Francois	1/39
Rosaire Iron	29/43
Mugloire Noulchos	18/44
Fred Fiddler	24/44
Gordon Durocher	15/46
Ovide Wolverine	15/38

November

Mothilde Billette	26/39
Suzanne McCallum	14/41
M. Ann Merasty	13/43
Albertine Billette	15/43
Georgianna Desmarais	/46
Francois Yassle	14/38
Donald Fiddler	20/41
Laurent Cantoner	16/39
Eugene George	22/40
Arthur Merasty	/46
Armond Fiddler	26/46
Louis Hainault	10/38

December

Jeanne d'Arc Wolverine	28/40
Yvonne Apisis	2/42
Leona Baer	16/40
Flora George	15/38
Madeleine Durocher	12/43
Suzanne Apisis	10/45
M. Yvonne Bagg	26/39
Lionel Francois	7/40
Louis George	8/42
Melchior Iron	31/41
Leon Garr	2/42
Lester Baer	/44
Louis Wolverine	30/42

MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE

THE DAY !!!!!

September

- 2 - Annette Sylvestre and Melchior Iron who have been at Qu'Appelle Hospital for a year arrive with the Water Hen and Cance Lake Band.
- 3 - Today, there came a telegram from Buffalo River announcing the death of Mrs Pierre-Marie Noulchos, mother of Jerome and Gregoire.
- 4 - Jerome and Gregoire Noulchos are going home, today, to see their mother for the last time. Father Fournier and Mr Landry take them as far as Ile-a-la-Croise per "jeep". From there they will take the plane to Dillon.
- 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Garvais, the Doctor and Mrs Levoic drop in on a visit. We are sorry to see M. Louise Marsilat leave with them, as rumours say she has the symptoms of infantile paralysis.
- 9 - Father Clement is our guest today. Jerome and Gregoire return with him; they have not had the consolation of seeing their mother as the funeral was over before they got there; this was due to poor telegraph service.
- 15- The "match-box" is practically empty today. Father Landry took all the little "Matches" on a grand picnic with the barge. Everyone enjoyed the "outing" immensely to judge by the comments.

During this time, a nice big piano arrived and was installed in the Sisters' dining-room. Thanks to Father Principal for this precious acquisition.

- 18 - Lac La Plonge received five distinguished fishermen these last days. They are Father A. Kosolowski of Handal, Sask., Father F. De Mong of Scoot, Sask., Fathers B. Lewans and Peter Blatz of St-Mary's parish, Regina. No wonder they were enchanted with their catch. Anyone would be, if they had caught 70 trouts and a few big Jacks inside of two days. Father Fournier and Brother George accompanied them during their stay at the Lake.
- 19 - We are happy to welcome our good Father Pioger who was discharged at last from the Sanatorium where he was a patient since 2 years. Father Darche is also welcome visitor at the mission.
- 22 - Today Mrs. Elizabeth Durocher united her destiny to that of Mr Isidore Bouvier, one of our employees, since about twenty years. Reverend Father Perreault blessed their marriage and the newly-weds took their wedding dinner here at the school, as well as their invited guests.
- 23 - Eight little children start taking piano lessons. They are Elizabeth Opikokew, Delia Iron, Yvonne Apisis, Vitaline Campbell, Louis Sylvestre, Samuel Iron, Leon Garr and Gregoire Noulchos. May their enthusiasm be as lasting as it is high today.
- 30 - New sleeping quarters are provided for the increasing number of children. Father Landry on his trip to Meadow Lake, returned with twenty-four children, most of them, former pupils who were here last year. We were just as happy to see them as they were to come back. It speaks well for the school to see children beg Father to bring them back to school under any condition.

OCTOBER

- 5 - Lorraine, Lenore and their daddy Mr. Gervais are our guests for supper. Who could blame them for taking a chance to ride in the nice big boat.
- 10 - Since Pierre-Marie Noulchos' wife left for another world, he had hoped to be able to send his tiny ones to school, so as to be sure to have someone who would love and care for them as she did. Our good Sister Chartier welcomed little Juliette (1½ years) and Clara (3 years) with open arms. As she eyed the contents of their suit-case, she was probably thinking "Won't they be cute when they're dressed in pretty pale-coloured dresses?" It didn't take long for them to respond lovingly to the good care and love she gave them and to feel very much at home.
- 31 - Mr N. A. Wark, our agent, Mr W. A. Jackson, auditor, and Mr Tunstead are our distinguished visitors. Mr Tunstead says: "My it's sure grand to be back in the North again,

A YEAR AWAY FROM BEAUVAL.

One afternoon, September 5, 1951 Father Gagnon, Principal, came to the girls' room and told Therese Laroque, Melchior Iron and I that we would go to Prince Albert to get treatment there. We left next day with him but instead of staying there we were taken to the Indian Hospital at Fort Qu'Appelle. We travelled with the nurse and arrived at 5.30 p.m.

I liked staying there from the start because we had nice times going to visit our friends and attending movies. We took walks to the Blue Bay beach 1 1/2 miles away from Fort Qu'Appelle. I tell you it is a lovely place. It is really beautiful. I took my afternoon naps out on the roof of the second floor, many times.

On Christmas Day the boys and girls were free to visit one another's wards. At Easter, it was something like this, only a little change in visiting hours. The patients were told that visiting hours would be from 3.30 to 4.30.

Then one day Therese Laroque was sent to Regina. Then three days after, Melchior and I were also sent to Regina Grey Nuns' Hospital. On October 25th we both had an X-ray of the chest and hip. A couple of days after, we had an operation. I was kind of scared but they gave me hypos, that made me feel not too nervous.

For two weeks after my operation, I had a 5-lb. weight tied to my leg. Then it was the cast; Melchior and I had the same treatment. Three months after that we were sent back to the Indian Hospital at Fort Qu'Appelle. On February 14th we had our casts taken off. We had had them for three months. At first we had crutches. We practiced walking over a week. I am glad to say that I can walk again. There is much difference in my walking now.

Therese Laroque left for Beauval in December. How I was wishing I could go along with her.....knowing how much fun we would have with the Beauval children, for the feast of the Principal, on Christmas Day, Valentine Day etc... The Nurse lent me her radio but it was of no use to me. How downhearted I was.!!! Only one thing could make me

happy and that was when they moved Melchior to the room beside my ward. We used to read books and often speak of Beauval. How nice it was to have someone of the same place.

Then we waited and waited for someone to take us home. Well, it looked rather hopeless for a while, But one day the head-nurse told us we would be going home the next day, with two men from North Battleford.

How glad we were that evening. We were overjoyed, anxious for the morning to come. The nurse gave us something to make us sleep, and have a nice rest before leaving the next morning. When we left, our friends were sorry to see us go, we felt sorry to leave them behind.

We travelled through Regina, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon and North Battleford. We stayed at Battleford for five days, then took the bus to Meadow Lake. We stayed there a couple of days too.

Then Reverend Father Landry, coming to get the children from Water Hen Lake, took us home to Beauval. How wonderful it was to be back again. We say there is no place like Beauval and I believe it's true.

Annette Sylvestre.

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TRAPPING

Trapping was one of the boys' main occupations this year. They had special trapping ground reserved for them. The following chart set up in the boys' recreation room will give you an idea how trapping was organized during the seasons in the fall and winter as well as in the spring.

BEAUVAL INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL HUNTING AND TRAPPING RESERVE & ---

Honorary President:	Father M. Landry, O.M.I.
Honorary Vice President:	Father P. Fournier, O.M.I.
Supervisor:	Brother A. Belanger, O.M.I.
Asst. Supervisor:	Mr Laurent Landry

Conditions:

Everyone interested in trapping or snaring shall get a permit issued at the school. The fee for such a permit is two rabbits' heads
Two groups have been formed and each group is allowed to set snares or traps on the area mentioned on the permit.
In each group there is a committee of one Field-Officer and four assistant game guardians.

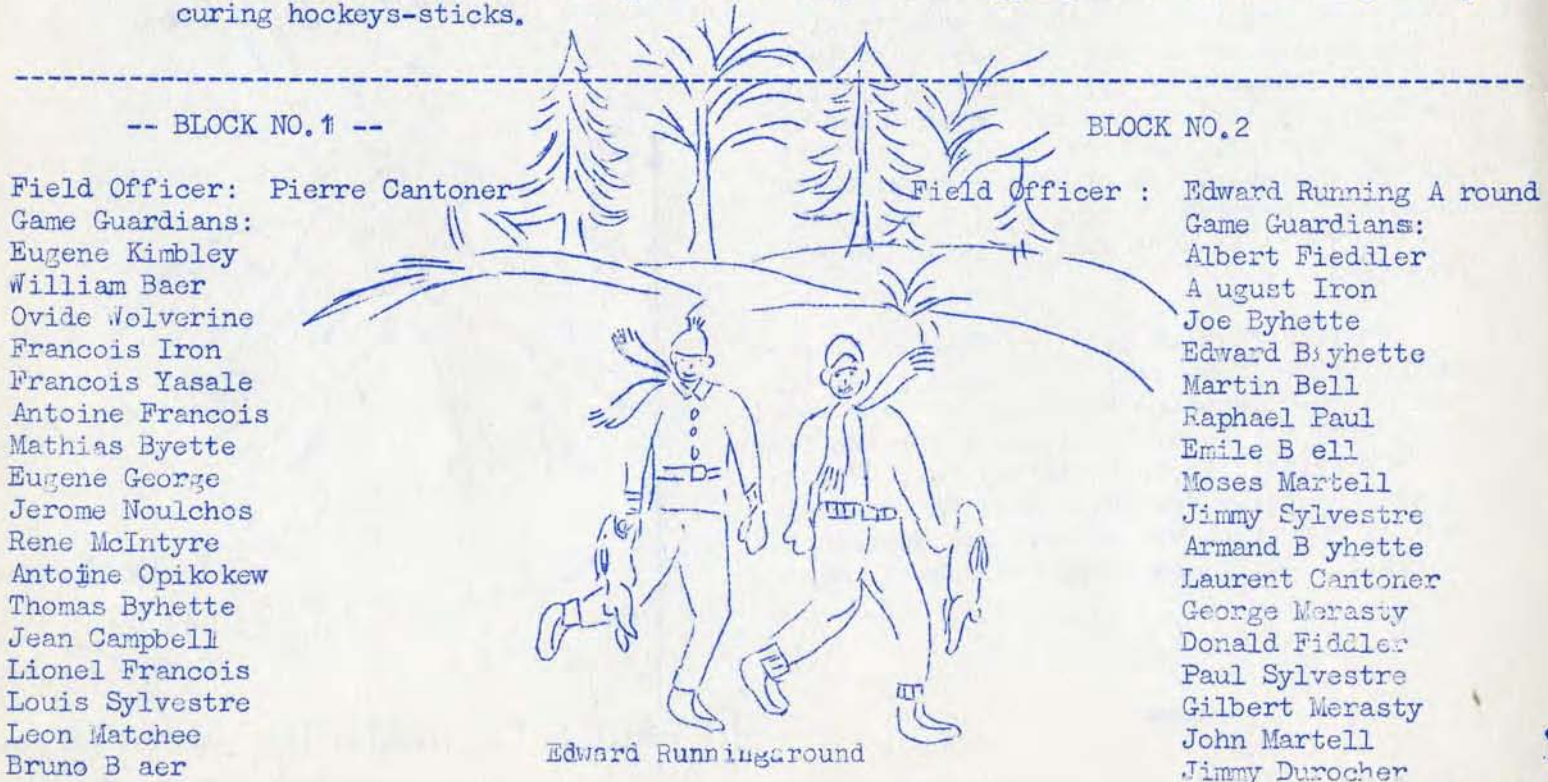
Notice: The supervisor or the Assistant Supervisor can cancel temporarily or definitively an issued permit on account of infractions to the following regulations or for some other reasons.

Regulations:

No one is allowed to go and set snares or traps outside of the block boundary specified on his permit.

All trappers should be back to school at the hour set by the supervisors.

The complete income resulting from snaring and trapping is to be used only for procuring hockeys-sticks.





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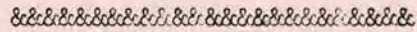
by Annette Sylvestre

VISITORS

Reverend Father Renaud, Superintendent of Indian Affairs at Ottawa was present at the school when the first two bands of children arrived from their holidays.

He even made the trip from Ile-a-la-Croix to Beauval on the boat with the pupils from the English River Band. It did not take the girls and boys long to find out that Father Renaud was their friend and that he was deeply interested in all of them.

Even now he is very far away in Ottawa, but still they are anxious to read his letter to Indian Boys and Girls in the Indian Missionary Record. Father we are looking forward to a visit from you and we hope you will come before we go on our holidays.



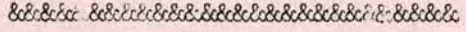
On Sunday, September 14, a little red plane gliding down onto the Beaver River caused a certain commotion in and around the school. The Assistant-General of the Oblates, Reverend Father Drago of Rome was here for a visit. In almost less time than it takes to say it, Father Principal was there to meet him with the jeep. The residents of the School were not to have the pleasure of meeting him immediately, however, but his pilot, the well-known Fr. Leising soon came over to chat with the children and their guardians.

At benediction in the afternoon every child sang with all their soul, the beautiful "Lady of Fatima". A reception in St. Mary's room had been prepared for our kind visitors. A welcome song on the air of Santa Lucia, composed for the occasion by Sister Annette Mageau was sung by all the children from the senior classes. The Italian air went straight to the heart of the good Father Drago, and it was evident that it had pleased him very much as did the address, composed by Rev. Sister M.L. Gregoire and read by Master Francois Iron.

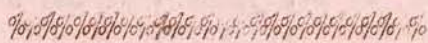
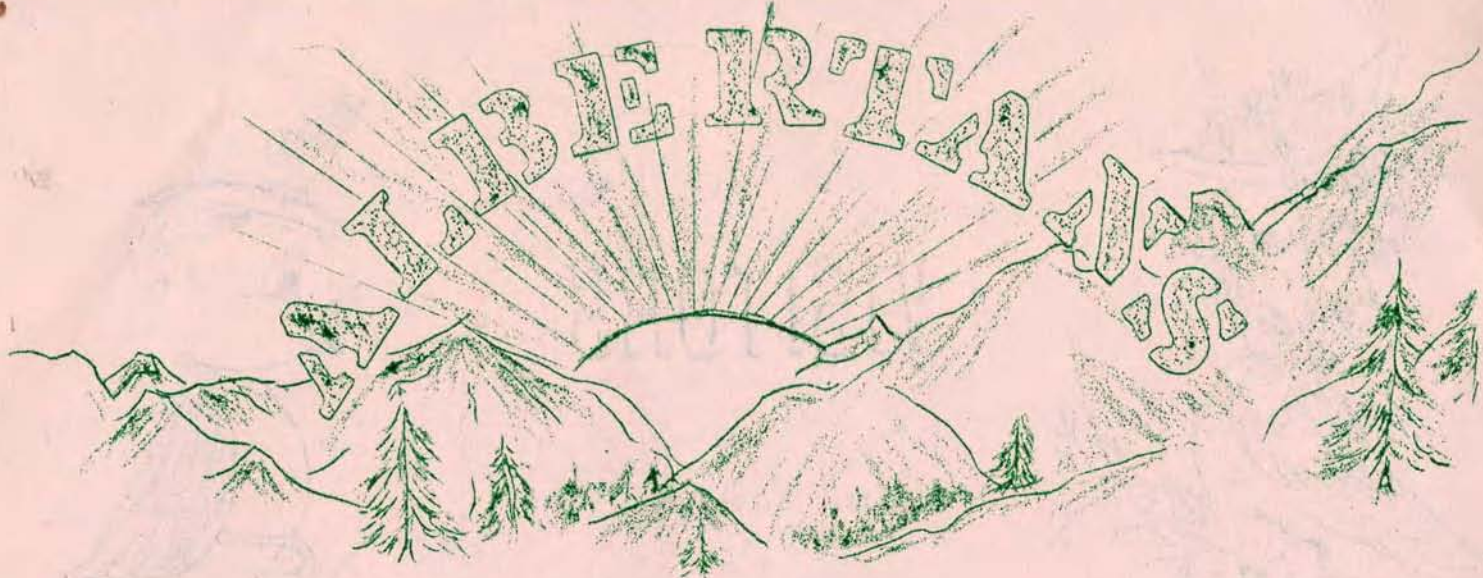
The distinguished visitor then addressed the assembly in warm and sincere phrases. We were surprised to hear him speak in an English that the very smallest could understand, because we know that having always lived in Italy, his chances of learning English were very scant.

Father Principal pronounced a few words of welcome on behalf of the religious staff, assuring him that here in Beauval, he was loved not only because it was our duty to do so, but because knowing him now we were sure that we could count on his care and protection.

The plane took off at 5.30, bringing The Reverend Assistant-General to another mission where, again he would have the chance of bringing happiness and help to his missionaries.



Feb. 10 - The Staff and pupils were honored and happy to greet the first Father Provincial of the Keewatin District, when he came as retreat-master during the Fathers' retreat. Fr. Scheffer spoke, in terms worthy of his position, his intention of helping the missionaries and their flock in their every need, inasmuch as it were possible for him to do so. We hope we will have another visit from you in the near future, dear Father Provincial!

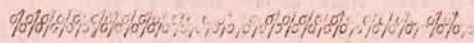


Dec.6 - Some of Sister Cyre's relatives came here on December 6 to visit her. And sure enough she was glad to see them. They arrived here around 8.30 a.m. and they were driving a nice car. The boys saw them first from their dining-room and soon the news got around that "....a whole carload of white men were here !!! "

They attended Mass at the village. We were glad to have them here in Beauval for a visit. Sister Cyre spent her afternoon with them showing them around the house and farm. They went and watched the big boys playing hockey and they were very interested in whatever they saw. We then invited them to our room that night for a special gathering. We sang so songs for them and they did too. . We sure spent a pleasant evening with them that night, and they seemed to enjoy it too.....We even did some dances for them and they joined us. It was past 9.30 before we knew it so we all said " Good-night "

They stayed here one or two days. We had a lovely visit from them and I do hope they will come again.

Pelagie Iron.



March 17 - It was a surprise and a pleasure to see Rev. Father Bragaglia once more. But we were still more pleased to learn that he would show us some films. On one of them we saw La Loche and the surrounding missions, where he had been missioned for a number of years. He showed us another film of LeGoff where he is now stationed. In this one we saw a wedding. We were surprised to see that the bride was our school-mate from last year, Bernadette Byhette, as she walked out of the church with her husband Ralph Blackman.

Thanks to Father Bragaglia for the films he showed and for his visit too. We hope to see him again.

Annette Sylvestre.

A FORMER PUPIL VISITS US

We had all cheered when we had seen Bernadette in the movies lastnight but we did not think we would see her today in reality. Having visited some relatives at her home-town Buffalo River, Bernadette and her husband and a few more people from Beaver Crossing stopped in on their way back to Beaver Crossing. She was visibly happy to see her former companions and teachers and so were they. It doesn't seem long since she left us to go and stay with her uncle at Beaver Crossing. Her frequent letters showed how she regretted her school. We are pleased to see her happily married to Ralph Blackman, the chief's son, and we hope she will be even more happy as the years go by.

Father Principal's Feast

December 17 was the day set for the feast of our good Father Principal, since it coincided with his birthday. How everyone looked forward and prepared for this feast, for it always gives a grand holiday and a host of favors besides.

A number of guests had been invited for the concert and some of them arrived early in the afternoon: Father St. Pierre of Meadow Lake with Mr. & Mrs. Baptiste Baer. A delegation of Fathers, Brothers and Sisters from Ile-a-la-Crosse came with Mr. & Mrs. Gervais in the bombardier and others in Father Perreault's jeep.

The Village Hall had been finished since a very short while and since Father Landry had been so helpful and generous, Father Perreault judged it "befitting" that its inauguration should coincide with the feast and furthermore, that the concert should take place there.

The kind invitation was accepted with pleasure and at 8:30 the program began.

1. The first number was a gay festal song in two part-singing by a large group of boys and girls of various ages and sizes.

2. The Daisy's Secret: This playlet was a success in the very sense of the word. The performers were remarkable for the good English pronunciation, the expression in face, wording and tone. Five little girls entered the discussion as to what could be done for the occasion, what gift would be suitable for their good Father Principal. Slumber crept in on them before they had come to any conclusion, but their problem was solved when an angel profiting by their "unconsciousness" brought them a gift "fit for a prince". A spiritual bouquet, in the form of a ciborium, was found at the feet of our Lady; Mary Iron was delegated to present the lovely Spiritual Bouquet, so artistically made by Sister Annette Mageau.

3. Good Bye Ol' Paint: A cowboy song by a group of beginners all dressed as cowboys, and believe it or not, Ol' Paint, their old white Pony was right there with them on the stage. How comical it was when the "artificial horse" joined them in a dance, in honor of the hero of the day.

4. Piano Duet: by Delia Iron and Yvonne Apisis. These little players started taking lessons in October. We have hopes that in a very near future, they will be able to accompany hymns and songs.

5. Majorettes on Parade: Ten pretty girls dressed in a white and red majorette costume and lead by Annette Salomon dressed in red and white provided a very nice "coup d'oeil" as they marched with a light springy-step to the air: The Wedding of the Painted Doll.

Annette Sylvestre

Their movements with the baton were also gracefully done to the tune of the Dawn Waltz. Costumes were patterned and made by Sister T. Chartier. Her companion Sister Roussel-Galle also helped to sew them.

6. Clog Dance: Piano Duet by Louis Sylvestre and Leon Garr .
7. Snow White: Operetta: Act 1 (Synopsis of play to follow).
8. The church in the Wildwood: Song in four parts by Monique McIntyre, Annette Sylvestre, Florence Chanalqui and Mathilda Byhette.
9. Snow-White, Act 11, Scene 1.
10. Elizabeth Opikokew and Vitaline Campbell play a duet entitled "Jingle Bell".
11. Snow-White: Act 11, Scene 11.
12. Bless this House: a very appropriate song for the opening of the new Hall. It was beautifully sung by the girls of the village school. We were happy to hear them, thus, contribute a nice part in the concert for our pastor.
13. Snow-White - Act 111.
14. Reverend Father Perreault was the next one to perform. In a few well chosen words, he explained to the audience, how happy he was to have had the concert in the village Hall, because of Father Landry's cooperative help in its erection. He also wished him a Happy Feast and asked God to reward him to a hundredfold for his generosity.
15. Our hero found it difficult to overcome his emotions, and his gratefulness for what had been done was most evident. His appreciation was such that it made him overlook mistakes and imperfections. He congratulated all those who had contributed in making the concert a success (and it may be said here that the contributors were numerous) "I was very proud of you" he told the actors, "because you succeeded so well and you co-operated with your teachers."
Father then helped to serve lunch to the happy children. The next day was spent in gay rejoicings. Ice-cream, candy, peanuts, etc. were served abundantly to each and everyone. What a feast it was! However most of the children retired early that evening as they were tired from staying up so late the preceding evening, but just the same, they could say that it was the end of a perfect day.

Five of the lovely little Majorettes, in full costume, worn on Father Principal's feast day, doing fancy skating.



Left to right

Mary Ann Merasty
Mary Ann Mistikokat
Annette Salomon (leader)
Mary Iron
Rose Irene Salomon

SNOW-WHITE

Synopsis of Play

The story of Little Snow White and the seven Dwarfs is one of the most quaint and curious of old Fairy tales. In this version, the first scene opens with a chorus of the maids in waiting, one of whom tells in a song, the legend of the birth of Snow-White. The legend is that one day in winter, a Queen chanced to pierce her finger with a needle, and she saw three little crimson stains upon the white snow. There upon, she asked the fairies to give her a little daughter, which should, also, be red and white, and they brought her little Snow-White. The Queen died the same night. At the opening of the operetta, the princess is a victim of the neglect and unkindness of a vain and selfish stepmother (the Queen of poppy land), who lives for flattery and who possesses a magic mirror which, everyday assures her that she is the most beautiful woman in the land. But the growing beauty of Little Snow-White leads to a qualification of the statement, and the princess is sent into the woods to be slain, but eventually finds refuge in the cottage of seven odd little dwarfs (Scene 11). Even here, however, the malice of the Queen pursues her, and she is only saved from destruction by the good fairies who transform the threatened death into a n enchanted sleep.



by Pelagie Smallboy

Act 11. (Scene 1.) shows the arrival of the Prince of Arcadee at the cottage of the dwarfs and the breaking of the spells that hold little Snow-White in her long slumber. In the last scene all ends well at the Court of Arcadee. The kind dwarfs appear as the Prince's body-guard and every one is happy except the cruel Queen, who is deposed by her subjects in favour of Little Snow-White.

Snow-White, the Queen, the Prince and the Dwarfs have a ll important parts and good songs. There are also dances and choruses for the Maids of the Court. The character of Podgio, the keeper's son, affords considerable scope for amusement. The seven dwarfs always move and speak together. The choruses are into...

CHARACTERS

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| Little Snow-White..Suzanne McCallum | Lady of the Shoestrings..Veronica Sylvestre |
| Queen of Poppyland (her Stepmother)..Eva Merasty | Mistress of Jewels..Mary Campbell |
| Prince of Arcadee..Leon Matchee | Lady of the Kerchiefs..Monique Noulchos |
| Niobe (his sister)..Alice Iron | Lady of the Fan..Monique McIntyre |
| Podgio (a Keeper's son)..Laurent Cantoner | Mistress of Robes..Annette Sylvestre |
| Seven Dwarfs. | Mistress of the Royal Crown..Isabell S. Boy |
| Chief Baron of Arcadee..A lbert Fiddler | Mistress of Tresses..Florence Chanalqui |

Christmas

The mission truck had been sent out especially to accommodate the parents who wished to come and spend Christmas in Beauval with their beloved friends or relatives. It was a splendid occasion and a large number piled into the van and arrived here on Christmas Eve.

There was a good deal of talking and laughing for awhile but as Midnight drew near, they quietly gathered at the Chapel to assist at the customary Masses.

Father Principal officiated and pronounced the sermons in Chipewyan, Cree and English.

Congregational singing is the style in the North and all were happy to join in the Choruses of the well-known Christmas Carols in their own native tongue. It made them feel

at home.

After this spiritual treat, they gathered in the parlor where ice-cream and doughnuts were served to all of them. Probably these people had not slept before Midnight Mass; this is likely the reason why they retired immediately after lunch.

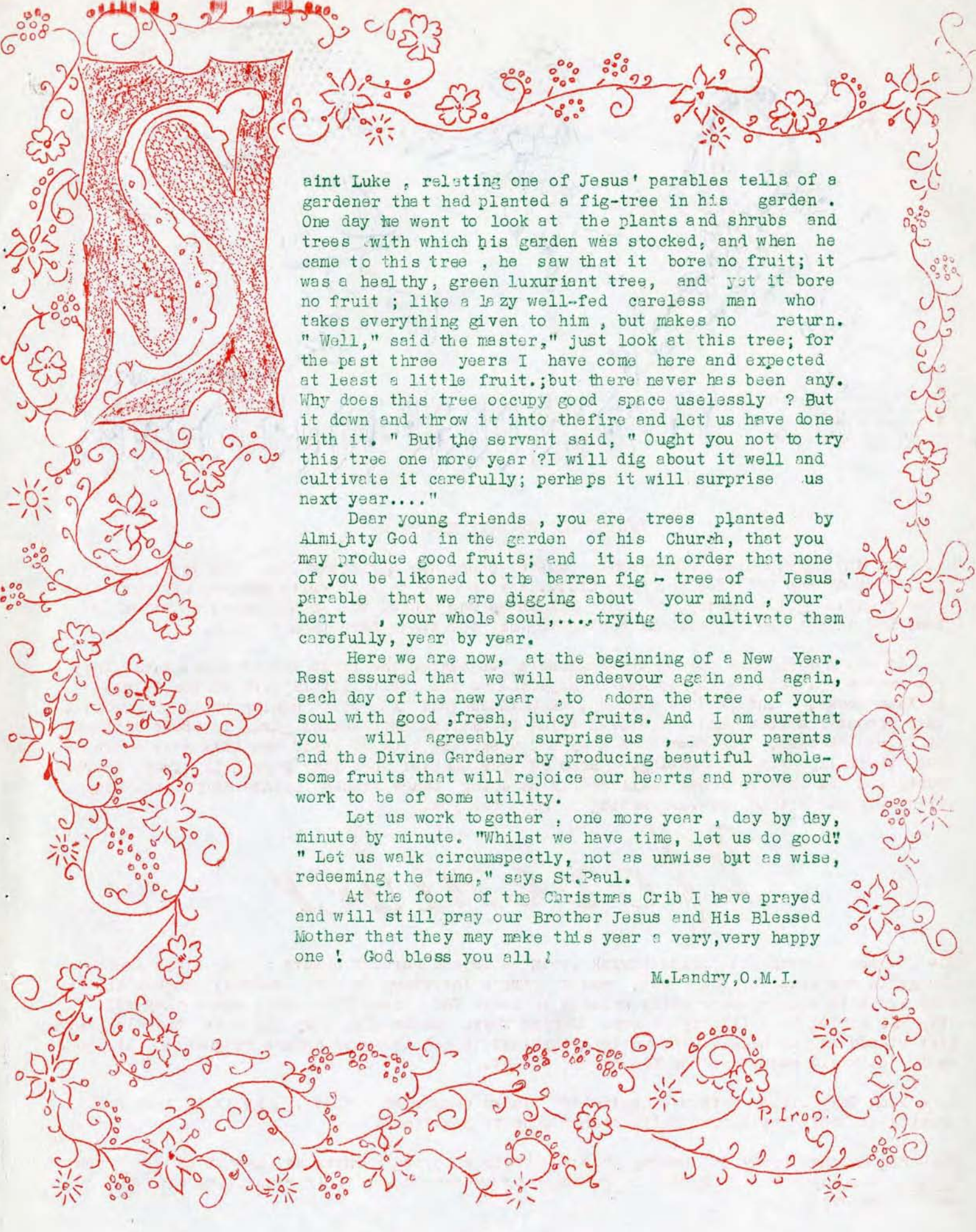
It wasn't late on Christmas Day, though when children and parents gathered in the room where a large Christmas tree was decorated and surrounded with presents of all sizes. Father entered the room amidst singing of Christmas songs and smiling eager faces. He told the children that each one had a present under the tree and that he hoped they would like them. How could it be otherwise since the gift was the one ordered by the children themselves in their letter to Santa Claus?

There it was straight from Eatons all wrapped up and the name of each nicely written on a card. What more could they want? It did not take them long to unwrap the precious objects and run to show them to their parents, or friends.

At noon a big dinner was served for the visitors in the childrens' refectory. Some smacked their lips as they relished each bite. Howeverall good things come to an end. Brother St.Arnaud, our very reliable chauffeur, had the van ready at 8.00 a.m. on the day after. These good people had a long trip ahead of them since most of them came from Dillon, but they were sure to have a good ride so they thought it better not to miss it. A number of our pupils also went along, happy to go and spend a few days with their loved ones at home.



Flora George



aint Luke , relating one of Jesus' parables tells of a gardener that had planted a fig-tree in his garden . One day he went to look at the plants and shrubs and trees with which his garden was stocked, and when he came to this tree , he saw that it bore no fruit; it was a healthy, green luxuriant tree, and yet it bore no fruit ; like a lazy well-fed careless man who takes everything given to him , but makes no return. " Well," said the master, " just look at this tree; for the past three years I have come here and expected at least a little fruit.;but there never has been any. Why does this tree occupy good space uselessly ? But it down and throw it into the fire and let us have done with it. " But the servant said, " Ought you not to try this tree one more year ? I will dig about it well and cultivate it carefully; perhaps it will surprise us next year.... "

Dear young friends , you are trees planted by Almighty God in the garden of his Church, that you may produce good fruits; and it is in order that none of you be likened to the barren fig - tree of Jesus' parable that we are giggling about your mind , your heart , your whole soul,....trying to cultivate them carefully, year by year.

Here we are now, at the beginning of a New Year. Rest assured that we will endeavour again and again, each day of the new year ,to adorn the tree of your soul with good ,fresh, juicy fruits. And I am sure that you will agreeably surprise us , - your parents and the Divine Gardener by producing beautiful wholesome fruits that will rejoice our hearts and prove our work to be of some utility.

Let us work together , one more year , day by day, minute by minute. "Whilst we have time, let us do good!" Let us walk circumspectly, not as unwise but as wise, redeeming the time," says St.Paul.

At the foot of the Christmas Crib I have prayed and will still pray our Brother Jesus and His Blessed Mother that they may make this year a very,very happy one ! God bless you all !

M.Landry,O.M.I.

P. Ino.



BEGINNERS RECEIVE SKATES

Out tiny girls each had an extra present under the Christmas Tree this year. What do you think it was ????? Yes you have it.....a brand new pair of white skates. Of course the senior girls got some too, so that all those who wanted to, could skate as often as they had time to do so, without having to wait for their turn to use them.

It was a real show to see the beginners on skates the first two or three times they put skates on. Some really looked as dejected as the first little girl in the illustration above, but as days went by, we noticed that they were making rapid progress. . This encouraged them and a few even tried to imitate the senior girls in their attempts at figure skating. The fact that they had a skating rink of their own this year accounts for their improving at skating. Some of our smaller ones like Mary Lilly Iron, Therese Montgrand and Therese Tabac will really be doing fancy stunts before very long. Keep it up....Dear little ones....skating is good for you!

November

3:- The sewing-room and parlor shrink again as Eugene Burnouf credits a nice store -room for the girls supplies in the first, and a girl's infirmary in the second. Eugene and his wife are both working here while waiting to leave for Great Slave Lake where they will stay all during the fishing season. During their hours off, they toy with the old piano that stands in the hall....Eugene is determined to get it tuned before he goes and it looks as if he would succeed if he had an extra week.

10 - Jean Campbell is Father Principal's "lucky companion" today. He is to have his eyes treated at North Battleford while Father goes to Saskatoon.

11-- Big Holiday today ! Having procured their trapping permits at the cost of Two rabbits' heads, the boys happily leave to go trapping or snaring in their respective blocks. Good luck boys!

RING OUT THE OLD YEAR RING IN THE NEW



New Year's Day

The same taxi was at the disposition of the Indians from Buffalo River as on Christmas, so why not profit by it ??? And a large number did.

After Mass, breakfast was taken in a hurried fashion for immediately after was the

In the afternoon at the Parish Hall, the parents were happy to witness their children in the plays and other numbers of the concert, they had played for Father's feast. Their pride was quite evident as they eagerly followed every gesture and word of their own little performers.

The following evening a grand bingo was given and not of them missed their chance to spend a very enjoyable evening. Ice-cream cones were passed for lunch and at 9:30 p. m. all retired happy and contented.

A number of pupils from Canoe Lake left for their holidays only after the concert or the day after. They were very faithful to come back on January 7 as pre-arranged.

DECEMBER

- 1 - The school underwent a thorough inspection today, by Mr A. N. Wark, Indian agent of Meadow Lake, Mr Gervais of Ile-a-la-Crosse, Mr Morrison of Ottawa and the Head doctor of the Qu'Appelle Indian Hospital, Dr Harvey.
- 23- A number of children leave for Buffalo River with Father Fournier and Brother St-Arnaud, They will spend their Christmas holidays at home for the first time since they started school.
- 28- Our kind benefactors of Toledo, Mr Kirk and Mr Miller working for the Bliss Company sent three large boxes of fruits, nuts and sweets for the children; to the address of Reverend Sister A. Carrier. This is the third consecutive year that we have been the lucky beneficiaries of "typical American generosity." May they receive anew the expression of our gratitude!

JANUARY

- 1 - Best wishes for a prosperous New Year to all who will read our Year Book.
- 2 - The Canoe-Lake pupils are over-joyed to go home for a few days' holiday. They were happy to sacrifice the first part of the holidays in order to be present for the concert, which they wished to play for their parents and the village people. May they enjoy their holidays as much as possible.
- 6 - King's Day We have the visit of Mr Crooke, inspector of the furnace and boiler-room and Mr Wark of Meadow Lake.
A number of baskets were prepared by the Sisters and Miss Georget for the Basket Social and King's Day Party at the Village Hall. The Patterns of the lunch boxes were quite appropriate for the season. There was a Snowman, a "refined looking truck" (created by Sister Annette Mageau's artistic Hands), a lovely reed basket, and others in the shape of a candy-stick, three bells and a candle in a holder.
Mr Crooke highly praised the basket makers and approved the initiative that is taken to teach our youngsters how to behave in social evenings.
- 7 - Celine Bell, one of our former pupils has been hired to replace Mrs Sarazine Jacko at the bakery. The latter was also a former pupil and had been working here since about three years. May you both succeed in your new undertakings. The happy "Canoe Lakers" return contented and happy, ready to go home for their holidays, so Father Landry wishing to give them this pleasure brought the boys on his business trip to Meadow Lake.
- 25- A whole snow-mobile of Sisters from La Loche and Ile-a-la-Crosse pay us a most pleasant visit this afternoon. At their request we agreed to perform a few of the numbers of our concert. Besides piano duets and songs, the short program consisted of the Majorettes drill and two other dances by the maidens of the Snow-White play. We regretted not being able to comply with the Sisters' requests for this play. It was evident that all were pleased with the entertainment. We hope to see you again, dear Sisters, when you come for another convention.

FEBRUARY

- 10- The children are always glad to see the missionaries from their respective reserves, but they always look forward to the time when they will be coming for the retreat. There is often a letter or parcel from home or at least a bit of news of their parents. This year Father Provincial is with us for the retreat. The children like him because they see he is interested in them and loves them too.
- 16- Mr Bill Tunstead and his daughter Mary, now a member of the R.C.A.F. give us the pleasure of a short visit. We hope Mr Tunstead will enjoy his holiday. In fact, we are sure of it because according to him, there's not place like the North for a holiday. We believe that too Mr Tunstead.
- 17- Some Fathers return to their missions already today, as the retreat has come to an end. We wished them courage and much success in their undertakings.
- 26- Our good agent Mr Wark and his son of Meadow Lake stop in overnight, as they are on a tour of the different northern reserves.

SKATING FROLIC

We, the seniors considered skating parties the most enjoyable of the good times we had this year. The first one we had was on January 25. First of all the boys decided to choose each a partner... There we were on the skating rink ready to go.... As we went the records were put on and nice tunes came through the loud speaker making it more pleasant.

Some of the sisters came out to see us skate and they seemed to enjoy looking at us as we passed along. Father Principal was there too and he looked pleased to see his pupils getting acquainted.

After a few hours of skating, Sister called a few boys for a race with Father Fournier. The winner was to be given a dollar. Though they all tried hard, it was all in vain; they couldn't beat Father... They went round the rink five times and called it quits.

Later a prize was offered to the best couple of skaters. Those who wanted to try got their partners and skated around in turns to see who would be the winner. To my surprise it was my partner Lawrence Baer and myself who were judged best that night. Then Eugene Kimbley showed up with his figure skating and some others too. He was offered the prize for the fanciest skating.

The boys then made a blazing fire near the rink and we roasted wieners over the fire and ate our free lunch with glee. My! those hot dogs were delicious!!! Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the late evening, and we were sorry to leave the skating rink.

But after all we had other good times like these again, that is, on February 1, and March 8. Once more we thank Father Principal for being so kind to all his children of Beauval.

The ice is sparkling
cold and clear
The laughing girls and
boys are here
And skates so merrily
ring
As o'er the ice we go.

(THE MERRY SKATERS)
Pélagie Iron.



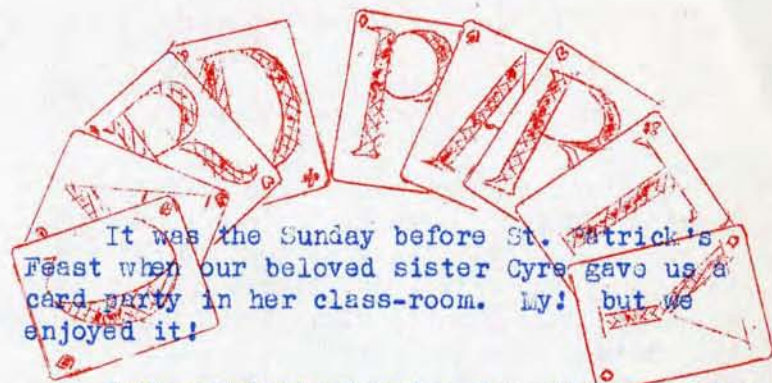
Mathilda Byhette



Mathilda Byhette



Pelagie Smallboy



It was the Sunday before St. Patrick's Feast when our beloved sister Cyre gave us a card party in her class-room. My! but we enjoyed it!

Father Principal and a few sisters assisted. After a few hours of playing whist, we were given a hearty lunch which some of the girls had prepared with the sisters: cakes soft-drinks, cracker-jacks! This done the three prize winners were called: the first, Albert Fiddler chose a nice red wallet... Pelagie Smallboy took the dollar.... and Monique McIntyre, third prize... took the 50 cents. The booby prize, a little black rubber mouse in a big box went to Flora Iron. After having daintily unwrapped it, she made faces at it, while she showed it to us.

We sang a hymn to Our Lady and said goda-night to our partners. Thanks to our kind Principal for the useful prizes and thanks also to our kind sister Cyre for giving us another nice party.

Pelagie Iron.

AN EVENING WITH OUR NEIGHBOURS

As it is the custom for the seniors to have parties every two weeks, we were invited by Sister Annette Mageau to go to a Valentine Party and Basket Social at the village hall. Our kind Father Landry accepted the invitation and drove us over in the truck.

We were cordially received by the villagers. We were given the front seats so as to see everything that went on during this pleasant evening. First of all the fish-pond was opened and a long line of people swaited their turn. There was a counter on which were pretty cakes and ice-cream for sale. Our partners bought ice-cream and cakes with money given them before leaving.

Then it was time for the Amateur Hour. A few school girls sang "You Can Smile". Old Farmer Brown also came on the stage that night with all his farm-yard animals which paraded across the stage while the choir sang OLD McDONALD HAD A FARM.... The most amusing number of all was the old jeep which steared and back-fired once or twice before leaving the stage. Johnny Mathieson, dressed as an old man recited about his Little Boy Dominic. We enjoyed the other songs too.

Mr. Lawrence Landry was then invited to sell the baskets. Father Landry and his boys bought nine or ten of them. The beautiful doll basket which had been made here at the school was to return here, because Father bought that one too. We enjoyed the lunch as we did everything else. We returned at 10.30 happy and contented once more. Thanks to all for such a good time and another big thank you for all who suggested this happiest time we ever had.

Florence Chanelqui

Valentine

When February 14 peeps around the corner, the pupils usually plague their teachers and store-keepers for valentines and more valentines...This year the big heart-shaped mail-box was hung up about two weeks ahead of time and it did not rest after that.

There was to be a big party on Valentine night and everyone was anxious. However the hockey-game at Meadow Lake was scheduled for February 14...This began to worry them.... Would they miss the game or the party??? To cancel all worries the latter was postponed to Sunday 15.

The girls and the junior boys did have special entertainment though. The Northern Ramblers, a Meadow Lake Orchestra, on their way back from Ile-ala Crosse where they had played at a dance the night before, offered to play for the children of the school. The offer was most graciously accepted and soon the peppy music caused little feet to tap on the floor to the tune and rhythm of The Rubber Dolly, ...In the Mood...The Red River Waltz and many other popular tunes.

During this time a lunch was being prepared in the visitors' dining room for our kind entertainers. When they had played for a while they were invited to have a cup of coffee. This they accepted....After visiting the house they left, little knowing that they had pleased many little hearts.

On Sunday evening after benediction we had the reception of Reverend Father Scheffer and all the Fathers who were making their retreat assisted. We had hoped that they would stay for the valentine distribution because we had addressed some to them too. However they considered it best to retire early since they were in retreat.

Florence Storalqui and Leon Matchee served the mail to four little post-girls in white dresses trimmed with hearts. They looked very cute as they distributed the mail to the happy recipients. They were quite busy and by the time they were through it was past bed-time already, so they could only chat a short while and it was time to say "Good-night" and smile their "Thank you's" to those who had sent them some cards.

St. Valentine must have been pleased to witness, from his throne in Heaven, this merry and harmless gathering of the children which he loved so much while he was on earth.

St. Valentine, obtain for our youth, grace to live happy and pure lives.



PIOUS RENDEZ-VOUS

February 10 marked the opening of a six-day retreat for the Oblate Fathers of the Northern district. From La. Loche came Father Bourbonnais and Brother Vachon; Father Lemay from Buffalo Narrows; Brother Bellefleur from Buffalo River; Fathers Guilloux and Beaudet, Brothers Courcy and Auguste from Ile a la Crosse; Father Rossignol from Snake Lake and from Beauval, Fathers Landry, Perreault and Fournier and Brothers St. Arnauld and Bélanger. Rev. Father Philip Scheffer, newly appointed Provincial Superior of the Keewatin, came from Le Pas to preach the retreat.

On the morning of the 17, the inmates of the school witnessed an imposing ceremony when the Fathers and Brothers renewed their religious vows in the presence of their Provincial Superior, who encouraged them to carry on with their difficult but meritorious missionary work. Everyone listened attentively when the beautiful male voices sang the consecration hymn.

In the forenoon of the lovely day, an eager crowd gathered at the skating rink to watch a lively game of hockey between the Fathers and Brothers, and the boys of the school. Although the "male" onlookers cheered with mighty "mouth and stick" in favor of the school boys, the Fathers and Brothers won with a 4-2 score.

Even the best things of this world have an end. In the afternoon the Fathers had to go back to their missionary duty in their respective field of action. They seemed very happy and comforted by the special graces received during their retreat. We hope to see them again next year.



B

is for BUSINESS, sure to succeed

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is for REGULAR, they are indeed.

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means ATTENTIVE to goods in their care

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means that NEVER they fail to be there.

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's for the DISTANCE they'll cover for you.

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means EXPEDIENT in all that they do.

R

...they're RELIABLE both LEIGH and HUGH.

As Lieut. J. Swenor waded through rubble after the battle of the Philippines, his eye caught the glitter of an object at his feet. Stopping to examine it, he discovered a battered ciborium which had evidently been empty. He carefully wrapped the sacred vessel and brought it back to his ship. He showed it his men.

One of the men advanced and offered to pay \$25 for the find. "I am not selling it," said the Lieutenant. Another came forward and offered a higher sum, which was till refused.

When a fifth had made his offer, Lieutenant Swenor asked quietly, "You are French, are you not?" At the other's affirmative answer he queried, "Catholic?"

"Yes."

"So am I," said the lieutenant.

A look of relief spread over the faces of five marines; they had all been trying to preserve the sacred vessel from further profanation

Repaired, the vessel was ultimately sent to Bishop Martin Lajeunesse, O.M.I., Vicar Apostolic of Keewatin, for his missions in the Far North.



Freight to Northern Areas.

BROS.

HOCKEY



BEAUVAL INDIANS DEFEAT MEADOW LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

(Article published in the Meadow Lake Progress, Feb.14,1955.)

The promise of an action-packed, skilfull hockey game was certainly fulfilled at the matinee performance of the annual Rotary Ice Carnival last Saturday.

The Beauval Indian boys displayed a fast, clean, wellorganized " pass perfect " brand of hockey edging the local High School boys 2-1. They range in age from 13 - 16.

The scoring was all in the first period , with August Iron starting things off at the nine-minute mark. He took a pass from Albert Fiddler and expertly manoeuvred it around Goslie Mohr.

Remple trying desperately to even up missed by a fraction on an open corner of the net. Hastings followed up a few minutes later with a breakaway. He was unable to outfigure Lawrence Baer, and the play continued 1-0 up to the 18 minute mark. At this point Wm. Baer recovered the puck from behind Mohr's goal and slipped it around the net to slip it in past Mohr's skate. However, David Semchuck with Bud Sweaney and Albert Norris whipping him a combination pass, drew Baer from his net and put the puck in his place. This left the period and the game 2-1 in the Indians' favor.

The second stanze saw both teams giving their all; and although they kept Beauval scoreless, they were unable to tally any themselves either. Mohr as did Baer, played a very good game guarding his net.

The third was another action-packed period. Although nobody scored, some of the closer attempts are worthy of mention. For instance , Mohr handled himself exceptionally well , early in the period, when the Indian boys rushed him full strength. He held them out till his team recovered. The only casualty of the game occurred at the 7-minute point He was Albert Fiddler and his injury was minor: a stick in the face. Bud Sweaney was awarded the only penalty of the game for high-sticking, cause of the injury.

Hastings and Terry just couldn't click on Saturday. They tried repeatedly breaking through continually, but always being back-checked or beat out by Baer.

Eugene Kimbley, Beauval's captain played an outstanding game, showing very good stick work. Moroz was Meadow Lake's hard luck guy of the game. He worked out breakaway after breakaway, but just couldn't beat Beer.

This game was well worth seeing. Both teams deserve much credit.

LINE - UPS

Meadow Lake High School

Goal: Mohr
 Defence: Taylor, Stack Webster, Moroz.
 Forwards : Hastings, Terry, Blouin, Norris,
 Sweany, Sanchuck, O'Connell,
 Morrison, Remple, Weese (sub)
 Coach Gran

Beauval Indian Residential School

Goal: Lawrence Beer (1)
 Defence: Edward Byhette (3) Raphael Paul (7)
 Joe Byhette (2) Moses Martell (13)
 Forwards : Ed. Runningaround (9) Pierre
 Cantoner (5) Eugene Kimbley (10)
 August Iron (1) William Beer (4)
 Albert Fiddler (6)
 Goal : (Substitute) Rene McIntyre (12)
 Captain :Eugene Kimbley (10)
 Ass't. Captain: William Beer (4) Raphael
 Paul (7)
 Coach: Rev. Brother Bélanger, o.m.i.,
 Instructor: Mr. Laurent Landry
 Director: Rev. Father M. Landry, o.m.i.,

BEAUVAL CANADIANS BRING HOME VICTORY SECOND TIME

Re: Hockey Game played on Saturday March 4, 1953, at the Meadow Lake Arena: a game setting at close quarters the Beauval team against the Meadow Lake High School team.

On Saturday, March 4, 1953, Father Principal to comply with a second invitation from the Meadow Lake High School Principal, rapidly set the preparations for another long trip.

It is useless to say that our pupils were slightly worried: true, the first game had been a victory for them...but hadn't the score been only 2-1; thus, what would happen this time?

The trip was a rollicky jaunt over hap-hazard roads but there were no casualties whatever on the way. At approximately 2 p.m. the dwellers of Meadow Lake perceived the school van in the distance.

Since February 14, the last game with Meadow Lake had been the talk of the town, beginning with the Bank Manager on to the Shoe Maker round the corner. This time the crowds would assist in far greater numbers at the encounter involving the two same clubs.

Our players had their quarters at Father St. Pierre's chapel-hall one mile out of Meadow Lake. But let us go on with the game scheduled at 8.30 p.m.

I am quite sure that Meadow Lake wanted to win by all means; in fact the team underwent a number of improvements, a few new players buckled on their outfits to make sure the victory would be theirs. It was enough to make Raphael's teeth clatter as he eyed the stature of his opponents. To tell the truth Brother Belanger was highly tempted to get into a hockey-suit and play so as to set matters more on the square.

But Mr. Landry, by a bit of harmless sorcery succeeded in inspiring a certain apprehension of our boys to the Meadow Lake team. Then inversely, Brother Belanger and he, with some psychological tactics convinced our little fellows that their superiority was unquestionable and that it was up to them to show it. Once on the ice it sort of looked as though some "daddies were having a game with their sons!"

From the outset it was evident, to anyone who had witnessed the first game, that Meadow Lake would offer much more resistance than they had before....Were they going to win?

Our boys displayed their usual combative stronghold and after a few minutes Eugene Kimbley, our captain, skillfully placed the puck behind goalie Mohr. Thus the first period ending with a score of 1-0 in our favor, was remarkable for its combative and defensive play on both sides.

TO SASKATOON

On March 9th 1953, Father M. Landry planned to take a boy on his trip to Saskatoon. So he decided to take either Pierre Cantoner or I, Raphael Paul. Raphael Paul was lucky and was chosen to go with Father Landry and his brother Laurent to make the trip.

We started on March 9th, I went upstairs in the morning and I put on clean clothes that Sister Beaullet gave me. I put them on so as to look clean "Because", she said "You are going to a big city and you must look clean". During this time Father Landry with some helpers loaded the tractor in the truck we started on our way about 11 o'clock. The first stop we made was at Gauthier's ranch Father and Mr. Landry talked much to the man with the moustache. We ate our dinner there. After the man showed us a little colt born 3 days before, the little pony had long legs. We travelled on; Sometimes we stopped to take a look at the tractor in the back. The next stop was at Green Lake, there we had our lunch. Another car stopped there. The man in the car was selling paint. Father bought some paint. Then away we went again. We arrived at Meadow Lake at 4 o'clock p.m. Before supper Father stopped at a gentle man's place, to tell him that he had brought the tractor along. This man was supposed to sell the tractor for Father. Then we went to the HUB cafe, to have our supper. For my supper I ate some good Harbergers; I like them. We went to the show at LUX theatre. The title was "Tea for Two" It was a funny one. We went to sleep at the Father's house but they were already in bed, so we took the things out of the truck, our blankets and some other belongings. I slept on a couch. In the morning when I woke up I heard Father Crepaul's hearty loud laughs. We ate our breakfast and then I helped Father St. Pierre bring wood inside. That morning I saw the train for the first time. I helped Father Landry to unload the tractor from the truck with some other men. We had to unscrew the van and it was quite a job. This time Father Landry drove it to the rectory where we left it. At the Milgott Garage, Father had to work hard to screw back the top on the truck. We had our dinner with Father Crepaul who was the cook that day. He made a kind of meat pie but no hamburgers, anyway we had a good dinner. We were not ready to go yet. Father had to go back to the garage to fix the truck. We started on Highway No. 4 which leads to

Battleford. It was getting dark when we left. On our way we met one bus, some cars and trucks. We stopped at one village and asked some men who were unloading a truck what place it was; they said it was Midnight Lake.

We passed some more villages. When we were near a place called Cochin, we could see the lights of North Battleford. We did not stop in Cochin to visit the merry old Father Pascal but Father said we were to visit him on the way back. When we came in North Battleford we went in one of the restaurants for supper. The girl that was serving us thought maybe we were lumber jacks so she did not treat us so friendly, but we had a good meal anyway. After supper we started again; Father had forgotten to gas up the truck, so he had to take it easy with the speed. On the way I was sleepy so I slept. When I woke up, I saw that Father was out of the truck and he was filling up the tanks. The man told us that it was 20 miles to the next village and when we got to that place, we were so sleepy that we went to a hotel and slept over night. Next morning we started early on our trip to Saskatoon. On the way as usual we passed some more villages and farms. We arrived at Saskatoon about 10 o'clock a.m. We went to the Station Cafe and there we had our breakfast. We went to the Bus Depot; there we had our pictures taken by a Photomatic. Father Landry was first and it was good. Then it was my turn; I sat there and when the picture came out it was perfect. Then it was Mr. Landry's turn but the picture was not good because he had moved. After that we went to the Oblate Father's Rectory. I also saw St. Paul's Hospital because it was near to the Father's House. There we met Father Chaput, o.m.i., he talked with Father Landry and Mr. Landry. But that night Mr. Landry and I had to sleep somewhere, so Father took us to the Bessborough Hotel to get a room. But I think the man in charge of it was fussy about how his customers dressed so I think we got to dress more stylish next time cause we could not give us a room.

Then we came to Bridge Apartments, there we got Room No. 16, Mr. Landry and I. In that Hotel there were many old men. Maybe it was an old people's home! Mr. Landry and I went to see around the city. First we took the trolley bus and had a good ride in it and then to the show at Daylight Theatre. It was a good one. After the show we wanted to go back to our room but we got lost and had to take a

taxi. We had our supper at another cafe again. I ate another dish of Hamburgers. After supper we went with a taxi to the Father's house. Father Landry with Father Chaput went along with us to the Capitol Theatre where we saw another picture show. First it was about how the atomic bomb works, then a News reel but the main feature was "The Steel Trop". It was a show about a man working in a bank. After the show, we wanted to go back to our room, but again we could not find our way back, so we took another taxi. We went to bed at 11 o'clock, woke up the next morning at 8 o'clock and had our breakfast at the Station Cafe. Mr Landry telephoned to Father Landry to meet us there. While waiting for Father, we bought post cards. I sent one to my parents. Mr Landry sent one to his mother, Brother Belanger and Isidore Kimbley. Not long after Father came and got us. Father went on with his business and I went with him, first he went to a machine shop, there he gave them the "Gestetner" to have it fixed, but as for the movie projector the man said, that he was to send it to Regina to have it fixed. Then he drove to the Intercontinental packers to buy meat. We started for home at dark, Father Chaput came with us. At 8:00 o'clock we had a lunch at a coffee shop on the way. At North Battleford Father asked a man which road lead to Meadow Lake, he said it was straight ahead. He did not tell the truth because after a while we got stuck in someone's backyard. We finally got out and find the high way. Then we arrived at Cochin, we stopped at Father Pascal's place and spent the night there. The next morning at eight, 8:30 we started for Meadow Lake. On the way, we saw a mother moose crossing the road and the little moose was about to cross, but, I guess the truck scared him it turned back and ran into the bush. Father stopped the truck and we went out to look at them, they were not far away, because we saw them again. We arrived at Meadow Lake in the afternoon and at 5 o'clock we left for Beauval. Near St. Cyr Lake we stopped because Father had to buy some oats. We waited long for that farmer. He came back with a team of horses. Father filled the truck with the oats, it was already 7 o'clock when we left Green Lake. On the way Father stopped the truck, so I got out and went and slept on the top of the oats. I do know what happened after that, but at one time when I woke up, I saw some men working on the road with cater pillars. We got to Beauval at 2 o'clock in the morning, so I slept at Father's house, I woke up the next morning at 8 o'clock. I dressed, washed and made my bed. As I looked out of the window I saw the boys playing, I started to be sleepy again. I slept again from 8:15 to 11:30, after that I went to my dinner and then came back in the boys' room.

Thanks to Reverend Father Landry and to his kind brother Laurent; to them I am grateful for a most pleasant trip.

Raphael Paul
grade VII.

(Hockey game, continued from page 30)

The second period was very interesting to view also and again Eugene Kimbley gave our team the advantage after Meadow Lake High had carried the score to 1 - 1.

The third stanza began with a 2 - 1 score in favor of Beauval. This period provided the best of the show and at the ten minute mark, Meadow Lake tied the points 2 - 2.

Many of the spectators cheered for the Beauval boys and they were served according to their wishes, because three minutes before the end of the play, the hero of the game, Eugene Kimbley made the victory ours. Giving the best of personal effort, he brought in a third point.

All our players were remarkable for their good team-work; they back-checked marvelously. It was interesting to see the feather weight Raphael Paul back-check some of the big fellows of the opposing team.

The stars of the team were Eugene Kimbley, Lawrence Baer and Raphael Paul. Once again we can say that "valor awaits not the number of years". Now here goes till the next year...we will come a gain and we will prove a gain that we do not things by halves. Meanwhile, let's play ball!

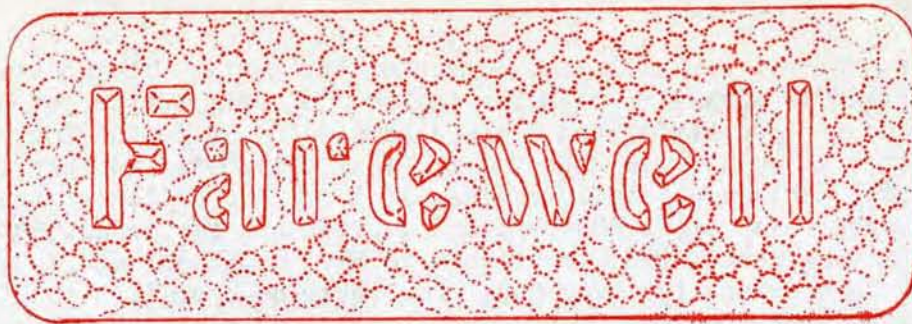
Laurent Landry.

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Whenever a farmer sells you a basket of apples, his reputation is on top of the basket. Later you will discover his character somewhere near the bottom....

D.T.A.





As Doctor P.E.Lavoie, medical surgeon of Ile-a-la Crosse and of all the Northern areas, had resigned his position and would be leaving before very long, Reverend Father Parreault and Reverend Father Landry decided to organize a farewell gathering. It took place on Sunday, March 29, during which both the members of Beauval Village and Beauval Residential School voiced their gratitude for all his devotedness towards the sick in this district. The honored guests were invited to come to the Beauval Village Hall.

A farewell song by the senior class of the Village School opened the short program prepared for the occasion.

In a fine choice of words Alex Malboeuf, read an address that spoke the gratefulness of the parishioners for the care received from him in the past twenty years. He then escorted tiny Brian Mathieson before the Doctor where he offered him a gift in money concealed within a miniature ocean liner.

- 3 - Good-bye Ol' Paint by a group of beginners from the Residential School, was sung with a good deal of enthusiasm.
- 4 - Majorettes ' Drilled and paraded in their lovely white and red uniforms.
- 5 - Church in the Wildwood in 3-part singing by Annette Sylvestre, Monique Mc Intyre and Mathilda Byhette.
- 6 - Valmore Morin played and sang two popular songs accompanying himself with his guitar.
- 7 - The Woodpecker's Song, by a group of small singers from the Junior Village class.
- 8 - Comedy : Too greedy by half Characters : Dentist - Johnny Mathieson  
Assistant - Philippe Gauthier  
Patient - Valmore Corrigan
- 9 - Blue Bird of Happiness by a group from the senior classes of the Indian School.
- 10- Father Landry, then, addressed the Doctor and his family in warm and friendly terms. In the course of his speech he sought to draw a parallel between the Priests' vocation and that of a good Doctor. He showed the similarity of some of their functions in what regards the welfare of the sick. He then told the assembly that Doctor Lavoie had always fulfilled his duty in spite of the great obstacles and difficulties that lay before him in those primitive days.

After assuring the doctor that this gathering was not a farewell party but an invitation to a longer stay and to frequent visits to Beauval, Father Landry offered a \$25.00 dollar bill as a gift from the pupils and another on behalf of the Oblate community of Beauval in thanks for the numerous services received from him in the past.

Deeply touched by the warmth and sincerity of this address, the doctor found it difficult to express his feelings. The tears that rolled down his elderly cheeks as he tried to speak showed more than his words, the deep emotion he felt at his moment.

In an effort to master his feelings, he went back some twenty years or more and told us of the providential circumstances that compelled him to come out to this district.

" I was doctoring in southern Saskatchewan in a district where I had some fifteen or sixteen French Canadian parishes. There were nice people there too, in fact the nicest I ever met. They were wealthy and things were going smoothly; crop failures began due to drought. In the spring, the farmers borrowed money to buy seed and in the fall there were no crops to harvest. At last these people were forced to go on relief to be able to live. Naturally I was in a bad fix. My children were growing and I had to make a living for them. So, one day, I saw an article in the paper; they asked for a volunteer to go to the North and doctor the people there. I applied for the job, with the intention of coming back as soon as conditions got better in the South.



Here ,in the North I saw much devotedness on the part of the Oblate Fathers and the good Grey Nuns. I began to work with them for the good of your people out here and I liked it so much when things got better and I could have returned to the South, I said to myself : " Here's my chance to do some lay apostolate, I'll stay here and help these missionaries to take care of these neglected people, because if I go, they will be alone to take care of them!" I liked my work even if it was hard and I often had far to go. But when I came to a place where the good Fathers were I was always sure to have a bed and meals as long as I stayed . I thank the Oblates and the Grey Nuns for their co-operation and I hope they will keep it up with my successor, Doctor Hohney who is good and kind, and I am sure that you will honor him with the same confidence and trust that you had with me. "

Lunch was served at the teacherage and our guests departed with many a thanks for all those who had contributed in making this gathering a pleasant one.

THIS ONE DIDN'T GET AWAY

In Mandalay, Burma the Indian population has a corner on the milk-market. These dudh-wallahs ( milkmen ) always stretch their milk supply with fresh water , a practice sanctioned by long use.

Father James Stuart, Columban Missionary just returned from Burma tells of one dudh-wallah who became a very red Indian. He was delivering milk to the Japanese living in old Fort Mandalay, surrounded by a moat. On his way in the milkman replenished his milk with water from the moat. A few minutes later he was very embaressed when a Japanese officer nearly choked as he took a gulp of milk. Putting his hand to his mouth, the Japanese took out a -----a fish !

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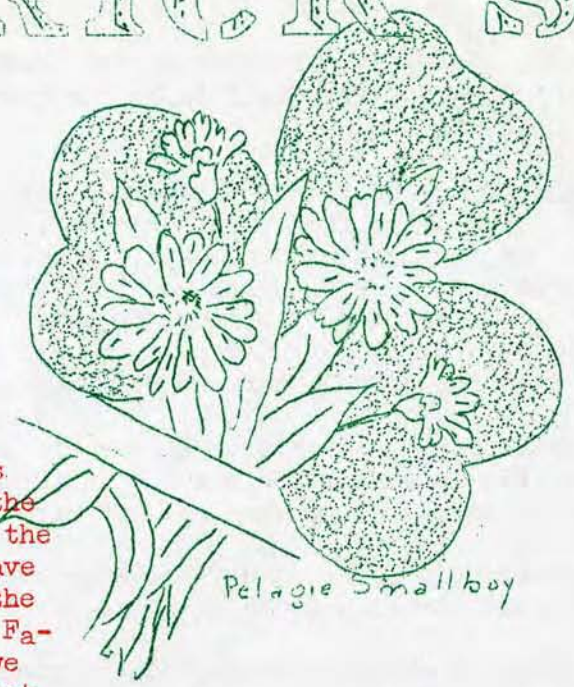
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# ST. PATRICK'S DAY

## PARTY



Pelagie Smallboy

It does one good to do something different occasionally. Our good Sisters realize this. That is why our kind matron Sister T. Chartier accepted the invitation of Sisters Aurea and Annette Mageau to the St. Patrick's Party the villagers were going to have across. Sister Chartier decided to take seven of the older girls. We got ready and started off in Rev. Father Perreault's jeep. We got there in time; when we went in, they were fishing in the fish pond. It cost 10, 15, 25 ¢. So three of us girls got ready to fish too. One got a brooch, the other a hockey ring, and I, three dress belts. When we were finished fishing, we were all given cards to play "Bingo"; of course, we did our best to win but didn't succeed. Sister Aurea, then gave lunch to all, bought each an ice-cream and had each a cup of hot cocoa. Then we decided to go for a walk to the cafe, where we bought a few sweets with the money, our kind Reverend Sister Superior gave us, before we left, stayed there a few minutes listening to records which Mrs Sandhers played on the "Wurlitzer" for us. When we looked at the clock it was about time to come back to school. It had been a very lovely evening and we enjoyed it very much. Thanks to Sisters Mageau, sincere thanks to all the Sisters who are very kind to us all here in School.

Pelagie Iron.

## OUR BASKET SOCIAL

It was exciting and funny to get our baskets ready for the Basket Social. Rev. Sister Chartier gave each a box, crêpe paper, ribbon and other things to make our baskets as attractive as we could. I made mine this way: There was a little doll dressed in pink paper over a round box. Its long skirt covered the lunch box so that nobody could see what was inside. Mr. L. Landry was the auctioneer. It didn't take long for the baskets to be sold, because each boy was anxious to have his own. When the last had been bought, by Mr Landry, we took our places at the tables and enjoyed a good lunch. There were even soft drinks for sale which our partners gallantly bought for us. While we were having our lunch, Rev. Sister Carrier played piano and Rev. Father Landry. Mr Landry played two piano pieces: one with his hands and one with his nose, it was very funny to see him. After singing a hymn to the Blessed Virgin Mary and receiving Father's blessing, we all retired after an enjoyable evening.



# MARCH

- 3 - Mr T. H. Waugh, administrator of the Northern Schools of Saskatchewan accepted the invitation of Father Principal to be our guest until he leaves tomorrow. Mr Waugh was visiting the village school.
- 7 - Another group of young people from Meadow Lake and Green Lake decided to take the weekend to tour a small part of the North. They were Misses Jane Sawchuck and Shirley Knox, nurses of the Meadow Lake hospital, accompanied by Mr Frank Roy and escorted by Mr Nap. Charpentier and Frank Hirtz and "chauffeured" by Arthur Charpentier in his lovely taxi. They seemed to enjoy visiting the place and were surprised to see how well equipped the school is. They took a few pictures and also visited the village school before leaving. They left for Buffalo Narrows at 12:00a.m. We hope they enjoy their trip.
- 8 - We were sorry to learn from Mr Gervais that Doctor Lavoie was leaving Ile-a-la-Crosse in March. His many years of service in the North have been most satisfactory. We hope to have the chance of proving him our gratitude.
- 9 - Father Principal, Mr Landry and Raphael Paul leave with the mission truck for Saskatoon. Raphael is thrilled to be going to visit a city, at last.
- 15- On returning from Saskatoon, Father Principal brought us another distinguished visitor. He was Father Chaput, whom we were glad to have in our midst for a few days. We hope your visit to the other northern missions will be pleasant all the way through Father.
- 18- Mr Gurtlestone, electrical engineer of Regina, inspects the power plan and all electric installations of the school.
- 25- Throughout Canada the flags are at half-mast because of the death of the good Queen Mary. May her soul rest in peace for ever.
- 26- Spring seems to have arrived for good. The skating rink looks more like a swimming pool than a rink. The boys dolefully take their spades and dig little trenches to send the water out of the yard.
- 27- Raphael Paul and Lawrence are the chosen ones who go along with Father Principal, as he goes to Buffalo Narrows for a load of lumber. Raphael also went to visit his little brother Simon very sick at the Ile-a-la-Crosse Hospital.
- 28- A sound-master is installed in the school permitting the use of two loud speakers for the two yards. The children will be able to add a good many more songs to the table of those they already know.
- 30- Father Fournier takes baby Juliette Noulchos to the hospital. M. Jeanne Paul and Raphael Paul go along to visit their brother Simon.

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When Sgt. Ted Lewitt was going on furlough in Rome and announced he would visit the Pope, several of his buddies asked him to take along their rosaries and have them blessed by His Holiness. At the audience, the Pope blessed the rosaries and then asked in English, "Catholic?"

"NO," answered the sergeant, "Jewish"

The Pope took Lewitt's rosary-laden hand and gave him his blessing in Hebrew.

Easter Joys

Mistress Spring-Time was in the best of moods on Easter Sunday: the sun was shining, the beautiful blue sky was cloudless. Nature seemed to be rejoicing with the Queen of Heaven and Earth, at the resurrection of her Divine Son.

A good number of our good relatives from Patuanak came in a hired truck. There were others from Canoe Lake and Buffalo Narrows too. They all seemed to enjoy the visit and particularly the copious meal which was served to them by the girls under the direction of the Sisters. Most of them left early in the afternoon, with the same truck that had brought them.

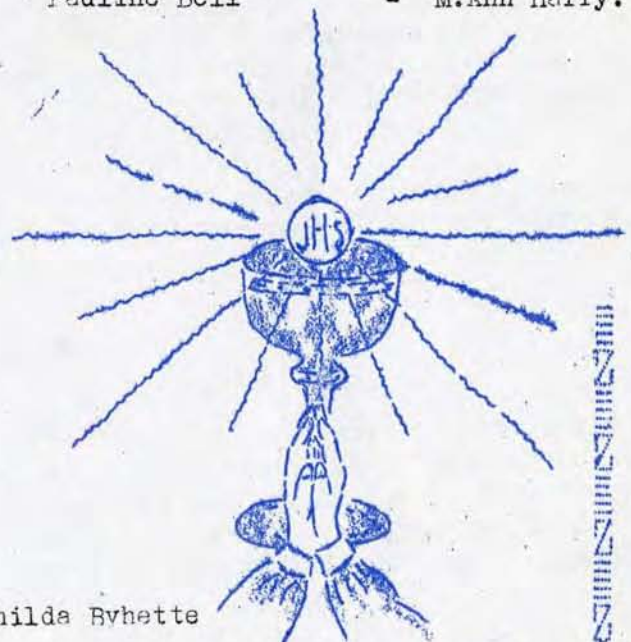
Easter Day 1953 will be an ever-memorable day for many of our tiny tots who made their first Communion. On this day their faces beamed with spiritual joy as they came quietly into the Chapel two by two:

Annette Iron	-	Arthur Merasty	Therese Tabac	-	Norman Yasale
Victoria Iron	-	George Lasas	Georgianna Desmarais	-	Lester Beer
Madeleine Durocher	-	Fred Fiddler	Paulette Opikokew	-	William Iron
M. Agnes Opikokew	-	Victor Matchee	Pauline Bell	-	M. Ann Harry.
		Adelaide Kimbley			

Father Principal sang the High Mass for the occasion and in his sermon he invited the assembly to pray for the first Communicants so that they may always make fervent communions all during their life.

The dining room was attractive and decorated to please our little friends. Each one had little gifts and souvenirs at their places. Others were to be given them during the course of the day. Everyone did what they could to make it the happiest day of their life.....and judging by the happy faces of these little children, it looks as if they had succeeded.

Mathilda Byhette



APRIL

- 1 - No casualties; only a few April fool tricks played by the children amongst themselves.
- 2 - Holy Thursday: the anniversary of the institution of the Holy Eucharist. Children go in groups to make visits to their Eucharistic King. May He reigns in our hearts.
- 3 - Good Friday: in commemoration of that First Good Friday, when our Lord Jesus-Christ died for our Redemption, children and staff gather at the Chapel before 3 o'clock to make the way of the Cross. An air of recollection prevailed all during this day as each one seemed to realize that this day was not like any other.
- 4 - Holy Saturday: Many relatives of the children have already arrived to pass the bright Easter Day with their children.
- 5 - Easter Day: Mr Laurent Landry having gone to Meadow Lake on Friday to get some freight with the jeep, had a real hard trip. An engine that stopworking is bad enough for any traveller, but when there is nothing but a pair of pliers to work with and nothing to eat besides, you can really call it tough luck. Mr Landry and his two companions Eugene and Isidore Kimbley were certainly relieved Sunday evening to see a truck coming in search of them. Let's hope your next trip will be more pleasant.
- 6 - Today is a holiday alright and our boys, diving to go on a picnic, leave early, intending to pass a happy day; although there are plenty of picnic grounds around, there wasn't one place dry enough to make camping very pleasant, so they were just as glad to return early and play games in the yard.
- 7 - A real picnic, two miles up La Plonge River is on the program today, so right after breakfast lunch-boxes are packed. There's something special on the menu too: beaver and muskrat meat. What a feast for Indian boys!!!
The boys were grateful to Father Principal and Brother Belanger for such a pleasant day.
- 8 - Easter holidays are "canned" until the weather is finer, so school begins today.
18. A grand concert was being prepared by the Sisters and children of the Village School, for Reverend Father Perreault's Feast and we were so anxious to see it. Our wishes were satisfied on Saturday at the village hall where we witnessed a very beautiful concert. The boys enjoyed the little cowboy drill most; the girls liked it too, but opinions varied between the Scotch Drill and the Fairy Dance. At any rate the three numbers contributed highly in making the concert a real success. Thanks for the invitation Sisters. It was really worth it. Father Principal's contribution was a delicious ice-cream for all the children of the Village School and the Residential School.
- 21- Our good Father Fournier came to say good bye to the children and staff today, before leaving for The Pas where he has been called. Sorrow filled all the hearts on learning this piece of news. Our prayers accompany you, wherever you go Father.

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Tired of Cand K rations, a resourceful private on Guam managed, in his own way, to come by two chickens. Unfortunately, as he was returning with his prize, he ran into the chaplain. "Where did you get the fowl?" asked the chaplain sharply.

"Shot 'em Sir, answered the dough-boy. Then at the chaplain's dubious look, he added quickly, "Had to, Sir, in self-defense.





CONCERT  
IN HONOR OF  
OUR DEAR SISTER SUPERIOR  
ON HER FEAST DAY

MAY 18

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by Flora George



It is a custom in all happy homes to have a feast in honor of the Mother's birthday. Each member of this family tries to do at least one little act or one little gift that will please her. Here in school, Sister Superior, with the Sisters, replaces our own mothers....It is very becoming therefore that we make a celebration at one time or other during the year. What better month could be chosen than the beautiful month of May. ....so May 18, being a legal holiday, was chosen for her feast.

A nice little concert had been prepared by the children and their teachers for the eve of her feast. It was a means of conveying our gratitude and affection to the one who spares not time or energy to help render us happy. The numbers of the program were as follows:

1. Festal Song: Bright be each Face.
2. Two Little Kittens one stormy night....." recitation by Florence Piché.
3. The Rose Brill: Ten pretty girls in long flowered dresses and wearing wide -brimmed hats (bonnet style) danced and did pretty motions with rose-wreaths to the tunes of Country Waltz, the Submarine Waltz, From Frisco to Cape Cod etc. The dancers were Claire Opikokew Mathilda Byhette, Pleagie Iron, Therese Harry, Veronice Sylvestre, Leona Baer, Flora George, Suzanne Mc Callum, Mary Iron and Mary Ann Merasty. Before leaving the stage they sang the Beautiful Voices from the Woods.
4. Piano trio: The Rhinelander played by Yvonne Apisis, Delia Iron and Elizabeth Opikokew.
5. The Little Baker: Act I In this act a little baker (Leon Catarat) very fond of cake receives a customer, Mary Ann Merasty, who comes to order a cake. He is to deliver it on a certain day for a children's party. The customer distrusts her clerk, but warns him to be on time and especially not to eat the cake.
6. Ten little Chinamen dressed in yellow chinese costumes with caps and pig tails. .. they really were a sight as they acted and sang.
7. Mistress Spring in a hurry personified by Pelagie Iron was a very pretty recitation and especially well done.
8. A number of children from the Beginner's Class sang with all their hearts a few of the numerous and cute little songs they learned this year.
9. The Little Baker Act II

The party is ready, the children are at the table and still no cake. The nurse going out, comes back with a humiliated baker and a cake in pieces. He confesses having broken the cake while attempting to break off a piece to eat. He receives a sincere pardon from one of the little girls who even gives him a piece of cake but who warns him that "never again must he take his customers' cakes without permission.

10. Waltz of the Roses: Piano Solo by little Miss Vitalina Campbell.
11. Master Oliver Kimbley really showed talent for reciting as he told us of SUCH FUNNY THINGS they say.....



12. The villagers wishing to contribute a part in the concert, performed their little horse drill with riders dressed as cowboys. The little horses made and painted by Sister Aurea and her pupils are well worth seeing.

13. Reverend Sister Superior then addressed the children and thanked them for the concert, " ....which, " she said " was a real success. " She thanked the staff and pupils for the Spiritual Bouquet prepared by them and painted by Sister A. Migeau. She, then, distributed pop-corn bags to each child and bade them a happy good-night.

At Mass the next morning the children sang hymns in English and all prayed with fervor for the heroine of the day.

A grand picnic was organized and taken at the haymakers ' cabin about four miles away in the prairie. The Fathers, brothers and a few of the girls formed a soft-ball team to play against the senior boys and played nine innings of soft-ball. The former team was the winner and each of its members was rewarded with a Sweet Marie from Sister Superior!

All in all, the day was a perfect one but on returning to school the boys challenged their opponents to another game, determined that this time, the Sweet Marie Treat " would be theirs. However they were out of luck again this time, but they did have an ice-cream cone.....that consoled them a little.

After Singing the Ave Maris Stella, all the personnel retired happy and contented once more.

( APRIL CONTINUED )

25 - A one-week trapping season is opened for some of our boys. Their trapping grounds are bigger now and this time they chose to trap along the Beaver River. Their camping problems was less complicated this time as they were able to make use of the hay-makers shack nearby. Mr. Landry had gone the day before to make ready and see to the needs of the young trappers. Needless to say that they had a feeling of importance as they set out with Father Principal and Brother Bélanger. Luck was not with them for trapping however, because they brought back more ducks and fish than rats and beavers. ....however experience is well worth the trial.

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Pat-and Mike Story

Two very green Irishmen, Pat and Mike, had just arrived from South Ireland, and as yet, were not acquainted with our traffic signals. They were waiting at an intersection for the red light to turn green, when it suddenly turned from red to orange. Everyone but Pat and Mike rushed across the street. The orange light quickly flashed to green and they started to cross. Pat quipped to Mike, " They don't give the Protestants in this country

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much time to cross the street, do they ??????

MAY

- 1 - The beautiful Month of Mary is here at last. Every evening the staff and children of the school gather at the feet of our Lady to pray and sing to her. Flowers and lights adorn her altar. Reverend Father Principal, in words and tone characteristic of the great love and confidence he has for the blessed Virgin entices everyone to love and always pray our Queen and Mother. His talk is short and usually accompanied by an interesting story or example of her loving guidance and protection. "May this be the perfect month". This is a sentence that often comes back to his lips and reminds us to do our best to obey always, and thus please our Heavenly Mother.
- 3 - The Feast of the Holy Cross. We are very fortunate to have a relic of the true Cross on which Our Saviour died. As we venerate the precious relic we ask Jesus Christ to grant us the virtue to bear our little trials and sorrows as He did.
- 4 - There is a long trip ahead for Sister Superior and Sister A. Henley who are leaving this morning. To Sister Henley we wish a speedy return, because one knows when one enters a hospital but you never know when you'll come out.
- 8 - Reverend Sister Superior kindly sent us a telegram today, telling us Sister Henley would be operated tomorrow. We pray and hope she will have a speedy recovery.
- 10 - Mother's Day... is a remembrance day for most of us here, because our mothers are all far away, however a number of pupils remembered to write and even to send small gifts to their dear Mom.
- 13 - Annette Sylvestre was the lucky one to go and meet Sister Superior at Meadow Lake. She was to see the dentist about an aching tooth, but she had to return without treatment since the dentist was absent. She enjoyed the trip anyway.
- 14 - A picnic is organized for the boys of better behaviour and Father Brings them today to Misakanak with the trucks where they do some fishing and camping till the evening. They enjoyed it so much more because they deserved it without expecting a reward. Honor to those who try.
- 15 - Reverend Father Lenay of Buffalo Narrows is here on business. We always ^{enjoy} his friendliness and good sportsmanship.
One of our nice big boys who is discharged this year left us today to go and help his father do the seeding on his farm and on his own too, because Lawrence Baer has a farm of his own now. We were sorry to see Lawrence going so soon, but it made us still sadder when we saw him crying like a "Napisis". Some believe that Residential Schools are something like jail-houses... they wouldn't think that if they had seen how this sixteen-year old felt because he had to leave so soon. His first letter says "I was so sorry to leave, it was just as if I were leaving a very best friend, the school, since five years."
- 19 - Today we greet Reverend Father Moreud of Patuanak but we do not have the pleasure of seeing him very long, for as usual he is in a very great hurry. Come again when you can stay longer Father.

- 20 - Another trip to Meadow Lake is on the program for today. Father Principal, Father Lemay Edward Runningaround And August Iron leave with the truck today.
- 22 - They return this evening quite tired after a 120 miles trip over rough roads. Edward And Augustin ,were thrilled to have assisted at the stampede. They will be playing cowboys more than ever now.
- 23 - The truck needed a coat of paint very badly so Father had a nice coat of grey paint put on the box and a maroon coat on the van. The nice Indian painted by Brother Rioux about four years ago was replaced by a green bordered crest of silver grey. Across the top of the latter, Beauval is painted in black letters. A beaver peacefully nibbles at a log on which Saskatchewan is written in black also. Three pretty maple leaves in rich colors are seen just above the beaver. The credit for this lovely piece of art goes to Reverend Sister A. Beaudet, and Sister Aurea Mageau. Another artist, Sister Annette Mageau did a very nice piece of work with the letters B.I.R.S. just over the windows on each side of the van. Congratulutions to the TRIO for the beautiful work.
- 25 - A pretty little red canoe has sailed right into Mr. Landry's possession and it also has its name and crest painted on . It is a very original name too. It is SVINOW which, when turned upside down spells the word MONIAS. Monias means white man in Cree. We hope you have many pleasant excursions as you go cruising down the river , Mr .Landry.
- 27 -We pick out one of our preserved Easter Holidays again today and everyone goes on a picnic. or a hike. Anyway the day is to be spent as pleasantly as possible. Father Principal and the boys go fishing and hunting near Mr. Rickleton's place. The girls had planned a longer excursion than they dared to take when they saw dark clouds rolling overhead. Not wishing to be caught in the rain they had their dinner under the trees near the yard.
When the sky cleared, the senior girls had a good ball-game and the juniors took to the woods. On returning Sisters Chartier and Roussel-Galle baked some pancakes on their little home-made stove. " M-m-m, how good they are " This was a frequent exclamation. They concluded that it isn't always the distance that makes the best picnics.
- 28 -Mr. Gervais, our agent and four-Sisters from Ile a la Crosse paid us a most pleasant visit. They were Sisters B.Dumoulin, sup., Chevrefils, A Deschatelets and M.Bourgeois.
- 29.-We aren't so happy to see them leave today with our little girls Clara and Juliette Noulchos. Their father not being to come and visit them as frequently as he liked because of the long distance, finally persuaded his sister to keep them for him. We hope they will at home and receive as much affection and care as they did here.
- 30 -Two of the bridges between here and the village may have caused a worry or two to the truck drivers since the last while.....especially when they perceived that sign:BRIDGE! CROSS AT YOUR OWN RISK !!!! At any rate they will soon be able to cross in safety when Mr. Gervais has finished building the new ones.



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OUR GIRLS KNOW THEM

It takes many dresses to provide for seventy-nine girls...and when a whole set has to be put aside and replaced it really makes work and practice for the seamstresses and their pupils. They had practice in making other things too, this year so that the girls who really wanted to learn something had every opportunity to do so.

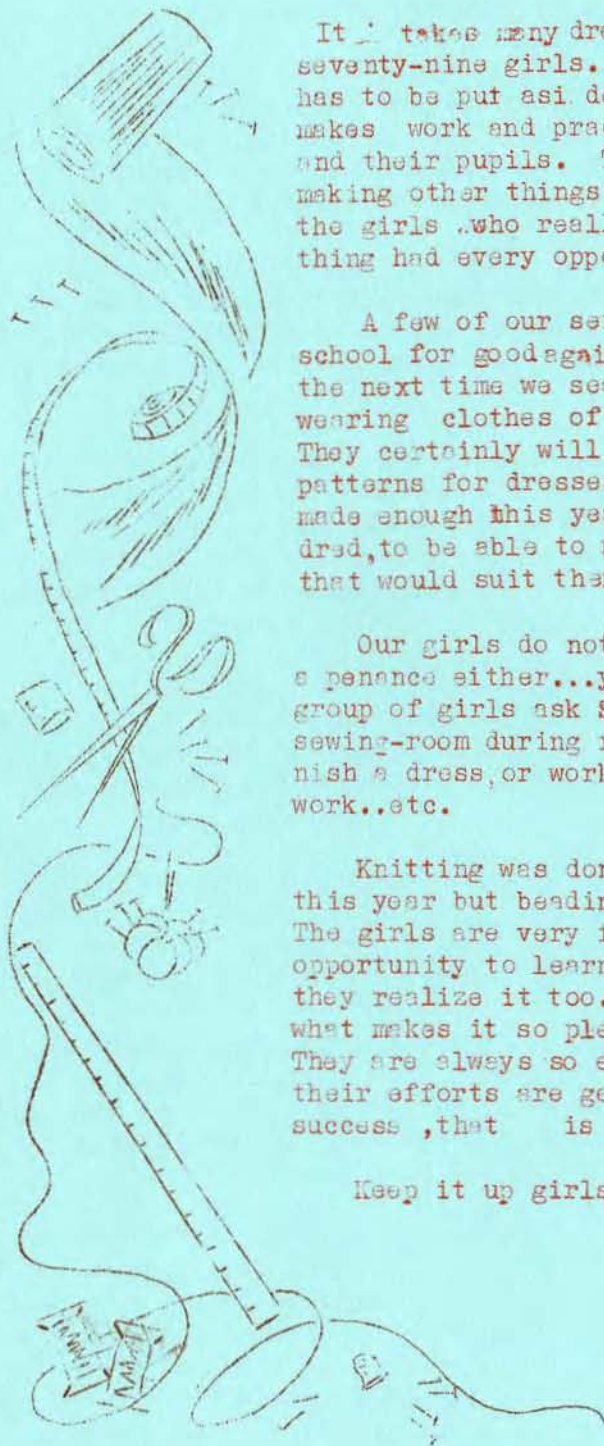
A few of our seniors are leaving the school for good again this year. Probably the next time we see them, they will be wearing clothes of their own confection. They certainly will not be at a loss for patterns for dresses either because they made enough this year, almost three hundred, to be able to make a choice of style that would suit them.

Our girls do not consider sewing as a penance either...you may often hear a group of girls ask Sister to go up to the sewing-room during recreation hours to finish a dress, or work at beading....fancy work..etc.

Knitting was done on a lesser scale this year but beading and sewing increased. The girls are very fortunate to have the opportunity to learn so many things and they realize it too. This is probably what makes it so pleasant to teach them. They are always so eager to learn and their efforts are generally crowned with success, that is most encouraging.

Keep it up girls, we're proud of you!

Wun Hoosaw.





Slugger Home

GIRLS CAN PLAY BALL TOO!!!

Although our girls had been playing soft-ball now and then since the snow had gone, they had not formed a regular team and of course they did not have regular practice periods either.

However, when they were invited by the village girls to have a game with them, they accepted the challenge and went over one Sunday afternoon; they were sure to lose but the "outing" was worth it. It was sort of cloudy when the game started but the fun and the pep of the players soon drove the clouds away and brought old Mr. Sun outto witness the game n...no doubt!

During the first half of the game the villagers carried the score far ahead, so much so that a few interested young gents of the village began to cheer for the Indian girls, possibly to give them moral support.

It looks as if it were effective and gave them a little more self-confidence. They really got down to "brass tacks" and soon the difference in the scores diminished. The villagers won with a majority of 7 points. The good lunch served under the trees near the teacherage brought the two teams together for a friendly chitchat before they all went home.

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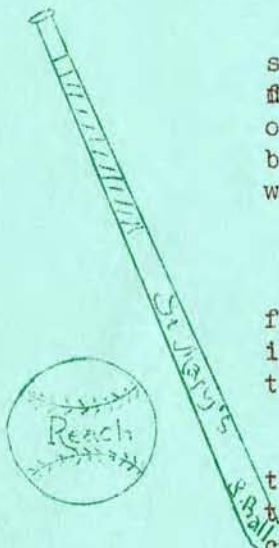
When the B.I.R.S. girls took leave, they invited the B.V.S. team for a rendez-vous on Tuesday May 24. The first team put a little more interest and emulation in the few practices they could afford before the next game.

They were "on bat" first this time and they seemed determined to take the lead at the rate the runs were coming in. The fact that they were playing on the home diamond and the presence of Father Principal and the boys who were cheering for them gave them pep and energy.

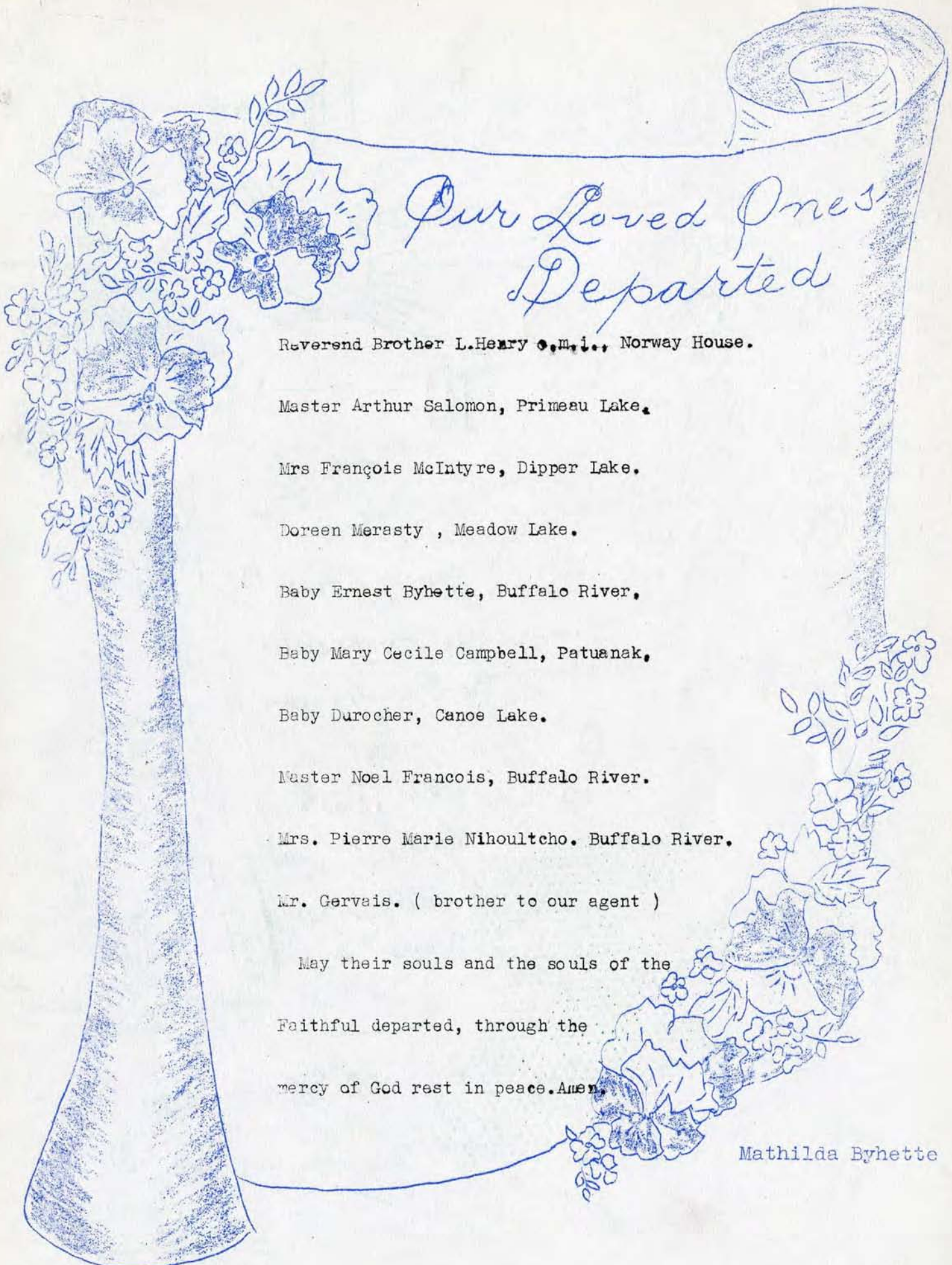
However, the opposing team did not lose courage. They caught up and tied the scores at the fourth, the sixth and the seventh inning. An extra point counted by error made us cheer and proclaim the victory in favor of Beauval Village at first, but the actual results of the game was a tie. No one actually lost or won that night.

After the game, the numerous on-lookers retired and both teams were invited to a wiener roast in a little nook near the girls' play-yard. This was a real treat and the blazing bonfire made the faces glow happily. Delicious hot cocoa served in abundance completed the menu.

As it was getting rather dark, the visiting team made ready to go and the two groups gathered to express their thanks and say "Good-night" to the sisters who had prepared this good time for them. It is always a pleasure to do something for such a grand group of girls and we hope to have the chance to do it again.







*Our Loved Ones  
Departed*

Reverend Brother L. Henry O.M.I., Norway House.

Master Arthur Salomon, Primeau Lake.

Mrs François McIntyre, Dipper Lake.

Doreen Merasty, Meadow Lake.

Baby Ernest Byhette, Buffalo River.

Baby Mary Cecile Campbell, Patuanak.

Baby Durocher, Canoe Lake.

Master Noel Francois, Buffalo River.

Mrs. Pierre Marie Nihoultcho. Buffalo River.

Mr. Gervais. ( brother to our agent )

May their souls and the souls of the  
Faithful departed, through the  
mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Mathilda Byhette



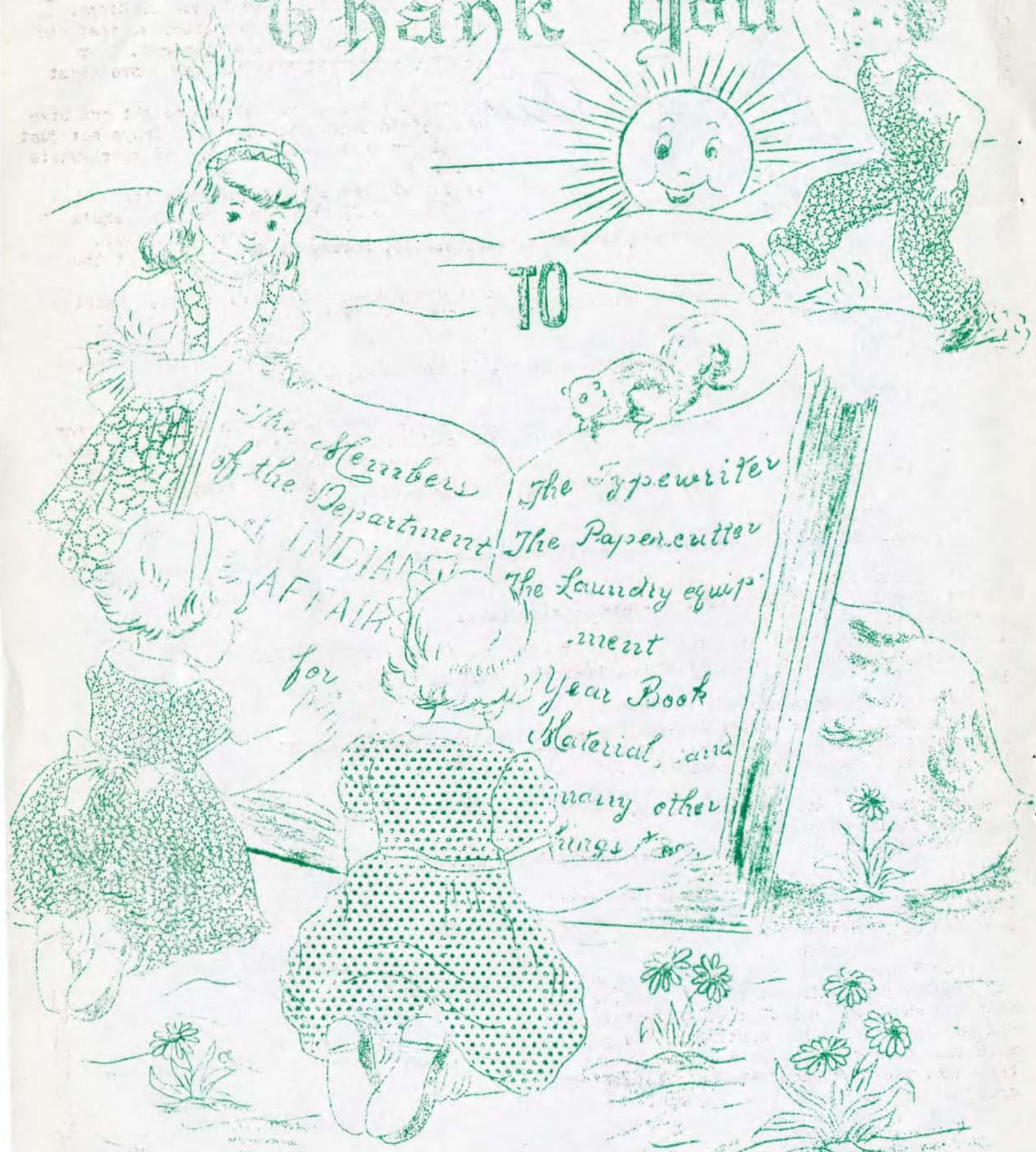
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Monique McIntyre  
Dipper Lake, Sask.

Meet Miss Monique Mc Intyre of Dipper L. We regret that Monique has grown so fast and that she is ready to be discharged. I am sure you would all like to know more about her:

Appearance: She is of medium height and size has soft brown hair that are always set just so and her smile reveals a set of pearl-white teeth.

Her pet -expression: My goodness !!!

Her favorite Sport: fancy skating...she's good in other sports too.

Hobby: Bead-work .( Sure just look at those belts she made )

Main occupation and greatest worry: Keeping her niece Viteline out of mischief.

Greatest charm: Her hundred dollar smile.

Ambition: to be a star in figure skating.

Dominant quality : Sweetness of temper.

Monique has always been remarkable for her good character and it always was a pleasure to have her as a pupil. May you always be happy wherever you go, Monique....

PETER CANTONER  
CANOE LAKE, SASKATCHEWAN.

The picture to the right shows that Peter is not at all a bad looking fellow. His hair are black and sort of wavy when he combs them. ...He has little brown eyes that look more like slits when he puts on that broad smile of his.

Like all the Cantoners he is not very high on his legs.....it is better not to put any more about Pierre's appearance....it may hurt his feelings. He is very sensitive....!

His main quality: Evenness of temper.

Greatest fault: Slowness.

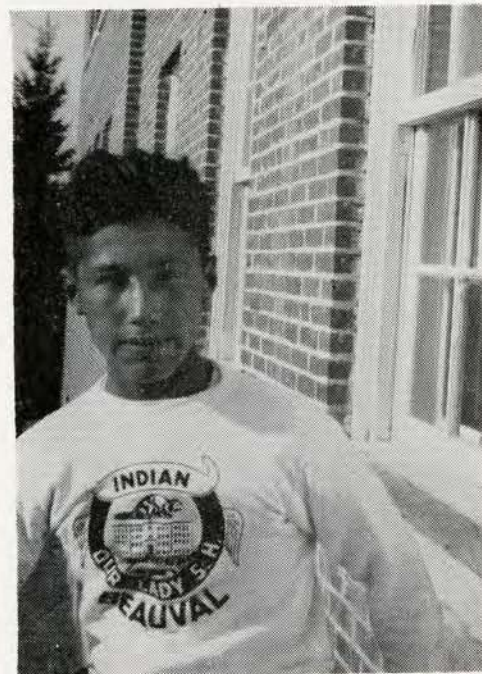
Favorite subject: Rapid calculation.....he's quick at that ....

Favorite song: We know ,we know...Helen B....!

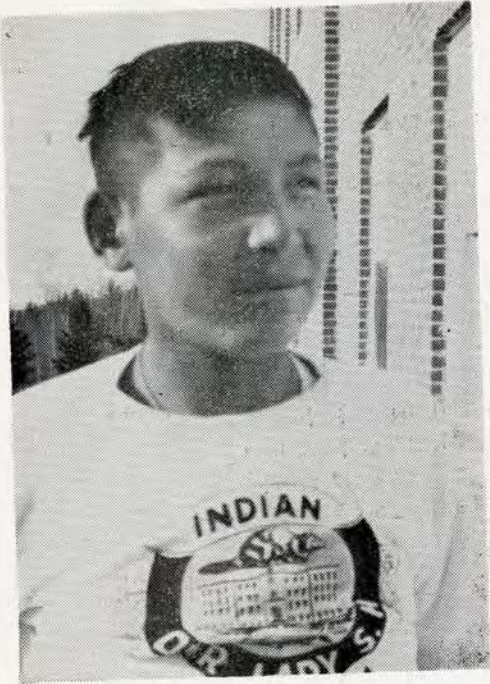
Ambition: to be a baker.

Favorite Sport : teaching young ladies how to skate.

Poor Pierre ! We know you won't bear us any grudge for joking at your expense. We will miss you and your smile...that is certain.... and your coach will be wishing he had you when the hockey season opens. Now doesn' that make you feel good???? Don't forget to drop in and see us once in a while.







By the look of this picture you'd think Edward looks like a typical Indian as far as looks are concerned. To tell the truth the picture doesn't quite do him justice even if he has lost some of his beauty when he got that front tooth knocked out during a bit of rough playing on the ice last winter.....But he has other charming qualities as you will soon see:

Main quality: Helpfulness, especially when he can be where others are not.....

Hobby: Getting others peeved ....

Occupation : Making the lawn attractive.

Ambition : To be a carpenter.

Notable for.....his strong voice..... it was enough to scare the wits out of a person, when working quietly she was suddenly interpellated with ; I guess you need my help, huh?

Favourite Sport:

Skating with Miss Alice Georget at skating parties during which he made great efforts to be, oh so sociable!

!!! However her refusal to accept

even one hot-dog for lunch once caused him to wonder...???? " You must have had a big supper, huh ???? " Never mind, Edward that's O.K. you're a good sport and you'll be sure to get along in the world. Farewell and good luck



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# BEAVER LUMBER



ANNETTE SYLVESTRE  
BUFFALO RIVER SASK.

Annette is the kind , helpful type of girl that any matron of a girls' room appreciates to have around.

Appearance: Darkbrown eyes, jet black hair  
sallow complexion, medium height and size.

Ambition: to be a good cook ( she'll be sure to succeed. )

Main quality: Politeness

Hobby: Making others happy.....

Specialty : Hair dressing.

Annette was away from school a whole year for treatment at Fort Qu'appelle and her attitude, since she came back seems to have been, to make up for lost time and to show a sincere appreciation for the school.

The fact that her Cree companions wept as she made ready to go proves how she was everybody's friend regardless of tribe. We hope that you will always find many good friends and that you will be happy at home as you were in school.

THOUGHT

" A look, a smile, a word can do so much to promote our Neighbours ' Happiness.



Lawrence Beer  
Meadow Lake, Sask.

The first one to leave the school for good this year was Lawrence Beer and he left on May 15.

Both children and Staff were sorry to see him leave so soon because we liked his cheerfulness and nice ways. Oh ! he wasn't an angel....far from it, but he was a good sport and when we saw how sorry he was to leave we were even more attached to him.

Would you like to know more about him?

Appearance : tall, handsome , grey eyes, a complexion like that of a white boy.... in short he was quite good looking when he was in good humor....

Main quality: helpfulness,...."May I help you?... was a question that he often asked .

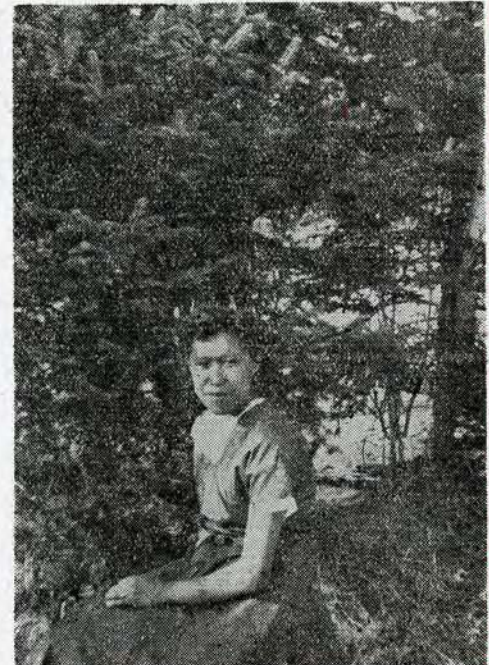
Hobby : Teasing.

Pet-saying: You can say that again....or... I know !!!

Favorite sport : Hockey...he was goaler for two years and he proved to be a good one since the team never lost a game with outsiders .

Ambition: to be a good farmer.

Lawrence , we hope you have all your crop in and that you'll have a real good harvest on that farm of yours. Don't forget ,we'll always appreciate a word or visit from you.





# JUNE

Tuesday 2 - GOD SAVE OUR GRACIOUS QUEEN !!! How we prayed for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, as we attended 7 o'clock Mass this morning ! At this time the coronation ceremonies must have been nearly over....but our minds sped across the miles to witness in thought the ceremony that made the good Elizabeth, Queen of Canada. May her reign be long and glorious and may she do all the good that God may inspire her to do !!!

This day was another joyous one for us. Beginning last night, open-air meals were prepared for the next day. A picnic at the junction of the two rivers Beaver and La Plonge, where one could catch pickerel, was on the program and at 10.30 all were ready on the barge. Our first stopping place was not bad for fishing, but there was no good place to play ball, so after dinner we all piled in again and went a few miles further down the river. We stopped and did some exploring again and we were almost pleased to find out that this place would not be satisfactory either although we could fish. At lunch time Father Principal announced that we would go to another fishing spot.....on the other side of Beauval Village.

We set up another camp-fire here and ....talk about a feast !!! The fish were flipped into the frying pan as soon as they were caught...Likely the Queen herself would have enjoyed it. As we came sailing home around eight o'clock, we really felt in our hearts the song we had on our lips :

BEAUVAL IS OF SCHOOLS THE BEST!!!  
BE IT THEN FOREVER BLEST ....

## LITTLE BEAVER HAS A CLOSE SHAVE:

During the day, Rev. Brother Beaudoin had an uncommon adventure. As he was working in the power-house he could hear a continuous splashing noise from beneath. On opening the door to the turbine bin, he perceived a black form in the water and as he continued watching it, he saw that it was a young beaver. He had swum in there with the current thinking it was just another pool of water. He was trapped in and was trying desperately to jump out.

Like a good Samaritan, Brother Beaudoin had pity on him. He took a rope, lassoed the frightened little animal and drew him out of the water bin. He, then carried it back to the other side of the dam and set it free. Someone ventured to ask : " Did he say 'Thank you' ,Brother?

" Oh yes, " replied Brother, " after he had taken to the water, he gave a resounding swat with his tail and disappeared, probably thinking to himself.....' Here is one human being with a good heart ! "

## CORPUS CHRISTI

The feast of Corpus Christi was more beautiful than ever this year, although the procession course was shorter than usual. The front entrance of the rectory served for the erection of the wayside altar and resting-place of Our Lord. Wild ferns, roses and coloured lights adorned the altar and its immediate surroundings. A statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary erected over the entrance of the school made a very appropriate and lovely tableau.

The procession began at 2.30 p.m. only, to give the village people time to arrive.





by Flora George

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The boys followed the cross-bearer, then came the girls, the sisters and the people of the village. A group of little boys dressed in red and white threw flowers on the path immediately before the Blessed Sacrament. On arriving at the altar, we could see four little girls dressed as angels kneeling in pious recollection. They looked like real ones, and it made us think that in heaven the angels will be a somewhat like these.

After a hymn to the Blessed Sacrament, Father Principal addressed all the faithful who were kneeling on the lawn, just as Our Lord did when he spoke to his apostles and disciples in Galilee. Everyone listened in perfect silence to this short but meaningful instruction. No doubt they, too, felt privileged to be the subjects of such a Holy and Loving King. Hymns and prayers followed the blessing of the Blessed Sacrament as we returned to the chapel for benediction.

The lovely white silk dais patterned and made by Reverend Sister Superior added a great deal to the beauty of the procession. Congratulations for this beautiful piece of work dear Sister Superior !

12 - Reverend Father Beaudethed the good idea of bringing some visitors from Ile-a-la-Crosse: Mr. and Mrs. John Stoeber, the newly wedded teachers...better known as John and Lyn.

13 - It looks as if Father Lemay had the same kind of inspiration...since he too arrived "early this morning" with his teachers of Buffalo Narrows: Mr. Pravda, the Principal, Miss Elliot and Miss Griffith.

The two happy groups visited around the place together and then went on a nice fishing-trip to Lac La Plongel...It is strange, but we never did see any of those big fish they were supposed to catch. At any rate they seemed to have enjoyed themselves.....at least we hope they did.

15 - We had a real good show today...something that should have done everybody good. The title Peck's Bad Boy did not sound so reassuring but we soon found out that Peck's boy was not bad because he had a daddy who believed in him and loved him the right way.... Of course some children preferred seeing Gene Autry in "Radio Ranch, the night before, but when they were told the story, they understood it and liked it much more.

18 - Father Principal and Sister Superior visited the classes today and distributed prizes...and lovely ones too. No wonder the winners were proud and pleased with them.

19 - Today the Patuanak pupils leave with Mr. Gervais in his cruiser. Mr. Laurent Landry goes along with them to represent Father Principal.

20 - Another group leave today with Father Landry in the truck. They are supposed to meet the cruiser at Ile a la Crosse and then head for Clear Lake and Buffalo River. The school seems a little more quiet now but the few remaining children do not seem over-anxious to go. They seem to enjoy being fewer in number.

21 - There was quite a commotion around the pond near the girls' yard this morning. A mother goose showed up with her brood of little ones...it was the first time in ages that baby geese were seen around here....too many foxes and wolves. It is to be hoped that the little coop built half over the water will protect them from such night prowlers.

22 - The treaty party and clinic are on duty in this part of the North today. Miss Stooks, Mr. Wark, Constable Djordvar, Mr. Palmer and Mr. Stiff are the members. All the personnel have to have their picture taken. The children of Canoe Lake are then free to leave as soon as they can.

23 - Only the La Loche children are left now. The children from the South leave with Father Principal, Brother Belanger and Mr. Landry.

It is quite convenient that we enclose here, a special wish for a Happy Holiday to Mr. Laurent Landry who leaves us today to go and visit his good mother and relatives in



Met Montreal. He deserves to have the best of holidays after a busy year like he's had. His presence here means a great deal to the children, the Staff and especially to his brother Father Landry.

He spent much of his time this year as assistant guardian of boys inasmuch as his other occupations permitted him. His good sportsmanship and capability in games of all kinds made him an expert leader for the boys and an appreciated assistant for Reverend Brother Belanger.

May your holidays be both enjoyable and restful, Mr. Landry. ...and do not forget to come back.

28- Last but not least are the children from La Loche. Delia, Florence, Alice and Ernest Piché, Marcelline and Louison Henault leave by speed-boat this morning as far as Ile a la Crosse where they will join the treaty party and clinic. The house is empty of all its young inhabitants. Let us hope their vacations will be beneficent to them in every way.

29- A group of sisters from Ile a la Crosse leave this morning with sister A. Beaudet and Rev. Father Perreault who is driving them to Meadow Lake. Sisters Lapiere, Labonté and Beaudet will be going to Montreal to visit their families whom they have not seen since seven or eight years. Sister Gaudette and L. Bolley will return after paying a more or less "visit" to the Meadow Lake dentist and oculist. It is to be hoped that the roads are good and that the 120-mile trip will not be too hard on them.

Reverend Mother R. Vincent, Provincial Superior of the Grey Nuns at St. Albert, arrived today with her secretary, Sister A. Lagarde to visit the northern missions. Reverend Mother Vincent is quite at home at Beauval, since she spent about a year as superior before she was named Provincial Superior of St. Albert. Her visits are always a pleasure and a comfort for the Grey Nuns of the northern missions, La Loche, Ile a la Crosse and Beauval. The sisters will have the pleasure of having her in their midst during the retreat which will begin on July 5 to end on the 10th.

#### FORMER MISSIONARIES DECEASED

We were grieved to hear the sad news of Brother Henry's death at Norway House on May 31. It was reported that his canoe turned over as he was trying to start the motor. Brother Henry was at Beauval for a few months when Brother Rioux left. He was only 26 years of age. To His Excellency Bishop Lajeunesse and to the Oblate Fathers we offer our sympathy for the loss of this good little Brother. May the Blessed Virgin Mary and her Divine Son give him eternal happiness.

On June 24, another valiant missionary received her passport for Heaven. After pronouncing her religious vows at the provincial house at St. Boniface, Sister Frances Tucker was named for the mission at Ile a la Crosse, where she devoted 17 years of her religious life teaching the Métis children of that mission. She was then named for Beauval where she taught for a few years, after which she devoted her time helping here and there whenever her assistance was required. All those who lived with Sister Tucker are unanimous in saying that she was a very charitable soul. She acquired this great virtue in prayer and meditation. Often, in the midst of a group of persons, Sister Tucker was noticed to begin an intimate conversation with her God.

In 1950 Sister Tucker was called to St. Albert and from there to the hospital at Edmonton where she underwent a serious operation. She then returned to the provincial house at St. Albert where she devoted the last three years of her life, praying and helping the sisters whenever she could. She died as she had lived, peaceful and resigned to the Will of God.

We pray that she may soon be introduced into the company of Him she so ardently loved and so faithfully served in this world.

R.I.P.

A friend is a person who looks you up when you're down and isn't down on you when you're up.



# JUNE 30

Tuesday 30 - Thus ends the chronicle of another school year. It has been a pleasure to and a good experience to prepare this first Year Book with our pupils who also enjoyed doing their large share of drawing and even a little composing. The latter was due to a late start and inexperience as well.

It is certain that during the coming year, the pupils will have a better chance to write more articles. The drawings marked to the students' name are free hand drawings and done almost entirely by them save the stylus work and shading on the stencil. There are many artists among these Indian children and when they have models they are capable of re-producing them in the smallest details. It was a pleasure to work with them and we are sure that they will be proud of their work.

## SCHOOL SONG (Air: Youkaidi )

In the morning fresh and cool  
Youkaidi Youkaida  
All the children of this school  
Youkaidi aida  
Lift their hearts up in a prayer  
To ask for God's loving care.

All of us know how to pray  
And to study all the day;  
Under God's paternal care,  
We do our best well to fare.

When we meet along the way  
A companion in dismay  
By a friendly word or smile  
We try to cheer him a while.

### CHORUS

Youkaidi Youkaida  
Youkaidi aidi aida  
Youkaidi Youkaida  
Youkaidi aida

Lis' and hear all you kind friends  
What we'll say before this ends

Rested limbs and spirits bright  
Do and think just what is right;  
And our happy joyous song  
Always blots out every wrong.

BEAUVAL IS OF SCHOOLS THE BEST  
BE IT THEN FOREVER BLEST.

( Composed by Sister Ant. Laramée )

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# CLOSING PRAYER

We have come, my dear young friends, to the last day of the scholastic year, and after thanking God and Our Lady for the bounteous graces and blessings bestowed upon us during the last ten months, I feel like saying the following prayer:

Dear Jesus, I turn to Thee, I pray Thee to interpose Thy power, that these young people, now my friends, may remain faithful in Thy love and service; free them from the great evil of the world, sin; free them from the cunning of the enemy of their salvation. Give them strength and courage in their struggle to keep themselves HONEST, MORAL, CHARITABLE, OBEDIENT, and DEVOUT.

I have recourse also in a special manner to Thee, O Mother of God, to recommend to-day to Thee these young people. Often have they placed themselves under thy protection; make them persevere in their good dispositions until thou seest them safe in Heaven.

O Lord, bless these young people who are about to go out into the world. During this year they have been an honor to Thy holy name. In this place of shelter they prayed devoutly and studied faithfully; bless them before they part. Bless their parents also; give them the grace that in them may reign the fear of the Lord and the LOVE OF ONE ANOTHER. Give them the grace to edify their children so that they may be encouraged to persevere

Bless their zealous teachers, too; they, who have spent all this time for their education; bless their labors, that the seed which they have sown with so much solicitude may bring great results and that they may be consoled with the thought that they have done much for the glory of God

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

*Dr Landry  
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