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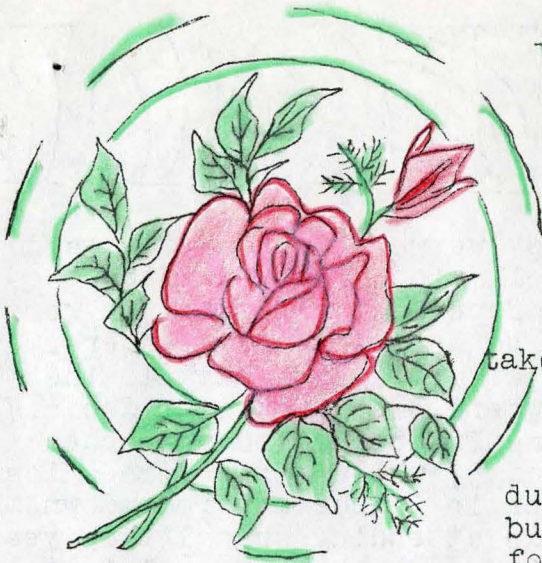
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MY DEAR CHILDREN

This is the first issue of your school paper this year. Many important events have taken place since the publication of your last paper; it is quite difficult to remember them all. It is not necessary to remind you of all the changes that have taken place during the summer; you saw them with your own eyes but did you ever realize that they were all done for you?

When His Excellency Bishop Dumouchel and Mother General of the Grey Nuns agreed to leave the sisters at the village, it was because they wanted you to get a better formation. And if we have lay teachers to help the sisters this year, it is still for you, my dear children, that they are doing it. If your priest gave up his home and took the Club House for his living quarters, it was still for you that he gave his house to the sisters.

If I am telling you this, it is because I would like you to understand the importance of your education; may I ask you to act accordingly.

When you leave your home in the morning to go to school, you should bear in mind that you are going to do something very important during the day. And when you go back home after school, you should have the feeling of having learned something worthwhile during the day.

Did you ever try to understand how your fathers feel when they come back from a hunting trip, and they tell you that they have killed a moose? They are proud because they have the satisfaction of having done their duty.

For you, as school children, it is as important to go to school as it is for your parents to do their work. And please, don't ever say, "I will quit school as soon as I will be fifteen years of age;" and above all, don't ever quit, because it would be a nonsense. If you do not understand the value of education now, you will realize later on that your parish priest was right.

Here I take the opportunity of congratulating our three grade nine students: Alex Corrival, Florence Buffin and Alice Maurice. Keep on with your studies and Bishop Dumouchel will be proud of you when he visits us during the winter. He will be happy to see that the advice he gave you last summer is already bearing fruits.

My dear children, I sincerely hope that all of you will go up to grades eleven and twelve; try it and you will see later on that it was a worthwhile enterprise.

My last words will be to thank you again for the interesting concert you gave in October. It was very nice to be at Beauval on that special evening. Thanks for everything.

Your Parish Priest,

Sœurs Grises de Montréal
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R. P. G. M.



SCHOOL

How happy we were to hear the good old school bell ringing again after two long months of perfect silence. We were very anxious to meet the new teachers. Sister Annette Mageau came back to the senior room where she teaches grades 6, 7, 8 and 9. Miss Frances Coppock teaches grades 3, 4 and 5, while her cousin, Miss Germaine Huber is in the new room downstairs

with 40 jolly little Tots. There are 102 pupils attending school this year. Alex Corrigan, Alice Maurice and Florence Buffin are back to school to take their grade 9. Valmore Corrigan and Christina Roy, two ex-patients of the Prince Albert Sanatorium are both taking grade 8. We are very happy to have them back with us. I enjoy going to school and I thank Mr. Waugh for having sent us such good teachers.

Claire Laliberte G.8

OUR NEW BISHOP VISITS US

Last June our new bishop, his Excellency Paul Dumouchel came to Beauval. All the people gathered in the church where he addressed his new flock in a few chosen words. He was very kind and jolly. When he came to school, he encouraged us to keep on going to school until we have reached at least grade ten. Then, our dear bishop did a few tricks of "magic" for us. He was so kind and friendly that we liked him right away. When our parents saw us running down the river to meet him every time he came from the Mission, they called him "the Bishop of Children." Every morning he celebrated Mass at the village church. On Sunday there were ten boys assisting our Bishop at Mass. In the afternoon he conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation to 59 children.

Just before they left, Brother Bedard who accompanied His Excellency did a few tricks for us while our good bishop distributed peanuts and souvenirs to everybody. Bishop Dumouchel said he would be back in february, and he said that by that time he would be able to speak Cree. We are very anxious to see him again.

Arthur Durocher G.8

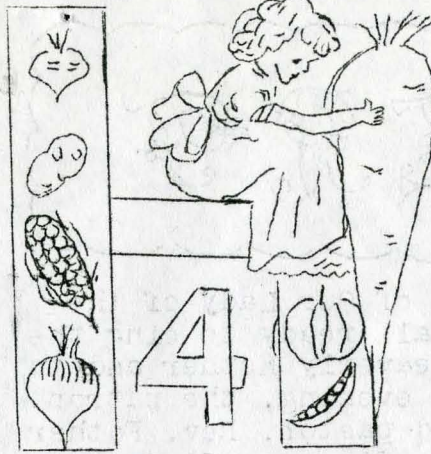
SOFT BALL

Shortly after the opening of school in September we re-organized our soft ball teams again; JAYS vs CANARIES. We had a few exciting games this fall. One Sunday afternoon we played with the big boys and girls of the village. Misses Coppock and Huber, Mr. Clyde and Marcel Kimbley were among the good players. But none of them could beat my "super big brother" Alex. I really enjoyed that game; of course I was one of the good players.

Tony Corrigan G.6.

Here is a version of the song GOOD MORNING TO YOU
by one of the little tots:

Good morning to you, good morning to you
We're all in our places,
WE'VE GO CHINESE FACES.....



ACHIEVEMENT DAY

In spite of all our fears and worries, Achievement Day was a success again this year. Some of the boys and girls were able to present a very good vegetable show.

Mr. Neilson introduced Mr. Ewan, the new vegetable judge this year. In the evening everyone hurried to the hall to hear who would be the lucky winners. Mr. Neilson, in his usual humorous way, encouraged us by telling us that Mr. Raphael Laliberte would be named pound keeper in replacement of late Mr. Francois Laliberte. Mr. Ewan then gave us an interesting talk on vegetable growing and also on how to mark good vegetables.

The prizes were distributed as follows: for the girls' club: FIRST: Therese Corrigan; SECOND: Claire Laliberte; THIRD: Josephine Alcrow. The boys' Club: FIRST: Tony Corrigan; SECOND: Marcel Roy; THIRD: Joseph Bouvier. Mr. Neilson also presented two cheques to our Club Leader, Sister Annette Mageau; these cheques were given for first and second prizes of the Beauval Potato Club display at Prince Albert fair. Mr. Neilson also presented a Club Charter for the activities carried on during the years 1954-55 by our two clubs.

Then followed the traditional Pie Social where Mr. Neilson always figures as TOP STAR in HUMORIST category. No one can be sad when he's around. Everyone enjoyed the delicious lunch.

Florence Buffin G. 9.

VISITORS

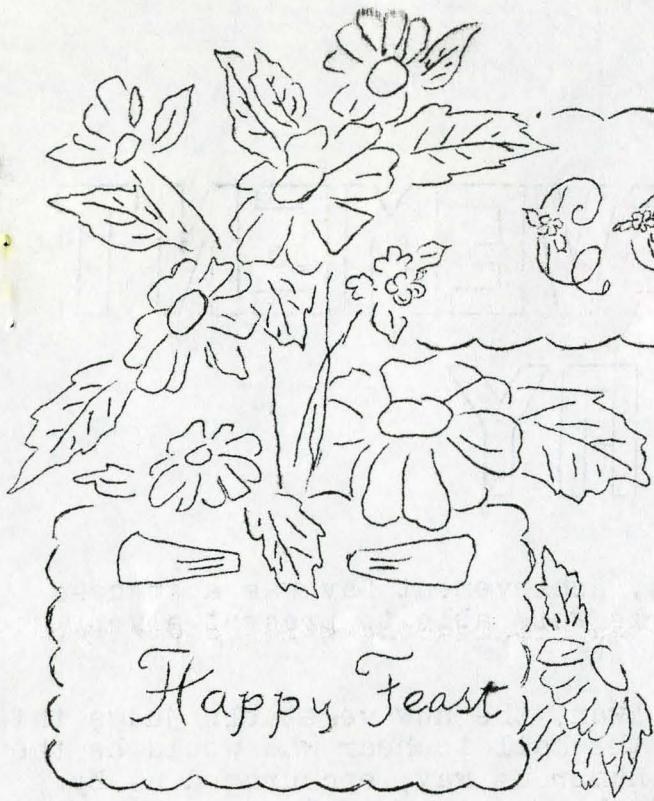
On September 23, Rev. Mother Dorais, newly appointed Provincial Superior of the Grey Nuns paid a very interesting visit to our school. Alice Maurice thanked her in the name of all the school children for having given us three good sisters. Then Rev. Mother gave us a very interesting little talk on the work of the Grey Nuns. She distributed suckers and balloons to all of us and before leaving she asked us to pray for her. Yes, Mother, we will pray for you because you have been very kind to all of us.

Rev. Father Poirier, Provincial Superior of the Oblate Fathers of the Keewatin also stopped in on his way to Ile a la Crosse. in September. Rev. Father Poirier is still very interested in the North where he has spent a few years and we are also very happy to welcome him when he comes to Beauval.

Delia Gauthier G.6

RALPH: What are you going to be when you get out of school?

SAM: Very, very old. (Junior Messenger)



CONCERT

The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary found us all ready to sing the praises of our Heavenly Mother and to celebrate in the evening, the patron feast of our kind pastor, Rev. Father Rosaire Rho. The first performance was given on Oct. 8, for the children of the mission. We had a very interesting youthful audience that afternoon. On Sunday night we repeated the concert for our parents. The Fathers, Brothers, and Sisters from the Mission were there too. We like to perform before the Fathers and Sisters because they always encourage by

their keen interest and appreciation.

After the song WHISPERING HOPE, the little Ones offered "sweet" little wishes to Father Rho on his feast day. Miss Huber, the primary grade teacher who is gifted with a beautiful soprano voice, sang a lovely solo entitled I ASKED THE LORD, while Miss Coppock, her no less capable cousin accompanied her on the organ. I enjoyed the drills best of all. Miss Coppock's grade four girls, alert and graceful, marched to a lively tune while their red, white and blue dresses blended wonderfully with the bright colors of the scenery at the back. Eight jolly little Indians dressed in white, wearing headdress, beaded ornaments, moccasins and all, and each carrying a bow and arrow, were lovely to look at and delightful to hear when they sang HOME ON THE RANGE around the blazing bonfire. They really were a picture. Our last number was a hymn to our Heavenly Mother OH QUEEN OF THE ROSARY after which little Lena Buffin and Johnny Bouvier offered a gift, to Father Rho from all the villagers. In a few chosen words Father Rho thanked all those who had shared the work and success of this concert. It was a lovely evening.

Antoinette Durocher G. 7.

NEW HOMES

During the holidays Father Rho made a big cleaning in his rectory. He then told us that the sisters would come and live in his house in September. He moved to the Club House and three Sisters came to live in the rectory. We were happy to see Sister Annette Mageau back with us. The other sisters are Sister Carrier and Sister Yvonne Matte. Sister Carrier plays the organ and teaches music to some of the girls. She is very kind to the people of Beauval. Sister Matte is an excellent little cook. After school we like to rush to the Sisters' home, offering to help sister Matte in order to get one of her good cookies. We are very fortunate to have the sisters with us all the time now. They never tire of working for us.

I like to visit Father Rho in his new home. He has made it cozy and neat. Father is a good sport; his door is always open to each and everyone of us at every hour of the day.

Marie Diana Durocher G. 8



Praying the Rosary brings music to the ear, joy to the heart and peace to the mind. That is how I feel when I kneel with the faithful at the foot of the Altar to pray the Holy Mother of God. The end of the day may be compared in a certain way to the end of our lives, and who does not want to end it in a perfect way? All during the month of October, we prayed the Rosary, not only for ourselves but also for all our benefactors and for those who stand in great need of prayer, especially the stray souls who have given up prayer altogether. The angels in heaven must lend an ear of satisfaction to the thousands of Aves which have daily risen in pious supplication to our Heavenly Queen and Mother, Mary. My favourite Marian hymn is :

O Virgin Mother
Lady of good Counsel
Sweetest picture, artist ever drew;
In all doubts, I fly to thee for guidance
Mother tell me what am I to do?

NEW FERRY

Some government employees made a new ferry on the Beaver River during the summer holidays. This is really a great improvement because the old ferry was getting quite dangerous. Two trucks can cross together now. Some day we hope to have a bridge instead of a ferry on the Beaver River.

Josephine Alcrow G.6

NEW AND ATTRACTIVE TRUCKS

Many of the villagers decided to get new trucks this summer. The colors are very attractive and neat. Jack Rickleton has a red truck trimmed with white diamond-shaped lines; Archie's truck is light green decorated with dark green; George Lariviere has a blue one and E. Hanson's truck is cream-colored. Mr. Bill Sandherr has a new truck too and my father truck is light blue trimmed with black. I like to watch these bright-colored trucks going by.

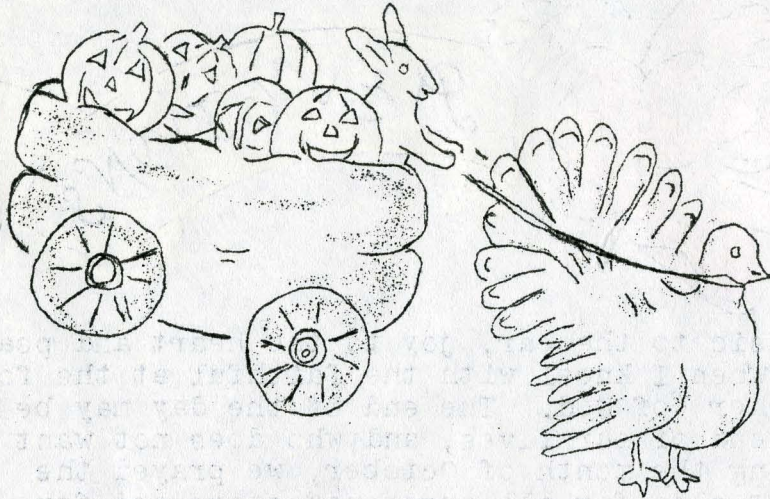
Margaret Hood G. 6.

"ATTENDANCE" PICNIC

On the last day of September all those who had not missed one day of school during the month went for a picnic after school. There were about 40 of us from the three classrooms. We went South for about one half mile and then the fun began. We raced and jumped while the boys climbed trees. The teachers made us play a few games, but as it was getting chilly we ate our lunch came home. I enjoyed the lunch best of all.

and

Simonne Laliberte G.6.



HALLOWEEN

That very word, Hallowe'en brings tears of laughter to my eyes as I recall the fun we had at our Hallowe'en party. It was held at the school and that was very nice because it was a party for school children only. Some of the boys and girls who have left school some years ago were invited too.

The party started off with different games which we enjoyed very much. The slippery floor was the cause of many "slide on the seat" performances. I wonder if the girls who did the cleaning did it on purpose, but what I do know is that every fall resulted in peals of laughter.

The parade was certainly the farce of the evening. Each "parader" made us almost choke with laughter as she or he danced around the room to the tune of an old time jig played by the "Corrigan Orchestra." No one could tell who was a girl or who was a boy. There were costumes of every fit and color, and I should add there were especially costumes of NO FIT AT ALL....., but the masks were OUT standing, that's all. Alex Corrigan got first prize for his old maid's costume and the mask which he had invented himself. I guess only Mr. Neilson could figure out who's apron he was wearing..... The best dancers were Emilia Roy and Simonne Laliberte and they got first prize too.

Finally we all sat down to a delicious lunch of pies, coffee apples and doughnuts. I'm sure we will still recall with joy that wonderful Hallowe'en party in the years to come.

Claire Laliberte G. 8

SOMETHING UNSUSUAL

Something quite unusual and exciting happened on September 25. A helicopter came slowly down and landed in the field behind the sisters' home. As it was already dark when it landed we had to wait until morning to have a good look at it. It was brightly colored; red, white and blue and was much larger than an ordinary plane. This helicopter came from Sasaktoon. It was very interesting to see it taking off. It rose about two or three feet from the ground, turned around and went right up. It was the first time the people of Beauval had seen a helicopter.

Billy Hood G. 6.

TINY LITTLE FRIEND

We have a lovely little canary at school. It is very lively and naughty too. It is yellow with jet-black eyes; a very attractive little thing. When someone opens the cage, it rushes out and comes back when it feels hungry. But sometimes it is very naughty and refuses to come back to its cage. The minute we try to close the cage, out it flies and seems to laugh at us from its high place of safety. It does not sing very much but we are very fond of our little friend.

Lulse Maurice G. 7.

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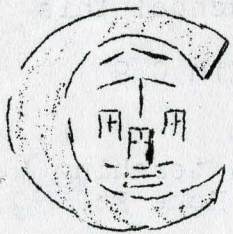
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Tossed about like the waves of an angry ocean, we are often reminded that this world is not our everlasting dwelling place. At the beginning of the school year, some of our dear and devoted friends have left us, leaving in our hearts the deep sorrow which results from the departure of someone we love. Rev. Father Landry, former Principal at the Indian School has been transferred to Buffalo Narrows; Rev. Father Perreault, our former parish priest has left for Nelson House in Manitoba; Rev. Brothers Beaudoin, St. Arnaud and Belanger have been named for different posts in the Vicariate; Rev. Sister Corriveau, former Superior at the Res. School has been transferred to St Albert in Alberta, and Rev. Sister L. Beaudry, last year's primary teacher has left for Fort Frances in Ontario. To all these kind and loving friends we wish joy and consolation in their new mission fields.

New missionaries have arrived to replace those who have gone away. Rev. Sisters Carrier and Y. Matte are two new missionaries at Beauval Village; Misses Coppock and Huber are the two new school teachers; Rev. Father Giard is the new Principal at the Indian School; Rev. Brothers Rioux and St. Louis are posted at the Res. School; Rev. Sister M.A. Burque is the new Superior at the Indian School; Rev. Sister Rousselgalle (beautiful bird of France) is back with us after a month's visit in her "belle France". Mr. Paul Marchand is the new supervisor of the boys with Mr. Landry at the Res. School. To all these newcomers we extend a hearty welcome and hope they will be happy in this little spot of northern Saskatchewan.

MY HOLIDAYS

At the beginning of the holidays I was in Prince Albert. From there I went to Cumberland House and stayed there for a few weeks. We travelled on a barge which took 19 hours from The Pas to Cumberland House. Then I came back to P.A. for a few days only, as I was going to Kinistino where I stayed till mid-August. Getting ready to go back home was the most exciting part of my holidays. That was the trip I enjoyed most too. I came back with the boys and girls of Beauval who had gone to the P.A. Fair. We had a picnic on this side of Big River. The closer we were getting to Beauval, the better we felt. At home I enjoyed going for bike rides. I also went to the Ranch and helped pick berries until school started. I will try to do my best at school this year.

Florence Buffin G.9

WE HEARD THAT

All runs "on wheels" down Sister Aurea Mageau's way. She is teaching three subjects in Legal High School this year beside her regular Home Ec. classes. We're happy to hear that, Sister.

Sister L. Beaudry is busy with grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 at Fort Frances. We still remember you, sister. Let us hear from you.

Alexina Laliberte, who graduated as Nurse's Aid at Fort Smith last June, is taking grade XI this year. Congratulations, Alexina. You have chosen the best part which shall not be taken away from you.

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