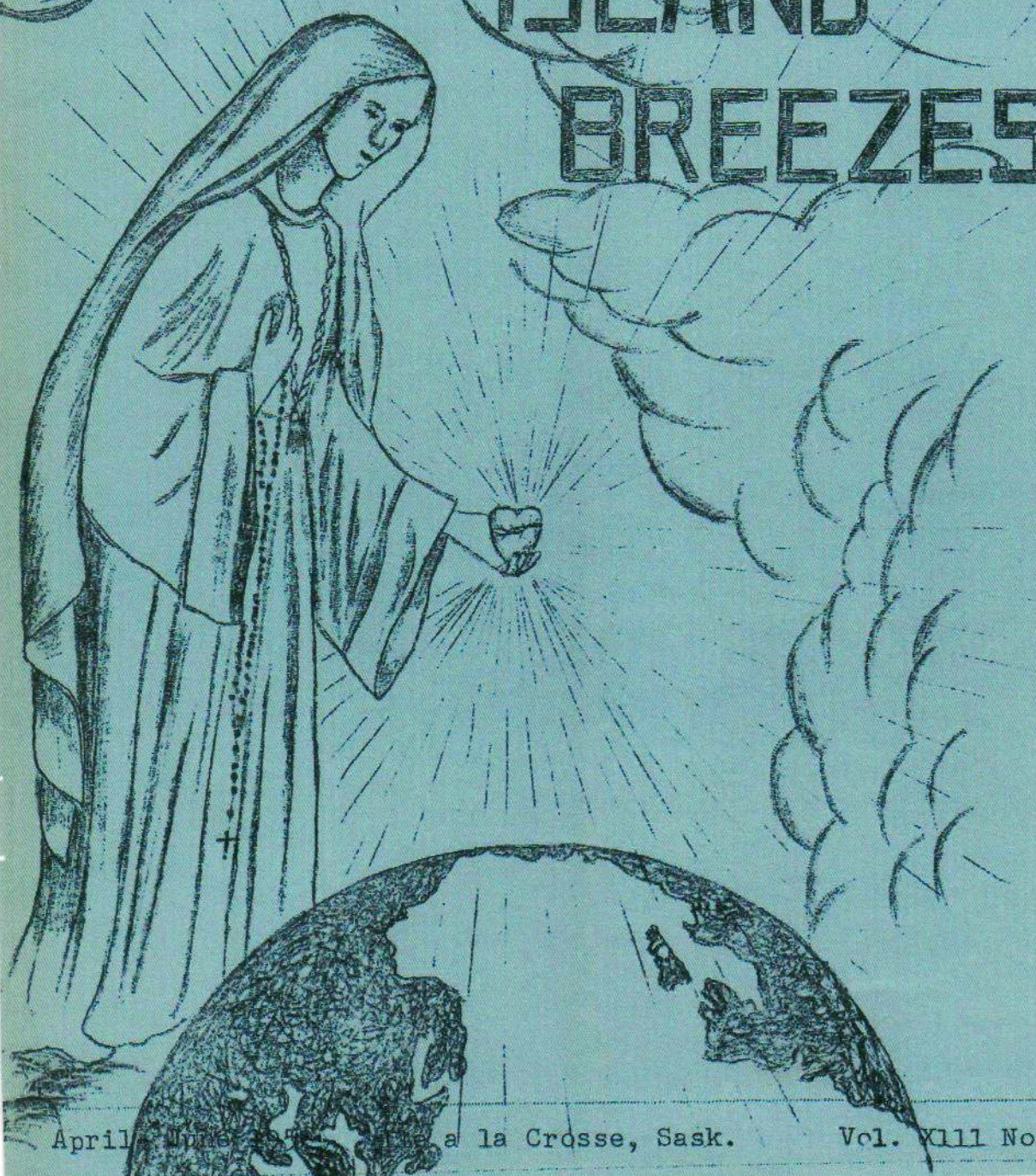


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# ISLAND BREEZES



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# Happy Holiday

TILL WE MEET AGAIN

Summer has been early this year and the growth of plants is in full sway: the tender green of the new season is everywhere to greet the eye, the wild fruit trees are blossoming already; through the woods and in the gardens flowers will soon picture in their beautiful colours a little of the marvelous beauty of God. The rest of the winter has not harmed the trees and the grass and the flowers. Rest has assured new life and beauty.

In the plan of divine Providence for man as well as for plants rest has its place and its purpose, - and how welcome it is to the school children, not to mention the teachers and all the staff. Yes, holidays are at hand, and I wish that you enjoy them; and the more you have deserved them, the greater should be your satisfaction.

As you work at times, because it is the will of God, rest also when the time has come, and God will be just as pleased with you, if you live your holidays in His presence and in His love.

And so after holidays you will be, like the plants are now full of pep and energy to profit by the teachings and the lessons that I hope you will all come to receive again.

Aurevoir, goodbye, dear children, my thought and my prayer is with you everyday, till we meet again....

*Laurent Porrier . o. m. i.*

# CONCERT



During his first three months on the island Rev. Fr. L. Poirier, has manifested the extent of his devotion to the school population. Observing an established tradition, the school children presented a concert on May 2nd to honor him as Director of the Mission and in appreciation for all that he does on their behalf.

The Senior class opened the programme with an appropriate "FESTAL SONG" and closed with "SUMMER ROSES"

an harmonious four-part chorus. Grade IV sang SANTA LUCIA and THE CHURCH IN THE WILDWOOD. Gifted pupils revealed their vocal talents. Alex Maurice expressively rendered Stephen Foster's IF YOU'VE ONLY GOT A MOUSTACHE and Velma, Ernest and Ralph Landry, JEANNIE WITH THE LIGHT BROWN HAIR.

A BACKWARD DRILL presented by (Grade III) Germain Gardiner Leon Hanson, Lawrence You, Paul Morin, Martin, Jimmy, Raphael and Lionel Lariviere, provoked many hearty laughs. Grade II danced the VIRGINIA REEL keeping the audience spellbound. Mary Durocher, Yvonne Daigneault, Simone Aubichon and René Burouf seemed to enjoy the rough swings that Antoine Roy, Antoine Maurice, Frank Smith and Thomas Corrigan gave them.

In a choral recitation, a group of Grade I's personified THE JOYLY WINDS. An action song, THE RAILWAY TRAIN, which Grade I also presented, was very effective. Conductor Norman Favel and Engineer Emilien Morin impressively took their many young passengers on a trip to Buffalo Narrows.

In a short play Rosa Gardiner interpreted THE POUTING GIRL with Germaine Girard, Rose Roy, Christine Morin, Celina Morin, Annette Gardiner, Victoria Roy, and Clarisse Bouvier.

Farmer Armand Murray, housewife Victoria Murray, and maid Clarisse Caisse, contributed their bit of laughter to the programme in the playlet COUNTING THE EGGS.

Grandmother Julie McCallum and her grand-daughter Elizabeth Murray introduced the play CINDERELLA SAINT. The actors were Irene Hanson, (Signora Fatinelli), M. Ange Daigneault (Rosa, her daughter), Ant. Desjarlais, (Zita, their servant), and Archie Daigneault (Prince Giovanni).

Under the able direction of Fr. Beaudet, O.M.I., the boys presented PEACE AND QUIET. On Doctor Ernest Landry's orders Mr. Wiffleberry (André Bouvier) stayed home for some peace and quiet. His son Ralph Landry and the deaf nurse Larry Buckley had a hard time to maintain the requested atmosphere. Who wouldn't with plumber Norman Roy, the boy Alex Maurice and Prosper Daigneault's voice from the street? Exasperated Mr. Wiffleberry decided to return to the factory for "peace and quiet."

Father Poirier in well chosen words complimented and thanked the children. Once more he pledged to give all his time and energy in the interest of the Islanders young and old. He trusts that the parents will continue to cooperate in promoting a high educational standard.

#### VALUED APPRECIATION

Mr. Herb Cornet was so kind as to give us his appreciation of the evening. "Judging from the applause, cheers and laughter, from where I stood at the back of the hall, the concert was certainly a success and enjoyed by all. Play, reel, drill and songs, were indeed very well rehearsed, although the teachers had but a short time in which to train the kiddies. The fact is that the children and teachers had to cooperate closely on a concert as such would not have been possible." Thank you, Mr. Cornet!

#### SICK CALL

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Father Guilloux left late Sunday May 25 to answer a sick call at Canoe Lake. The waters were not inviting, wind and rain made traveling difficult. The party had to pitch up camp at the rapids and waited for daylight to pass them. Father reached Canoe Lake in time to fulfill his priestly duties. While there he gave a mission. Father returned June 2nd.

#### MISSION STAFF NEWS

---Srs. Antoinette and Fabienne Gaudette left April 25 on Mr. Marion's Piper for Meadow Lake. They greatly enjoyed their visit to Mrs. Sue Kergen Brander. It was their first halt of their trip to the Grey Nuns' Mother House for their retreat. They will also visit their aged father in Contrecoeur, P.Q.

---Sr Houle on sick leave since December, is still under medical attention. In Saskatoon, about a month ago, she was subjected to the scalpel. Her recovery is slow and does not answer the many get well wishes of her friends.

---Sr Ant. Laramée, also on sick leave, was operated at the Edmonton General Hospital in early April. She has recuperated satisfactorily and is expected here shortly. She will resume teaching in the fall.

---The heavy kitchen routine is never interrupted. Sr E. Beart manages this duty with

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# HOSPITAL

## PRIDE AND JOY

Noticeably absent during the past month has been, Sr A. Gaudette who, accompanied by Sr. F. Gaudette, is visiting her father at Contrecoeur P.Q. We hope to be welcoming Sr Gaudette home in about one week.

Since an old friend of Sr. Gaudette has acquainted us with the knowledge that the hedge framing the front yard of the hospital is her pride and joy- we would like our little Sister to know that in spite of her absence the hedge has developed green leaves and by the looks of things, has already made a trip to the barber.

On the front yard too, we find a few newly turned lower beds, product of Sr Robidas' ambitions. Judging by the rows of tin cans spotting the garden each morning we can only assume that something worth protecting from the frost has developed. But what could we expect when we consider that the sister so carefully sprinkled the garden from a pitcher marked in bold black letters "NEWBORN FORMULA".

"Do to-day thy nearest duty".  
Goethe

## CONGRATULATIONS

On the birth of a son we offer our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. M. Iron, Canoe Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kimbley, Beauval, Mr. and Mrs. François Corrigal, Ile a la Crosse, and Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Desjarlais, Ile a la Crosse.

On the birth of a daughter: Mr. and Mrs. Louis McCallum, Ile a la Crosse, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Montgrand, Buffalo River, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Malboeuf, Ile a la Crosse.

## OCCASIONAL REPORTER

Nurse S. Minish has obligingly reported for the last two issues of the Breezes. It is no surprise to anyone who has seen her at work. Her unaffected gracious manners and readiness to oblige makes her highly esteemed on the hospital staff. Actually on night duty she has had her hands full many a night with very sick babies, and patients subjected to surgery.

### AIR AMBULANCE

Mr. Alex Ahenakew was flown to Holy Family Hospital Prince Albert on May 30. He was in Beauval when he took ill. Wednesday, May 27, Doctor Lavoie brought him to the hospital. The next day it was judged expedient to transfer him for specialized treatment. Needing the services of a nurse for the trip Sr Robidas was appointed.

### STAFF ON PICNIC

The hospital staff as much as anyone is happy to see open water once more since it brings with it boats and picnics. So the staff had their own picnic on Big Island. Fr. L. Poirier transported the party. A rousing ball game served as appetizer to a heavy lunch of the usual picnic delicacies prepared over the conventional campfire. This lunch was followed by a long stroll and beach combing expedition. After another lunch at the end of the day we felt tired and ready to return home. Everyone was most satisfied.

### PELICAN VS BEE

We noticed Dr. Lavoie busy re-painting his speedboat "Pelican" in a shade close to the whitest white. In addition to owning a "Pelican" the Doctor seems to have a bee in his bonnet which has driven him to surgery many times during the past two weeks. While this is all very well with us - we like to remember how a major operation is performed - it has kept us very busy. Our records too indicate activity.

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### DESK HAS ARRIVED

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Sometime ago we told you we were looking forward to receiving a new desk. We now have it. So far it proves to be everything we had desired. We have enough room for our charts plus enough space for the thousand and one things we were always trying to squeeze into the make-shift which has been discarded.

We must tell you though that the old desk is serving a new purpose as a formula cupboard and is saving us much footwork each day.

### REALLY BUSY

For the third time since the beginning of 1952 we find the school children taking to their beds because of illness. This has caused more activity at Saint Joseph's.

We have been so occupied that in fact, the artist in our midst, Sr. Rivard, has not had time to dash off more than one or two pictures. Surrounded by the natural beauties of the North her latest has been a palmtree seascape....

.....  
Here's a sigh to those who love me,  
And a smile to those who hate;  
And whatever sky's above me,  
Here's a heart for any fate.  
Byron.



## FIRST COMMUNION

On Ascension Thursday at the 7 o'clock Mass twenty-one pupils of Grades I and II were admitted to the Communion rail for the first time. Mass was offered by Fr. L. Poirier, O.M.I. The communicants took part with the choir in singing a special First Communion hymn. The new appropriate "Mistahi Sakihatak Jesus" is the composition of Rev. Fr. L. Guilloux, O.M.I.

## TUNE IN TO C H F A

Don't miss the Cree program: station CHFA, Edmonton, Saturday June 7th, at 4.30 P.M. standard time. You will have the pleasure of hearing Rev. Fr. L. Poirier, C.M.I., who will talk on the "Our Father". The Ile a la Crosse choir, under the direction of Sr. C. Beaudoin, will sing the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary and "Kiskeyitamohinan". The soloists for the latter are Ernest Landry and Alex Maurice.

Listen also on July 19th. The soloists then will be Velma Landry, Christine Morin and Beatrice Caisse.

## SANCTUARY REDECORATED

Lately the sanctuary of the convent chapel received a new coat of ivory and light buff paint. A new velvet curtain made by Sr. Superior and Sr. A. Chevrefils, falls gracefully behind the altar. Now that Sr. E. Goulet has finished her spring cleaning God's abode is more than ever inviting and restful.

## NEW CLASSROOMS

The major project actually on Rev. Fr. Poirier's hands and mind is the building of two classrooms where the pump house once stood. Under the supervision of the contractor, Bro. Léo Courcy, work was begun two weeks ago by Auguste Durocher, Pierre Daigneault and Etienne Corrigan.

Of the pump house there is left but the basement where the pump will remain. The excavation is now completed to extend the basement for the installation of a heating system.

The new classrooms are to be ready by September giving Ile a la Crosse School an additional sixth room to be rented by the Department of

VISITORS

BUZZING AWAY

Early break-up brought all the missionaries earlier in the "capital".

---Father Rossignol, always sprightly in spite of his years, returned to Snake Lake on May 15 after edifying young and old.

---Father Moraud was one of the firsts to come through Half Way Lake after break-up. He encountered ice and over it had to pull his canoe -should we say barge-for a few miles. All in all it was not an easy trip.

Which star guided him? It is still an enigma because notwithstanding a few "rush" waves Father stayed here in haven longer than ever. All hope that he enjoyed this new tactic!

--- Father Fleury passed through on his way to Saskatoon. It is expected that he will soon resume his weekly visits.

---Father Clément from Buffalo River came in for a well needed rest which we hope he did get before returning home.

---Our Beauval neighbours were seen on different occasions, either for the concert--an imposing delegation,--a ball game to bring in patients, or on business. We take pleasure in naming as well as receiving, Fathers Perreault and Landry; Brothers Bélanger, Croteau and Bellefleur; Sisters Lamy, St. Adelin, Coté, Cyr, Auréa and Annette Mageau; and Mr. Landry.

---Also on the visitors' list Fr. Cloutier was welcomed April 5th as resident missionary. Call ed back to Le Pas a week later

For over a month and a half the sawmill has been buzzing away. The trees were felled last winter by "Caribou", Abraham Daigneault and his crew.

By April 2nd all the logs had been hauled by "cat" except for a few odd ones that were drawn by horses because the ice wasn't safe for the powerful "cat".

With Bro. Loranger, as overseer and mechanic, Charles Malboeuf, George Roy, Jean-M. Durocher and Jean-M. Desjarlais have sawed 100,000 feet of lumber. The Beauval and Ile a la Crosse Missions claim an equal share of the 80,000 ft. On request, the other 20,000 ft has been cut to accommodate a few residents.

SAFE AND NEW

After break-up the mission dock was lop-sided and threatened to collapse under the "heavy-weights". Magloire La liberté honoured his contract by efficiently repairing the dock to look like new. So now it is safe for everyone!

THANK YOU

The Oblate Fathers and Grey Nuns of Ile a la Crosse sincerely thank their relatives, friends, and benefactors for their kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity. Their numerous donations of all kinds, all deeply appreciated help them to carry on the a-





# SCHOOL

## NEEDLES CLICK

The interest and regular activity in the sewing class is high judging by all the finished products and the others well underway. Suzanne Lariviere has weaved a twelve yard piece of red woolen material. She is justly proud of her work now displayed in a lovely tailor suit. This year Beatrice Caisse has specialized in towelling and rug weaving. As for Clara Daigneault she enjoys herself doing cut work. Clara Corrival and Veronique Couillonmeur have been busy embroidering a lovely table cloth. Both extern and boarder girls are to be commended for the work they have accomplished in weaving, knitting, embroidery and sewing. Special congratulations to the expert teacher Sr. Gamache who conducts this class--and this is not her only duty--with the co-operation of

## GETTING READY

Since May 5th our midgets, juniors and seniors have been daily warming up through physical exercises. Sr. Lovesque, Miss Lepage and Miss Mireau are shouldering the training of our boys and girls. Const. J. Gibbon and Smit managed to take over for one period, and will try to come again for the eliminations.

Rev. Fr. Beaudet is generously giving his time coaching the softball team. With such preparation all are looking forward to the Track Meet to be held here on June 6th. As in the past the schools of Buffalo Narrows, Beauval Village and Beauval Indian Residential will participate.

## PICNIC

On May 3rd we had a picnic to celebrate Fr. Poirier's feast. The girls went first to l'ile aux Veaux. The boys went to a different place called Hay Island. When we arrived we helped to unload the scow. We built a fire to get dinner ready and fry pancakes. In the afternoon we had a sling shot fight. After our fight we played ball while others went fishing. I was the first one to catch a fish. When the others saw our luck they joined us. In all we

caught eleven and fried them for our lunch. In the afternoon Fr. Poirier gave us peanuts. After lunch it was time to come home. We thanked Fr. Poirier for the lovely picnic he gave us.

Ernest Landry, Gr. V.

### CLEAN UP WEEK

We started to clean up on May 5th. The girls and boys (boarders) cleaned the Mission grounds. The externs in four groups cleaned the village.

The first day the girls began to clean from the Mission dock to the sawmill and the boys did the baseball diamond. The second day the girls started from the sawmill to the grotto while the boys went along the shore to the Government dock. The third day we worked where the people usually camp and up the road to the graveyard, and the shore in front of the church. The last day the Senior and the Grade I class cleaned the Grotto; and the Grade 4, 3 and 2 girls kept on cleaning the road.

We worked one hour each day instead of one day as we did before. We had fun cleaning. Some girls raked, some picked up papers, and cans, and others, sticks. When we had enough we burnt them. Sometimes some were lazy. Instead of picking we would play or go and watch the one who was burying fish and dogs. We sometimes would sit around the fire. We would go to the lake and throw

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little stones. We surely had fun playing together.

Ant. Desjarlais Gr. IV.

### PLAY BALL!

Even before the snow melted we started playing rubber ball for nobody can play soft ball in the snow. As soon as the ground was ready we began to play soft ball.

Our devoted coach Rev. Fr. Beaudet gives his time to practice us almost every noon in the boys yard. At night Fr. Beaudet takes the boys and three girls Clara Corrigan, Annette Gardiner and me to play. But the most important game for us was the one we had with our neighbours. We all got ready to meet the Beauval Village team, on May 17. Although we did our best our visitors won with a score 17 to 9.

On May 24 we went to Beauval. At first we thought we couldn't go because it was so windy. We were lucky to have Mr. Shneider take us to Beauval in his truck. The Ile a la Crosse team played with the Beauval Village. The score was 31 to 12 in favor of Beauval Village. All our players did their best. Clara Corrigan made two home runs and André Bouvier made one also. Although we were defeated we enjoyed our trip. Fr. Landry brought us back to Fort Black. Then Fr. Poirier motored us safely home on the rough waters of our lake.

Now we're looking forward to the Track Meet. Who will win?  
Claire Maurice Gr. VII



# VILLAGE

## IN'S AND OUT'S

Apr. 5.-Mr. and Mrs. Marion flew back to Ile a la Crosse after a long stay in Regina for the session.

Apr. 11.-Mr. H. Cornet having "Leaping Lina" out drove René Lavoie, Ray Evans and two teachers to Dick's Heights. Ice was still very solid.

Apr. 12.-Mr. Marion flew his family home for Easter. Muriel and Anita Benoit were also in for Easter after a long trip from North Battleford with "Uncle" Schneider.

Apr. 15. Mr. F. Burnouf's bug made its last trip over the ice to bring the anxious Islanders the delayed Easter mail.

Apr. 20.-Anita and Muriel Benoit are flown back to Meadow Lake by their uncle Mr. Marion. It was a rough trip as Muriel claimed and proved.

Apr. 21.- Louise Marion was flown to Meadow Lake, where Muriel and Anita were waiting with Mr. Shneider to continue to Battleford.

Apr. 22.- Mr. Benoit and Mr. Cornet flew out to Meadow Lake with Mr. Marion. They returned the 25th.

May 8.-Const. Gibbon and Smit, Mrs. Gibbon and daughter Pat, all flew to P.A. The Const. were on their way to North Battleford on duty. They returned the 14th. Mrs. Gibbon and Pat were out visiting at Radisson. They returned May 31st, after a very enjoyable holiday.

May 17.- Mr. Ausland and son Elmer went south with Henry Shneider, to return home with goats.

---Mr. J. Buckley also went to Meadow Lake but he returned with two garden tools.

May 24.-Herb Cornet, René Lavoie were off to Meadow Lake for the week-end. They returned May 28th after a long trip.

May 30.-Mr. John Stoeber, Lynn and Terry were on their way to Beauval to attend the concert put on by the Village School. They returned the next day delighted with the kind hospitality of the Fathers and Sisters.

May 31.- Mr. Emile Lavoie was on his way to Meadow Lake for the week-end with Henry Shneider.

## H.B.C. NEWS

Ile a la Crosse had one of the many visits of Stan Woodard, H.B.C. Manager of Patuanak, on March 29th. He came with his "bug" driver Armand Gauthier, his clerk Mike Ferguson and a "bug" load of Patuanakers.

Stan and Mike again visited on April 2nd but then it was goodbye to the bug and to Armand as the bombardier was left here for the summer months. While here Stan and Mike had the good fortune of taking in a show. Ray Evans H.B.C. clerk at Ile a la Crosse and Vic Marquis "bug" driver, made a flying trip to Patuanak to take Stan Woodard back home to his wife.

The first and we hope not the last visit of Stan Woodard Mike Ferguson by motor boat was on the 19th of May when they merely dropped in on us. ---More good-byes were said when Ray Evans left unexpectedly. Ray was promoted from clerk to a Post Manager at Stanley, Sask. Congratulations Ray!

---Great changes took place around the Bay house. "Bug in, -Jalopy out". Any strangers visiting here, who would see a blue streak of lightning and a cloud of dust should not worry, as it is "IT" the car with Mr. Watt at the controls and Mrs. Watt navigating

Modern Southern homes have nothing over this isolated Northern Bay house. No interior decorator was called in

to do the "professional job". Mr. Watt, under the supervision of Mrs. Watt, did a masterpiece. Your certificate for interior decoration is granted Mr. Watt.

There will be great changes at the Bay posts in the near future.

--Stan Woodard, Beatrice and Baby Marilyn will leave Patuanak for La Loche.

--Mr. and Mrs. Pereda of La Loche are taking over at Buffalo Narrows.

--Mr. and Mrs. Middleton are transferred to the coast.

-- As to whom will be taking over at Patuanak? Shall we be seeing you soon Mr. Carl Shappert?

--Last news flash-Mr. Ross, from Winnipeg is visiting here.

## HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

Knowing the conditions under which our freighters Henry Shneider, Hugh and Lee Brander travel we cannot but admire them. Nothing prevents them from getting their cargoes to destination. The ice is treacherous shortly before break-up. Such was the case when Lee Brander broke through a well-known dangerous spot near Burnouf's farm on the Beaver River. Luckily very little of the freight was damaged. Keep up the good courage, freighters. Better roads may yet be seen.

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Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,  
Is our destined end or way;  
But to act, that each to-morrow  
Finds us farther than to-day.



### THE GARDEN CLUB MEETINGS

Our Garden Club had its first meeting on May 2nd. Twelve members attended. The main thing discussed was the raising of funds for the prizes. Most of us were in favor of a basket social. It was decided that the baskets were to be sold for not less than 35 cents and not more than one dollar. Clean up week was also talked about. The externs would clean in town while the boarders would do the mission grounds.

On May 5th we had a second meeting. Gardens were discussed, how and when to begin our gardens. Plan for the coming party were made. Different committees were put in charge of decorating

to be played. Friday night May 7th was chosen to decorate our baskets. Everyone went home happy and willing to do their share at the coming party.

### BASKET SOCIAL

On Friday May 7th Sr. Belley guided us in our work. All the girls had come with their boxes and crepe paper. Each one decorated her box as she liked. We surely enjoyed ourselves and did a little skipping around the room, after the work was finished.

On Sunday May 11th at 7.30 twenty-five youngsters came to enjoy a most pleasant evening. "Gathering Nuts in May" started the programme. Then Fr. Poirier came in for the next game "WINK". Father was quick. Nobody could hold him back in his chair. But I did a few times. A party couldn't go without "Musical Chair". Father played the music while we ran around. Victoria Murray was the winner. Games mingled with songs accompanied by Fr. Poirier. After came the sale of the baskets. The auctioneer Armand Murray successfully made the bidders compete for the lovely baskets. Even Father bid and got Germaine Girard's lovely basket. Everyone went home happy and satisfied wishing to have such parties every Sunday night. The sale of the baskets gave us \$11.15.

### GARDENS

On May 12th Our Club Leader Sr. Belley came to distribute the seeds and see our

garden patch. Every one was eager to begin the seeding. Now we are watching closely for the seeds to grow.

### WIENER ROAST

Another way to raise funds was a try at a Wiener Roast on May 22nd. at 3.30. We got everything ready and sold some 200 buns and wieners with cold drinks.

Father came with a group of boarders to encourage us. So did Sr. Superior and other friends.

To our great disappointment we found that we had made only a \$6.33 profit. We have learned a good lesson while enjoying ourselves:-money is not so easy to make!

### COLLECTION

We were much more fortunate in our next trial. We made a collection. We are thankful to all those who have so generously contributed to our fund. Mr. Watt \$5.00, Mrs. E. Benoit, Mr. H. Cornet, Mr. M. Marion, Mr. Pete Edson, Const. Gibbon, Const. Smit, Mrs. H. Francis, Mrs. Tunstead, Mr. and Mrs. F. Burnouf, Mr. and Mrs. V. Morin, Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Durocher and Flora Bishop, all gave \$2.00.

I wish to thank all the Islanders who have helped us build up a fund for our Garden Club.

Clarisse Caisse, Gr.V.  
Secretary.

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COMPLIMENTS OF  
DICK KIRBY - PROPRIETOR

(Former "Windbound Hotel")

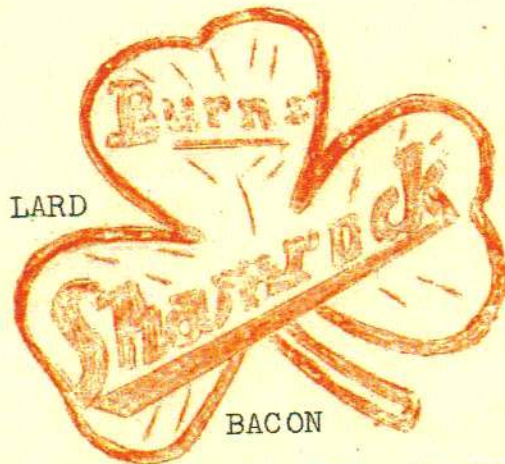
# DICK'S HEIGHTS

HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS!



# WALCER

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## PLAY SAFE

DO NOT GO OVER THIN ICE  
UNLESS IT IS NECESSARY. IF  
SO TAKE ALL PRECAUTIONS OF  
SAFETY.

Early this spring heavy dark smoke was spotted in the Beauval Area, some 25 miles south. It appeared to be a forest fire.

A patrol had to be made to check in case it might be serious and causing great destruction to our forests. There was still ice on the lake when this smoke was spotted. This ice was very weak and very unsafe. It had to be crossed in order to get to the fire.

A little sleigh was made to carry a small boat, to be used for safety in case of breaking through, also for reaching the shore on the other side of the lake, where a canoe and motor was located.

On our return the ice was practically all gone from the mouth of the Beaver River to Big Island. We only had to cross the ice from there to the settlement. At last safely home!

SUMMER HOLIDAYS ARE DRAWING NEAR. I would like to mention for everyone when out picnicking and camping to be sure all camp fires are out.

Best wishes on your holidays.

R.T. Francis.



### WHAT A PICNIC!

Strange things do happen in the North. Who ever heard of going on a wiener roast on an island surrounded by ice. On April 15 Mrs. Marion and Mrs. Benoit arranged such a picnic for Louise Marion, Anita and Muriel Benoit, Shirley Minish, Terry Lepage, and Lynn Mireau. Mr. Benoit and Mr. Cornet drove the gang across the ice to Big Island by car. Once there, exploring was done by all. After some exercises on the sand beach and ball games, a hardy lunch was devoured. While waiting for the taxis to return, melodious songs could be heard on the island. It was with great regret that the little paradise was left but every one returned with some souvenir: sand, wind or sun burns, and a hope to have another lovely time such as this one in the near future.

THE ILE A LA CROSSE  
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

15.

The first meeting of the season was held on Sunday, May 25, in the parish hall, and as there was an educational film scheduled for showing at three o'clock the business of the meeting was carried out without delay.

The following officers were elected: President, Mr. Vital Morin; Vice-President, Mr. Pierre Daigneault; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. R.T. Francis.

It was then decided that we should meet as soon as possible to discuss this year's garden contest. Sunday June 1st was suggested as the best date.

At the June 1st meeting it was decided to go ahead with the Garden Contest in much the same way as in the previous years. It was however decided that the contestants would only need five of the six vegetables stipulated in last year's contest, that is, any five of the following: potatoes, cabbages, turnips, carrots, beans and cucumbers. It was also pointed out that it was not necessary to have the largest garden to win, although anyone knows that the larger the garden the harder it is to keep the garden in good shape. The fifty points allotted to general neatness and appearance of the garden could be summed up by the fact that the judges will consider just what sort of effort was made. The other fifty points will be divided at the rate of ten points for each of the five vegetables entered by the contestant.

The date for judging will be set at a later meeting around the 25th of June and anyone wishing to enter the contest should enter their name with Mr. Francis before that date. Only those gardens which are listed will be judged. As there is no charge for this it should not be asking too much to expect anyone who has a garden to enter his name.

A complete list of the prizes is not yet available but should be posted shortly after our next meeting.

A very good garden to all.

F. E. Benoit.





MISSION STAFF NEWS  
(cont.)

with the help of Annie Durocher and Mrs. Sarazine Jacquot. The latter replaces Mathilda Morin recently operated.

--- Mrs. Ernestine Lariviere is on the mission staff since March. She is Sr. Lapierre's right hand in the bakery besides giving a push and a pull in the laundry on Mondays.

--- Bro. Lefebvre has planted acres of potatoes aside putting in his vegetable garden with a turn of the spade. Bro. Auguste's garden is also all seeded.

--- Srs. Labonté and Deschatelets in charge of the boys took an outing on May 18th. The latter didn't miss their chance for an early dip....

## FIRSTS

An ice pool was organized for the Islanders. Tickets were dated from the 20th of April to the 10th of May. The lucky ticket holder was Alex (Nabio) La-liberté who won the \$6.25, as Mr. René and Emile Lavoie were the first ones to cross by motor boat from Fort Black

May 2nd. Const. Gibbon was the first one from Ile a la Crosse to attempt the Deep River by motor boat. On his way to fulfill his duties at Buffalo Narrows he met Mr. J. Stoeber who was coming to Ile a la Crosse for the week end.

After everyone had exhausted his patience the barge was finally launched. This long wait was caused by the lack of paint, which never came. It took whole

days, with the mission tractor to heave it into the blue water.

George Leans, trapper at Canoe Lake was first to come on Canoe River.

## LATEST MODEL

Sweet memories are still held by Mr. and Mrs. Benoit for their wine jalopy which was tragically discarded because of one fatal culvert. They have now replaced it.

Mr. Benoit affectionately kissed his wife aurevoir as he set forth on his great mission to make up for his loss. Lo and behold one week later Emile was seen proudly steering the stepsaver into our village. But one must remember that it was through the prayers of Father Cloutier and Emile that it made its way over the rough and muddy roads. Everyone that night admired the new acquisition: another Model A sedan (date a secret). Since then the car has changed immensely. It is now sporting gray and blue paint. By rights Emile stole Herb's colours!

## KEEP IT CLEAN

The externs have cleaned the village and the boarders the mission grounds. We worked one hour a day from 3 to 4. All were kept busy picking sticks, cans and papers. Others buried dead dogs and fish. Now our little village is much cleaner than it was before. All should try to keep it clean.

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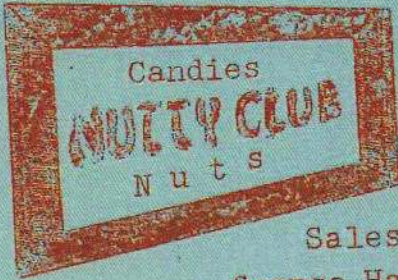
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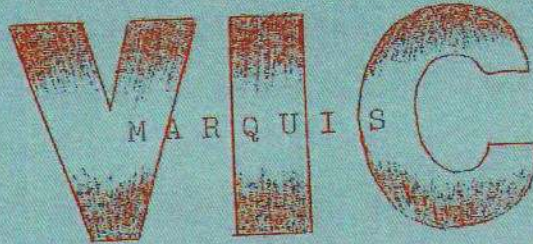
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