

# Beautiful Halley Echo

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HAPPY EASTER TO ALL OUR READERS



## MY DEAR CHILDREN

In two-weeks' time we will be at the climax of the year---- Holy Week--- that recalls to us the great mysteries of our redemption. Are we not mindful of the price paid for our salvation? This coming Holy Week needs preparation if only we want to rejoice at Easter and during the Easter Season. I know already that many of you are preparing and are doing something SPECIAL..... Every morning you come to Mass and many of you are making your regular communions..... I know also of a boy resolved not to attend

any picture show during Lent. That boy is mindful of his duty and has a strong will. No doubt many others are doing likewise, in one way or another. We know that all sacrifices, big or small, are agreeable to God and have their returning favors and graces from Heaven for all the members of the community.

Since I came to Beauval to be in charge of this mission, though unnoticed, I have been studying your community life and especially your behavior at school. What did I find?---- a kind spirit of co-operation laid down as a heritage by those devoted priests, sisters and teachers, working for everyone's welfare in the community. Be sure that it is also my earnest desire to encourage every opportunity of temporal and spiritual success, for I consider that if everyone enjoys peace of conscience, God will be loved and served and His abundant blessings will be pouring down upon every family and upon the community as a whole.

To obtain that community life, co-operation or " team-work" is necessary: that also have I noticed in the school. In fact, your reputation is known here and afar. If you do challenge your neighbors, whether in Public Speaking, Field Day or Garden Clubs, or otherwise, you have to be honest and kind in your behavior. This brings you our congratulations and encouragement.

Your devoted priest,

*W. Doyon, S.J.*



# SKATING

Wisely and carefully we had made the rink near a hole which had been made in the ice to water the horses. The boys and girls formed a chain, while the pails were filled and passed speedily on until the rink was smooth and clear. Now we enjoy skating so much that we often forget to go home for our meals.

One day the boys decided to make hockey sticks to show the girls that they too could play hockey. At four they triumphantly went down to the rink with their "school-made" hockey sticks. But the following morning our hockey fans had lost all their gusto. When asked if they would have a game at four, they sheepishly admitted they had broken all of their hockey sticks... That was the first game and the last one of the season. However, they are determined to start early next fall, but I guess they will have to save during the holidays to buy a good hockey stick.

I am gratefully pleased to thank the Natural Resource Dept. and especially Mrs. Doige for sending skates to us. As there are more than one hundred children attending our school, we invite our readers who wish to do something for our school, to send us more skates or donations with which we could buy some that would fit our wide feet.

Simonne Laliberté G.9

DAD: Which toy will you have, Jerry?  
 JERRY: The broken one.  
 DAD: What's the idea?  
 JERRY: It will save me the trouble of breaking it.

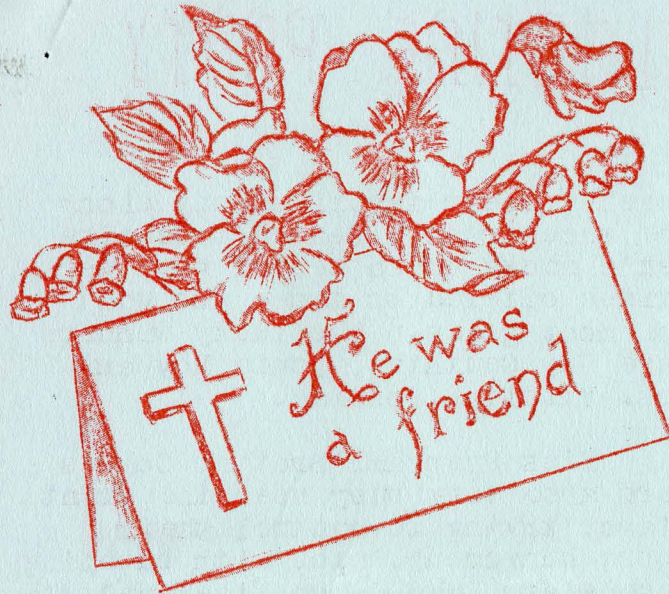
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At Eastertime, joy fills our hearts  
 The world seems born anew-  
 May all the blessings of this Day  
 Be yours the whole year through!

School days, School days,  
 Dear old golden rule days,  
 Readin' and 'ritin' and 'rithmetic  
 Sliding and skatin' oh my' how shick'

Not one of us knew what a lovely surprise Mr. Shannon, D.N.R. from Ile a la Crosse had in his big box as he walked into the school on February 17. We soon learned he had brought thirty-one pairs of skates of different sizes and styles. These skates had been collected by the Natural Resource Dept. at Prince Albert. Mrs Jean Doige, well-known and well-liked Northern News radio announcer on C.K.B.I. had invited all Saskatchewan listeners to donate skates for northern posts where children cannot possibly afford to buy some.

There was still one big problem which was soon voiced by one of the "skate-lovers:" "How are we to use the skates since we have no skating rink?" The teachers, who were already trying to solve the problem, suggested that we all go down the hill and shovel off the snow for a rink. We all shouted our approval, and that very afternoon we "flew" down the hill with shovels, boxes, sleighs, pails, in fine, with everything and anything that would enable us to make a rink. In less than an hour we had managed to clean a good sized patch. Even the little grade oners did their little bit.



# AU REVOIR

to Father Rho for his unselfish devotedness and we invite him to Beauval as often as his missionary duties will afford him a trip "down South."

## W E L C O M E

Reverend Father N. Doyon was given a hearty welcome when he first visited our school shortly after his arrival at the end of January.

Having spent many years, both as principal of the Indian School at Sturgeon Landing and Superior of the day school at Cumberland House, Father Doyon is well qualified for the missionary work he will be doing here.

Shortly after the New Year, Father Rho announced his transfer from Beauval to Ile a la Crosse, where he will also be in charge of the Cance Lake Mission.

All the villagers, both grown-ups and children, felt very sad at losing their beloved pastor, who had been so devoted for their spiritual and temporal welfare. One little side of the sad picture still remained cheerful, and that was the thought of seeing Father Rho occasionally as he will be our next door neighbor.

We are grateful to his Excellency Bishop Dumouchel for having sent us this good missionary and we hope Father Doyon will find happiness and comfort in our midst.

We take pleasure in expressing our deep gratitude to him for all the good he has done in the parish during his short stay of three years and one half at Beauval. Father Rho has always been most co-operative and when he organized anything, he always carried it to a thorough and successful end.

Both grown-ups and children love to visit Father, who is very jolly and gay. He delights in playing jokes on his visitors. A week after his arrival, he had a whole crew of youngsters piling wood in the back yard, and the most active worker of all, was Father himself, shovelling away the snow and measuring the rows for the cords of wood.

Under his capable administration the parish (removal of all doors on the stage), the Father's Residence and especially the church, have undergone notable improvements. We will miss him at our community gatherings too, as his humour and joviality were remarkable and he had the gift of passing it on to others.

Now that the little wine FARGO has followed Father Rho to Ile a la Crosse (he doesn't own it, though), a bicycle, lately arrived from Le Pas, will be Father Doyon's vehicle for visiting his people.

WELCOME, dear Father. May you always be happy at Beauval Village.

Through the voice of Beautiful Valley Echo, we extend grateful thanks

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One fervent Hail Mary  
with love and thought said  
Is better than volumes  
of prayers poorly read.

# VALENTINE PARTY



Valentine! Valentine!  
Oh what fine baskets! Valentine  
Mister look on the stage and see  
If there's one in the lot for me!

What a lovely and colourful picture our basket display offered to all those who attended the Valentine Party on February 14. Some were shaped like hearts, others were round or square; there was one shaped like a beaver, but the prettiest basket of all was a miniature representation of our little white church. This lovely basket, made by Antoinette Durocher, sold for nine dollars. Our baskets were decorated with bright colored ribbons or crepe paper. Miss Ryan and Miss Brown, our two lay teachers, had beautiful heart-shaped baskets, too.

Father Chamberland, some sisters Brother Combes and many of the boys and girls from the Indian School were our invited guests. We thank Father Chamberland in a very special way for the interest he takes in all our activities. Brother Combes accepted to sell the baskets, and he deserves congratulations for his ability in this line.

Miss Brown, teacher, and Tony Corrigal were in charge of the horse race track, which proved a center of fun and laughter, topped by enthusiastic shouts, as the young bidders

coached their favorite pony along the race track. Beaded moccasins men's socks and a beaded belt were prizes offered to those who won the most games. The lucky winners were Guy Gauthier, Louis Roy and Mrs. Vitaline Bonneau.

Miss Ryan and Brother Combes were also very busy near the front stage, trying to control their "born hunters", who, with bubbling enthusiasm, shot down five coal-black crows faster than they could be made to "pose" for their murderers.....

The members of the 4-H Club thank all those who attended and co-operated with the organizers of this Valentine Party.

Eva Miller Gr. 9

## B U T C H

You are only small and dumb they say  
You cannot laugh and smile,  
Yet I know you are in dismay  
For you've had a heartfelt trial.

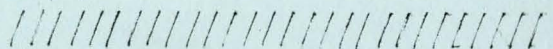
Your friends have left to come no more  
Your master, your mistress and all,  
In your old heart it went to the core  
For you sit and desolately call!

Brian, your master, so lithe and gay  
No longer will you see.  
Yet you are waiting for the day,  
When joy will outdo your misery.

Butch, I write this poem for you,  
I sympathize and say,  
"Maybe the time will come too,  
When you shall see Brian, someday."

I wrote this little poem as I gazed upon "Lonesome Butch" one day at school, and I send it to the Mathieson Family as a little souvenir.

Toni Durocher Gr. 9.





# WELCOME VISITORS

Father Chaput, from Ile a la Crosse, is the CENTER of attraction when he drives into Beauval with his royal blue, majestic car. On Jan. 2 Sisters I. Laramée, Rousselgalle and A. Cyre were some of the passengers on a welcome trip to Beauval.

JAN. 23- Three policemen from Prince Albert drove into the village on a very pleasant trip. They were: Mr. E. T. Ryan, city Police Sergeant, and father of Miss K. Ryan, our grade 2 and 3 teacher. His two sons, Allan, who is Pen Guard at the Prince Albert Penitentiary, and handsome Tommy, R.C.M.P. stationed at Vancouver, accompanied him. Their visit was short but "sweet" if we judged by the merriment of both the visitors and the visited. Come again, dear friends. Beauval welcomes you always.

A few weeks later, Miss K. Brown's cousin, Mr. Anthony Ahle from Melfort Sask. paid a short visit to our most hospitable teachers.

JAN. 31- Fathers Rhéaume and Labonté from far away Edmonton came to record some Cree hymns for their radio station C.H.F.A. How pleased we were to greet them and to sing for them too, even if we did have the recordings after school. Father Labonté taught the song ALOUETTE to us in Cree. Thank you, Fathers for your kind visit.

FEB. 18- His Excellency Bishop Dumouchel arrived at Beauval in the

afternoon. We were all very happy to meet him. The next morning, being Ash Wednesday, he celebrated Mass in the church and spoke to the parishioners in his clear, friendly and convincing way. He also paid a short visit to school before leaving Beauval. Excellency, when you come to Beauval, you always bring sunshine and happiness with you.

MARCH 13- Other distinguished visitors to Beauval were Mother Marie Laforce, Provincial Superior of the Gray Nuns and her bursar, Sister J. Laporte. They came to the village on Friday, March 14, and left on the following Sunday for the Indian School across the river. They did not have the opportunity of visiting the school, but they prayed with the whole congregation at the Sunday Mass. Reverend Mother, we are looking forward to another visit from you in the near future.

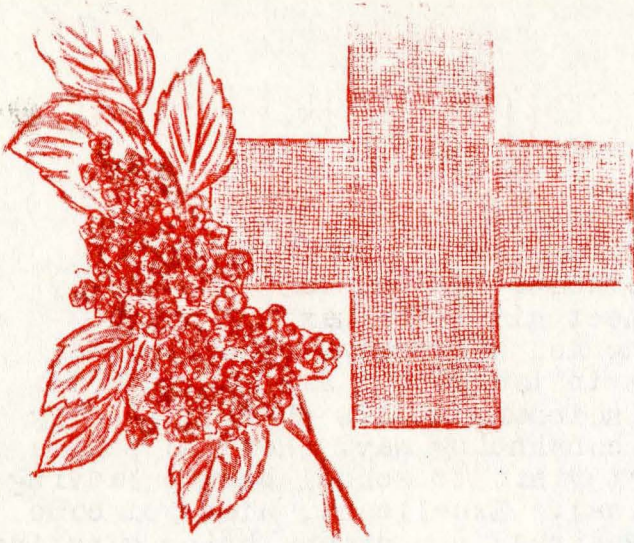
MARCH 15- Sisters A. Laramée and A. Cyre came to Beauval for a local meeting re-track meet organization. It was decided that the events would take place at the Indian Res. School in the fall.

MARCH 21- Father Chaput brought more welcome visitors to Beauval today. They were: Sisters A. Gamache, Sup. from Ile a la Crosse, Sisters Leduc Gingras and Bézaire.

MARCH 13- Father Rho arrived from Canoe Lake with Brother George from Ile a la Crosse, to hear the speeches. Thank you, Father, for your kind visit; we hope you will come again.

Brother Boisvert stopped at Beauval on his way back to Ile a la Crosse after a short stay at St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon. Fathers Rossignol, Guilloux and Brothers Courcy and Dumaine, have also made a short visit to Beauval.

WE SERVE



is on its way to our National Office for transmission to a Branch in a country overseas. The book is very attractive and I know that the children who receive it will enjoy every bit of it and will learn a lot from it. I hope you will receive an interesting reply, and this will be sent on to you when it reaches our office.

Yours sincerely,

#### RED CROSS FRIENDSHIP BOOK

On January 30, Mr. Waugh came to Beauval with Miss Hazel Lawrence, director of the Junior Red Cross at Regina. We were very pleased to meet Miss Lawrence who sent us such lovely presents at Christmas. All the pupils of the four classrooms were invited to our room where Miss Lawrence showed slides of the children in the Red Cross Hospital at Regina.

She then told us how happy she was to visit our school and community where the people generously give a yearly donation to the Red Cross Society. She gave a short talk on health, stressing the care of the teeth. Miss Lawrence showed us two albums from schools overseas and, as she had to leave immediately, she left them to us for a while.

After she had left, we decided to make an album of our own for children overseas. We all got together and planned the articles, each pupil being asked to write on the different topics chosen. The other classrooms contributed some articles and at the end of the week we were able to return Miss Lawrence's two books, plus a third one for our little friends abroad. I think our album is a good example of "team-work."

Antoinette Durocher G. 9

A week later Miss Lawrence wrote:

Dear Teachers and Members:

I know you will be glad to hear that your album

We made a Red Cross Friendship Book in February. We put some pictures in the book, drawn by Donald Corrigan and Norman Borneau and also some stories written by Donald and Aldina Morin. We also wrote about what our fathers do at Beauval. Two of these were put in the Friendship Book. Donald Corrigan and Therese Roy wrote them.

Miss Ryan's pupils also put in some beautiful pictures and some stories written in the class. They put in pictures of Indians.

Sister Mageau's class put in pictures of Beauval and also the different kinds of food we eat. We saw a picture drawn by Doni Durocher and Claire Laliberté. They also put pictures of different kinds of clothing we wear.

The Friendship Book is sent overseas to the children in Switzerland. They will send us a book about their homes. I would be glad if they sent us a book.

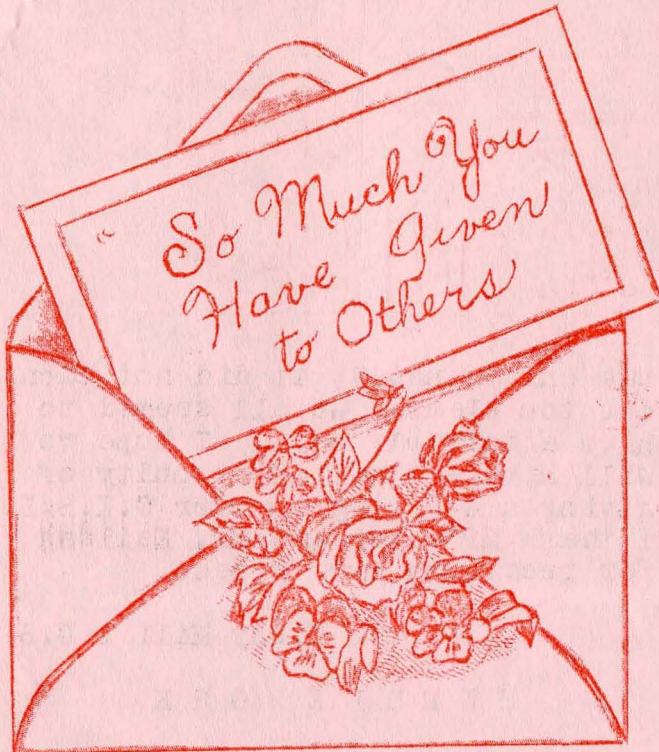
Jean Laliberté Gr. 5.

#### RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

The School and Community are planning a big BINGO for the Red Cross Society. The party will be held at the end of March. The

managers of both The Bay and the Family Store have given lovely prizes for the occasion. Let's have a big CROWD. Remember, it's for the RED CROSS.

# OUR MAIL



Carrier amazingly suggested the need of an organ at Beauval.....

It seemed like the hand of God using Sister to show us the way. And so the nurses who were ~~the~~ closest and who truly loved Dorothy for the wonderful person she was, were contacted for a donation.

Hoping you and your charges will enjoy the organ and if there is ever a chance to obtain a movie film of the work you are doing, I will be delighted to show it to some of the nurses at one of our meetings.

Cordially,  
Anne Brunelle.

There is something in your friendship  
Very rare to find, dear friend  
'Tis unselfishness in giving  
Without stint and without end,  
So there is, at last I learn,  
Love that asks for no return.

This little verse is sent through the mail to a group of devoted nurses from Nashua, whose names are precious-ly kept on our list of benefactors. Early in February, Sister Angela

Carrier, Sister A. Carrier's sister who is a true missionary at heart, wrote to her sister to inform her that she would soon receive a portable organ from Nashua, N.H.

A week later, Sister Carrier received the following letter:

" Because I know you are aware of an organ being delivered to your mission as a memorial to one of St. Joseph's Hospital nurses, now deceased, I will not go into the details, other than say your sister Angela is indeed one of God's endowed.

The few of us here in Nashua, who were the classmates of Dorothy Hannon Sweeney and desiring to do something in her memory, were in a quandry as to just what we could do, when Sister

Thank you very much, Miss Brunelle. We definitely will enjoy **the organ**, and will remember you and all the other nurses in our daily prayers.

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Another good old American friend Mr. Peter Fiedler, or Uncle Pete, as he is locally called, donated a beautiful statue of St. Therese for our church. Here are some of his jolly letters:

" St. Theresa is on her way to Beauval. She left this evening at 5:15. I hope she will get up north O.K. I put a fur coat on her. I made the box a little too large, so I had to get a store to fill out the packing I hope she will reach the holy land of Beauval safely...."

You really got a store in that box, dear Uncle Pete. May God bless you every day for your kindness to all your many friends of Beauval

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We also send special thanks to Sister Prévost, Superior of St. Paul's Hospital and Sister Simonne Mageau, Superior of Biggar Hospital, for the lovely surprise boxes they have sent to our school.

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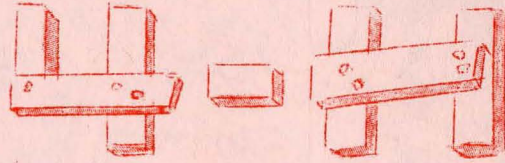
I saw, you saw, we all saw with our jigsaws and how we enjoy it. There are thirteen boys working on a woodwork project. Our record books are getting more and more interesting as we go along. Most of the boys are now working on the second article, but most of us are anxious to start the third: construction. I will be making a table; some boys will make book shelves, little beds, chairs and cupboards. We are hoping to complete our project as soon as possible, for with the bright spring weather, we will say good-bye to indoor activities.

Réné Durocher G.9

#### BEAUVAIL ON THE AIR

Last Thursday, March 13, Mr. McKay and Mr. Neilson recorded a short program we had prepared for C.K.B.I. in Prince Albert. Toni Durocher, the announcer, introduced the four speakers Armand Roy, Réné Durocher, Lena Roy and Vicky Miller, who spoke on Club activities, convincing our listeners that the gay Beauval 4-H Clubs are alert and active at all times. Vicky Miller gave a concise but clear picture of our neat little village, with its snow-white buildings standing against a background of evergreens. She mentioned that the school, standing in the center of the village, is also a center of life and activity. After the talks we sang a CHEERIO song we had prepared for the speech evening

On March 21, we heard the program at 7:00 p.m. over C.K.B.I.



## ACTIVITIES

but unfortunately it did not turn out too clear. We all seemed to have a terrible cold. I hope we will have another opportunity of giving a 4-H program over C.K.B.I. I thank Mr McKay and Mr. Neilson for recording our voices.

Vicky Miller G.6

#### NEEDLEWORK

In the needlework project there are two groups: juniors and seniors. The two groups are working on the same project: SEWING. Our first article was a pot holder. We did everything by ourselves. Our second article, a cushion, takes more time as we have to embroider it. The record book is the most enjoyable part of the project. We all try to have the nicest one. Whenever we have meetings, we copy them in our record book. We also made small articles, that is, models which we placed in the record sheets. This is fun. I like sewing, and I think it is a very worthwhile undertaking.

Simonne Laliberté G. 9





# SPEECHES

to the low humming and laughter coming from the gradually increasing crowd, who came to hear the speeches. The Waugh Shield was now dangling in mid-air for us. That shield had a world of meaning to us, and to keep it, we felt we had to do our very best.

To our great astonishment after the speeches, the judges announced that these were the best they had heard so far. I think our two club leaders must have felt very proud of us, as they listened attentively to the comments made by the judges.

Mr. McKay then presented ORATORY 4-H medals to last year's winners: Annette Maurice, Annette Laliberté and Billy Hood.

A lunch was then served to the judges, the Fathers, the teachers and the four speakers. The audience was served at the back counter.

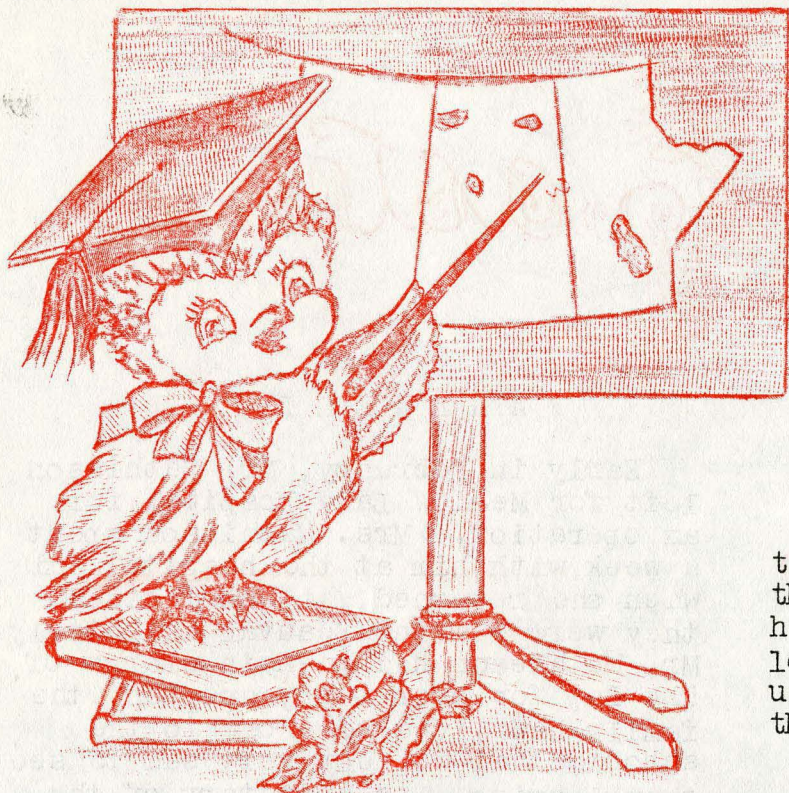
Before lunch Mr. Neilson showed us some very interesting slides of former 4-H members at Beauval and we could easily see the steady progress of the gardening projects carried on in our community.

This lovely evening was indeed a memorable event for all the people of Beauval. I know I will not forget it for many years to come.

A few days later, some of the pupils rushed into school with the good news: we had won the Waugh Shield for another year. Like Sir Roland (The Knight of the Silver Shield) it seemed to have taken on new splendor as its rays shone right down into our hearts.

Toni Durocher G. 9.

"The prose of life takes the lilt of rhyme  
With a friend or two."

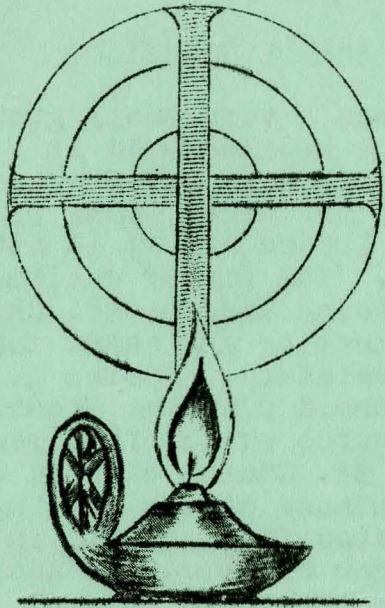


Preparations for the speech competition began shortly after the Christmas holidays, in a great bustle of writing, correcting and re-writing on the part of all those who were taking part in the speeches. Each pupil was given the choice of speaking on any topic desired. We then had the first elimination, after which Eva Miller, René Durocher, Armand Roy and myself were chosen as top speakers.

We carefully chose a topic about which we were interested. Eva Miller took Music and What it Meant to her, René chose "Explorers of Saskatchewan", Armand Roy: "The Canadian Mounted Police" and I chose, "A Leader in the Modern World." Then the work really started. We prepared our speeches and began saying, to all those who wanted to hear them, even to those who no longer wished to hear them..... The deadline being March 13, we began watching the calendar as the days quickly slipped by, bringing us nearer to the exciting day.

On March 13, we really began to get jittery and afraid of making a drastic scene before the judges, Mr. Neilson and Mr. McKay.

Onstage behind the curtains, I listened attentively



# In Memoriam

PETER BEN, born on February 19 to Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Maurice.

EUGENE LEONARD, lively little son of Mr. and Mrs. Ambroise Durocher, born on February 17.

LEONARD MARVIN, another bright little boy, born to Mr. and Mrs. Clément Larivière, on March 15.

BARBARA, the prettiest little girl that ever lived, born to Mr. and Mrs. Balsillie (Hermeline Corrigan) who is now living at Fort Resolution, N.W.T.

Congratulations to all these happy parents.

## OUR HUDSON'S BAY MANAGER

Following the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Mathieson, the Hudson's Bay store got a new manager. He is Mr. Dave Bruger. The vital statistics are that he is young, good-looking and not too short. He is kept very busy at Beauval. His duties include running a store, operating a post office, caring for a cat and a dog, cooking meals, house cleaning and pumping tires..... The staff of BEAUTIFUL VALLEY ECHO welcome Mr. Bruger to our community.

## TWO NEW WELLS

Mr. Riel Bonneau is very busy supervising the digging of two wells at both ends of the village. This will enable most of the villagers to get water from the top of the hill instead of having to go down the river for all their household needs. The Department of Natural Resources deserves public commendation for this worthwhile enterprise.

Mr. Philip Alcrow, well-known pioneer of Beauval Village, has quietly passed away on March 9, at the Prince Albert Sanatorium, where he spent the last two years of his life as a T.B. patient.

The body arrived at Beauval on March 11 and was brought to his home where all the villagers came to pay a last visit to this good parishioner while they prayed for the eternal repose of his soul.

Besides his devoted wife, he leaves in mourning three daughters, Mrs. Julie Durocher, Mrs. Marie Rose Platko, Delphina, and three sons, Martin, Anthanas and Thomas.

Most of the village people who attended the funeral Mass, gave a donation for Masses to be said for the repose of his soul. To the bereaved family we offer our most heartfelt sympathy.

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A wish for your Baby  
And for both of you too-  
That life will bring nothing  
But happiness to you.

Beauval boasts four new little citizens since January. They are:

DOROTHY, born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buffin on February 8.

It isn't what you say that counts,  
It's what you are!

## TOO LATE

On New Year's Day, while Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Durocher were visiting relatives in the village, their home caught fire. Margaret Rose, aged 14, being alone with the children, rushed to the baby's crib, and no sooner had she slipped out of doors, that the roof tumbled into the mad flames. When the parents arrived, it was too late to save anything; the flames had devoured all their belongings.

Many kind people came to the rescue of the Durocher family, by giving them clothing and food. They are now living in a small house near the Corrigan home. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to every member of the family.

## EYE SPECIALIST

On January 6, Mr. J.A. Archer, Optometrist from Nipawin, came to examine the eyes of the school children. He also took in a few grown-ups. About twenty children from the school are now wearing glasses. The last shipment arrived last week. We like our glasses because they enable us to see better.

We thank, both, Mr. Waugh and Mr. Archer for their devotedness in our behalf.

Claire Laliberté G.X

## POLIO CLINIC

On February 17, Doctor and Mrs. Hoffmann, and Mrs. Shannon, came to give the last polio shots. The clinic was held at the entrance of the school. Only the children who were absent during the summer holidays were given shots. I don't mind having the needle because it doesn't hurt at all. We thank Doctor Hoffmann, Mrs Hoffmann and Mrs. Shannon for their kind help.

Emilia Roy Gr. 7.

To be a good friend is one of the noblest and most difficult undertakings.....

## OUR NEW SCHOOL COMMITTEE

There was a very small group at our school meeting held at school on March 11. Mr. Curch, Assistant to Mr. Waugh, came purposely from Prince Albert to attend the meeting. The former chairman, Father Rho being absent, Mr. Church opened the meeting and asked for a volunteer secretary. Sister A. Mageau was named from the floor. She read the minutes of the last meeting after which Mr. Church carried on with the business of the meeting, which consisted first of all in electing a new chairman and secretary. Mr. Eugene Burnouf was elected chairman, Rev. Father Doyon, secretary, while Mr. Frank Fiedler automatically remained on the board.

We offer sincere congratulations to the new board, and we know that they will co-operate with the school in every possible way.

We also take this opportunity in thanking our former chairman, Father Rho, and our former secretary Mr. Mathieson, for the good work they have done during the past years.

## TUBERCULIN TESTS X-RAY CLINIC

Always calm, always devoted and gay, Miss Josephine Waltz, goes from one settlement to another, looking after the health of hundreds of Indian and Métis children and grown-ups in Northern Saskatchewan. On February 12, she gave tuberculin tests to all those who needed them.

On March 10, she was back to Beauval with two technicians from Prince Albert, to take X-rays of all the people of the village. I guess she did not miss any either, since they X-rayed over 400 people.

Thank you, Miss Waltz, for your untiring devotedness in our behalf.

Tony Corrigan Gr. 9.

"A stitch on time saves nine."