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Prairie Lily, flower emblem of Saskatchewan
Make me always see God's 'BEAUTY'
Sharp-Tailed Grouse, bird emblem of my Province
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS
To all our Readers







Dedication



This issue is grate-
fully dedicated to Mr. and
Mrs. Waugh in appreciation
for the kind services and
encouragements they
have given to our
school since five years.



The Teachers
and
Pupils
Of Beauval Village School





OUR KIND BISHOP LEAVES US

Late in April we learned that our kind and loving bishop, His Excellency Bishop Lajeunesse had retired because of illness. Daily prayers were offered for his complete recovery, but being still ill he has to be discharged of his heavy duties. The people of Beauval who have known him intimately when he was principal at the Indian School, are very sorry to lose one who has always been so kind to them. We will keep on praying God that he may give him enough strength to visit again that portion of his flock who has always loved and respected him as the good shepherd of their souls.





CONCERT

This year, May 2, was the date set for our concert in honor of our kind pastor, Reverend Father Perreault. It was a lovely day and I think the evening entertainment was very lovely too. The spring-like decorations in the hall were also very pretty.

The first number on the programme was a festal song entitled **THERE'S A FRIEND FOR LITTLE CHILDREN**, in which the senior pupils sang their love and attachment to their father and pastor.

The little ones then offered their greetings in a sweet little playlet called **A GARDEN OF FLOWERS**. Before the curtains closed, tiny Agnes Laliberté appeared to offer a spiritual bouquet in the name of all the Beauvalians. Two little tots, Mary Laliberté and Vital Roy, accompanied her, each carrying a present from the needlecraft and wood-work clubs.

NOW BREAKS THE DAWN, a beautiful three part song was very well rendered by the junior and senior girls.

Then Antoinette Durocher, a young pianist in the making, played **FAIRIES IN THE MOONLIGHT**.

Some of the adults graciously contributed by adding a few numbers to the programme. Mr. Eugene Corrigan accompanied some of the songs on the violin, while his wife, Aldine, sang a few popular refrains, those that definitely appeal to the people of the North. **TAKE THESE CHAINS** and **LET'S TURN BACK THE YEARS**, were two of her favorites which she sang while she accompanied herself on the guitar.

The senior pupils interpreted a very comical play **THE POOR TEACHER**, which brought repeated peals of laughter from the audience. Arthur Durocher, playing the part of the inexperienced teacher, made such a mess of his sole teaching day that he ended "down" on all fours, when one of his insubordinate pupils, a capital fellow (Philip G) tripped him, jumped on his back and rode him off the stage shouting "Ride 'em cowboy."

When the curtains opened again, six young American Yankees appeared to perform a very interesting flag drill. They then summoned to six lovely little American "gals" who gracefully danced **PUT YOUR LITTLE FOOT** before their young admirers. The song **THERE'S A STAR SPANGLED BANNER** was highly appreciated by all.

The grades four to eight students then played **BEAUTIFUL ISLE OF SOMEWHERE** on their tonettes, singing intermittently. Armand Roy looked very attractive indeed in his military outfit when he sang **DANNY BOY** in his sweet silver-toned voice.

LES CLOCHES DU HAMEAU, a French chorus, was well rendered by eight costumed "Frenchie" boys and girls.

The last number was a tableau representing Our Lady of Lourdes, (Margaret Hood), appearing to Bernadette Soubirous (Rose Roy), while the choir sang **ON THIS DAY OH BEAUTIFUL MOTHER**.

Father Perreault then thanked in chosen terms, all those who had contributed to the success of that very enjoyable entertainment.

Florence Buffin Gr. VIII.



DRAMA A CLUB ACTIVITY

Winter months are also busy days... for members of both "CLUBS". Besides needle-work and shop work, two big concerts a year are organized. The pictures on this page show a few characters in the play and drill at our Christmas Concert. This year, quite a few members had a new experience by going out to Ile-a-la-Crosse for a repetition of one of our programs; experience which everyone enjoyed beyond means of expression.

The top picture shows characters in the play. They are, from left to right, 1st. row: Annette Laliberté, Florence Buffin, Antoinette Durocher, M. Madeleine Durocher, Margaret Hood Philippe Gauthier, Arthur Durocher; back row: Claire Laliberté, M. Diana Durocher, Réne Durocher and Thomas Alcrow, horse back. The large painting in the back-ground was done by our Leader during the summer holidays.

The bottom picture shows the ten little dancers who figured in the "Skaters' Waltz" drill. The picture was taken out of doors in a snowy-white background. The costumes were designed and made at Beauval. From left to right, the dancers are:

- Rosa Sandherr
- Yvonne Durocher
- Margaret Rose Durocher
- ~~Madeline Laliberté~~
- Emilia Roy
- ~~Antoinette Durocher~~
- Thérèse Corrival
- Annette Laliberté
- Lene Roy
- Simonne Laliberté.

Florence Buffin
(Gr. 8)





SPRING ACHIEVEMENT DAY

For the second year the two Clubs have held a spring Achievement Day. This year it took place on Mothers' Day. It was really sad that the roads were impassible at that time for we would have enjoyed the presence of our kind Agricultural Representative, Mr. Don Neilson, for this occasion. I'm sure you would have enjoyed seeing our accomplishments during the cold season, Mr. Neilson.

Twenty dollars in prizes were given, ten dollars to each club. For the girls' club, the first prize went to Marie Diana Durocher, the second to Marie Madeleine Durocher, the third to Florence Buffin, the fourth to Antoinette Durocher, the fifth to Louise Maurice and the sixth to her little sister, Annette Maurice. All the other prizes varied from .50¢ to .10¢.

It really was a grand and glorious day for many of us, for we were so pleased to show our mothers the beautiful things we had made. There were approximately fourty-five articles in the Girls' Club display. These were set up on two beautifully decorated tables. I think some of the mothers were truly proud of their daughters after seeing the beautiful work they had learned to do. The fathers were also, for they too were invited to the show.

In the knitting section there were: fine-wool baby sets, girls and boys sweaters, small girls woolen dresses, sockies and mittens; in the needle-work section there were: silk and cotton dresses, jumpers and blouses, aprons and cushions. All these articles were on sale after the show, and many were bought by mothers and visitors.

Claire Laliberté (Gr. 6)

May the 9th. was also a glorious day for the boys' club. Our display was set up on one large table and three smaller ones. Seventy two articles were exhibited. On the large table were placed fret-work ash trays, garden decorators, cut-work picture-frames, pot-grip holders, shopping bag holders and clothes racks. All these were beautifully painted and adorned. On one small table were displayed, all the plaster-work done during the year. The variety of figures, and the sparkling colors gave a very striking effect to the display. Then, a little dining-room set large enough for a girl of six to twelve years of age was set up in the centre of the display. The other five articles I made were set up on this table. Right close to it was Philippe Gauthier's little home-work table which he is to take home with him at the end of the year.

Ten crinkly dollars were given to all those who had exhibits in the display. The first prize was three dollars and everyone was every anxious to see who would come first. I almost fell off my seat when I heard I was the fortunate one to get them. I was so glad to have done my very best at all the meetings during the winter season. The second prize went to Raphael and Louis Lafleur, the third to Arthur Durocher, the fourth to Philippe Gauthier the fifth to François Roy and the sixth to wee Tony Corrigan.

A print of this display is being made for our school paper. We do hope it will come in soon enough to be included in this issue, if not, you will be seeing it on our first issue in the fall.

Jimmy Lafleur (Gr. 8)

AVE MARIA

At the request of our Holy Father the Pope, on May 23, we united our prayers to those of millions of children throughout the world, asking our Lady of the Rosary to grant peace to the world. The rainy weather did not permit any outdoor ceremonies, but different groups were organized to recite the rosary during the afternoon.

On May 27, Ascension Day, the weather being radiant and warm, we gave vent to our devotion toward our heavenly Mother by organizing a pious Marian day. In the morning eleven little children made their first communion. After the ceremony they were served a delicious lunch at the club house.

In the afternoon all the faithful met in the church to form a rosary-reciting procession to a nearby grotto of the Virgin Mother. At the head of the procession walked the altar boys, behind which came the statue of Mary carried triumphantly on a decorated wooden frame. Four girls dressed in white and wearing veils carried the statue. Following the "white" Marian army, was another group of children, at the head of which floated a religious banner carried by M. Madeleine Durocher. Then came the faithful followed by the priest and four altar boys. The prayers which rose like sweet incense before the throne of God, told of everyone's desire for peace and unity in this troubled world of ours. The pious cortege halted at the grotto where Rev. Father D'Arche, pointed out in a short but substantial talk, the joy which one finds in the friendship of God.

The procession then retreated toward the church incessantly praying the rosary. After the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, all seemed visibly satisfied of having shown their love and devotion to Our Lady.





The day after our concert, our teachers told us they had a surprise for us and although we knew it was a pleasant one, we would know it only after school. The clock seemed so slow that day that I wondered if at times it hadn't stopped altogether. Finally four o'clock came by and we learned that we would have a pancake supper in our snug little corner behind the teacherage. How everyone jumped for joy, this being our first picnic out of doors this year. While the youngsters went in the bush for firewood, the girls got everything ready to make the pancakes. The weather was magnificent and of course, we all had wholesome appetites too. A very merry lunch it was, for everything, the soup, the pancakes, the chocolate milk was so tasty, so fresh and inviting. After lunch we went to play a soft ball game, but it didn't last very long, because Father Perreault came to invite us to hear Bobby Breen in IT HAPPENED IN NEW ORLEANS. A million thanks to all those who gave us such a lovely day.

HOME AGAIN

Léonie Lafleur came home from the Sanatorium at Prince Albert on March 28. After an absence of two years, she was happy to come back to Beauval. Her big sister Rosa, and her other brother and sisters gave her a hearty welcome. She came to school that very afternoon to say hello to all her school chums. I think she looks very well now. She told us that Delma Bonneau would soon be discharged from the Sanatorium too. It will be nice when all the Beauval patients at the San come back home.

Annette Maurice Gr. V.

VILLAGE TIDBITS

Late in April Alex Corrigan had the misfortune of cutting his hand at the mission sawmill. He was immediately taken to the hospital at Ile a la Crosse where he is still under the doctor's care. We hope he will soon come back home.

On March 19, Mr. J. Flanager, game warden from Meadow Lake stopped at the school to take pictures of the school children. When we found out that he was the husband of Vivian Gauthier a former pupil of our school, we invited him in and it was very fortunate because he showed us on the screen many colored pictures he had taken of different points in the north. Thank you very much, Mr. Flanager.

Philip Maurice and Ernest Laliberté have gone to work in sunny Alberta. Good luck to both of you.

Mr. Neilson, our agricultural representative paid us a short visit in March. We have received our seeds, Mr. Neilson. Thanks a lot.

Mr. Halverson and his daughter Jean have moved to Mr. Anderson's farm, south of the village. They will be living there now. We hope they will like it.

Mr. T. Francis and family are back with us now. Mr. Francis is working at the D.N.R. house before going back to Ile a la Crosse with his wife and children.

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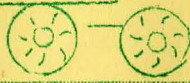
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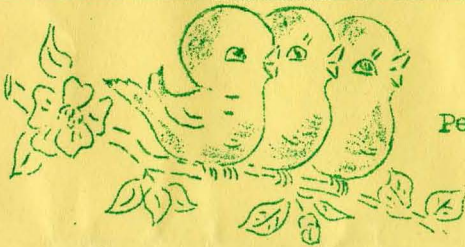
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Shortly after the Fathers' retreat, we had the great pleasure of greeting in our classrooms, Rev. Father Scheffer, Provincial Superior of all the Oblate Fathers of this vicariate.

As the picture tells, he is very kind and jolly. During his visit at our school he vividly showed that he was very interested in the children of the north, and his kind heart proved it by distributing to everyone, medals and sweets.

Dear Father Scheffer, please come again to the Beautiful Vale. You have seen it dressed in white, come when it is clothed in all the finest beauties God's nature has in store, and you'll agree once more that its name is most befitting.

M. Madeleine Durocher
(Gr. 8)

MEET GRADE EIGHT PUPILS

From left to right: Florence Buffin, Jimmy Lafleur and Marie Madeleine Durocher. The trio is very friendly and united in our school, and we are very sorry to see the three of them leaving school this year.

Both girls feel an attraction towards the nursing profession. Florence is planning on following her teacher to Alberta and carry on her studies next fall. As for M. Madeleine, she may go to the Nurses Aid Training School at Fort Smith.

Although Jim had to spend five of the winter months at fishing with his father, he came first in his wood-work at the Spring Achievement Day. He has always been a conscientious worker and carpentry is a real obsession for him. We hope that some day he will be able to enter a career and become a full-fledged expert in the trade.

Claire Laliberté Gr. 6

OLD TIMER ON WINGS

News just reached us that Johnny Mathiasen, our dear classmate of last year, now at Meadow Lake, has joined the Cadets of the locality and was favored lately with a ride in a Beachcraft plane with other boys of his division. The Cadets enjoyed the thrill of sitting at the control for a short time. What about a little note on this experience, Johnny?





ON MOTHER'S DAY



Sunday afternoon, May 9, being Mother's Day, all our dear mothers were convened to the hall where we gladly repeated some of the items of our last concert for them. Many of the children being absent on account of illness, we had to cancel some of the most interesting items of our programme. Nevertheless we all joined together and sang the dear old MOTHER refrain and a few other songs. Then we gave each of the mothers a dainty May basket which we had prepared and decorated at school. These baskets were filled with candy and peanuts, a gift to our mothers from Rev. Father Perreault. Before leaving, they were treated to free icecream.

That same evening the mothers were again invited to the hall for a free show. We were happy to see our mothers going to the show, because many of them never have a chance to go.

That night we kept the babies to let them enjoy every minute of that beautiful day. Thank you dear Father and teachers for the happiness you have given our dear mothers on Mother's day.

Marie Diane Durocher Gr. VI.

FOR THE RED CROSS

Early in March a social evening was organized in favor of the Red Cross. This year a party was held at the hall where both grown ups and children were invited to co-operate in raising funds for this beneficent organization. The village people generously responded to the invitation. The school girls and some of the women made pies which went like the wind at the auction sale. The fish pond went dry too before the end of the evening. Everyone enjoyed an evening of fun and laughter and all were happy to hear that the parish had contributed \$ 50.00, while the children had raised \$10.00 for the Red Cross.

EASTER SEAL CAMPAIGN

A few weeks after the Red Cross party, the most ardent and courageous pupils of the school went around again, this time to sell Easter seals. They knew that at this time of the year money is very scarce, nevertheless they tried and tried again until they had sold 1000 Easter seals which meant \$ 10.00 for the crippled children of our province. Congratulations go to those who have so generously given for the welfare of others,

Josephine Alcrow. Gr. V

D.N.R. STATION

Early in the spring, Mr. Dennis Hunter, natural resource representative for the north built himself a little cabin at the village. Some of the men at Beauval helped him to build it. He will now have a home of his own when he comes to Beauval.

AT THE TOWER

Mr. Louis Durocher is now in charge of the watch tower south of the village. He has replaced the late Alex Malboeuf as fire guardian. Louis is a former night school pupil. We hope he will find it most enjoyable to live in the Beauval heights.

Rosa Roy Gr. IV.



OLD-TIMERS' CORNER

The old timers regularly keep in touch with our teacher and with most of us if we judge by the many letters that come in on mail days.

Léon Durocher at Fort San says that he is not as lonesome as he used to be. Is it the coloring books and comics that make you feel that way, Léon? We do hope it helped a little anyway.

Laura says she is well on the way to a prompt return home. We're anxious to see you, Laura.

Hermeline and Alexina pulled through the ordeal of the Easter exams without too many headaches. They had passed all the tests which had been corrected when they last wrote. To our great joy we read on the Western Catholic that they had ranked first and second of their grade in the provincial Catechism tests. Congratulations, girls! The honor is all yours, but it is also shared by your parents, your teachers and all your friends of Beauval.

Johnny finds that time goes very fast at Meadow Lake, taken up as he is by his studies and sports. Johnny has always been a very active lad, so no wonder that this type of life appeals to him very much.

Pearl Buffin had to face the ordeal of an operation lately. She wrote shortly before leaving the san at Prince Albert to undergo this surgery work at Saskatoon that she hopes to be home soon. Good luck to you, Pearl.

Delma Bonneau, the maid with the sparkling eyes who was to appear in our midst at the beginning of May, has not yet arrived. What is keeping you back, Delma? Any love links too hard to break up there?.....

Hurry to get well and write again all of you whom we love so dearly.

M. Madeleine Durocher Gr. VIII

A REWARD

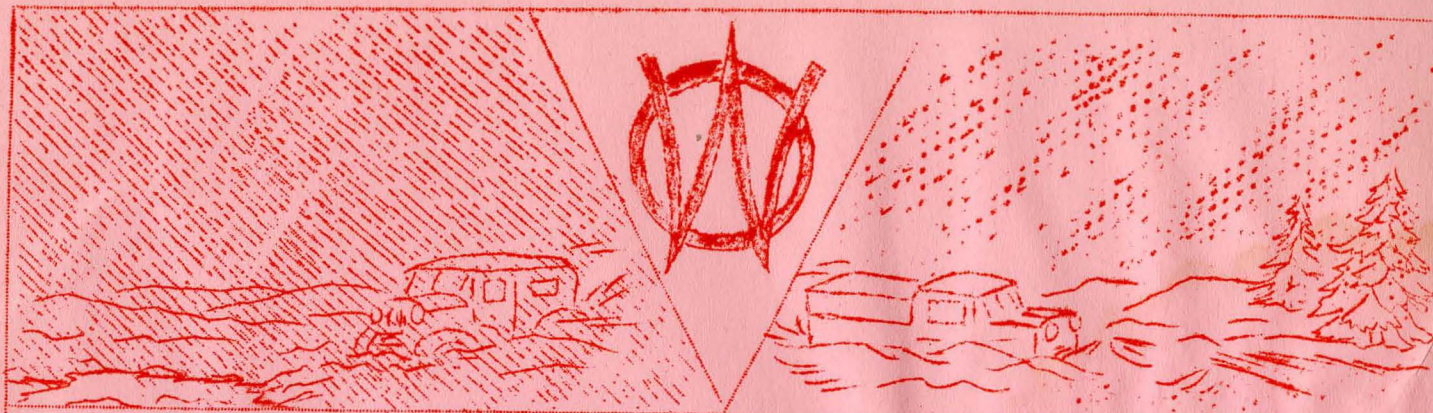
Work while you work and play while you play. That's what we altar boys have been doing after school for some time. We have been working hard trying to master our Latin prayers for mass. On May 20, our task being mastered, we went fishing about six miles south of Beauval in Father's jeep. After a tasty lunch in the shade of the beautiful pine trees we rushed to the river with our fishing lines. Arthur Durocher was the only one who was lucky enough to catch a fish. This did not spoil our picnic though, for there were a lot of other things to do. We came back for the May devotions at 7 p.m. after which we went to see the show "Silver Trail". We are grateful to Father and to our teachers for that nice picnic.

Tony Corrigan Gr. 4.

THANK YOU to dear Sister Simone Mageau from Holy Cross Hospital, Calgary, who sent us two surprise boxes in April. There were so many nice things in these boxes; enough to make everyone of us happy more than once during the year. May God bless you and all those who have given articles to put in these lovely boxes.

The teachers and pupils of B.V.S.

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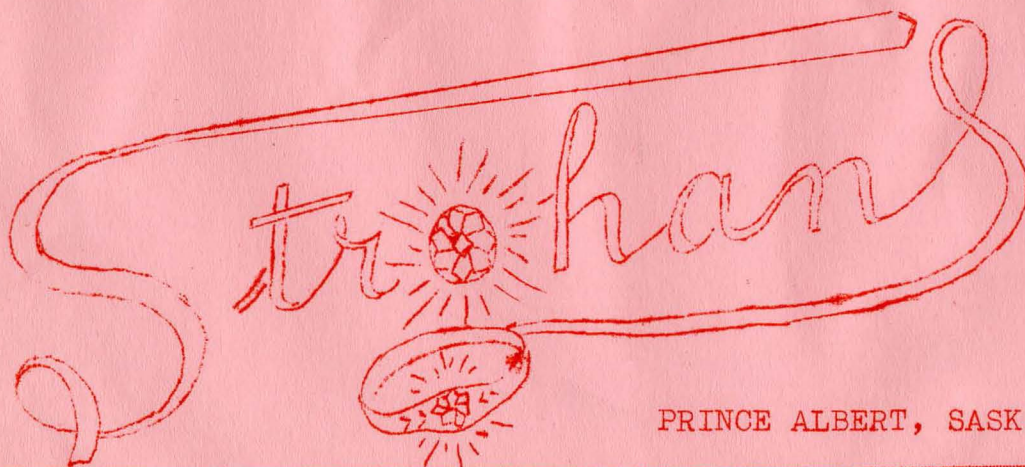
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