

The LaLoche Post ^{double}

Constancy enthralles the mind, while pleasure passes with its thrill. Thomas Hughes

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CARIBOO! PTARMIGAN!

GOOD NEWS FOR LA LOCHE

Thanks to the Grey Nuns, Night School is started for adults. The former pupils are especially earnest to attend and complete their instruction. Even one blind man is attending!....

Mrs. Baptiste Fontaine had a fall accidentally but she is recovering rapidly.

Mr. Isaac Janvier's little girl, Marguerite is yet suffering from frequent hemorrhages.

At OUR HOSPITAL

A few patients: Mrs. David Lemaigre, Miss Therese Lemaigre, Mr. Moise Janvier, Mrs. Ligouri Toulejour, Miss Lucia Janvier and little Mary Agnes Herman, were treated in our Hospital but no serious cases were reported.

The price of furs has dropped on account of the Coal Miners's strike in U.S.A. but luckily the little cariboo's are getting closer and closer: so much the better for us., "CARIBOO EATERS"!

Reverend Father Bragaglia, O.M.I. harnessed his five dogs just after the first snow fall and went to Island Lake, where he christened three baby boys. The happy fathers are Joakim, Joseph and Leo Montgrand.

Le Chroniqueur.

BACK TO LA LOCHE

Mr. Robert Fontaine has come back after a stay at Mc Murray.

Mr. Theophile Herman has also come to La Loche for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Jolibois while trapping up north were grieved by the death of their two months old daughter, Mathilda. May they receive our deepest sympathy.

Reverend Father Bragaglia has made his first trip to White Fish Lake. There at 11:00 a.m. - here at 4:00 p.m. Three cheers for Father and hurrah for Biondo, Fido Maskwa, Mahikan, Tucker, the faithful mission dogs.

CARIBOOS!

When my father came back from the North he told me that the cariboo's are on their way south. Daddy saw hundreds of them around Swan Lake. He has returned to kill cariboo because they are good to eat and they help me to be healthy.

Aime Park Gr. V.

PTARMIGANS!

The ptarmigan came down from the north in November. We had not seen any for four years. The flock of white birds stopped near the lake. How glad I was to shoot one, while my big sister shot three. I had a good snack when I got home that night.

Abraham Janvier Gr. V.

Soeurs Grises de Montréal

St-Albert, Alta.

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BEAUTIFUL GIFTS./

Two boys, Felix and Rene Coudu, of Blezard Valley Ont. sent us two crucifixes for our classrooms. They are one foot high. We were happy to see them on the front wall above the black-board. We say a big thank you to our two kind friends.

Jonas Herman Gr. V.

HERE'S THE PLANE.

Last Saturday, November 23, the mail plane came to La Loche. How happy I was to get my C.O.D. parcel, and I am glad when the plane comes because it brings letters from my friends-- from Ile-a-la-Crosee.

Marie Helen Sylvestre Gr. V.

FIRE DESTROYS SHACK and FUR

My brother Eugne Francis and Benoit Lemaigre came home from their trapping lines, because their tent had burned down. My brother Eugene did not bring one squirrel skin because they had all burned too. But Francis came home with forty-three squirrels and four weasels while Benoit brought six squirrels. They are getting ready today to go back again. Maybe they will come back for Christmas. If they come I will be happy to see them.

Anne Janvier Gr. IV.



WELCOME
to our
CHRISTMAS
CONCERT
Dec. 25
The people of La Loche

English teacher..(teaching the word "head" to an adult class)
"H E A D" following each letter with the pointer.
Then with all the volume her voice could give--"Face".

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Couvent Youville,
Saint Albert, Alberta.





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"Glory be to God in the Highest
and on earth peace to men of good will."

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Christmas Concert makes a hit!

La Loche School,
January 2, 1947.

CHRISTMAS AT LA LOCHE, SASK.

Sister Arcand,
La Loche School, Sask.

Dear Sister,

It is a real pleasure to convey to you and Sister Beaudoin the appreciation and thanks of the School Committee on the splendid results of your efforts, as depicted in the concert and play given by your pupils on Xmas day.

The stage settings and acting and lead up from the "Shepherds in the fields" to the scene of "Adoration" was indeed right well done.

The Kindergarden and primary pupils were equally good in their action songs and tableaux.

I am sure that the parents were proud to see their children taking a prominent part in these school activities and I imagine has been an inducement or incentive to a few families in the outlying districts to move in or send their children to school.

It is unfortunate that our new two-room school is already over-crowded but we have been and are in communication with our Administrator about additional space and staff and trust our application will be successful so that the expected influx by next September can be properly handled.

With all good wishes for 1947 and continued success in your work.

Yours faithfully

Jno Blackhall

Sec. Treas.

"It is Christmas Merry Christmas
It is Christmas everywhere---"
Yes at La Loche also it is Christmas, the feast day most beloved by our population. In order to take part in its celebrations many have travelled far and long to reach our mission post by the twenty-fourth.

At eleven thirty the bells peal out their joyful tunes to summon all our good people to adore the newborn Christ Child. At midnight sharp, in the church full to capacity Rev. Fr. J.B. Ducharme our devoted pastor assisted by Fr. G. Bragaglia as deacon and Br. Vachon as subdeacon ascends the altar to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. In the loft male voices alternate with the women and children in the rich prayerful tunes of the gregorian chant. Christmas hymns in Chipewyan always loved and heartily rendered are heard during the two masses that follow. Rev. Fr. P. Pioger is at the organ.

Then all retire till called again to assist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered in the late forenoon.

In the afternoon we gather up in the Lajeunesse Hall for the Christmas concert given by the school children.

A play, "A Gift for the Christ Child" by Sr. Marie Michael S.S.F. was rendered to the best of their ability by the actors. Colorful costumes added to the appearance of the the shepherds, the Magi the Angels, St Joseph, The Virgin Isther and the Christ Child.

The La Loche Rhythm Band made its debut, as the six year elders very dutifully hit sticks and woot not to the merriment of the onlookers. Some Carols were sung and the concert ended with God Save the King.

It is repeated at 8:00 p.m. so as to allow all the people to see it.

To the actors we offer our sincere congratulations and we wish them to entertain us again in like manner soon. To one and all we wish a Merry Christmas.

OUR VISITORS

Mr. M. Marion M L A of Ile a la Crosse paid a short but greatly appreciated visit to the school children. Come again Mr. Marion.

On his way to Camsell and Stoney Rapids Mr. Piercy made a surprise visit to the school on Dec. 18. Mr. Hamilton inspected the building.

We were glad to receive at the hands of our sympathetic Administrator the Seasons Greetings from our next door neighbours the teachers of Buffalo Narrows. We offer them our sincere thanks and our best wishes for the coming year.

FIRE

In the morning of Dec. 11 fire completely destroyed the home of Mr. Robert Fontaine. The family barely escaped with their lives.

Mr. Iain Waite made four trips to La Loche to bring in supplies for the H. B. Co.

On Dec. 24 M. C. plane brought in our Christmas mail. How pleased we were. Dr. Lavoie paid us a short visit.

Dec. 28-30 Six members of the Lajeunesse Club are busy rolling and baking doughnuts for a lunch to be served under the auspices of the L.H. Club.

Dec. 29 Grand meeting at the Lajeunesse Hall for the distribution of Christmas presents to the school children and others. Sr. M. A. Frechette, Superior of the St. Martin's Hospital had for some time been busy collecting enough presents to make happy our dear children. Our sincere thanks to you, Sister Superior.

May the Christ Child give to all our Readers, the peace promised to men of good will.

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"La jeunesse est un facteur indispensable en education." S. Jean Bosco.

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CATS! CATS!

Rev. Father Ducharme Leaves

NEW YEAR'S DAY

We were very happy on New Year's Day when we went to a party in the LaSagesse Hall.

We played Bingo for a while, then we had songs and finally we had a fine lunch. We owe thanks to the members of the Girls' Club who devoted two days to frying doughnuts to satisfy our palate. But most of all our thanks go to our devoted Fathers who organized such a pleasant party.

Ernestine Herman IV.

WE'RE IN THE MOVIES NOW!!!

Rev. Fr. Ducharme, Mr. Blackhall and Fr. Bragalie came with their Cine Kodak to take our pictures. How glad we were when we got our pictures taken. It was on the 10th of January. We were running about outside. Fr. Bragalie was at the corner of the classroom and took the pictures of Fr. Ducharme, Mr. Blackhall, Sr. Therese Arcand and Sr. C. Beaudoin. They were all talking together when their picture was taken. Mr. Blackhall took one picture too with Fr. Bragalie's Cine Kodak.

Arna Janvier IV.

Grises de Montréal

St. Albert, Alta.

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Rev. Fr. Ducharme has left us for a few months. The H and C. plane took him away to Buffalo Narrows. From thence he will travel by truck and by train way down to Montreal. How sorry we all were to see him go.

While in Montreal he will work on the Four Gospels which he previously translated. When he returns we shall be very happy. Till then "Bon voyage mon Pere", our prayers accompany you.

Therese Lemaigre V.

Jan 11 Rev. Father Perrin is here

Father Perrin came the whole way from Chipewyan Prairie Alberta to pay a visit at the Mission. How glad we were to see him.

On the 14th he went fishing with some of our men and our dear Fr. Bragalie. Judging by his load on his homeward trip, Father must be a good sportsman. Come again, Father!

Jonas Herman IV.

TRACTORS

On January 25, we had waited so long for them. Now at last the first tractor brings in some of the supplies for the Hudson & Bay Company.

We are always happy when the tractors come because we will then find many things in the store.

Come again!

Abraham Janvier V.

Wedding Bells

Flora, oldest daughter of M. Lemalgre and late Monique Assaires of Christina River became the bride of Edouard Janvier son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Janvier of West La Loche, at a morning ceremony at the Mission chapel on Monday, January 20.

Reverend Father G. Bragaglia, O.M.I. officiated. The children of La Loche School beautifully rendered the singing during the nuptial mass.

Following the ceremony the wedding breakfast was held at St. Martin's HS Hospital.

In the evening a grand party was held at Lajeunesse Hall in honor of the newly-wed.

Mr. and Mrs. Edouard Janvier are making their home at La Loche. Our best wishes accompany them.

On Sunday Jan. 4th the plane went up in the air and it came back because the weather was bad.

So that night we had a Bingo party, the doctor was there and the pilot also. The fathers and the brothers all came. When the doctor had a bingo he won the cow head and he gave it to Felix for a present and he gave Flora Jolibois, a lovely dress too. The pilot won two prizes also.

Samuel Herman IV.

Jan. 30.

54 degrees below NW wind! No school to-day for the Juniors but we the big ones brave the cold and safely protected against the wind by our warm new school we carry on.

In the afternoon the M and C. Plane landed to our great surprise. It brought the doctor on a tour to visit the sick. With him were Pierre MacDonald and Mrs Geordy Laprise both from White Fish Lake and also Mr. Joseph Herman--Pisti for short-- from here. Glad to see you back.

Jan. 31. St. John Boscoe's day.

The saintly friend of children, how we love him, and how glad we were to benefit by the sacrifices the boys of St. Albert made in sending us candy which our teacher distributes on this happy festal day.

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"Amour donc avant tout a ce qui est ma patrie," S.E. le Cardinal Villeneuve

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A FRIEND OF THE INDIANS PASSES

Last summer at Ile-a-la-Croise, we had the honour of seeing for the first time a prince of the Holy Church, His Eminence Cardinal Villeneuve.

He had come all the way from Quebec to preside the centennial at the mission. And, now the radio told us that His Eminence has passed away.

In him we, the Indians lose a great friend whom we will remember for years to come.

Therese Lemaigre, V.

TO ROME ITALY

His Excellency Bishop Lajeunesse will shortly leave on a trip to Rome in far away Italy.

Our prayers and good wishes accompany you, Excellency. May your voyage be fair and your return safe.

The children of the Sc.

RADIO!

A message to us from Montreal!

It made us happy but not surprised as we are aware a "Father" never forgets his children. Thank you, kind Fr. Ducharme. Again please!

All of us.

WE SAW

Mrs. Blackhall sitting in the midst of the fine display of real vegetables and beautiful flowers all grown in her garden. Congratulations Mrs. Blackhall.

This display tells the possibilities of gardens in our district and we dream of a school garden and many other gardens around our homes in La Loche.

DEPARTURE

And so you have gone dear Marie Helene. We are proud of you but how we miss you here. May your stay at Ile-a-la-Croise be happy and may your fondest wishes come true.

Remember, we remember!

OUR PHOTO

Though our photograph was not in Fr. Bragaglia's Moccasin Telegram we saw an enlarged photo of ourselves that our kind father had taken of our class in September.

How anxious we are to have it on the wall in our classroom.

Thank you, kind Fr. Bragaglia.

TRACTORS AGAIN

The tractor returned here on February 21. It brought us the cod liver oil which Mr. Piercy sent for the children.

We were very happy because this oil helps us to be healthy and strong.

Some of us don't like the taste of it and one boy called it cod "deliver" oil, but I think he did not mean it.

Anne Janvier IV

OUR DESKS! A DREAM?

How glad we were when the tractor came the last time for we expected the new desks for the classrooms. However we had a disappointment as we did not see our long cherished dream realized. We are sure nevertheless that they will come next time --or will they?

Samuel Hermer IV

HOSPITAL NEWS

On February 8 my cousin Marguerite Marie Park went to the Hospital at Ile-a-la-Croise. She has eye trouble. I hope she gets better soon and that she will be back with us again.

The week before our classmate Anne Marie Lemaigre had gone to Ile-a-la-Croise to get an X-ray of her lungs taken. She came back and has now returned home after a month at St. Martin's Hospital here. Get well quick Anne Marie we miss you good friend.

Suzanne Lemaigre IV

FISHING and HUNTING

Robert Fontaine finds it not bad fishing. "The white fish is abundant and good and fat," says Johnny Boy, who should know.

Maximilien Janvier has returned from the North, after eighteen days without a rest, along with Liguori, his brother.

Aime Park has left the school for the hunting grounds. Good luck Aime, for you see many a hunting season before you leave for the Happy Hunting Grounds.

After thirty seven days Aime returns to his "home base" with big brother Max. "Then we leave again."

Pierre Marie Sylvestre, Tobias Montgrand, Joseph Janvier sr, Alexander Janvier, Augustin Sylvestre, Jules Janvier hunters all, go showing caribou and bring back the rest that keeps their family on the good road of health and happiness.

Fishermen those who have gone to Island Lake for we're sure foxes don't thrive in its deep waters. To all may your efforts be crowned with success and the joyous return to you home again.



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Thanks to Doctor Lavoie.

THANKS TO THE DOCTOR

It was with a feeling of deep gratitude that Francis Sylvestre saw his youngest daughter Alice step out of the plane on March 20.

In fact, when in December 1945, Alice left, everyone in the settlement fitted the child with crutches.

Now she walks, thanks to the ability and devotedness of doctors and nurses of the Regina Gen. Hospital and of those of the Prince Albert Sanatorium.

All the population rejoices at her return and expresses its admiration at the wonders done by modern science.

Here we wish to express our appreciation to "OUR" Doctor P.E. Lavoie who with untiring and patient understanding ministers to all our pains and ills. To him, in a great measure Alice owes her renewed strength and vigor. Is he not the head and heart behind the works? He brought to the notice of the authorities the sad plight of this child and that of many others of his great family of off these northern district.

Thanks Doc. and may many years come to see you giving understanding care to your "grande famille".

HOME AGAIN.

Our dear ten year-old Alice Sylvestre has come back to "Home Sweet Home" after a little over a year stay at the Prince Albert San. or at Regina. "There's no place like home," said Alice, and we add that one more smile adds to the happiness of many.

Welcome Home Alice, and to you also Marie Helene. The latter after two months at Ile-a-la-Crosse has returned to take care of her little sister Alice.

WE SAW

March 16, "CAG" in for the last time, with freight for the H.B. Company. If we believe our ears, we shall be short of soap, as none came, we are told.

March 20, The big black and yellow "Horseman" landing in front of the H.B.C. Post. The game warden has come for his round of duty allowing "20 to 50" rats to married and single men respectively.

To one and all of the trappers we wish full success in attaining the quota.

March 30, Br. Rioux has for the second time this season brought in a load of freight. Happy to think that he has discovered the way joining our outpost to far-off Beauval. Come again Brother!

NEWCOMERS!!

Jonas Lemaigre and Jimmy children of S. Lemaigre have arrived here from Chipewyan Prairie. They make their home at Jean Baptiste Herman's, sr.

Jonas already has found the road to many a friend's heart among his classmates.

Jimmy too little for school has his eyes wide open to take in everything he may.

TO SCHOOL AGAIN.

"Rusty, crusty," think Tobie, Pierre, Elise and Raphael as they pick up books and pencils and settle down to school work again. And who wouldn't be after three months in the land of the caribou?

AS BLOWS THE WIND

North West North or North East wind has brought home Isabelle Janvier and daughter Lucia, Mrs. William Janvier and son Eugene and Francois, Charles Janvier and son Edouard, Michel Montgrand and family Jean Marie Lemaigre and family, Mrs. Harry Lemaigre and sons Pierre and Benoit.

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Nicodeme and family, Baptiste Herman jr. and his wife, anxious are we to see the rest of them in. We are almost certain Easter Sunday will see them all around.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Joseph Herman admitted on March 26 is slowly but surely climbing the high hill to perfect health, we hope.

Annie Lemaigre and Elise Lemaigre are the two lady patients admitted of late.

A patient having been served spare-ribs for his dinner, exclaimed to his nurse. "LY! You serve good caribou! Here!

WEST LA LOCHE

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Fontaine a baby boy.

TO SASKATOON

On his last visit here our devoted Dr. P.E. Lawoie took Mary Jane Jolibois along with him. She was to undergo an operation, at Ile-a-la-Crosse, we supposed but she apparently has been transferred to Saskatoon. How do you like the city Mary Jane?

Little Ernest son of Nicodeme Janvier must also be getting used to the ways of a San. wherehe is under treatment for a tubercular infection the knee.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Last mail has brought us some new School papers; thus adding to our list of Friends. Thanks to you editors of the Green Lake, Denare Beach, and Lac La Ronge Papers. "While we prize the new friends We treasure also the old"

To you editors of the Ile a la Crosse, Beauval, Cansell Portage, Stony Rapids, Buffalo Narrows, friends of old standing, our heartfelt thanks for the encouragement given to our Post.



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EASTER

April 1947.

Cold and colds both have made of this year's Easter a rather frigid day. However as usual we were glad to welcome many of our good friends from Island Lake and White Fish Lake. Their trip was not so hard this year as it was last year. Joseph Bag came in seven hours from Island Lake. Last year he and his wife and Albert had water right up to their necks while traveling down the same way. Come again dear friends.

--Therese Lemaigre V

IN and OUT

April 3: Mr. Piercy, Mr. Clarke and the Buffalo Narrows teachers, Miss Forest and Mr. Selzer came in the government plane to visit us. We were sorry that the school was closed as it deprived us of meeting our administrator, Mr. Piercy and of making friends with the Buffalo Narrows teachers.

April 4: M&C plane brought in the doctor and whatever mail there was found - very little--at Ile a la Crosse.

April 16-- Lane Waite plane brought in Doctor Lavoie again to visit the patients at the hospital.

April 20-- M&C plane grounded two days at the Narrows finally makes its way to our outpost.

Edouard Park was not seen here at Easter.

Jonas Park and sons Mac and Bobbie are out ratting we hear.

Pierre Lemaigre, Rodrigue Janvier, Edouard Janvier, Jules Janvier are gone too.

More will be leaving shortly to try their luck at trapping rats.
Good luck to you all.

EPIDEMIC

April Fool certainly fooled many of us ---so many in fact that the school was closed on the 2nd because children were sick with a bad grippe. And Easter was coming too! So we stayed in bed but the bravest of us sneaked out at Easter, but how we welcomed Monday as that gave us an extra holiday.

To work again we went on Tuesday with most of the children in.

----Anne Janvier LV

SECOND WAVE OF GRIPPE.

Monday 21 brought us an epidemic again or was it the finish of the first? Whatever it was the school door was kept open to welcome some such as Adelaide Janvier who passed with head high without even a cold. Three cheers for Adelaide! Give us your recipe.

--Marie Helene Sylvestre

HOSPITAL NEWS

Our nurse, Rev. Sr. B. Webber, R.N. has been kept busy during the two epidemics of grippe we have had.

Many patients have been admitted at the St Martin's Hospital. At the present time Mrs Raphael Janvier and her brother, Mr. Prosper Lemaigre are hospitalized, as well as Mrs J. Paul Janvier and Napoleon Janvier.

Even our doctor came in three times by plane from Ile a la Crosse and we expect him again soon.

So far every patient has recovered and is on the way to good health again.

Thank you Sister Webber for your devotedness.

--Rosalie Henault LV

TONETTES

How we were happy when our teacher said that Mr. Piercy had sent tonettes.

Yes twenty-four tonettes of all colours came. However we did not use them as yet because all of us have colds.

We say a big thank you to Mr. Piercy and promise that he will hear more tonettes than TONE the first time he's in.

--Samuel Herman IV



PHOTOGRAPH OF THE SCHOOL

The March mail brought us a delightful surprise, an enlarged photo of our new school. Rev. Father J.B. Ducharme sent us this nice picture. We thank him very much.

We invite all who are wishing to see it to pay a visit to La Loche and admire not only the photo but the school of which we are so justly proud.

--Suzanne Lemaigre IV

SLEIGH RIDE

What a good time we had on April 11 when the school was out. Four friends and I went across the lake to West La-Loche. Our sleigh was drawn by Major and Maggie. Happily we sang and chatted as the day was so bright and clear.

We spent the night over at the R.C. Mission, visiting the sick people and our friends. The next day we were glad to return home after enjoying ourselves
tly.

Thanks to you Reverend Father G. Bragaglia for your kindness.

--Ernestine Herman V

THE WEATHER

"Young Johnny Frost, you run home; and remember You're not wanted here till some time next November."

Whatever the summons of Mistress Spring--in --Hurry, Johnny remains here and sees to it that we have a long winter.

Saint Albert, Alberta.

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