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# BEAUTIFUL VALLEY ECHO

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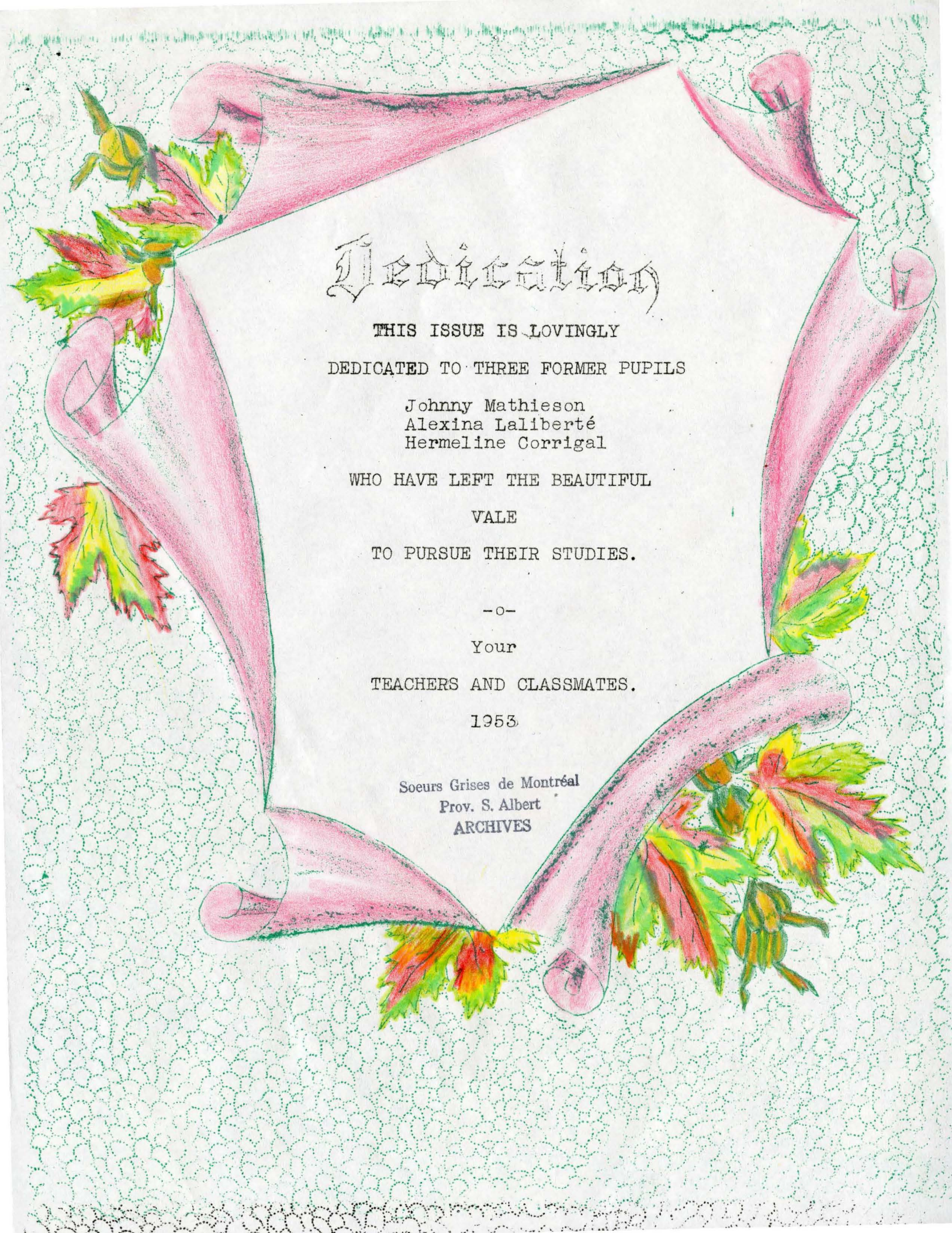
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WE THANK THEE  
LORD  
FOR ALL THY  
GIFTS.



A decorative border of pink ribbons and autumn leaves in shades of red, orange, and green, set against a background of a light green lace pattern.

# Dedication

THIS ISSUE IS LOVINGLY  
DEDICATED TO THREE FORMER PUPILS

Johnny Mathieson  
Alexina Laliberté  
Hermeline Corrigan

WHO HAVE LEFT THE BEAUTIFUL  
VALE

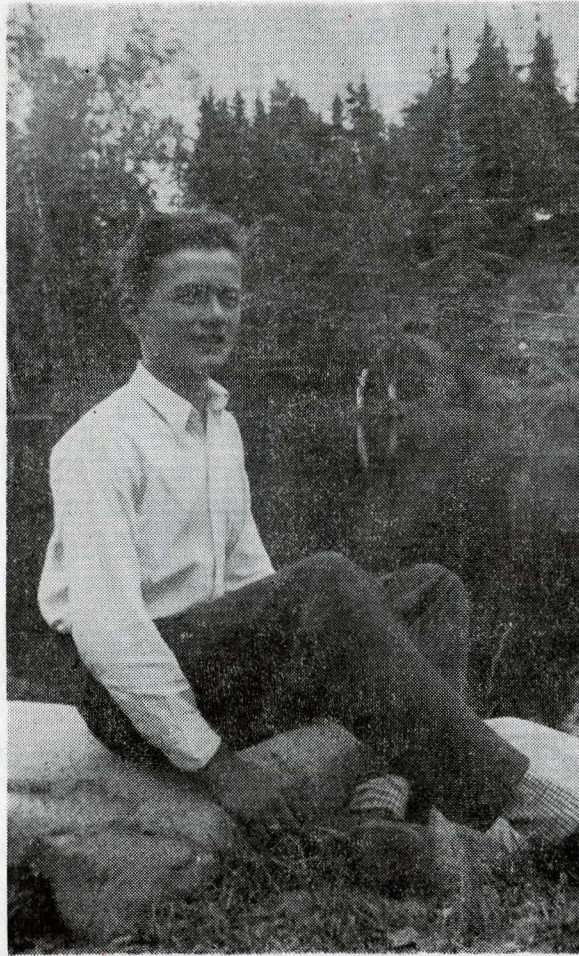
TO PURSUE THEIR STUDIES.

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Your  
TEACHERS AND CLASSMATES.

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MEET OUR FORMER EDITOR  
**Johnny Mathieson**

# Following the Light

TO A HIGHER EDUCATION

Three of our classmates have exchanged the Beautiful Vale for far off posts in order to continue their High School. Johnny is now attending high school at Meadow Lake, Sask., while Alexina and Hermeline are taking their grade ten at Legal, in "Sunny" Alberta. This issue is introducing the three of them to all students of the 42 Northern Schools.

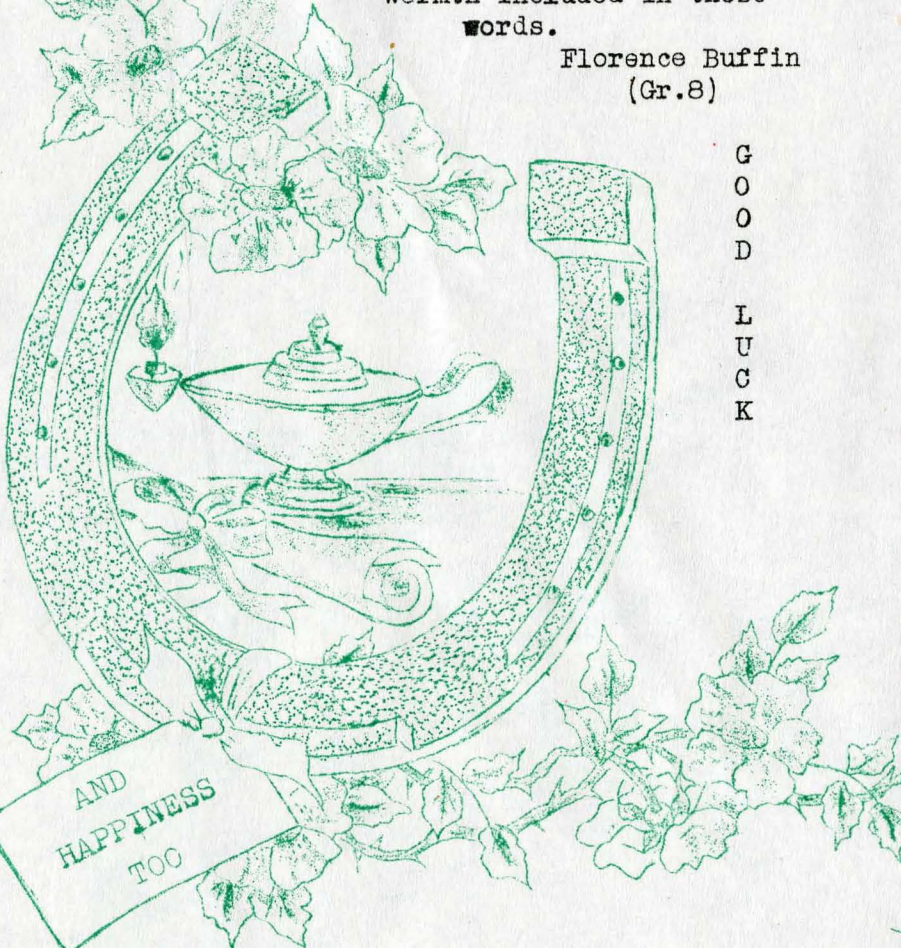
Johnny Mathieson is the eldest son of one of the nicest families at Beauval. Mr. and Mrs. Mathieson are in charge of the Hudson's Bay Co. store here, and have always shown great interest in school activities. Johnny has always been an exceptionally good student at school, and a true incentive to duty for all those who saw him at work or at play. Johnny, I was chosen to replace you as Editor of our little school paper, I hope I'll be able to carry on the work as well as you.

Dear Johnny, we wish you all the success possible in your studies, and please pay us a visit whenever you can, we'll be glad to welcome you.

Alexina and Hermeline are natives of Beauval, and the first ones of this locality to carry on their studies beyond grade eight. They have discovered the value of education and want to enjoy the great benefits it offers to those who strive to acquire it. Dear Friends although we do not believe in horse-shoes for luck, we love to use this picture-word to tell you our feelings, so we hope you'll understand all the warmth included in these words.

Florence Buffin  
(Gr.8)

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# PRAYING TOGETHER

## MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

When Reverend Father Peyton, the apostle of the Rosary devotion, toured Canada a few years ago, he often repeated that "The Family that prays together stays together." In fact, the family that is united in prayer draws closer to God and to Heaven, our Eternal home. During this month all the school children unite with some of their parents to pray the Rosary. Every day they offer thousands of roses composed of pious "AVES" to their Heavenly Mother, who, in turn presents them to her Divine Son, as a rich bouquet of love from His earthly children. We pray for our parents, for the oppressed people in European countries, for the dying, for the sinners and for our own particular intentions. We believe with Tennyson that "more things are wrought by prayer that this world dreams of." Before the recitation of the rosary, we love to sing a hymn to the blessed Virgin Mary. May our kind Mother hear our prayers and grant our petitions. "That in all countries, homes and hearts, the peace of God might reign.

## BLESSING OF OUR SHRINE

One sunny Sunday afternoon in August, Father Perreault told the people after Benediction that he would bless the statue of the Blessed Virgin in the little shrine by the teacherage. Many people came to church that afternoon and right after a hymn to Mary, the procession started. Father Perreault and Father Clément from Buffalo Narrows closed the procession. As we walked toward the shrine, we recited the Rosary in English and in Cree. At the shrine we sang a hymn after which Father made a short sermon, before he blessed the statue. Mrs. Béatrice Sandherr sent a rich bouquet of natural flowers which was placed at the foot of the statue. Then we came back to church, again reciting the rosary. I love to visit the little shrine and say a few prayers to Mary, my Mother dear.

Marie Diana Durocher (gr. 6)

## BACK FROM HOSPITAL

My father had been at the hospital at Ile-a-la-Croise for almost a month, when the doctor decided to operate him. My mother and Delphina went to see him, and found him very ill. After the operation, however, he felt much relieved. I prayed for him every night because I love my dad very much. He came back to Beauval at the beginning of October. He had been gone for almost two months. We were all very happy to welcome him home again. My father is janitor at the school, but I guess someone else will take over this year, because the doctor told him not to work all winter.

Josephine Alcrow (gr. 5)



# CANNING

At the end of July Miss Hattie Tysoe from the University of Sask. came to Beauval to give a canning course to all the women who wished to learn how to can fruits and vegetables. Miss Tysoe is one of those personalities one always likes to know. We found her very pleasant and capable. Unselfish of

her precious time, she smilingly offered to help those who needed her. Unfortunately very few women followed this all-important course. Miss Tysoe showed us how to can our northern berries, ducks, fish and vegetables. After a week of instructions, she left for Ile a la Crosse and came back to Beauval a week later to visit the homes of the ladies who had done some canning while she was away. She also gave us a few talks on good grooming. The women who followed the course liked it very much. Miss Tysoe we thank you most sincerely for the help you have so graciously given us during your two weeks' stay at Beauval.

Josephine Morin Gr. V.

## SCARCITY OF BEAUVAL BLUES

This year there were very little blueberries around Beauval. We felt very sorry about that because the people of the north depend so much upon these delicious berries for a living. The price of blueberries being much higher than in the previous years, many people decided to go in search of blueberry patches. Some travelled quite far to find some. I went to Long Lake with my parents. It was very enjoyable to camp out in the bush and to travel from one place to another by canoe or with horses. After two weeks of berry picking we came back home and sold them. I like to pick blueberries especially when there are many of them.

Jimmy Roy Gr. VI.

## OPENING OF SCHOOL

The little white school opened its doors to a group of very anxious children on September 2. Many of the children, however, did not answer the call of the bell because they were still in the berry patches here and there, trying to gather all the berries they could while the weather was still warm and sunny. Many little beginners registered on the first day and so the pupils were divided as follows: grades one, two and three in the junior room; grades four, five, six, and eight in the senior room. Up to date there are 39 pupils in the junior room and 30 in the senior class. Joseph and Yvonne Bouvier are newcomers from Snake Lake, while Irene and Jean Laliberté who have attended school at Ile a la Crosse for the last two years, have come back to Beauval this year. We are very happy to come back to school, and even if work is hard at times, we feel that the education we are now receiving will never be taken away from us, no matter what may happen in years to come.

Annette Maurice Gr. V.

We should never tire of doing good to others, because by so doing we always do good to ourselves.

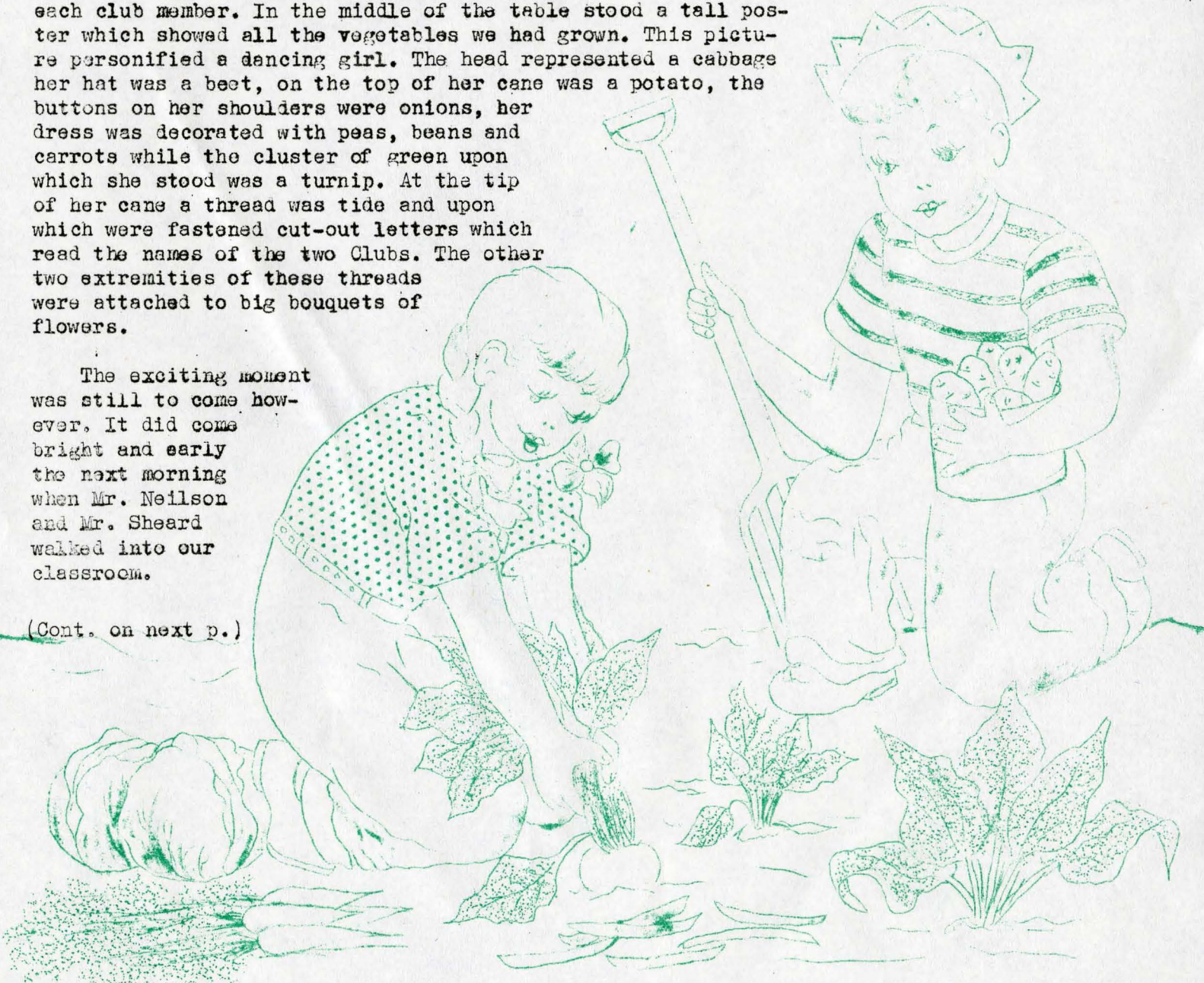
# 1-11 Achievement Day

September the 4th. was indeed a bright and glorious day for each member of our two Clubs. This year, this date had been set aside for our Achievement Day. A few days prior to the 4th. our teacher and the big girls and boys were busy making plans and decorations for the display. We wanted something special this year, for our new hall offered a very attractive place for our display.

Thursday at 4:00, all around the hall we could see smiling faces and arms loaded with vegetables or potatoes. Each selection was cleaned, then each one gave a hand for the preparation of the tables. These were nicely set-up in the middle of the hall and covered with a spotless white tablecloths. Crepe-paper streamers, paper pumpkins and squirrels cut-outs decorated the sides of the tables, while rose-napkins gave a touch of warmth and beauty to the row of colored plastic-glasses which were filled with sand and held in place, the forty names of each club member. In the middle of the table stood a tall poster which showed all the vegetables we had grown. This picture personified a dancing girl. The head represented a cabbage her hat was a beet, on the top of her cane was a potato, the buttons on her shoulders were onions, her dress was decorated with peas, beans and carrots while the cluster of green upon which she stood was a turnip. At the tip of her cane a thread was tied and upon which were fastened cut-out letters which read the names of the two Clubs. The other two extremities of these threads were attached to big bouquets of flowers.

The exciting moment was still to come however. It did come bright and early the next morning when Mr. Neilson and Mr. Sheard walked into our classroom.

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Early in July, Rev. Mother Rose Vincent, Provincial Superior of the Grey Nuns and her secretary, Rev. Sister Alice Lagarde arrived at Beauval. The Rev. Mother's visit to the sisters coincided with the annual retreat, so they joined the sisters in prayers and meditation during these eight days of solitude. After the retreat, Mother Provincial visited the Village Church, the school and the teacherage. We were sorry school was over, for we too would have enjoyed seeing her in our classrooms. The many duties of the Rev. Mother obliged her to return immediately to St. Albert. Come again dear Mother. We are happy when you are in our midst.

#### 4-H ACHIEVEMENT DAY (continued)

Our kind visitors told us a few words and then gave us a quiz on club activities. We were even given a try at judging potatoes. I don't know if that had any influence on the final judging, but the first prize was dropped on my exhibit when Mr. Sheard returned to the hall to cast the last verdict. Oh! was I ever happy when I saw that. The other prize winners were: Jimmy Lafleur, - second prize, Eugene Hood - third, Freddie Laliberté - fourth, Johnny Mathieson - fifth and Peter Buffin - sixth.

In the Vitamin Garden Club, the winners were as follows: Florence Buffin - first p. Thérèse Corrigan - second, Josephine Morin - third, Hermeline Corrigan - fourth, Alice Maurice - fifth, and Claire Laliberté - sixth.

In the evening of the same day, beautiful ribbons of various colors were distributed to the happy winners and to every Club Members as well. The prize money was also distributed. A bingo and a pie social completed this perfect day.

We wish to extend special thanks to Mr. Neilson and Mr. Sheard for the deep interest they have shown through the day, and a big thank you also to Rev. Father Perreault and Sister Corriveau, Superior at the Mission for the many fine prizes they gave us for our bingo.

Our Achievement Day is an event we look forward to with much pleasure, and every year this enthusiasm gradually increases. I'm sure the other clubs feel the same.

#### SEVEN AT THE FAIR

On August 5, kind Father Landry, Principal at the Indian Res. School, took seven of us to the Fair at Prince Albert. Two Club Members from Ile a la Crosse joined us for the same purpose. These lucky ones were: Hermeline Corrigan, Alice Maurice and myself from the Vitamin Garden Club, while Alex Corrigan, Léon Durocher, Jimmy Lafleur and Clément Malboeuf represented the Potato Club.

We were so excited when time came for us to leave, for, for most of us this was our first long trip experience.

After a few miles off, we felt that the roads were pretty rough from behind the truck, but we enjoyed the ride just the same.

When we got to Prince Albert, we were taken to the Farm Boys and Girls Camp. There were around 100 girls and 90 boys already there.

The next day, when we had free time, we went to the Fair Grounds. Everything was so exciting there. There was a Fair's Wheel with lights just like a star. On the second day we went to the Grandstand, and oh! was it ever nice. We saw fire-works dancing in the air. One turned into the picture of the Queen, another to a waterfall, and a third to a maple leaf.

All the girls at the Camp were very friendly and we enjoyed meeting them.

We also owe a special thank you to Mr. Don Neilson who did not count the many trips he made in order to make our stay in Prince Albert, one we shall never forget.





## CLUB ACTIVITIES

During the first week in September the BUSYBEES members met in Sister Annette Mageau's class to organize the needlework activities of the year. Sister had prepared work for the big girls, so it wasn't long before we were busy at our knitting. The little girls needed more help than we did so sister went around and helped them to get started. Sister Mageau made a chart where she gives us marks for the work we have done during the week. I have had VERY GOOD so far and I hope to keep it up too. We all enjoy needlework very much and I like it

still better this year because now I can follow a pattern all by myself. The small girls like to knit too. Sometimes Sister gives a surprise party to those who have worked well during the month. We always look forward to the weekly afternoon of needlework.

Madeline Durocher Gr. VIII.

The boys are also very proud of their woodwork activities. We were very anxious to see what our teacher had in store for us this year, when she came down to the workshop one fine afternoon with rubber moulds and plaster. It is very interesting to make plaster articles. We pour plaster into the moulds and let it stand for about ten minutes. Then we remove the finished article from the mould and let it dry for a few minutes. Sister then told us that the club members would meet every Tuesday and Thursday of each week. She also promised a party to all those who would get good marks in woodwork. We will work very hard during the month because we like to make useful articles and also because we like to go to parties..

Philip Gauthier Gr. VI.

### TWO LITTLE FISH IN A SMALL POND

Our teacher brought two goldfish from Prince Albert after conventions. We were all very enthused about our new water friends. When they swim, their little scales shine like sheets of solid gold, while their fan-like tails swing so gently that they seem to be doing fancy stunts for us. They are very beautiful and loving. I wish they could talk; I believe they would have a lot to tell us about their experiences in the water. The little ones from the junior class are very interested in our little goldies. At every recess they steal in very quietly to take a peep at the wonderful swimmers. A little Indian boy paddling in a small plastic canoe, which floats at the top of the bowl attracts the little fish, who often bob up to the surface in order to tease the little Indian. Sometimes I think they will ask him to give them a ride in his canoe. We are very fond of our small golden friends.

Claire Laliberté Gr. VI.

Every hour spent in idleness during youth is a chance taken for unhappiness in later years .





# WE MADE 'EM FLY

We did not know that good news awaited us on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 13 when we sat down for our weekly needlework period. Sister told us that a pancake lunch would be served in the little grove near the teacherage to the best workers, that is, to 14 girls and 10 boys. How we responded merrily to the invitation. There was sun-

shine everywhere, and especially in our hearts, for an outdoor lunch is always TOPS with us. At four sharp, the BUSYBEES flew about in search of: wood to make a fire, frying pans, lard and what not. There was almost too many cooks, yet we did not spoil the soup. It was exciting to breathe, now the fresh autumn air, then the sweet smell of pancakes as we made them fly high and low. After a good serving of tomato soup, we lined up to receive our share of pancakes. My! but they were good. Then we bobbed for apples, popped corn and enjoyed a few treats of "sweeties". The sun was going down too soon indeed, and as we wanted to stay a little longer, the boys built a cozy bonfire around which we gathered to hear some of Sister Auréa's best stories. Before the fire went out, we said good night and thank you to our teachers and to Father Perreault who had provided the "sweeties" and many other good things for our party. I hope we will meet again in the peaceful little grove we love so much.

Marie D. Durocher Gr. VI

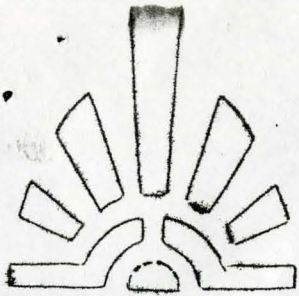
## A BEAUTIFUL PAINTING.

During the holidays, Sister Auréa Mageau made a beautiful painting for our new hall. This hand-painted tableau measures 19 feet by 10, and covers the entire background of the stage. It represents a night scenery, where the pale moon is vividly reflected in the dark blue waters of a very pretty lake. One never tires of admiring the majestic and colorful mountains in the background, and which seem to guard and protect the peaceful land which lies ahead of them. The tall, erect evergreen trees in the foreground add a touch of beauty and richness to the picture. The artist embellished the scenery by adding here, a small pond, where two graceful swans frolic and gambol; there a bonfire casting light on a small canoe on the shore, and a camper's tent in a shady nook surrounded with flowers. This lovely painting is worth a million to us, and we are proud to show it to all visitors.

Antoinette Durocher (Gr 5)

## OUR FRIENDS AT THE SAN

During the holidays, the "Lucky Seven" who went to the fair at Prince Albert, paid a visit to the Beauval patients at the San. Our teachers also visited our patient friends and brought them sweets and news from home. They saw: bright-eyed and ever sociable Delma Borneau, who met them on first floor and ushered them around to all the other patients. In a brightly colored room, decorated with the pictures of their favourite Hollywood Stars, they saw, Laura Aubichon and Delphine Kimbley who were busying themselves with knitting, while listening to the radio. Further on, they came to Christine Roy, who smiled at them from under... the blankets. Léonie Lafleur looked very wise indeed with her books, pencil and notebooks. She told us that she was taking her grade eight at the San. Pearl Buffin, lovely as ever, showed how good it is to meet old friends, by her attractive smile and her inquiries about the folks back home. Last but not least was dark eyed Valmore Corrigan, who managed to smile and chatter in spite of the heavy cast which obliges him to lie almost motionless in his bed. Dear little friends, we pray for you every day and hope that you will soon be well enough to come back to your home in the vale.



# VILLAGE

SEPTEMBER

Mr. and Mrs. Mathieson arrived on Sept. 12 from their holidays at Port Arthur. Brian was nappy to come back to school.

Mr. Bruce Rasmusen, who replaced Mr. Mathieson at the Bay during the holidays, headed for home sweet home somewhere in Manitoba. He left with the Branders.

Mr. George Larivière collided with Mr. Brander in a sharp curve a few miles out of the village. Mr. Larivière badly damaged his truck and so did Mr. Brander, but the latter was able to continue his trip to Ile a la Crosse.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Corrigan; Mr. and Mrs. Tony Laliberté returned from Cracking Stone at Lake Athabaska, where they had been working for two months.

OCTOBER

Mr. Joe Durocher arrived from the P.A. San where he had been treated for T.B. for over a year.

Therese Durocher is now working in the city of Prince Albert. We hope you like the city, Therese.

Miss Béatrice Roy came back from Meadow Lake where she has been working for the last six mo.

Mr. Alex Malboeuf is back home after having spent the summer as fire guardian at the tower six miles south of Beauval.

Rev. Sister Marien, head nurse of the Ile a la Crosse, came to spend a week at the teachers' home with our teachers. She said she had enjoyed a very peaceful rest.

Marcel Bouvier seems to have been an unlucky target at the saw mill. At first he cut off his finger tip and then he received a deep cut when the strap broke off and its fasteners hit in the face, leaving a deep cut on his cheek.

Mr. Edson from Big River fell through the bridge with his truck at Waterhen. The trucks can't get to Beauval until the bridge has been repaired. We hope however, that the mail will come half-way so that Mr. Sandherr can send someone to meet it at Waterhen.

Peter Buffin and Daniel Aubichon are back from St. Paul in Alberta. They had been working there for the last two months.

Mr. Rodrigue Laliberté left his home for the Sanatorium at Prince Albert.

Some of the villagers are very proud to be the owners of a valuable pile of lumber, but it means a lot of hard work, cutting down trees and hauling the trees to the mill. They spent long hours at the saw mill by the river. They even had to build a bridge to haul their lumber home. Wait till you see the beautiful homes they will build with that lumber.

Mr. Eugene Bournof and his loving little wife, who are now working at the Indian School, came to tune our old piano at the hall. Since then our piano has become young again, for it has taken on AIRS. Thank you Eugene.

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