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★ God bless you
at Christmas

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While nature is quietly reposing in its white mantle of snow, a star appears, inviting all mankind to forget its earthly worries and pleasures, to harken to the voice of the Angels, whose message announce the birth of a little Child, coming into the world to save us all.

Enraptured by the birth of the Child-Saviour, it is befitting that we should rejoice, striving to share our happiness with those who are dear to us.

I wish you then, a Merry Christmas and a bright and happy New Year, and as the Franch saying so eloquently expresses it: "and heaven at the end of your days."

Let us unite our voices on this beautiful Christmas eve, praying together the Divine Babe, to bestow upon each of us, His choicest blessings. It is at the foot of the Crib that we will meet, since prayer knows no separation.

Once again, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year.

Yours in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Blanche Lemire

"God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son."
(St. John, III, 16)



1962

1962 will be remembered as a year of big improvements in Beauval. Thanks to God, the first giver of all good things, and to all those who have shared in His role of benefactor by actually giving to us or obtaining for us expensive and long-lasting facilities.

On top of the list, dating from February, comes the power line of Saskatchewan Power Corporation, whereby standard line power is assured to us all the way from Saskatoon, and we understand that later it is to come from Squaw Rapids. We had our own diesel power plant, and we still keep it as a standby-, but the amount of power now available is far above the previous supply, and a good thing it is, with the new buildings coming up.

A six classroom block is just nearing completion. This one storey construction encloses six classrooms and several smaller rooms for administration and general services. Modern plumbing, central heating, plenty of light, top quality materials throughout, already make all teachers from hundreds of miles around look at it with envy, but with its solid reinforced concrete foundation nobody will ever move it away and it should outlast any building in the vicinity. The main contractors are H.D.P. Construction from Prince Albert who are under contract from the Department of Public Works, who in turn are building for the Indian Affairs Branch.

The cost of some \$200,000.00 also includes a duplex teacherage which will soon be ready for occupancy. The other staff members still occupy old buildings owned by the mission.

While these big construction projects were under way, a smaller one was realized with the help of the Department of Indian Affairs who supplied the material and reimbursed the wages for the erection of a nice four-bay garage built under the direction of the school staff.

Another project of utmost importance for the Indian School was also achieved with the construction of two bridges over the Beaver river and the building up of approaches to the bridges. Now we have a series of four bridges all connected by a high and wide grade cutting straight across the



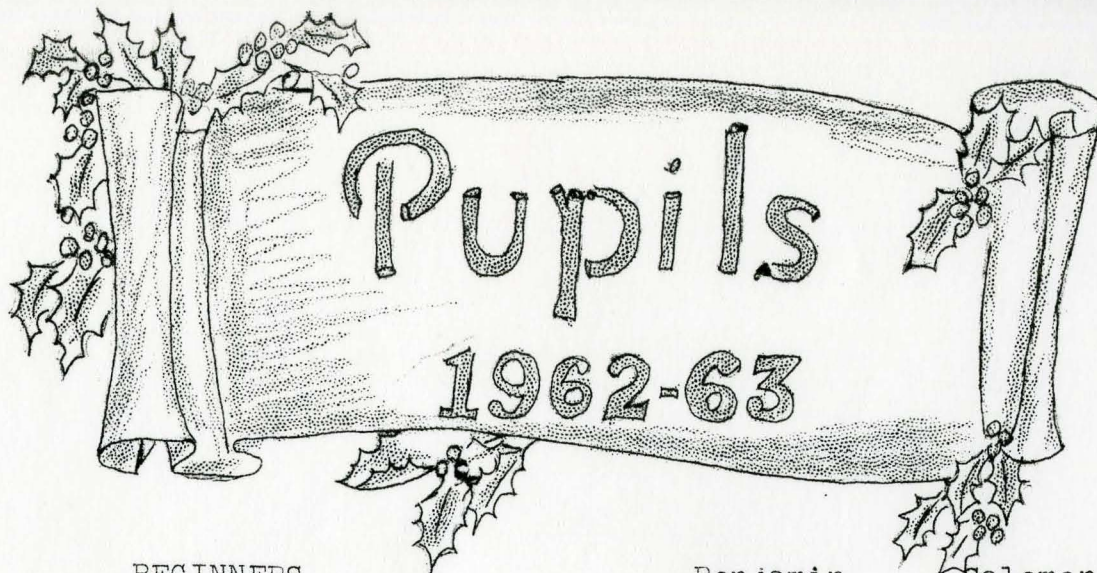
swamps and rivers which hitherto separated us from the Beauval village on the west shore. The cost of this project, \$61,000.00, has been evenly shared by the Indian Affairs Branch of the Federal government and the Province of Saskatchewan. Mr. A. Cadieu, M.P. for the Meadow Lake constituency in Ottawa, and Mr. M. Semchuk, M.L.A. for our district in Regina, deserve much credit for pushing the matter to a successful conclusion. It was finished just before freeze-up thus saving us now and for good the dangers, the delays and the annoyance that were inevitable at freeze-up time when we had to depend on the ferry.

To the officers of the Department of Indian Affairs, from Colonel Jones and Mr. R. F. Davey in Ottawa through the Regional Office in Saskatoon, and down to the local Indian Agency in Meadow Lake go our most sincere thanks for the great improvements Beauval has witnessed this year.

We are now looking forward with confidence, -when the austerity program will have achieved its time and purpose-, to the interior renovation and possible enlargement of the pupils' residence which, after taking over the rooms which were used as classes before, is supposed to be brought up to a modern standard of accomodation and to a bigger capacity. Provision has also been made in the new classroom building for the addition of a much needed gymnasium.

As we think of good wishes to all our friends and benefactors with the coming of the Christmas season, we should gratefully remember the benefits which have been showered upon us during the last year and there will be deep feeling and sincerity as we say to one and all: "Be your Christmas Merry, and the New Year a Happy one. God bless you".

Laurent Poirier o.m.i.
Principal.



BEGINNERS

Sister E. Sauka's Class
 Apisis Rodrigue
 Black Louis
 Campbell Jean-Baptiste
 Fiddler Clarence
 Djonnaire Lilian
 Fiddler Diane
 Fiddler Darlene
 Fontaine Mabel
 Garr Hermeline
 George Cecile
 Larocque Leona
 Larocque Irene
 McIntyre Rita
 Morningchild Lawrence
 Mistikokat James
 Martell Norman
 McCallum M. Jane
 McCallum Daniel
 Paul Jonas
 Tcho Therese

Benjamin Salomon
 Black Edward
 Blackbird William
 Dreaver Henry
 Estraldhenen John
 Fiddler Charles
 Fiddler Gordon
 Fiddler James
 Fiddler Robert
 George Augustin
 Lemaigre Bertrand
 Lemaigre Denis
 Marsilar Moise
 Martell Agnes
 Mistikokat Lawrence
 Montgrand Laurette
 Montgrand Rose
 Paul Stanley
 Piche Antoinette
 Sylvestre Daniel
 Tcho Abraham
 Wolverine Irene
 Larocque Joseph

GRADE ONE

Campbell Irene
 Estraldhenen Helen
 Fiddler Allen
 Fontaine Florence
 John Pauline
 Martell Philip
 Marsilar Johnny
 Piche Henry
 Wolverine Violet
 Kimbley Rita

GRADE II

Miss T. Krenn's Class
 Apisis James

GRADE THREE

Apisis Abraham
 Bighead Ceina
 Cardinal Denise
 D'jonnaire Clara
 Ernest Michael
 Garr Lucienne
 George Caroline
 Gunn Anastasie
 Lemaigre John
 Lemaigre Doreen
 Lemaigre Michel
 Lemaigre Nicole
 Marsilar Brigitte
 McCallum Raymond

Mistikokat	Violet
Montgrand	Jean
Montgrand	Rita
Morningchild	Douglus
Morningchild	Jerry
Sylvestre	Norman
Wolverine	Yvonne
Burnouf	Jules

Gunn	Antoinette
Matchee	Irene
McCallum	Doreen
McCallum	Edna
Mispounas	Victor
Mistikokat	Yvonne
Morningchild	Nancy
Paul	Michel
Piche	Ernest
Runningaround	Annie

GRADE FOUR

Miss E. Fetter's Class

Bell	Raymond
Campbell	Therese
Cardinal	Napoleon
Ernest	Cecilia
Fiddler	Sydney
Fontaine	Marcelinne
John	Paul
Larocque	Lucie
Martell	Richard
McIntyre	Maxim
Mispounas	Michel
Tcho	Gordon
Kimbley	Philip

GRADE IV

Mr. G. A. Bunz's Class

Burnouf	Joseph
Black	Elizabeth
Black Bird	Marlene
Dreaver	Mary
Garr	Benoit
George	Bernadette
John	Virginia
Larocque	Martin
McIntyre	Ovide
Mispounas	Frieda
Montgrand	Johnny
Paul	Marius
Paul	Ernestine
Sylvestre	Albert
Wolverine	Gilbert

GRADE V

Bell	Antoinette
Cardinal	Yvonne
Fiddler	Alex
Fiddler	Florence
Fiddler	Henry
Fiddler	Tommy
Fontaine	Mary
Fontaine	Archie
George	August
George	Louise

GRADE VI

Sister B. Lemire's Class

Apisis	Therese
Burnouf	Leon
Campbell	Isidore
Fiddler	Edna
Fiddler	Kenneth
George	Gilbert
George	Raymond
Larocque	Armand
Larocque	Victoria
Larocque	Marie Rose
McCallum	Eleonor
McIntyre	Victor
Merasty	Charles
Merasty	Elizabeth
Morningchild	Mary
Sylvestre	Ernest
Wolverine	Normand

GRADE VII

Black	Alex
D'Jonnaire	Rose
McIntyre	Yvonne
McCallum	Violet
Paul	Laurette
Runningaround	Harry
Wolverine	Albert

GRADE

Fiddler	Armand
Gunn	Edward
Mispouna	Edward
Paul	Simon



In July Reverend Sister Blandine Levesque, music teacher, was called back to St. Albert and later named superior of the new mission recently opened at Hay River, Northwest Territories. Our congratulations, Sister for the appointment. In early August, Reverend Sister Lucienne Mailloux, the sacristan and seamstress here for four years, was wanted at the Provincial House in St. Albert. In September, Sister Simone Forest, the girls' supervisor, was sent to the Residential School at Cardston where she occupies the most important position, that of cook. Then in September, equally, Sister Blandine Roussel-Galle, was named superior at the village convent, a position for which we congratulate her but nevertheless, one which again left a vacancy in our school. We wish to offer our most sincere thanks to these four devoted sisters for their splendid work here in our school and we take this opportunity to wish them every success in their new place.



We welcome two new teachers, Miss Elaine Fetter of Watson, Saskatchewan, who replaces Miss Lucille Wolters, the former grade III and IV teacher and Mr, George Bunz of Muenster, Saskatchewan, last year's village teacher. This latter is replacing Mr. Frank Remarchuk who is now principal at Canoe Narrows. Mr. Bunz who studied at the Benedictine Fathers in Muenster, is director of the boys' choir started by Mr. Leroux. His good training in singing makes him an efficient director. We consider ourselves fortunate to be able to receive a good formation in the art of singing.

Mr. Pierre Dubois is a new supervisor for the boys. He is tall and swift and promises to be a great help on the playground. He seems to enjoy his work among us. He comes from Granby P.Q. as do our two previous supervisors, so he does not feel altogether a stranger.

With the return of the pupils in September, Mrs. Burian, R.N. from La Plonge, took over the position of nurse in our school. She replaced Reverend Sister Alphonsine Martineau whose care we appreciated. Our sincere thanks for your sincere concern about our health, dear Sister. She is now girls' supervisor.

To our new comers, we express our wishes for a happy stay in Beauval, the beautiful valley north of 55.

Simon Paul, grade VIII.



On Saturday night, December 8, the pupils of this school had a concert in honor of Reverend Father Laurent Poirier, Principal. The first item on the programme was a festal song by the pupils of the grades 4-8. Edward Mispounas, a grade VIII pupil, read an address. The concert went on with plays, songs, piano selections and a rhythm band. The best, to my opinion, was "Cool Waters" sung by the boys' choir. Louise George presented a spiritual bouquet as a token of our gratitude. A tableau of the Immaculate Mother in which the Virgin appeared to Bernadette concluded our programme. I found it a suitable ending for the day and an appropriate one for a feast of an Oblate of Mary Immaculate.

1 Festal Song.

Duet--Barn Dance Louise George, Cecilia Ernest

2 Play--Celestial Call.

Piano solo-- Annie Runningaround.

3 Recitation-- The Principal.

4 Song-- Soldier, Soldier, Will You Marry Me.

5 Recitation-- A Child Christmas Song.

6 Action Song-- Tommy Grows Up.

- 7 Song--Suzy Snowflake.
- 8 Rhythm Band--Jingle Bells, Joy to the World.
- 9 Piano solo--The Pixies Virginia John.
- 9 Play--The Reducing Cure.
Duet--Rose Petals--Normand Wolverine, Maxime McIntyre.
- 10 Recitation--When I Was One.
- 11 Play--True Charity.
- 12- Playlet--Ten Little Indians.
- 13 Boys' Choir
Piano duet--The Caisson Song--Simon Paul, Gilbert George.
- 14 Recitation--The Dollar & the Cent.
- 15 Tableau

Fathers' Talk.

Father put a finishing touch by talking to us. First he thanked those who had prepared the concert, teachers and pupils, then he extended his appreciation to all those who in one way or another cooperate to make the school run smoothly. He thanked us for the spiritual bouquet.

After Fathers' talk, we had a lunch which always put a good finishing touch to a concert when you judge it from the viewpoint of a boy. We then went to bed forgetting the excitement of the day but not forgetting to pray for the Hero of the day.

Armand Fiddler, grade VIII.

Always the heart goes home on Christmas Eve...
Goes silently across a continent,
Or mountains or the sea. A heart will leave
The glitter of a city street, and sent
By something deep and timeless, find the way
To a little cottage on a country hill.

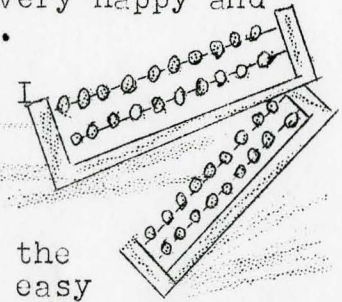
And even if the little cottage may
Have disappeared, a heart will find it still...

Thank You!

Dear Brother St. Louis,

All the boys and girls in my class say "Thank You" for the counters made in the wood-shop. We are very happy and pray Jesus to bless you and all your friends.

Irene Campbell, grade I



Dear big boys,

The children are happy to thank you for the nice counters you made for them. It will be easy for us to learn to count. Just fancy, thirty-five nice new counters. When I will be a big boy, I will work in the shop with Brother St-Louis and make counters for the little ones.

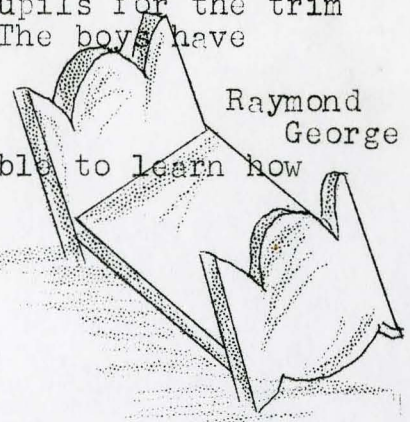
God bless you all at Christmas time. Thanks

Henry Piche, grade I

I gladly extend my most sincere thanks to Reverend Brother St-Louis, shop instructor, and to his pupils for the trim and useful bookholders made in the shop. The boys have done shipshape pieces of work for which I have reason to be proud. Won't these bookstands look fine in our new school! I consider the boys very fortunate to be able to learn how to make many useful as well as attractive articles.

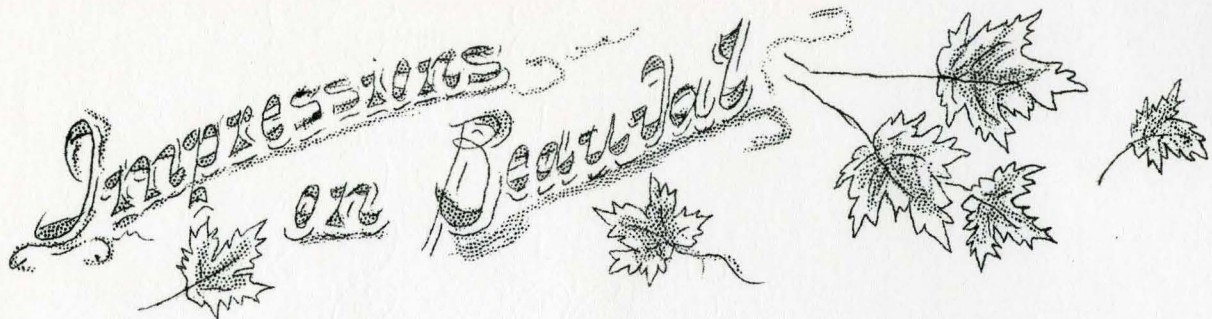
Raymond
George

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Impressions on Beauval



Since June 1962, Beauval was in my mind. The reason is that I was planning my trip where I was to be boys' supervisor:

When on August 31st I left Dorval airport, my parents and friends who had come to bid me farewell did not mind seeing me go west and north of 55 for they knew I was following a career of my choice and satisfying my spirit of adventure.

On September 1st, I landed at Saskatoon in the morning. I found it a large, clean city with spacious avenues. At two o'clock, I left Saskatoon by bus for Meadow Lake where I arrived at 7 p.m. The scenery from Saskatoon up changed gradually from prairie in the south to parkland and forest as we drove farther north. Meadow Lake I found to be a relatively important center. In fact, the C.P.R. line ends there. All transportation farther north is done by truck. At ten o'clock I was in Beauval.

The next morning I was busy getting acquainted with people and places. During the course of the week we prepared the room to receive the boys. I was anxious to meet them. The first group arrived on September 8th, the remaining ones shortly after. At first I felt diffident but that feeling soon wore away as I got to know the youngsters whom I found friendly and respectful.

When all the pupils had arrived, eighty boys, the programme of classes, regular meals, sleep hours and play time became a routine. The softball team from Ile-a-la-Crosse came to play in September. Although they did their best, they were defeated but not discouraged as hope for later games surged in their mind when they would be victorious. With the hockey season setting in, our team, the "Warriors" practice regularly and are in shape for a game at any time. Lately they have challenged Ile-a-la-Crosse in a tie game, 2-2. Appearances are that with more brushing up our team will fare well.

On December 8th, the pupils put up a concert in honor of Reverend Father Laurent Poirier, o.m.i., the devoted principal of the school. Most of the children participated in the programme in which they expressed their gratitude to Father for his relentless devotion towards each and everyone of the members of the school, staff and pupils. It was a successful evening if we rely on the comments.

Christmas is coming. We are preparing to celebrate worthily the coming of the Lord. Many children will go home to enjoy Christmas and New Year with their family. Unfortunately some will not have the opportunity to see their parents. To these, deprived of family ties, we will do our utmost to make their stay here as gay and lively as possible. Personally I am in the same case, I shall not go home at Christmas due to distance; however, the season will not be deprived of happiness. On Christmas and New Year my heart will be with my family which I love dearly but the satisfaction of being on duty to provide enjoyment to the boys under care will replace many a frivolous entertainment.

To all those who celebrate Christmas with a Christian attitude, I wish a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Pierre Dubois, Boys' Supervisor.

Hockey at Ne-a-la-Crosse

On December 9, the hockey team from our school went to the Island for a game. Although it was a bitter cold, ten girls went to cheer for the boys.

The game started shortly after we arrived. Each of the three periods was rather short. In the second and third periods, Edward Mispounas scored twice. Everybody enjoyed the game which turned out to be a tie one, proof enough that our team met a challenge. Precisely because the teams were of equal strength, the game was very interesting.

After the game we were glad to have lunch in a warm comfortable place as many shivered from cold. We left shortly after and got back to school in time for a good warm supper and our usual Sunday film.



Raymond
George



Violet McCallum
Grade VII

Greenhorn- Why are they all running after the same black thing, couldn't they use two or three of these articles to shove on the ice?



First I wish to congratulate and thank Mr. Paul Leroux for the time and energy he has given to train our children's choir and the boys' choir. He has molded them into two groups of fine angelic voices. It truly surprised me to find such a choir when I first came to Beauval. It is a real pleasure now for me to add my hand and heart to his successful work. I have been in a number of places where over three hundred voices fail to sing out the glory of God as colorfully as our Indian choir here. This is attributed to the spirit and the initiative of both Mr. Leroux and the children themselves.

We have learned a few new songs this year and will be singing others as the year progresses. A number of Christmas hymns will be sent to C.K.B.I. radio. I have also recorded some of our favourites to reflect on my memory the thrill of one hundred one voices which I have the privilege of directing this year.

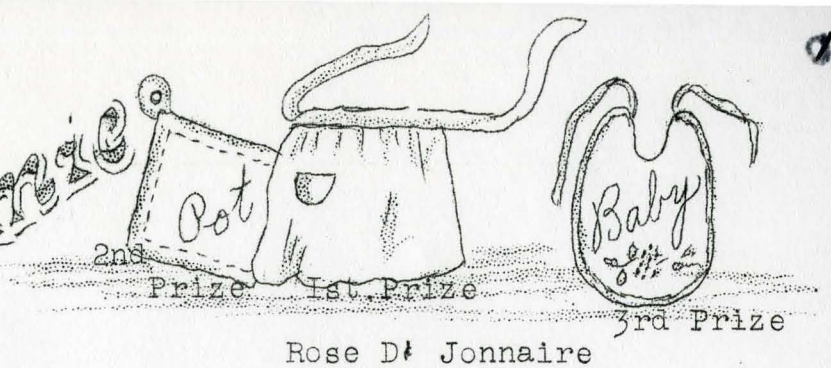
The boys' choir has not been as active as it has been before. However, we have learnt a new song and have enjoyed singing those which were so well sung last year. We are hoping to make a half-hour recording of the boys' choir shortly after Christmas to send to C.K.B.I. radio.

We are all trying to retain and extend the progress of the choir and are enjoying ourselves singing this year. Our Lord wants us to pray in congregation. We feel that singing in church is indeed a high form of worship to Him. Perhaps that is why Mr. Paul Leroux and the children have worked together so fruitfully. On behalf of the children and myself, we shall sing "Thank, Mr. Leroux". We shall continue to sing with our hearts full of prayer.

George A. Bunz

Kind words are jewels that live in the heart and soul and remain as blessed memories years after they have been spoken.

Home Economics



Last year again, the devoted home economics teacher, Mrs. Joyce Poupart took part in the provincial exhibition where she obtained a good number of prizes as she did the previous years. We wish to congratulate both teacher and pupils for the good work sent in. The prize winners are as follows:

<u>First Prize</u>	<u>Second Prize</u>	<u>Third Prize</u>
Bella Blackbird	Violet McCallum	Florence Highway
Angeline Boneleye	Laurette Paul	Margaret Burnouf
Lena Highway	Rose D'Jonnaire	Ann Wolverine
Elizabeth Merasty	Yvonne McIntyre	Lena Highway
Yvonne McIntyre		Violet McCallum
Victoria Iron		Rose D'Jonnaire
		Violet McCallum
		Margaret Burnouf

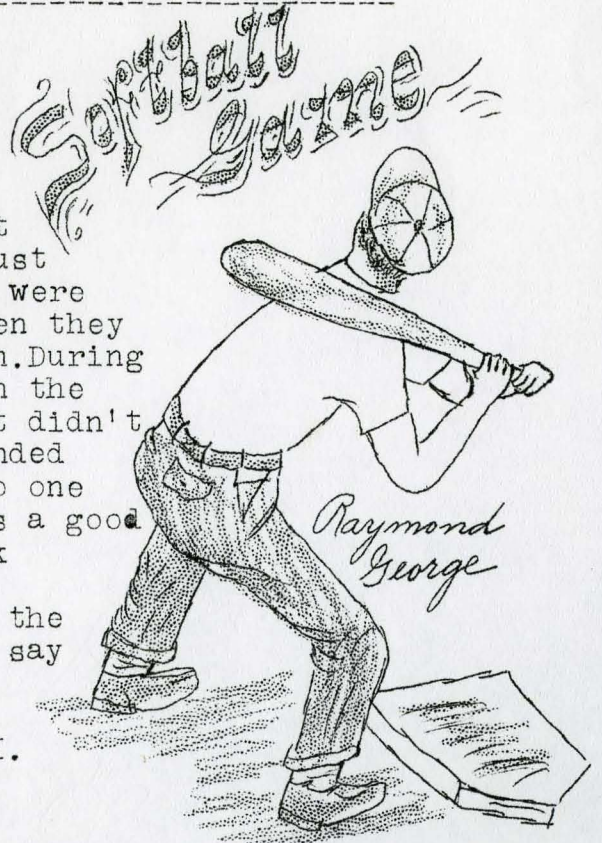
We hope the girls continue the fine work started which gives them opportunity to become efficient housekeepers.

Armand Fiddler, grade VIII.

One sunny afternoon the children walked to the village for a softball game. When we got to the diamond we watched the players practicing. We were the first at bat with Edward Gunn as pitcher and August George as catcher. Shortly after we were cheering for our boys especially when they sent a ball which allowed a home run. During the ballgame, a man put some snuff on the opponent's base for good luck, but it didn't work the way he intended. The game ended with the score of 14 for our team to one for the village. We considered it was a good game. Our boys came back in the truck while the nonplayers walked.

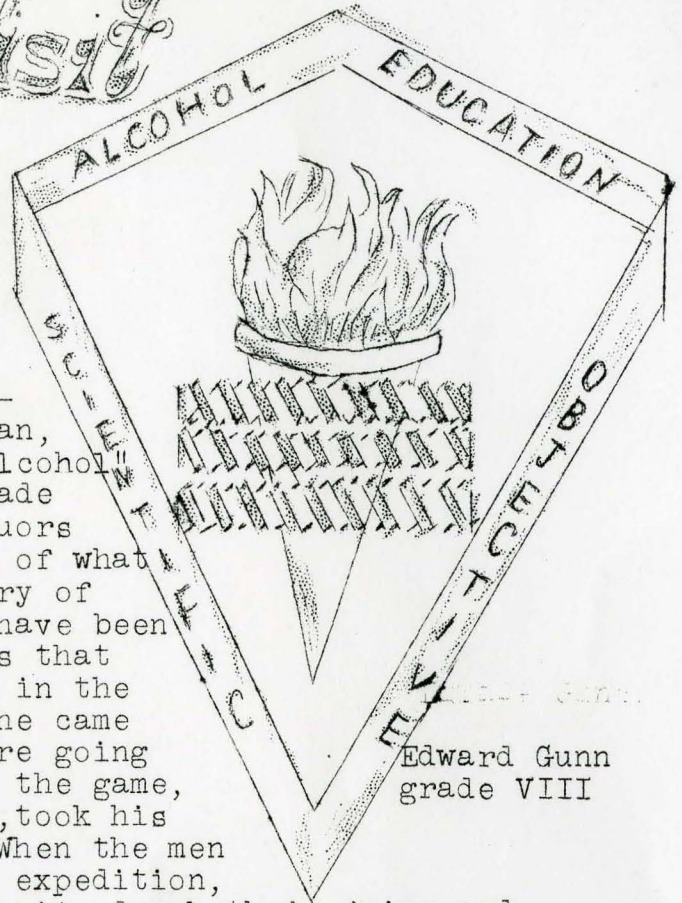
Many games were played during the long autumn season and I can justly say our boys did well.

Kenneth Fiddler, grade VI.



Mr. Gietz's Visit

On September 26th, Reverend W. Gietz, Educational Secretary of the Alcohol Education Council of Saskatchewan, came to give us a talk on "alcohol". He explained how liquor is made and what percent of some liquors is alcohol. He drew pictures of what the drink can cause. His story of how the first alcohol might have been made was interesting. It goes that way. One day a cave man went in the woods to pick berries. When he came back home, most of the men were going hunting. Not wanting to miss the game, he hurriedly hid his berries, took his weapons and went with them. When the men came back from their hunting expedition, the cave man unearthed his fruits, drank their juice and got drunk because the berries had fermented.



Edward Gunn
grade VIII

Last year the people of Canada which has a population of 13-14 million people spent 46 million dollars on alcoholic drinks. Mr. Gietz explained that with all that money the government could have built 75,000 new homes costing \$12,000 each. What a misuse of money! What misery that could be prevented!

Alcohol is a problem right now because many people get drunk and get into many accidents. The use of liquor may lead to drinking liquid shoe polish and rubbing alcohol. It is easier to abstain completely from the use of the drink than to stop half-way.

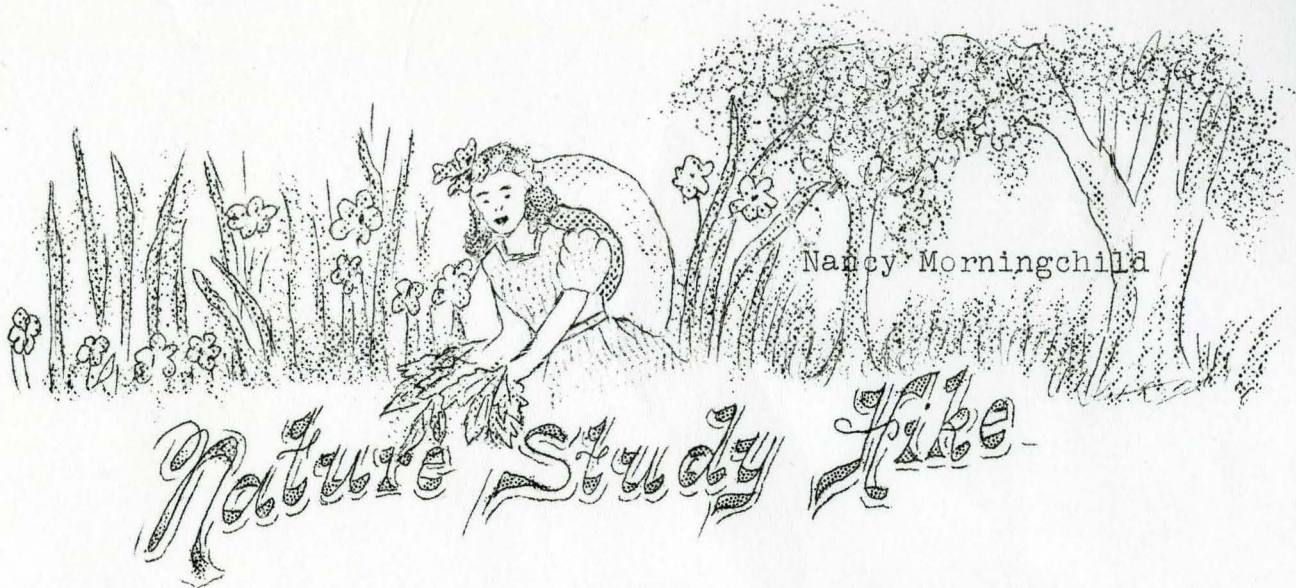
A person who takes alcohol to prevent freezing gets precisely the opposite effect as the beverage relaxes the blood vessels which allow blood to circulate through the extremities, thus getting cooled more quickly.

Alcohol affects the brain. It makes a person react more slowly, thus causing drivers to have more accidents than sober drivers. Alcohol in different quantities make the brain swell causing pressure inside the skull. A large quantity of it impairs the function of breathing so that oxygen in the blood is decreased.

From whatever angle the problem of liquor is looked at, no one can find an advantage in getting drunk..so why indulge in a practice which is not only useless but harmful.

The lecture was practical and to the point. It is up to us to choose what is best for us; no one will make our decision. If no common sense is available, plain horse sense should be a guide to one's decision.

Albert Wolverine, grade VII.



One sunny afternoon towards the end of September, the pupils of grades 6, 7 & 8 had a nature hike, the kind we could not go without every year. It is always anticipated from the very first school day.

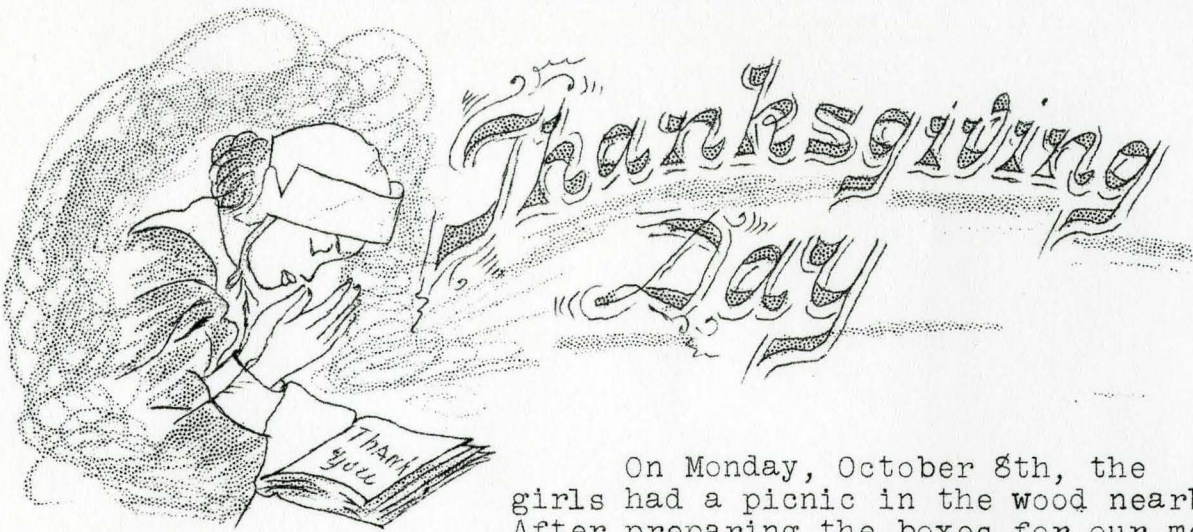
First we provided ourselves with plastic bags and bottles for the material we were going to gather. We started off in the road leading to the portage. On the way, everyone was busy looking for leaves, butterflies, cocoons etc. After having devoted some time to searching here and there with success, we had lunch.

We came back to the class and pressed the plants on large newsprint. We put moss in a terrarium along with bunchberries, a tiny pine tree and a few other green plants. Some put ants in sealers so as to observe them at work, butterflies in bottles, cocoons in flower pots and still other insects in jars. Armand had a tall water lily which we observed very carefully. We noticed how it was adapted to live in water. This always provides great excitement; the class usually hums like a beehive; how could it be otherwise!

After three days, some pressed plants were mounted and hung on the wall while others were used for spatterwork which we used to decorate our class. Two empty wasps' nests and a bird's nest fixed to a cupboard still remind us of the bright afternoon fall when tree climbing was allowed.

Yvonne Mc Intyre, grade VII.

Begin the day with friendliness,
Keep friendly all day long.
Keep in your soul a friendly thought,
In your heart a friendly song.
Have in your mind a word of cheer
For all who come your way,
And they will greet you, too, in turn
And wish you a happy day.



On Monday, October 8th, the girls had a picnic in the wood nearby. After preparing the boxes for our meal, we set off walking while kind Brother Lefebvre brought them and a quantity of wood over and started a fire before the girls arrived.

When we reached the place, we warmed up and got the meal ready. We ate with a good appetite, each one happy to enjoy dinner in the great autumn outdoor.

After dinner, off went many of the girls to play hide and go seek or other games; others stayed around the fire and told stories or talked of the time when they were home during the holidays.

In the afternoon, a good lunch was passed around which we enjoyed as children are always hungry... Then we all left for the school.

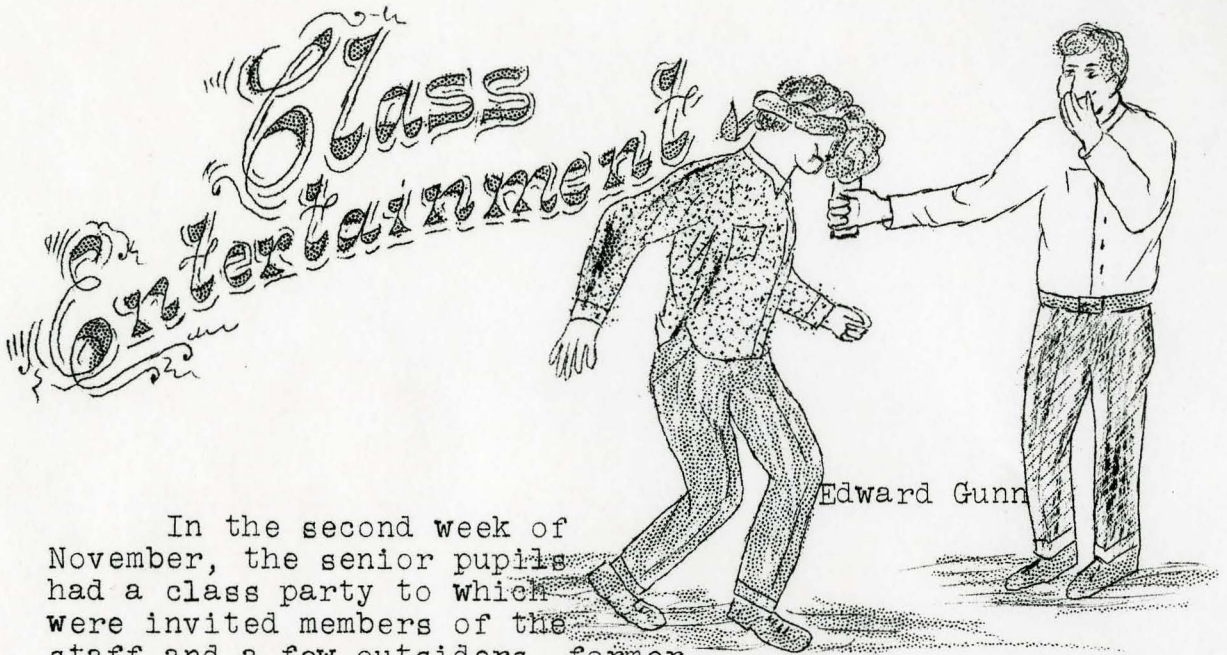
That same day, the little girls went for a ride with Brother who is always very kind to think of the small ones. Later in the evening we played bingo, a game which never seems to tire us.

We wish to thank Sister Chartier for the many outings and parties she prepares for our enjoyment. We know that she gets the greater part of the work but she is always glad to do it for us.

Yvonne McIntyre, grade VII.

Many picnics and indoor parties were enjoyed by both boys and girls during the fair season which fortunately lasted long this year. We wish to say our thanks to all those who organize these happy gatherings.

There's nothing cheers a fellow up
just like a hearty greeting---
A handclasp and an honest smile
that flash the joy of meeting;
And when at friendly you ring,
somehow it seems to free you
From all life's doubts to hear them say:
"Come in ! We're glad to see you !"



Edward Gunn

In the second week of November, the senior pupils had a class party to which were invited members of the staff and a few outsiders, former pupils of this school. Mr. Bunz and Miss Fetter, two teachers were the directors of the evening. Father Principal and Sister Superior came for a short while, long enough to have their picture taken with the happy groups of boys and girls. We wish to thank Mr. Pierre Dubois for photographing the party events which turned to be very good pictures, indeed.

The first game was "String and Pull". As the seniors are a strong and healthy group, the rope broke and each side landed on the floor which was fun. Other games played were "Indoor Hockey" and "Coin Blowing". The game consists in blowing a coin out of a cup. The 'blower' is blindfolded and the cup with the coin is exchanged for one with flour in. When the performer blows with all his might to get his treasure out of the cup, the flour is blown in his face, making him look like a miller to the enjoyment of the on-lookers.

We sang group songs. Three children added the evening by giving us a solo and a duet which were greatly appreciated. They were Margaret Burnouf who accompanied Elizabeth Kimbley for a song "Walk Right By" and Edward Gunn who sang "I'm Just Here to Get My Abby Out of Jail",. The two were accompanied by the guitar.

The party ended by a lunch which everyone seemed to enjoy. We sang a hymn for the last item.

Many thanks to Sister Rita Letourneau, the cook and to our teacher for 'putting up' the party.

Alex Black, grade VII.

Brows may wrinkle, hair grow gray--
But friendship never knows decay.



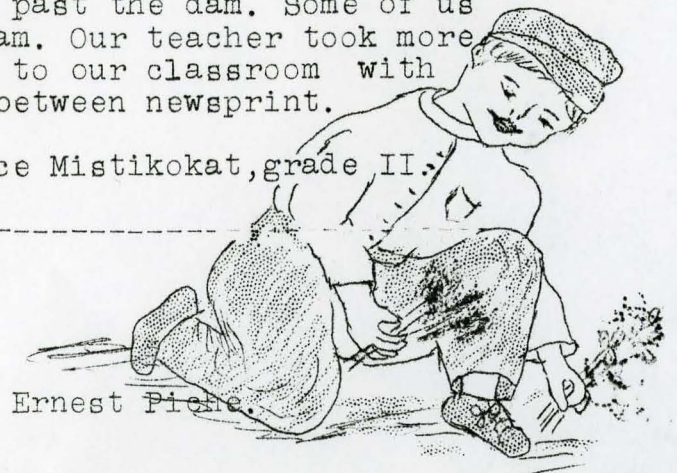
The grade II class had a Hallowe'en party on Wednesday afternoon. We ducked for apples in a big tub of water. Mr.D.Chicoine took pictures. The nurse, Mrs. Burian, was with us. We jigged and twisted. Mr. Chicoine judged our jigging contest. Henry Driver won first prize. Moise Marullar was second and Rose Montgrand third. We listened to part of the story of Dominic Savio. We had fun playing a game called Hallowe'en. Then we had wagon wheels, gum and apples. Mrs. Burian gave us some gum. We all enjoyed our party.

Robert Fiddler, grade II.

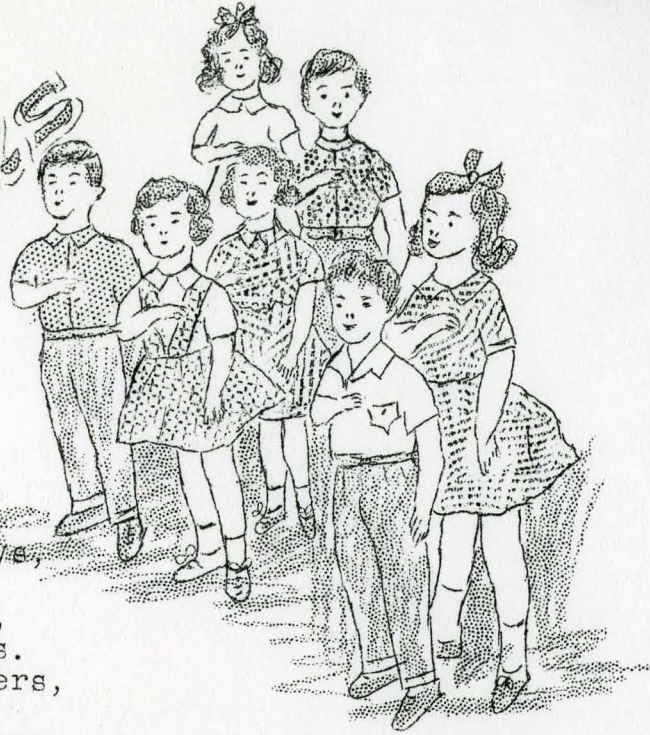
Nature Hike

One Thursday afternoon at three o'clock, one bright september day, the grade two's went to the first portage. We went in the field and played on the pile of bales. Our teacher, Miss Krenn, took some pictures of us. We found flowers, leaves, baby evergreen trees, woods and berries. Henry found a grasshopper, Denis found ants, Lawrence found a bee and we found moss and mushrooms. We followed a different road back. We came past the dam. Some of us walked over the water by the dam. Our teacher took more pictures. Finally we went back to our classroom with our findings which we pressed between newsprint.

Lawrence Mistikokat, grade II.



Merry Christmas



Merry Christmas to all of you,
 From everyone in grade two.
 Merry Christmas to all of the boys,
 May Santa bring lots of toys.
 Merry Christmas to all the girls,
 Maybe Santa will bring you pearls.
 Merry Christmas to all the Brothers,
 Always busy helping others.
 Merry Christmas to the Sisters dear,
 We wish you a happy New Year.
 We wish you all the very best,
 and let God do the rest.

Jimmy Apisis, grade II.



Knights of the Altar

The Knights of the Altar under the direction of Brother Gerard St. Louis had a meeting for the election of the directing council. After a serious voting, Edward Gunn was elected Supreme Grand Knight, Simon Paul, Vice Supreme Grand Knight while Armand Fiddler was chosen Secretary Grand Knight. The elected pupils are all grade VIII students. A few new altar boys read their pledge before the Supreme Grand Council.

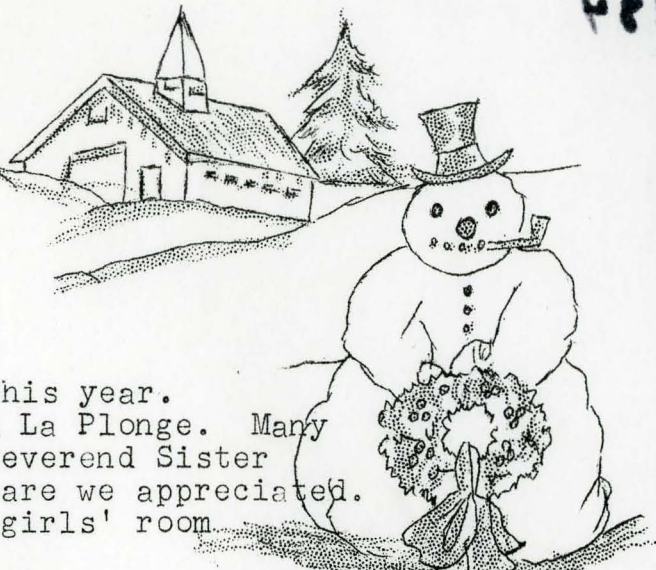
Reverend Sisters Blanche Lemire and Alvina Beaudet as well as Mr. G. Bunz, teacher were present at the meeting. Mr. G. Bunz was a great help in organizing the meeting.

We congratulate the elected members for the honor of being chosen. Later they will know how to hold a meeting. Brother seemed satisfied with the elections. We firmly believe they will be worthy of their position in being an example to their fellowpupils.

A treat to candy was the last item on the programme, an item which is always enjoyed.

Edward Mispounas, grade VIII.

Girls



SEPTEMBER

Monday 10-. We have a new nurse this year. She is Mrs. Eric Burian from La Plonge. Many thanks to our former nurse, Reverend Sister Alphonsine Martineau, whose care we appreciated. She is now transferred to the girls' room where she is supervisor.

Tuesday 11-. The specialist is here to check the pupils' eyes. The examination is done early in the year, but unfortunately the glasses come late.

Sunday 23-. The softball players from our school go to Ile-a-la-Crosse for the first game of the year. They are defeated but not discouraged as they plan on being the winners next time.

Friday 28-Mother Marie Laforce, Superior Provincial of the Sisters in charge of our school, visits the children in the five classes. She talks on the important subject of education and encourages all of us to keep on with our studies.

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Monday 18-. We celebrate Thanksgiving by a picnic at the dam, ideal place to enjoy outdoor life. The food is plentiful, the weather fine and the ambition to fill up a good day at its height. When the day's fun is over, we return to school partly exhausted, but feeling happy and relaxed.

Tuesday 9-. All the teachers are away to Meadow Lake where they attend an institute. We take advantage of the holiday to set up the boards for the three skating rinks.

Friday 10-. The T.B. Clinic is at school ready to examine staff and pupils. Their work is done in the course of the forenoon and after dinner, the technicians leave for Battleford.

Sunday 21-. We have the very exciting film entitled "Ivanhoe". It is the story of a noble young Englishman who lived at the time of Richard the Lion Hearted and Robin Hood. This Ivanhoe was very brave and patriotic.

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wednesday 31-. The last day of the month brings back the usual ceremony of the reading of the report cards in all the classrooms. Sister Superior accompanies Father in the five rooms. To all Father gives words of encouragement. He seems satisfied with the marks.

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 7-. Father Principal leaves for Le Pas this morning. We are anxious for his return as a school without a principal feels empty. We wish him a safe and happy trip.

Sunday 11-. Mr. Frank Remarchuk, former teacher here and now principal at Canoe Narrows is here with his family. We are happy to see him again. He assures us that he will be here with his hockey team sometime in January.

Tuesday 13-. This evening we are favored with the film "Rainbow on the River". It is a pleasure to listen to Bobby Breen. The film gives us a good example of self-sacrifice in "Toinette" who is ready to give up her happiness for that of her adopted boy.

Wednesday 14-. Mr. Neilson from Prince Albert is here with a gentleman in view of picking up material for a telecast to be put on in February. The Beginners ' and grade I's class under the direction of Sister Eva Sauka and the home economics class and teacher, Sister Blaudine Roussel-Galle, are interviewed.

Saturday 17-. The skating season is open and the boys happily take to their skates for the first time. They think of hockey and the pleasant times the games afford them.

Sunday 18-. It is the girls' turn to take to the skating rink. The beginners make their experience on the ice. They do not fall from very high so do not hurt themselves. They quickly get back on their feet and learn fast.

Thursday 22-. Father Laurent Poirier, Principal, Sister Superior and Sister Imelda Chartier are on their way to Battleford with Simon Paul, Frieda Mispounas and Leona Larocque. The two first are brought to the hospital where they will undergo an operation for tonsillitis while the latter is just out for a check-up.

DECEMBER

Saturday 1-. We thank Mrs. Burian for making a pretty wreath and colored candles for each of the five classes. The four candles remind us of the four Sundays of Advent during which we should prepare for the coming of Christ.

Sunday 2-. There is a skating party for the older boys and girls. It began after an exciting film on a Stanley Cup Final, 1962. The skating done to music was most enjoyable. In fact, we all found it a very pleasant evening.

Thursday 6-. The staff and children from the village school are here at 1:45 to attend to a dress rehearsal of the programme to be put on in honor of our principal, Reverend Father Laurent Poirier. We are glad they have come to encourage us. We meet some of the boys occasionally in hockey games but seldom do we see the girls.

Wednesday 12-. Another skating party pops up tonight to the great satisfaction of all. It is in honor of Father Principal's feast. This time the whole school comes in, small, middle-sizes and older children. All enjoy skating to music to say nothing of the good lunch awaiting us.

Friday 14-. We are delighted to see the Onion Lake pupils perform at television. Some former pupils of that school seem to enjoy looking at familiar faces. Our congratulations to the many good actors.

It seems as if Christmas is around the corner. Fir trees are being hauled into some classes. Some hesitate to decorate as they hope to be in the new school before the end of the school year. Time will tell if our hesitation was founded.

Tuesday 18-. This evening we have an amateur hour at 7:30. There are songs, jigs and a square dance. It is a pleasure to see so many perform, both young and old.

Mr. Leroux, a former supervisor, who is furthering his studies in Gravelbourg is here for his Christmas holidays. We are pleased to see him and the boys are happy to have a little chat with him as they used to do. We hope he enjoys the Yuletide season here in the beautiful valley of the north.

Edward Gunn, grade VIII.