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MY DEAR CHILDREN

Did you ever meet an honourable person? I am sure you did already and quite a few times every day because there are many of them around here. Now what would you say if I asked you what an honourable person is. To make it easy for you let us say that it is somebody who has a good reputation, or somebody who is honest. If I ask you again why that person is honest, you will say: "because he is leading a good life according to God's Law and to civil law as well.

If I am telling you all this today, it is because I want you to understand how important it is to build your own good reputation when you are school children. Believe me, my dear children, later on there will not be much change in your behaviour from what it is today. If, when you are young, you take the good habit of keeping your promises, of obeying God's Law, of being helpful and smiling when you are doing a good turn to your neighbour; there is no doubt that you will be good christians and good citizens when you are grown up and out of school leading your own life in the village.

Unfortunately what you are told to do in school does not correspond with what you see outside of school. You will meet some people who are not living according to what you are taught in school; you may also hear some people who, under pretext of saving the face, will ridicule the sacred Laws of God; they may even go as far as to mock you because you want to lead a good and honourable life. I certainly hope there is no one as mean as that in our nice village. I just mentioned it because I wanted to tell you to keep on all your life with the good habits you are taking in school. Do not spoil your life right at the beginning. Be an honest boy, a clean and respectful girl.

We should always feel sorry for someone who loses his honour in the bottom of a bottle, or in a room of a shady house, or in the cell of a jail. Why did it finish like that? Because these poor people did not care at the beginning to lead an honest life, and finally they woke up in the bottom of the ditch. The other day my little Tiger was looking through the window to see what was going on in the street. There came two men who were not walking very straight. Their face, their clothes and their hair were a good indication that they had been throwing their honour with their bottle in the snow behind them. And that poor little cat was looking at them in such a funny way, as if he thought that they were visitors from the outer space, Mars or the Moon, because, according to him, men he saw on earth do not walk like that.

Now, my dear Children, when you meet some people like those two, do not humiliate them; have pity on them, pray for them in the bottom of your heart and ask God and His Blessed Mother to protect you and help you to lead an honest, good and honourable life.

Your Father

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IN THE MAIL



It is with great pleasure that we publish the following letter sent to us by Mr. I.C. Nollet, Minister of Agriculture in Saskatchewan:

I was very pleased to learn from your agricultural Representative, Mr. J.D. Neilson, that your club completed a successful year by holding an achievement day last fall. The great progress your community has made in 4-H Club work has been a real pleasure to me.

All the members in your club deserve congratulations. Unfortunately it is not possible for me to write each member but I am writing a personal letter of congratulations to the first five prize winners. Please convey my best wishes to the rest of your membership.

I would like you to know that we in Sask. Dept. of Agriculture appreciate the sincere effort you have put into your 4-H work. May I take this opportunity of extending my sincere good wishes for your continued success in this venture.

Yours very truly,

Thank you most sincerely, Mr. Nollet. It is very encouraging for us to know that you are interested in the 4-H club activities of the remote northern areas of Saskatchewan.

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Mr. John Cairns, regional inspector for Indian Schools in Saskatchewan sent a letter of congratulations to the pupils for their fine school-community paper.

Thank you, Mr. Cairns for your kind and encouraging words.

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From Fort Smith N.W.T. we hear that Alexina Laliberté is taking grade eleven besides her daily duties at the hospital. We hope to see you taking grade twelve next year, Alexina.

Hermeline Corrigan, in charge of third floor at St Joseph's hospital, Fort Resolution, tells us that she passes medicine and gives treatment to both men and women on her floor. We're glad to hear that you like your work, Hermeline. When are you coming to Beauval? or have you decided to get married out there???

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Sister Auréa Mageau is busy decorating the stage of the spacious gym at Tegal, outside of her regular Home Ec classes. How about sending us a picture of you back painting, Sister? We'd like to compare it with the one you made for us here.



We Greet Our Bishop

"His Excellency Bishop DumoucheI will take a plane from Prince Albert to Ile a la Grosse on Jan. 13." These were the good news heard on the radio and how anxious we were to see our good bishop again. He arrived at the village with Father Giard in the afternoon of Jan. 14, stopped a few minutes at the Sisters' Home and continued to the Indian School.

On Sunday morning we were very fortunate in hearing our dear Bishop's friendly and fatherly voice during the sermon which he preached at High Mass. After the ceremony we all gathered at the Sisters' home to greet His Excellency. Not one of the parishioners missed the opportunity of shaking hands with him; authentic proof that he is loved by all. Candy was distributed to all the people before His Excellency returned to the Mission.

On Monday morning he came to school for a short but interesting visit. He encouraged us to carry on with our studies, and told us that his one great hope was to see us through high school and doing well out in the world. Sister took some pictures which, unfortunately did not turn out very well. Excellency, we will try again the next time you come to Beauval and we hope that it will be in the near future.

Tuesday morning saw him leaving early. This however, did not stop us from forming a "loving avenue" in front of the school to wish him good-bye.

Arthur Durocher Gr. VII.

MR. WAUGH VISITS US

In the afternoon of January 25, Mr. Waugh, our kind superintendent drove into town in his attractive light blue car. Having left his car at the garage he walked to school and was half frozen when he walked in, the weather being dreadfully cold. The next day he visited the classrooms, making a list of all the repairs that have to be done during the holidays. At four in the afternoon he came back to school where a meeting of the villagers was to be held, but because the men were still out fishing, that meeting was postponed to February 16. We were very happy to hear that Mr. Waugh was coming back on the 16 to judge the speeches.

Claire Laliberté Gr. VIII

FROM PRINCE ALBERT

On January 27, Mr. Neilson arrived from Prince Albert by car. A meeting of the 4-H Club was held when he came to school. The chairman, Claire Laliberté called on him to give us a few instructions on the speech contest which will be held on February 16. We all clapped hands when he announced that Mr. Waugh would judge the speeches this year. We were all "speech-minded" when Mr. Neilson finished his talk, at least I was, because I'll be one of the speakers on the 16.

Annette Maurice Gr. VII.

VALENTINE

PARTY



We had a lovely Valentine party on Feb. 14. How I enjoyed the horse races! This time the game was more interesting because we knew the race horses by their names. When Lawrence Tandy shouted for joy, we knew that SILVER SPOON, his favourite horse was in the lead. But when horse No. 1 galloped ahead, it was Father Rho's turn to voice his approval. It was more fun to look at the players, than to watch the horses. even a box of cigarettes.

Then came the baskets! Harry McCallum our good old jolly auctioneer, held before our dazzled eyes, a large number of beautiful baskets of all shapes and colors. No sooner had he shown them, than they went off for EATS. I believe the most beautiful basket on display was Mrs. Mathieson's red and white heart-shaped box. And you should have seen the lunch in it! There was

The little ones go their share of good time too, when they feasted on dainty heart-shaped cookies, two of which contained a button, entitling the one who found it to a special prize. Raphael Lafleur and Yvonne Durocher were the two lucky winners.

Free chocolate milk was served to all the people. We thank all those who organized that wonderful Valentine Party.

Annette Laliberté G. VI

DR. HOFFMANN COMES TO SCHOOL

On January 30, Dr. Hoffmann came to examine all the school children. Mrs Hoffmann who accompanied him, weighed us and measured our heights while the doctor examined our throats, ears, nose and chests. He then gave a short talk on the different germs that may develop in our bodies if we do not wash often. We thank Dr. Hoffmann and his wife for helping us to be healthy and neat.

Antoinette Durocher Gr. VII

TRUCKS TURN OVER

Four trucks turned over on the Meadow Lake-Ile a la Crosse highway in February: the Branders' Truck; a B.A. oil truck; the Mission truck and Mr. Joyal's truck. Fortunately no one was hurt in all these accidents. Mr. Sandherr's light blue car was crumpled "accordian-like" when he bumped into a truck on the Meadow Lake highway. Let's hope the nice weather will improve the road conditions which are now very slippery and dangerous.

Billy Hood Gr. VI.

MYSTERIOUS

I wonder what happened to the Padre of the village when he was riding home with his mail the other night. Someone heard "I'M GOING" and that was the end..... Who could solve the mystery? Perhaps the teachers.....



SPEECH CONTEST

On Thursday ~~afternoon, January 17~~, there were excited whispers in the senior room, the commotion being caused by the speech elimination which was to take place at 2.00 p.m. Rev. Father Rho and Miss Frances Coppock, the two judges, after having computed the marks, announced, to the approval of the whole class, that Annette Maurice and Antoinette Durocher had the highest marks. They were therefore chosen as top speakers for the final competition.

Parents and children were all eager to hear ~~the amateur speakers on February 16~~ in the parish hall. Annette Maurice's talk was entitled THE PIONEER DAYS OF MY COMMUNITY; Antoinette talked on WHAT I HAVE LEARNED AS A CLUB MEMBER. Mr. T. H. Waugh, our good superintendent came from Prince Albert by plane to act as judge for the contest and also to attend a school meeting for the purpose of electing new school trustees.

The speeches were interesting and the speakers were eloquent if we judge by the "chorus" of applause which Annette and Antoinette were given after their speech. Then Mr. Neilson and Mr. Waugh commented on the speeches after which Mr. Waugh presented an ORATORY medal to each of last years speakers, namely: Annette Maurice and René Durocher. Mr. Neilson also showed the brilliant T.H.WAUGH SHIELD which will be offered to the top speakers of last year, our good friends of Green Lake. They will keep the shield until someone more competent gets it.

The business of electing school trustees then followed. Father Rho and Mr. Mathieson were both re-elected; Father as Chairman and Mr. Mathieson as secretary. Mr. Fiddler was also elected on the school board to replace Mr. Bill Hood.

Then followed a very pleasant hour during which Mr. Neilson projected on the screen, some of his interesting collection of pictures taken in Northern Sask. It was captivating to visit most of the settlements of the North from a comfortable seat by the fireside. What laughters greeted old familiar faces from Beauval.

Special thanks go to Mr. Waugh for the interest he has shown once more in our school activities, and to Mr. Neilson, our untiring Ag (gold) representative.

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QUESTION: Did you ^{see} the man in white overalls, the other night?

ANSWER: Yes, and I thought it was a ghost.

QUESTION: Is there anything about Valmore that can be fast?

ANSWER: His WITCH.....

MANY THANKS


Early in January large boxes of "sweeties" arrived at Beauval School from a very kind man, Mr. J.N. Kirk, vice president of E.W. Bliss Co., Toledo. The employees of that same company, inspired by Mr. Kirk's noble idea of doing something for God's poor in Northern Sask., sent a very generous donation to the children of Beauval Village School. If there is joy in giving, there was jubilation in every young heart when the "goodies" were distributed around to one hundred eager children. Every child from the youngest grade oner to the oldest "niner" join in a chorus of a "MILLION THANKS TO YOU Mr. Kirk and to your very kind employees.

From St. Paul's Hospital arrive boxes and boxes of useful and recreational articles for the children from good Sister Superior Lachance, the untiring and generous friend of the poor. May all the good deeds that you have done in our behalf, dear Sister Superior, be written in letters of gold in God's heavenly MERIT BOOK.

On January 29, a few old familiar faces were seen in the village, and sure enough they were George, Léo and Margaret Gauthier and their friends from Meadow Lake visiting their old home town. They visited their old school and spent an enjoyable time looking at the pictures taken in bygone days. They then visited the parish hall and the teacherage before going back to Meadow L. where they are now living. Come again, dear "Gauthier" friends; we keep a good souvenir of all of you.

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WIENER ROAST

On February 1, about ninety-eight smiling faces piled into two sleighs and sailed down the La Plonge road for a sleigh ride and wiener roast.

During the trip we were forced to drive into the ditch a couple of times in order to let some gravel-trucks go by. There was also a slight accident when half the can of chocolate milk was spilt into the snow. This, however only added to the merriment of the trip.

We stopped about half way between the village and La Plonge Lake and the older boys built a bonfire. In a matter of seconds all hands were elbow-deep in wieners and buns. Each child enjoyed three or four wieners. The rest of the time was spent in climbing trees and diving in the snow.

Despite the cold weather and a few charred wieners, the afternoon was a booming success and everybody had a good time. Many thanks go to Alex Corrigan and Raymond Anderson who provided the horses and sleighs for that very enjoyable sleigh ride.

Miss Frances Coppock.

HOCKEY AT THE INDIAN SCHOOL

On February 5, an imposing number of cars from Meadow Lake paraded through the village on their way to the Indian school where two hockey games were to take place in the afternoon. The Pee Wees played first, scoring 5 to 0 in favor of the Beauval Indian Pee Wees. Congratulations!

This interesting game was followed by another lively game starring the Meadow Lake High School Boys vs Beauval Senior Indian Boys. It was an exciting game, the "Beauval Canadians" being up to par in every difficult situation. The onlookers poured forth all the "shouting power" that was in them. The game closed up with a 5-5 tie. It had been a swift, clean and captivating game. Both teams deserve congratulations for their ability and their good sportsmanship.

René Durocher Gr. VI.

CONCERT AT MISSION

On January 29, we were all invited to a concert at the Indian School, given in honor of Rev. Father Giard, on his feast day. There were 17 items on the programme, each number having its particular touch of beauty and interest. The little ones performed outstandingly well in songs, band music and even in dancing the Indian Pow-Wow. I enjoyed the piano duet, the Baby Show and the senior drill best of all. We thank the sisters for inviting us.

Louise Maurice Gr. VI.

Who could be the lucky "receiver" of all the letters that Florence can manage to write during her SPARE minutes.....?

WEDDING



Wedding bells rang merrily on February 13, for my brother, Peter Buffin and Celina Morin of Ile a la Crosse. Rev. Father Rho received their vows and celebrated Mass for them. The bride was very beautiful in her white dress and veil, and Peter was no less handsome in his light grey suit. Alex Corrigan was the Bestman and I, the Bridesmaid.

After the wedding ceremony Mr. Bonneau took pictures of the newly weds, and although the weather was cold, we hope that these colored pictures will be clear and natural.

Peter had been a pupil at the village school for a number of years and one of the good players in the softball team. That is why the quartet paid a short visit to school in the afternoon of

the wedding. We played games, one of them being "Questions and Answers". Then Alex sang a song It was very short, but he made up for it by repeating it often.

At night a dance was held at the parish hall. At midnight lunch was served after which we all went home. We wish the very best of luck to Peter and his lovely wife.

Florence Buffin G. LX

A BUNDLE OF JOY

Harvey Joseph Morin- a bright little boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Valmore Morin on January 4.

Joseph ROSAIRE Alcrow- born to Mr. and Mrs. Anthanas Alcrow (Josephine Morin) This sunny little boy will certainly turn out to be an outstanding figure at Beauval if we judge by his beautiful name.....

Janice Elna Roy- born on Jan. 14 to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Roy presently at Lake Athabasca.

Emery Charles Roy- another bright little NAPISIS (boy) born to Mr. and Mrs. John Roy on Feb. 15.

Congratulations to the happy parents of all those little darlings.

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Mrs. Beatrice Rediron lost her little girl, Irene who lived only five months in this valley of tears. We offer heartfelt sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Rediron.

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Young Alex Roy stood gazing at Sister Matte who is very small. He then ventured to say

"Sister, have you ever taught school?"

After her negative answer he added,

"When you are big, will you teach us?"



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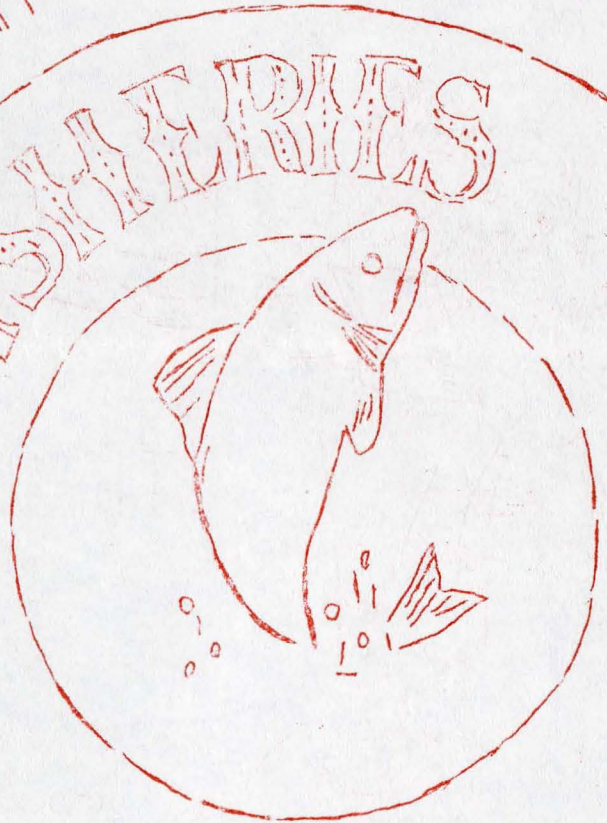
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