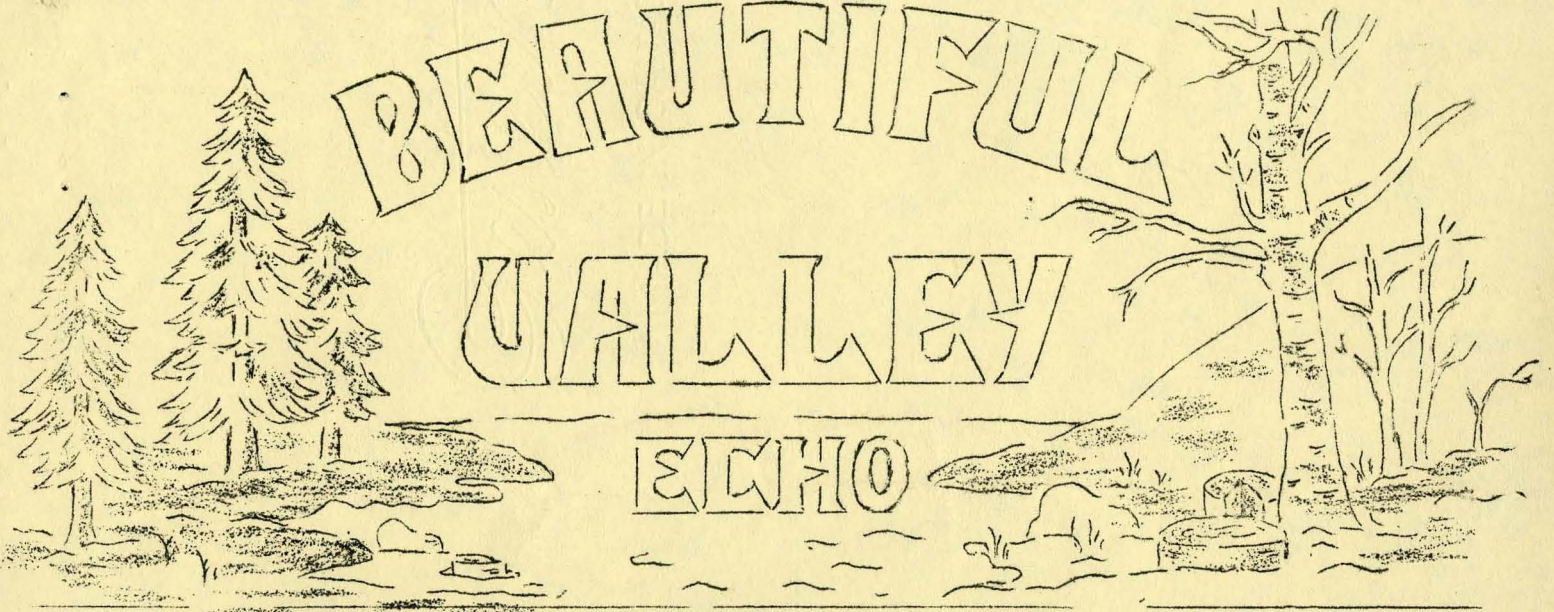


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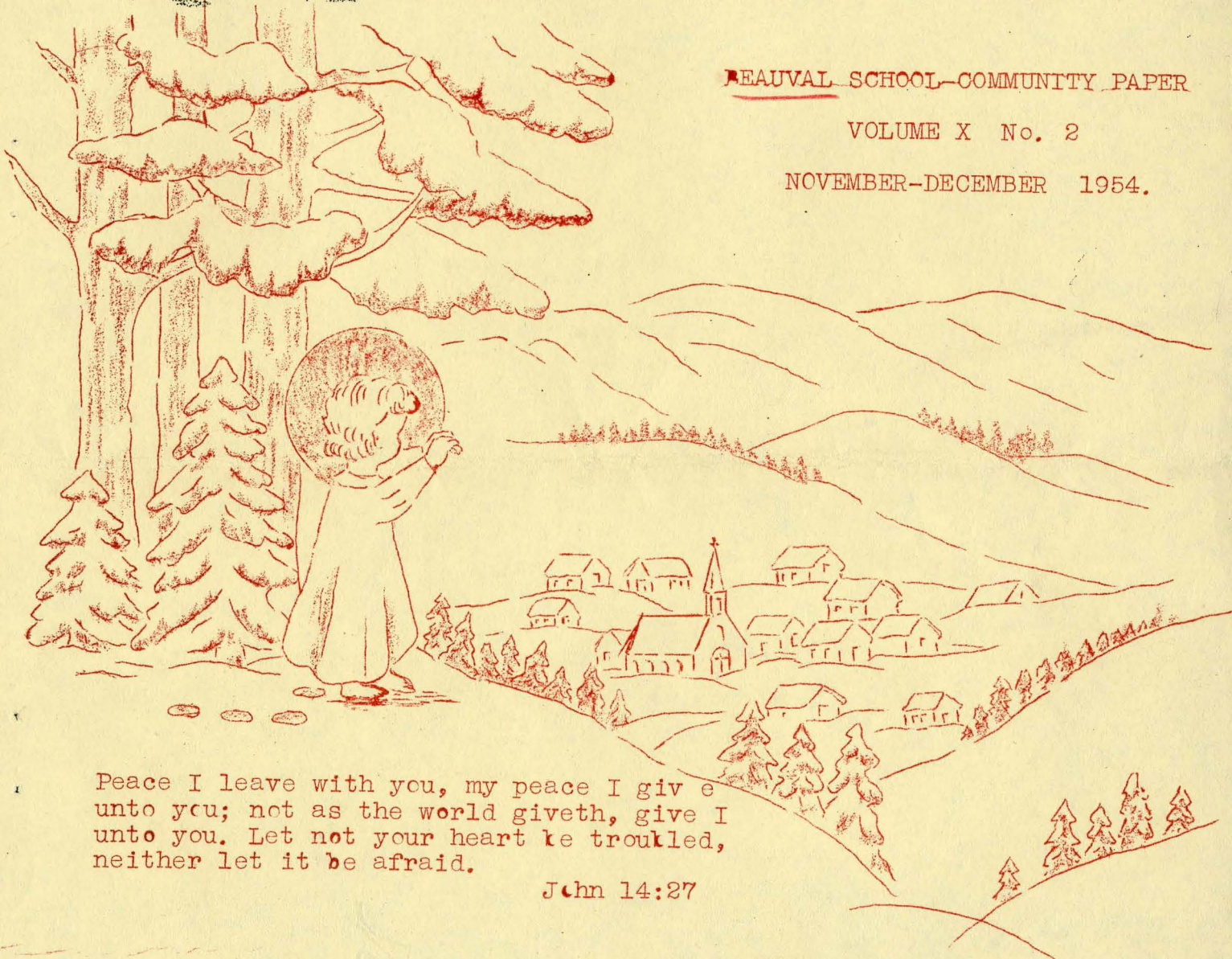
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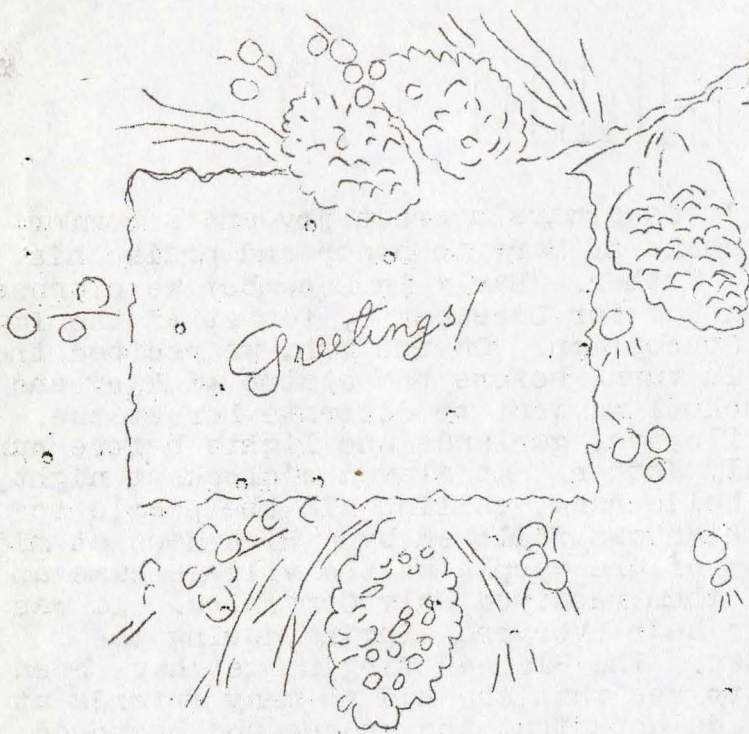
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Peace I leave with you, my peace I give  
unto you; not as the world giveth, give I  
unto you. Let not your heart be troubled,  
neither let it be afraid.

John 14:27



# MY DEAR CHILDREN

If you remember well I said in the last issue of your school paper that the next time I would write in it, I would not give you any sermon; now I have to keep my promise.

Today let us talk about Christmas and its different meaning all over the world.

Do you know that nearly half of the children in the world did not even hear about Christmas this year? It is true though that, for the people

dominated by the Communists, Christmas was just another sad day like every other day of the year. For them there were no Christmas presents no candies, no Midnight Mass and no Christmas Concert; all those things which make you feel so happy, was not for them.

Do you know too, that for quite a few other million children, Christmas had only one meaning? For those children, if their parents were rich, there were candies and dolls, trucks, cowboy belts, toy guns etc. For them there was a Christmas tree with all kinds of decorations and lights. They were happy but they did not even think of the Child Jesus who was born in a stable for them over 1950 years ago. They did not remember Him because nobody was there to tell them about Jesus.

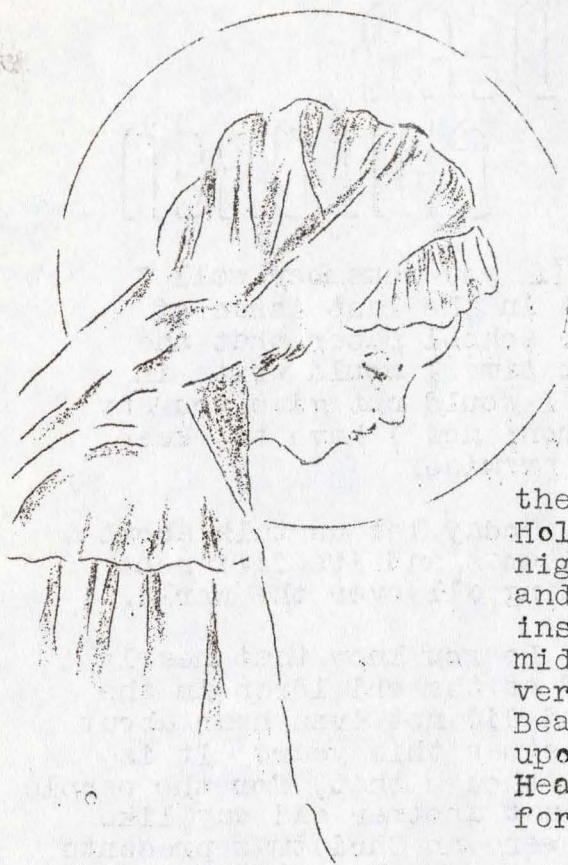
For other children, like you, dear boys and girls of Beauval Village, Christmas was celebrated with its complete meaning:

You received all kinds of candies, apples, oranges and ice cream. You got so many nice Christmas presents; you were glad to play at the concert. Your church and your school looked so different with all the Christmas decorations. Were you not happy to come to Midnight Mass: to receive your Savior in your heart? The same little Baby Jesus who was born in a manger, came to you when you received Communion at Christmas.

Now don't you think you are very privileged children, and should you not thank Jesus every day of the New Year for having been so good to you?

My dear children and people of Beauval, let me give you a special blessing for the New Year 1955.

Rosario P. Romo



# MARIAN DAY

It is always a great joy and a comfort for a child of Mary to honor and praise his Heavenly Mother. Early in December we planned a Marian Day for December 8, feast of the Immaculate Conception. On the 7th, we recited the Rosary in turns before the statue of Mary and after school we went to decorate her statue. We placed flowers, garlands and lights before our Heavenly Mother. At eleven o'clock at night, the church bells rang, calling all the people to a Holy Hour which was followed by a High Mass at midnight. Most of the people of the village came and many of them received Holy Communion. It was inspiring to hear everyone singing during the midnight Mass. The Blessed Virgin must have been very happy to see that she had so many friends at Beauval. I do hope that the graces she bestowed upon us that evening will help us to follow her to Heaven where she, and her divine Son, are waiting for us.

Delia Gauthier G. VI

## MARIAN GINCERT

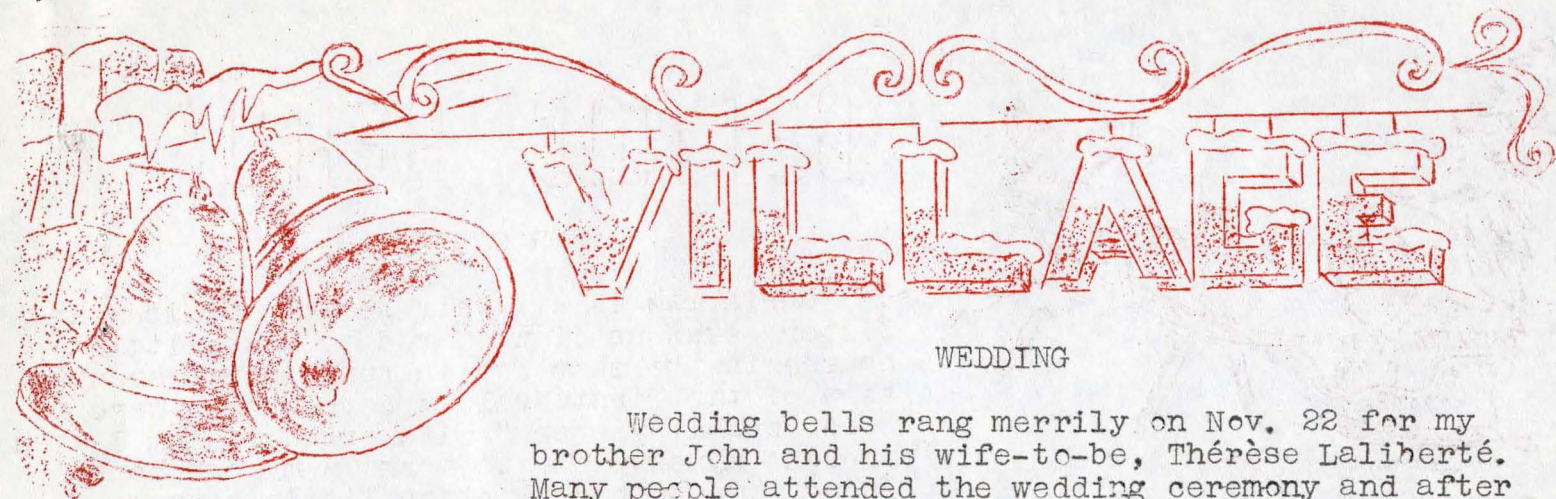
On the afternoon of the 8th, we all gathered at the church again to recite the Rosary. Then we were invited to a Marian entertainment at the hall. The little Ones sang a few appropriate songs and read an act of consecration to Mary. The seniors put on a play entitled MARY'S MIRACLE. At the end of the play, the boys, wearing cassocks and white surplices, and the girls, dressed in long white gowns and veils, formed a procession while they carried pastel-shaded torch-lights in their hands. It was very inspiring to watch the glowing lights as the torch-bearers marched piously toward Mary's shrine. Some of the Fathers, Brothers and Sisters came from the Indian School. There was a ray of Heavenly joy in our hearts when we sang THE END OF A PERFECT DAY.

Réné Durocher G. V

## I LOOKED AND SAW

On November 26, our teachers went to Meadow Lake to buy our Christmas presents and they took Therese Corrigan and I along with them. We had a lovely trip. We arrived at Meadow Lake at 9.30 p.m., so we just went right to bed. Early the next morning I heard a strange sound, so I got up and peeked through the window. I saw a long train winding along the track. That was just what I longed to see most; I had never seen a train before. Then Brother St. Arnaud took us around town to visit some of the important buildings. I saw many interesting things at the creamery, the post office and Mr. Pearson's Store. My eyes were not big enough to see all the beautiful articles on display in that store. On our way back we sang a few songs and then we both slipped off to Sleepy Town. When I opened my eyes I was already at home. I thank the Sisters and Brother St. Arnaud, our good chauffeur.

Antoinette Durocher G. VI.



### WEDDING

Wedding bells rang merrily on Nov. 22 for my brother John and his wife-to-be, Thérèse Laliberté. Many people attended the wedding ceremony and after Mass we heard the traditional gun shots, wishing the married couple many years of happiness. Breakfast was served at Mr. Raphael Laliberté's home. Rev. Father had breakfast with us too. It is a great pleasure for us to see our Pastor sharing our joys and sorrows. A dance was held at the parish hall in the evening. Therese and John we wish you the best of luck all through the years.

Therese Corrigan G.VI

### WINEBAG

On December the first we got bad news from Ile a la Crosse. Mr. Mathias Aubichon had passed away. He had been at the hospital for over a month, when the Good Lord called him back to Him. His wife, his daughters and sons were by him when he passed away. Late the next day, Mr. Emilien Hanson arrived at Beauval with the body. We all went to his home to pray for the repose of his soul. The next morning a large crowd attended the funeral service at the church. We offer our most heartfelt sympathy to his beloved wife and his children.

Simonne Laliberté Gr. V.

### MIDNIGHT MASS

There's nothing so glorious, so beautiful as the Christmas Midnight Mass. How thrilling it is to hear the church bells ringing in the great silence of the night; to go out in the dark to see the new born Babe as the shepherds did; to gaze at the windows glowing with lights, and, as you enter the church to admire the bright altar and the ever beautiful Crib. The ladies had made such a good cleaning in the church; everything was so bright and neat! At eleven the people started coming in, and at twelve the church was crowded. We were all happy to see the new crib Father had just bought. The people sang very well and at Communion time it was nice to see all the parishioners walking piously down the aisle to receive the Holy Child of Bethlehem in their hearts. The people were very generous in giving for the Christmas collection. Jesus will know how to reward them in His own Divine way.

The next morning, many came back to church because it was Sunday. Again everybody sang with piety and devotion, but it was especially the children who sang their love to the Child Jesus.

Sleep Holy Babe upon Thy Mother's breast'  
Great Lord of earth and sea and sky,  
How sweet it is to see Thee lie  
In such a place of rest.  
Sleep Holy Babe! Sleep, Holy Babe.



# GETTING READY

FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a lovely season. This year Sister asked us if we cared to make little houses in the shop for an outdoor representation of the First Noel at Bethlehem. We were "bubbling over" with enthusiasm. I even brought my saw home to work on my own house. In no time we had thirteen little houses

Bethlehem style, which we painted ourselves and that was a treat! Then one night after school, Father Rho drove us in the bush, where we filled the jeep to the brim with evergreens of all sizes. These we placed around our little miniature town which lies peacefully and majestically in front of the school. At night we placed a light in each little house. How beautiful it looked from the road! We are very proud of our little town of Bethlehem because we built it ourselves.

Arthur Durocher G. VII

## VISITORS

On December 6, Mr. Don Neilson arrived at Beauval by car. We didn't expect him, the weather being rather cold. He was as jolly as ever and of course his short visit was very lively as usual. He talked to us about the SPEECH competition which will be held in February. He gave us a few hints on "Things to do", and Things not to do" in speech training. We are not good public speakers yet, but we are anxious to try it just the same.

Philip Gauthier G.VII

After a few unsuccessful attempts to reach Beauval by car, Mr. Waugh finally arrived on December 13 with our good friend Mr. George Greening by plane. We were very happy to welcome Mr. Waugh on his first visit to the Vale this year. His "short and sweet" visit was really too short as he had to leave at 1.30 in the afternoon. He promised to send the wire necessary to finish the installation of electricity in the school. If his plans are not disturbed he will visit us again in January and I hope he will stay a little longer this time. Before Christmas we received a brand new microscope from Mr. Waugh. Thank you very much; it was indeed a lovely Christmas present.

Louise Maurice G.VI

Early in November, Rev. Father Perreault, now stationed at Buffalo Narrows, paid us a very short but interesting visit. We were very happy to see him because Father still has a place of choice in our hearts. Come again, dear Father. It is always a pleasure to have you in our midst.

Margaret Hood

Misses Pearl Buffin and Delphina Kimbley are both back from the San. Delphina is still walking with a plaster leg, but we hope she will soon be well enough to get rid of it. Pearl will be going back to Meadow Lake to take up her duty as nurse's aid at the hospital. Good luck to both of you.

TEACHER: Who can name a natural resource in Saskatchewan?

BRIAN: The ROAD GANG! .....



## CONCERT

Do you like Christmas concerts? Well, I do, and I was most anxious for Dec. 22 for I was in the drill.

When the curtains opened for the first number on the program, the stage was all aglow with numerous lights streaming from tiny windows of a miniature Town of Bethlehem. While the people gazed at the peaceful town, we sang OH LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM.

Then I played THE HAREBELL on the piano while the little Ones prepared for a play entitled THE FIRST CHRISTMAS. How serious and worried St. Joseph (Arthur Gauthier) looked when he begged a room for his tired wife (Yvonne Durocher).

Louise Maurice, Claire Laliberté and M. Diana Durocher presented a lovely picture as they sat by our beautiful painting to sing FLOW GENTLY SWEET AFTON.

When the curtains opened for the fifth number, ten little snowmen stood brave and erect before the audience, but having had an accident, they all melted away one by one until no one was left on the stage.

Armand Roy and Rosa Sandherr sang HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING after which the STAR BAND appeared and how everyone laughed when they saw their band instruments. We laughed still more when we heard them play a lively tune on their pots, pans and kitchen utensils. That was the best number!

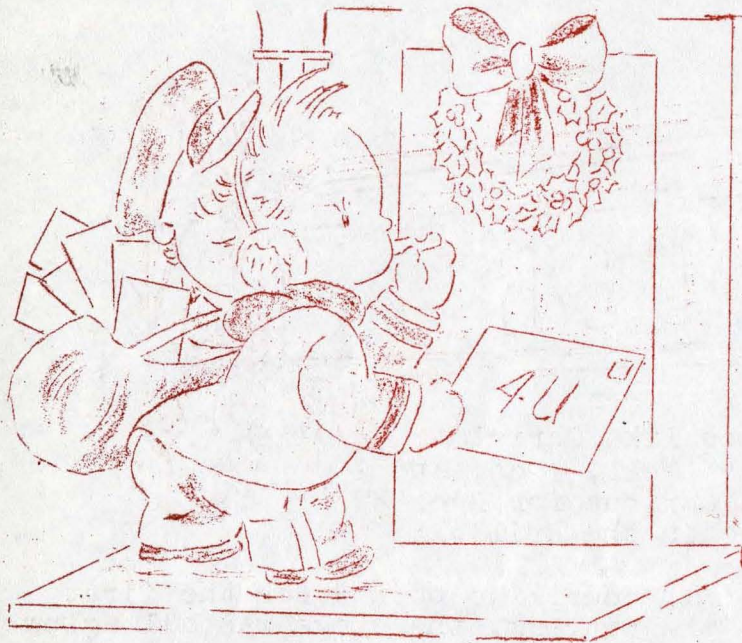
Last year's Christmas Fairies danced again for us this year, gracefully swaying their magic wands around a picturesque forest of evergreens. We re-appeared during the evening to sing the lively DECK THE HALLS.

In a recitation entitled THE KING, the grade "oners" told how sorry they were to see Baby Jesus wearing no crown at Christmas.

Lena Roy then sang GOD BLESS YOU while the stage was being set for a One Act Play LAYING THE GHOST. The actors, Professor (Arthur Durocher), the servant (Brian Mathieson), the housekeeper (Annette Maurice), the policeman (Armand Roy) and the ghost (Réné Durocher), provided a half-hour of whole-hearted laughter from the audience who never knew what that make-believe ghost would do next.

I hope everyone enjoyed the concert as much as I did.

Antoinette Durocher VI



# IN THE MAIL

## PRINCE ALBERT SANATORIUM

Jimmy Lafleur is getting used to his inactive life. "I have quite a few friends now, which makes me feel less lonely," wrote Jimmy. "I would like to have one of my woodwork articles to show my friends what I have done at Beauval School." We'll think of you, Jimmy.

Valmore Corrigan is up on first floor now. He writes "I can see the beautiful pine trees from my room, and it reminds me of home."

Christine Roy does not write so we presume that she lives up to the proverb: "No news, good news."

## FCRT SMITH

"We're having our capping soon after Christmas" wrote Alexina Laliberté. "I like nursing. We can do so much to the patients entrusted to our care."

"The Christmas exams were not bad and we did well", wrote Hermeline. We're very anxious to get our caps."

"We'll miss Beauval this year, wrote Marie Madeleine Durocher, "but we like it here. Nursing is such an interesting profession."

Congratulations girls! We're most anxious to see you in your white uniforms. Keep up the noble work.

## ST ALBERT

"There's always a lot of work to do, but we enjoy going to school at St. Albert," commented Florence Buffin and Delma Bonneau on their last letter. What a pleasant surprise it was to see both of them coming home for Christmas.

Dear friends, we hope you enjoyed a very Merry Christmas and may the New Year bring you joy, health and success in all your undertakings. We hope you got your Christmas presents, for you haven't been forgotten, although far away.

## FISHING

Most of the men left Beauval on December 16 to go fishing. Some went to Lake Athabaska, Doré Lake and La Plonge Lake. Many of them came back for Christmas, but those from Lake Athabaska could not come. We're so happy when our daddy comes back on Saturday night. I hope no one will get drowned this winter. I wish everyone the best of luck!

Thomas Alcrow G. V

MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING PEACE AND CONTENTMENT TO ALL OUR READERS AND OUR BENEFACTORS

# CHRISTMAS



Bingo! Pie Social! Fish Pond! we all go for these, because it means an evening of get-together and have fun. Late in Nov. the teachers organized a Bingo to raise money for our Christmas presents. All those who were not out fishing came over and I guess they smelled the delicious pies for they could hardly wait till after the Bingo to start kidding. Harry McCallum, our appreciated comedian, seasoned the pie sale with his jovial repartees. We children were more interested in the Fish Pond than in everything else. We all enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

In the afternoon of December 23, our parents were invited to our Christmas present distribution. At the foot of a large, beautifully decorated tree which stood on the stage, there were stacks and stacks of colorful parcels ready to be given out. Arthur Durocher, in the name of all the school children, thanked the parents for their interest and their co-operation, after which Margaret Hood, in the name of the Child Jesus, started to give out the presents. How everyone enjoyed trying out his or her new toy!

The pre-school children, even the babies then came to get their share of ice cream and candy. These were followed by the school children and all the parents. All went home that afternoon with the happy Christmas spirit in their hearts, and that's how we should feel at Christmas.

Claire Laliberté VII

## THANK YOU

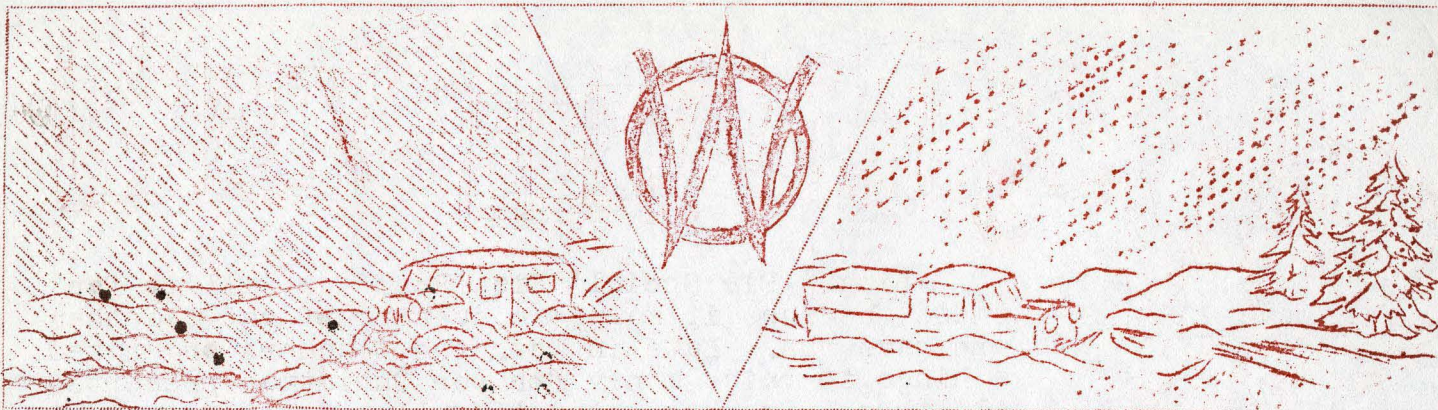
Through the voice of Beautiful Valley Echo, I wish to thank in my name and in the name of all the school children, all those who have contributed in giving us such a nice Christmas this year. May I thank in a special way, Rev. Father Rho who gave ice cream and candy; Mr. Mathieson for the large bag of delicious Christmas candies, and Mr. Sandherr who gave a large box of peanuts. Long live the good people of Beauval! They're just grand! They're just generous!

## " PROFESSIONAL " HOCKEY GAME

The Beauval BEAVERS met the Ile a la Crosse DUCKS at the Fair Isle for a rough and TUMBLE hockey <sup>game</sup> on Dec. 28. Among the players were several members of the Noble Profession (teachers), hospital members and two SUPERIOR characters. The whistle had no sooner blown than the fun began. The players whizzed by so fast that they missed the puck- but that didn't matter; they had time to come back for it before someone got it. One of the onlookers remarked that " some players did better work on their knees than on their skates." Before the second period commenced someone called: "Say, where's the referee?" "He's gone to take the goaler home," was the reply. It happened once that "Skinny" went inside the goal instead of the puck. . . . It's a fact that the best BEAVER would have spent part of the game on the fence had the referee given any penalties. Poor "Mother Duck" knows something about it, as she suffered a serious paddling for landing on the little Beaver's back once too often. . . . Besides a few minor casualties, a little Beaver bruised its front paw, but hopes to recuperate soon enough to be goaler at the next game which will take place at Beauval. Don't miss it. . . . .

Sam.





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