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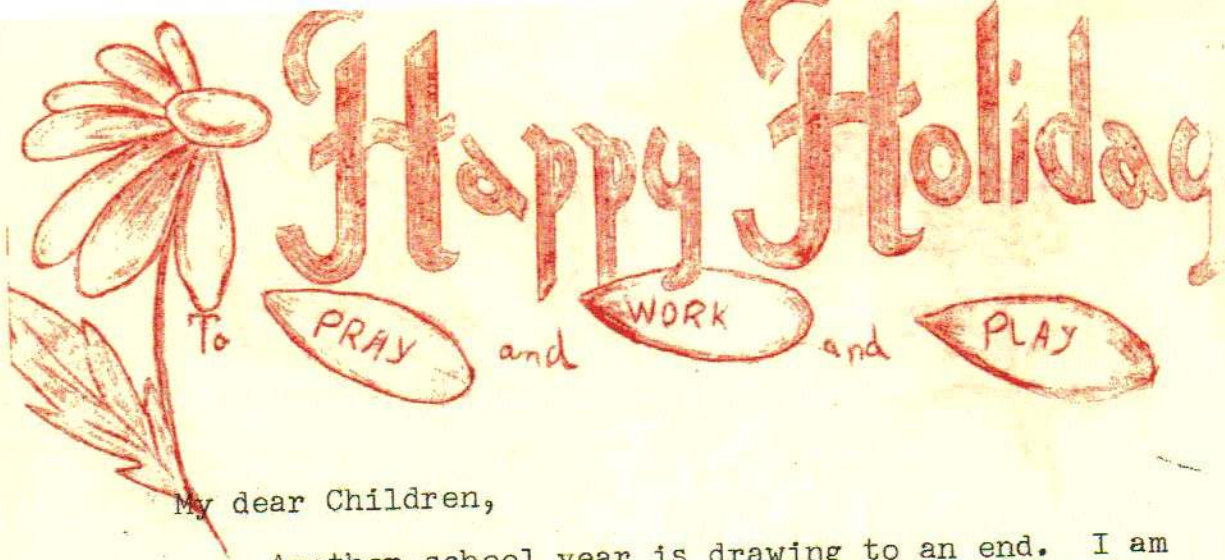
# BREEZES



May 1953.

Ile a la Crosse, Sask.

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My dear Children,

Another school year is drawing to an end. I am sure that you are proud of it, after working well during ten months, as proud as you are eager to enjoy the holidays.

You must be grateful to God for the numerous graces which He has lavished upon you throughout the year. You must also be grateful to your teachers and to all those who have done you good for they have dedicated their whole lives to your welfare.

Each day you have a special memento in your prayers for Reverend Father Poirier, our Superior, who is actually in the Eternal City, and who, with his confreres, will soon be received in audience by the Holy Father. Our prayers accompany him and we hope to see him return soon.

During the year you have learned all kind of things which will serve you in life inasmuch as you have put effort and ambition to learning. You will soon begin the holidays. Do not forget one thing: YOUR TEACHERS HAVE TAUGHT YOU TO BE GOOD. REMAIN GOOD! It is the best way of expressing your gratitude to your teachers. It is the most heartfelt THANK YOU!

To each of you I wish GOOD and HOLY HOLIDAYS under the protection of our Immaculate Mother.

*G. Baudet D.M.L.*



## CONCERT

# Mother's Day

On the night of May 10th a concert was given in honour of Sister Superior Bernadette Dumoulin. The teachers set the concert on Mother's Day so we could honour our mothers, and the mother of the mission in one night. The plays and songs were announced by Ernest Landry.

The Senior Class put on a play entitled "The Cap My Mother Made for Me". The main character Anders, a Swedish Boy, was Ralph Landry. The narrative was given by Ernest Landry. There were two songs rendered by this class. One was "Pal of My Cradle Days", the other "Come to The Fair" and the Seniors were aided by some Grade V's.

Grade V had a play, "Mother's Little Helpers". The cast was Mother, Yvonne Lariviere, the children Jane and Jack, Marguerite McCallum and Jimmy Durocher, Miss Jones, Beatrice Caisse.

Grade IV: A pretty little song called "Tirolee" was rendered beautifully by Margaret Rose Cook. The Scarecrows' Song and March by the boys drew strong applause and laughter as the scarecrows walked stiffly about. The girls did as well as the boys in a graceful Japanese Parasol March. It was so well done that it was almost real.

Grade III had a play called "Robin's Nest". Edouard Morin tried to make a robin's nest while Josephine Bouvier, Flora Johnson, Alice Alcrow, Elizabeth Morin, and Helene Daigneault doubted of his ability. Finally he had to give up.

Antoine Roy rendered the "Song of St Francis" beautifully and whole heartedly. Sister Belley's pupils in four groups sang a nice little French round called "Jamais l'on a vu", and another one in English called, "Glory to Thee My God This Night".

Grade II sang a chorus called "Mother" taking every letter in mother and showing the things our mother does for us.

Laura Bouvier recited a "Welcome" verse. She also presented<sup>3</sup> the spiritual bouquet to Sister Superior.

Sister Beaudoin's little grade one's presented a trip to Mother Goose Land with Mother Goose (Evelyn Bujold) calling the nursery rhymes while the characters acted them out on the stage.

Later when all the numbers had been finished, Father G. Beudet was called upon to say a few words to end the concert. Father said that he was not prepared to talk but he would try. He said that Mother's Day is two Mother's day, and we must love both. One would help on earth the other in Heaven. Father closed by thanking the children and teachers for the wonderful concert. After the talk, "God Save The Queen" was sung and the concert ended.

Albert Gervais Gr. VIII.

### RECEPTION

Immediately after the concert, all the mothers present (about fifty) were admitted to Laurenti Hall which was adorned with a light and gay decoration for Mother's Day. White and turquoise streamers were gracefully entwined from one end of the hall to the other. Dainty baskets filled with carnations in shades of pink, white and pale blue artistically decorated the walls. The statue of Our Lady of the Cape, Mother of mothers, occupied the place of honour. This attractive setting created an atmosphere of festivity in honour of our loving and devoted mothers.

The extern girls of the Senior Class served the lunch. The whole group seemed to enjoy this short and merry gathering offering relaxation. Towards the end of the reception all the teachers joined together to sing the chorus of "Pal of My Cradle Days". Words of heartfelt thanks were emitted by all the mothers present. As for the girls and the teachers they were happy to have struck a note of happiness in the hearts of the *ile a la Crosse* Mothers on their special day.

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The mother, in her office, holds the key  
Of the soul; and she it is who stamps the coin  
Of character, and makes the being who would be a savage,  
But for her gentle cares, a Christian man,  
Then crown her Queen of the World.

Old Play.



# Memories

## WHEN I TALK TO MYSELF

When I talk to myself, to the great dislike of my wife; "Oh! my crazy fool to his bauble again!" I catch myself reliving my past eighteen years in the North. I relive the 28th of September, 1934, when I left the southern prairie during a snowstorm, the highways blocked, and a very cold north wind blowing. My flying trip from Big River to Ile a la Crosse was in an open amphibian airplane. I remember the pilot strapping a parachute on my back and not paying any attention to my objection, adding to give me assurance that there would likely be no danger and "If you have to bail out, when you jump, count four and pull this handle on your chest." I could have screamed. To my question, "If I land on a lake what am I going to do, I can't swim?" he answered, "That will be your funeral, not mine." I tell you frankly that an exquisite chill passed along my backbone, and I decided right then and there that whatever might happen I would stay with the ship. Mind you that was my first flight..

I arrived in Ile a la Crosse two hours later, frozen to the bones. Sister A. Gaudet and Nurse Rapitta received me at the hospital. My French salutation to Sister Gaudet, "Bonjour, ma Soeur," startled her. Surprised, both arms up in the air, she exclaimed: "Mon doux Seigneur! il parle français!" (Dear Lord, he speaks French!) I had to grin.

I recall also the ruined condition of the Hospital, property of the Government at the time, absolutely abandoned by neglect to its natural death. Seeing the dilapidated lighting plant, the burst heating system and sewers, one could not but admire the courage and tenacity of the Missionaries and the Grey Nuns to keep open an institution which was an absolute necessity in a country having then no outlet to an hospital center. The Roman Catholic Bishop of these northern missions took it to himself to make it survive.

I relive also the amount of patience and coaxing we had to use to break the apathy and antipathy of the Indians. To combat their fear of the hospital, which they considered like a jail, to demonstrate to them the amount of good we could do to them, it took years, lots of patience and lots of kindness.

We finally succeeded and in 1940, right in the huddle of the war, a three story fire-proof extension had to be erected at the cost of \$50,000. It was furnished with heating and lighting plants, laundering facilities, modern Xray, surgical equipment, etc. In fact St. Joseph's has the equipment of a city hospital.

Our efforts were well rewarded by our patients' appreciation of the amount of good done to them, by their behavior and obedience; and by their resignation in adversity and sickness. Their resignation especially facing death was an edification.

I will remember all my life this special case; so I have to tell it. One day we admitted a young Indian of 14 years of age from the Canoe Lake Reserve. He was suffering from a critical case of pneumonia. In the middle of the night his heart collapsed; we expected him to die in a few minutes. A priest was called immediately and without delay administered the last rite of the Church. After the ceremony, the father approached his son and spoke to him. The substance of what he said was this: "My poor son, you are going to die. Don't think that you are bringing sorrow to your mother and father. Forget that; think rather that you are going to appear before the tribunal of God. Ask Him forgiveness; throw yourself in the arms of Mary, your Mother in heaven; ask her to bring you to the feet of Her Son Jesus and to implore His mercy for you." In my forty years of practice I have been a witness to many examples of resignation before death, but I have never witnessed another such case, and this one was from an Indian whose people have known merely one hundred years of Christianity. A father who could repel his paternal sorrow and elevate his mind to such a spiritual height, what spirit of Faith! The name of this Indian is Solomon Piwaspiskus. Incidentally this is an answer to those who claim that the missionaries work in vain.

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Besides sad moments we also had gay and joyous ones. There were always some incidents to bring fun, always someone cracking a joke. Hence this Christine Wolverine who worked as a nurses' aid for twenty years. She was a very good girl of middle age, jolly, but ugly, my God! Her ugliness was simian. Had she lived at the time of Darwin he would have no doubt used her as proof of the veracity of his theory that man descends from the monkey. One morning Christine saw a newly married couple coming out of the church. She said: "See, Sister, how happy they look! How come that I could not find a husband. The men found me too ugly no doubt." Sister Gaudet, always serious and quiet, but a pince-sans-rire à ses heures, replied, "Thank God instead Christine to have given you ugliness to safeguard your virginity."

Sister Ferland when she missed her scissors, pencil, or beads, had the habit of praying St. Anthony to help her find the lost object. One morning she exclaimed: "I don't know what's wrong with me this morning. Everything I do turns out wrong. I have lost my head no doubt." Rosa McCallum suggested: "Pray Saint Anthony, Sister."

But the cake is the story of a woman who came one morning for maternity and gave birth to the child right in the corridor, at the nurse's desk. The excitement brought all the patients out of bed and jamming the doors. Sister Gaudet jumped to close the doors exclaiming; "Go away, go away!" We certainly had fun later teasing her about it. But she took it well, she was a good sport.

I like to remember as well the courtesy of the Natives for myself, in the hospital and in their homes. They were always willing to accept treatment, even surgical ones, no fuss, no recriminations, no hysteria, but a stoic behavior in pain and adversity. On a journey their attention to my welfare was very considerate, the best place in the canoe, carrying my luggage in the portages, having me well wrapped in the sleeping robe in the toboggan, the best place near the fire, the best corner of the floor for my bed, the best morsel of food, so much that I have learned to love them like brothers and I won't be able to forget them. Of course they are not perfect. Who of the white is perfect?

I will also keep a good souvenir of all my friends, the white men, the missionaries, and the Grey Nuns who have helped me so much in my task.

I will always recall the beauty and the scenery of the bush. It brings peace to life, no turmoil, no noise. The trees, the birds, the wild game, the fishing, the lakes, the rivers, the boating, there is nothing artificial. Of course it is cold here in the winter. What about it? One gets used to it. Had I my choice I would live the rest of my life in this friendly North.

Ah! quand je parle tout seul! (Ah! when I talk to myself!)

Philippe E. Lavoie,  
M.D.

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We are very grateful to Dr. Lavoie for such a fine and interesting article depicting northern life and its people along with his experiences. All our readers will certainly enjoy hearing what he has to say 'when he talks to himself'.

Dr. Lavoie has made many pen contributions to the Breezes. We hope that this is not his last one and that he will continue to 'talk to

himself' with a pencil in hand.

God bless you, Doc!  
Editor.

C.Y.O. MEETING

A regular meeting was held on the 3rd of May. There were 23 members with the president Miss A. Mireau (now Mrs. Stoeber). I acted as secretary, replacing Florence Ahenakew away at the hospital in Regina. During the business section of the meeting we decided to have a wiener roast. It was to be held on the third Sunday of May but the wieners failed to come in on time so we had to put off the picnic. Now that the wieners have arrived we are hoping to have a nice day for our long awaited outing.

Christine Morin Gr. VII.

TO DILLON AND BACK

Mr. Ed Gervais, sailing to Dillon on business, decided he should have company. He invited his children Loraine and Albert and Mr. and Mrs. John Stoeber.

Leaving Friday evening May 29, they chose Buffalo Narrows for a stopover where John met some of his old friends. In Dillon the year-old school vividly impressed the visitors... Sunday evening the 3G3 had docked in Ile a la Crosse.





# MISSION

## SIGNS OF SPRING

No, no bears have shown up at the mission but open waters again gave the Staff the opportunity of welcoming their neighbours: Rev. Fr. Lemay rode in with his sea-horse on May 14th. In the evening Rev. Fr. Perreault, having driven Sr. M.A. Boisvert, R.N., Sr. A. Mageau and a patient to the "end of the road" came across with capable canoe-man Daniel Daig-neault. The return trip to Beauval was made with Fr. Lemay who wished to see his Oblate-brothers there.

On the morning of the 16th Father Lemay arrived just on time to act as deacon at the Nuptial Mass (Father Guilloux was just raring to take his place). Having taken in a patient with its nurses pro tempore Sisters A. Corriveau, Sup. and Sr. Annette Mageau, he returned to Beauval with the latter two in the afternoon and enjoyed there a needed and appreciated holiday.

---Rev. Fr. Moraud's giant-sized canoe was spied at a distance soon after break-up. With his usual haste the valiant missionary made a trip to Beauval then returned to his Patuanak flock.

--- At Snake Lake, Rev. Fr. Rossignol boarded the first plane to alight there this season. The Staff is always happy to welcome this beloved pioneer missionary. To everyone's satisfaction, he chose to spend at least a week in the 'Capital'. His little Snake Lake friends at the Boarding School are especially pleased at this longer stay of 'their' pastor.

## AT THE GROTTTO

On Sunday, May 17, Brother Sun was so bright and warm that he inspired the nature loving Islanders to make the necessary preparations for Mass at the Grotto. From her rocky niche artistically decorated with the 'rose' rosaries of red white and gold, Our Lady of Lourdes seemed to smile approvingly upon the replica of our Lady of the Cape installed at the foot of the Grotto. The large congre-

ANCHORS A-WEIGH

gation of people singing the praises of Her Divine Son or of Herself throughout the Holy Sacrifice must have been pleasing to this kind Mother.

Thanks to Brother Courcy and Alyss Chalmers(Tractor) the transportation of the necessaries for the outdoor ceremony was relatively easy on muscles and backs.

It is hoped that favourable weather will allow such pleasant local pilgrimages to be held frequently.

NEW STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The chapel at the Convent will soon display a new set of Stations of the Cross, received recently. Rev. Fr. L. Poirier had been requested to make the choice in Montreal. He is to be congratulated on his fine taste.

The Sisters are very grateful to all their relatives and friends who have shared in the artistic and religious donation.

Rev. Fr. Bignami is very happy too for he happens to be in Ile a la Crosse just in time to obtain the old set for his church of Grand Rapids.

BACK FROM SASKATOON

At the end of April Bro. St Arnaud headed for St Paul's Hospital Saskatoon. After submitting to treatments he returned May 15 and has resumed his duties.

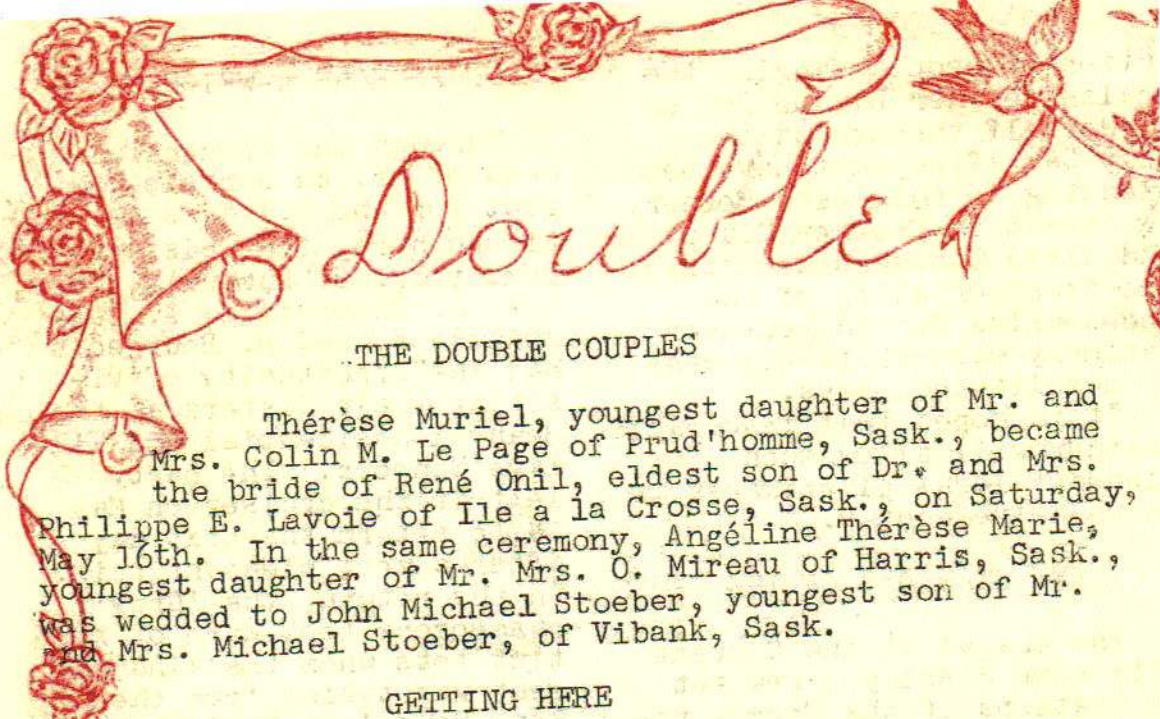
Through the thoughtfulness of Mr. Ed Gervais, agent for the D.I.A. station here, four Sisters, namely Sr. B. Dumoulin, Sup., Srs. A. Chevrefils, A. Deschâtelets, and M. Bourgeois had the opportunity of visiting their Sisters at the Beauval Residential and Village Schools. The party left in the cruiser on May 28 to return the next day after a most pleasant trip. On the return, the 'Grey' passengers took care of two tiny tots whom the kind agent was taking from the Res. School to their home-reserve at Dillon.

MARIAN FILM

Rev. Father Beaudet, always devoted to Our Lady of the Cape, obtained a film from the Director of the Shrine. It depicts Our Lady's pilgrimage from the Shrine to the 1947 Marian Congress in Ottawa. It was projected twice, once for the children, a second time for the public. All were greatly edified all the while happy to recognize in the numerous crowds on the screen His Excellency Bishop Lajeunesse and Father Fleury.

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Delight in the happiness of God.

Lorenzo Scupoli.



# Double

## THE DOUBLE COUPLES

Thérèse Muriel, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Colin M. Le Page of Prud'homme, Sask., became the bride of René Onil, eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. Philippe E. Lavoie of Ile a la Crosse, Sask., on Saturday, May 16th. In the same ceremony, Angéline Thérèse Marie, youngest daughter of Mr. Mrs. O. Mireau of Harris, Sask., was wedded to John Michael Stoeber, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stoeber, of Vibank, Sask.

## GETTING HERE

In view of giving a hand to her little sister Miss Marie Mireau flew in on May 6th. A week later the sched plane brought the brides' parents: Mr. and Mrs. O. Mireau Mr. and Mrs. C. Le Page. Aboard also was another very important personage---(with respect to Saturday's event)--- Mr. John M. Stoeber, with his sister Marlene from Vibank.

A hearty welcome awaited the visitors who soon seemed quite 'at home' on the Ile. The men readily swapped tall tales while the women folk expertly put the finishing touches to the bridal gowns.

## O HAPPY DAY!

Saturday, May 16th, dawned at last! a day of perfect northern beauty, but even more beautiful was the ceremony which took place in St. John the Baptist Church at 10 o'clock.

As the organ softly played Wagner's Eridal March, an imposing procession walked down the aisle. Mr. C. LePage and Mr. O. Mireau gave their daughters away. Both brides were lovely in their white floor length gowns and veils. Thérèse's gown was of lace over satin and nylon net, Angéline's of satin trimmed with lace. Each wore a lace head-dress and carried a bouquet of red roses.



# Wedding

Terry and Lynn were preceded by their bridesmaids Miss Marie Mireau and Miss Marlene Stoeber. These fair maids wore floor length gowns of nylon net over taffeta. Marie's was blue, Marlene's yellow. Marie's head-dress of the same blue as her gown, was trimmed with white carnations. Marlene's white, was adorned with dainty yellow flowers. Each carried a fragrant nosegay of pink and white carnations and red roses.


## "I WILL"

The solemn promises were witnessed and blessed by Reverend Father G. Beaudet, O.M.I., assisted by Larry Buckley and Thomas Gardiner. After the audible pronunciations of "I will" the best man, Emile and Germain Lavoie, deposited the two intricately designed wedding rings in the silver platter. Then having received the Church's special blessing, the symbols of sacred vows were presented to the handsome grooms who slipped them onto the slender fingers of the happy brides. As soon as the marriage ceremony was completed the choir broke out with "Blessed Be This Day", words by Rev. Fr. Y. St. Arnaud, O.M.I., music by Allan Caron.

## THE NUPTIAL MASS

The solemn High Mass was the highlight of the day. Vested in the first class ornaments, Rev. Fr. Beaudet officiated with Rev. Fr. R. Lemay, Buffalo Narrows, as deacon, and Rev. Fr. P. Bignami, Grand Rapids, as sub-deacon. Under the direction of Sister C. Beaudoin, the Sisters' choir rendered the Proper, and the children's joined for the Ordinary of the Mass in Gregorian chant. At the Offertory Germain Lavoie sang his favorite Ave Maria, Schubert's. During Communion a hymn to Our Lady, perfect model of the faithful spouse, was executed in French.

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# GOOD-BYE VILLAGE

## FAREWELL



### SAILING SCHEDULE CHANGED

The government barge actually looks new with its coat of white paint. Pete Edsen is still working hard at it, with Alex (Nabiw) Laliberté at the controls. Their first trip to Buffalo Narrows was made on May 18

A new schedule has been issued: the barge leaves for Buffalo Narrows on Monday and returns on Tuesday.

### CONTINUES PREVENTIVE PROGRAM

Miss J. Walz went through Ile a la Crosse on May 20th, on her way to Canoe Lake to continue her work of the preventive program of the Sask. Anti-Tuberculosis League. Miss Walz has already covered La Loche, Dillon, Buffalo Narrows, Ile a la Crosse, and Beauval. By the time the BREEZES reaches you she will be in Patuanak.

Mr. and Mrs. Emile Benoit's Island friends bade them farewell as they took leave May 23 for their final trip South. Emile and Julia were last seen in their grey and blue limousine heading for the barge. We wish you much success and happiness in your new home.

Anita and Muriel Benoit came in May 15 for a last week end to say goodbye to their home and their friends. We hope to see you again in a not too distant future, girls!

### NEW HOTEL PROPRIETOR

We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. M. Lépine and family who have taken over the proprietorship of the hotel. May your stay be a very happy one.

### CONDOLENCES

We offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Gervais, on the loss of Ed's brother who was killed in an auto accident. Both, Mr. and Mrs. Gervais went to Swift Current to attend the funeral service.

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men. Rev. 21:3.

## GARDENERS' INTERESTS

Mr. J. D. Neilson, Agricultural Representative, came in from Beauval with Mr. Ed Gervais on Friday, May 29. Mr. Neilson is evidently still greatly interested in his work and in the residents -- especially in their garden projects.

After the Saturday-night Show, Mr. Neilson spoke a few introductory words to the gathering, praising the work accomplished by the Ile a la Crosse Horticultural Society and encouraging the Islanders to carry on with this progress-fostering organization. Mr. T. Francis D.N.R. Field Officer, took up the same theme. After suggesting re-organization of the local, he announced that a meeting for the purpose of electing new officers would be held some time this week; the Annual Garden competition is also to be discussed at the coming meeting. Vital Morin then had the floor. It is assumed that his Cree words conveyed the same message. Following this, Mr. Neilson gave appreciated directions as to the methods of preventing maggots from getting the benefit of the onion and cabbage sowers' efforts.

The canning course to be held next August will be open to any girl or woman desiring to follow it. Mr. Francis will be happy to enroll any applicant.

Assuring the Junior Gardener Club Members that he would see them on Monday, the speaker took leave of his attentive audience.

Thanks are extended to Mr. Neilson for his unrelenting efforts for the betterment of the North. Would that his enthusiasm were as 'catchy' among the people as appendicitis was among a certain group.

## AT THE RANCH

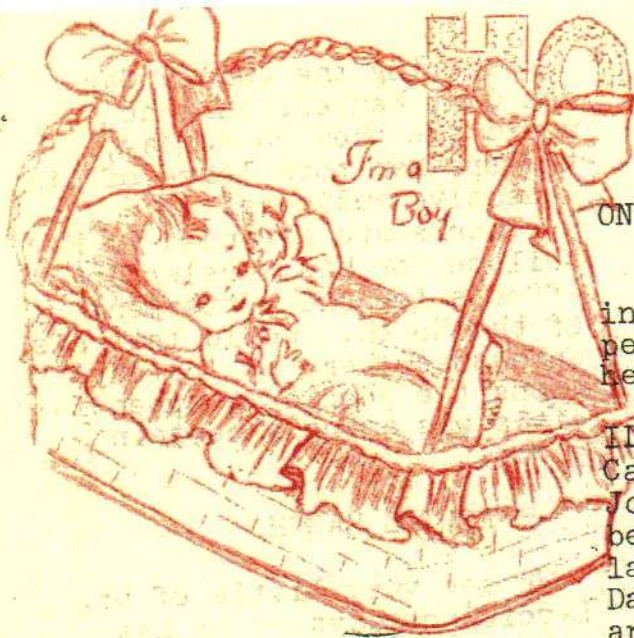
We see very little of Dr. Lavoie nowadays as he has been much engaged supervising the building of the house at Fort Black. Mrs. René Lavoie has been very busy entertaining since she took over as "Lady of the house" at the ranch. By all reports Terry makes very good coffee and chocolate cake.

## FIRST SEASONAL DOCKING

Waite's fish boat made its first appearance in Ile a la Crosse May 16, with Eric Creek navigating.

## OUT IN TIME

The Patuanak Bay Boys finally showed their handsome faces again after a long hibernation. Alex Robson, relief manager, and Bruce Rasmussen were in on time to catch the Saturday night show.



# HOSPITAL

ON THE ROAD TO BETTER HEALTH

After a short or long stay in the hospital the following people are now enjoying better health.

## ALL BOYS

The new babies are all boys! They were born April 25, 29, May 23, 26 and 27 to Mr. and Mrs. George Janvier, Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Natomagan, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kyplain, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Couillonneur, and Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Caisse.

Except for the Natomagan's who are of Snake Lake, and the Couillonneur's of Canoe Lake, the others are residents of Patuanak.

## SICK CALL

May 29th, Dr. Hoehne still absent, Sr Meyer answered an urgent call. Driven in the speedboat by Rev. Fr. Beaudet with Therese McCallum for company, she hastened to Mrs. Leon Gardiner's bedside at Canoe River.

LAKE A LA CROSSE: Clarisse Caisse, Abraham Daigneault, Jos. Bell, Wm. Aubichon, Albert Gervais, Donald Desjarlais, Mrs. Marion, Madeleine Daigneault, Therese McCallum and baby, Marie Rose, Sister Chevrefils, Isidore Desjarlais, and Gaspard Kenny.

BEAUVAIL: Jean Bap. Aubichon, Celine Bell, Sarazine Couillonneur, and George Merasty.

PATUANAK: Jos. Favel, Jean Deneyou, Albertine Bell, and Linda Ahenakew.

CANOE LAKE: Velma Bujold, Louis McCallum, Maxime Iron, and Louis Corrigan.

HALFWAY LAKE: Martha Estalchenan;

BUFFALO NARROWS: Catherine Morin;

DILLON: Stanley Montgrand.

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" A speech is like a wheel,  
the longer the spoke the  
greater the tire."

## EMERGENCY

Early Tuesday, May 5, Sister Irene Lefebvre was on duty in the Girls' room but for a few hours only. By 10 o'clock a.m. she was in the operating room for an acute appendicitis. Dr. Hoehne being absent, Dr. P.E. Lavoie successfully performed the operation. During his eight-  
een years in the North Doc Lavoie had not recorded using the scalpel on a sister. It's done now and Sister Lefebvre has been blessed with a speedy recovery.

TO LA LOCHE AND P.A.

Flying out with some patients on May 3rd, Dr. Kurt Hoehne returned from Prince Albert on the sixth aboard the sched plane. May 20th Doc headed for La Loche where he will spend two weeks ministering there unless an occasional plane flies in that direction and back. Meanwhile in Ile à la Crosse the nursing Sisters are carrying on to the best of their ability.

### OUR LADY OF THE CAPE

A welcome guest at the hospital during the winter months, Our Lady of the Cape left on the first day of May. She is receiving the filial homage of the Islanders in church during Her beautiful month. The patients miss Our Lady of the Cape and find ~~solace~~ **solace every eve-**

ning reciting the Rosary. The shrine prepared by the nurses as a compensation represents Our Lady of All Graces.

REV. FR. PIOGER

On May 27, the green Willys --Father Perreault's handy panel-truck again played ambulance to bring Rev. Father Pioger to the Hospital. This venerated and highly esteemed missionary of the Chipweyans had been quite well since his release from the San several months ago. It is hoped that the attentive and efficient care of the Hospital staff will succeed in restoring relative health to him once more.

TRANSFERRED TO P.A.

Martin Moberley of Buffalo Narrows, after a long stay here was transferred to the San in Prince Albert.

Rose Kimbley of Beauval was admitted with a fractured arm on Ascension Thursday. A week later it was judged expedient to send her to the Holy Family Hospital in P.A.

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A Bachelor never quite gets over the idea that he is a thing of beauty and a boy forever.

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## 'CONFETTI AND SNAPS'

After the ceremony parents and friends were gathered at the church door and lined the side-walk all the way to the rectory. As the happy newly weds appeared, they were greeted with smiles, good wishes, confetti, and clicking Kodaks. By the time the registers were signed, the crowd had dispersed and the happy couples and their attendants had a few minutes off for a cup of coffee.

## PROCEED TO LAURENTI

For the formal reception Laurenti Hall was bedecked as never before. Ceiling and windows were adorned with delicate green and white streamers and dainty white bells. The lamp shades, also of white and green, and baskets of carnations, completed the decoration.

The tables in the form of a T were attractively set and decorated. The two three tiered wedding cakes, (product of Sr. E. Baert's know-how), and natural flowers embellished the setting.

At the table of honour, with the new married couples were the brides' maids and the best men, Rev. Fr. Beaudet, and the parents, namely: Mr. and Mrs. O. Mireau, Dr. and Mrs. P. E. Lavoie, Mr. and Mrs. C. Le Page. The other guests were Rev. Fr. Lemay, Mr. Ed Gervais, Master of ceremonies as a continuation

of his title of Usher, Mrs. Gervais, Mr. and Mrs. W. Watt, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ausland, Mr. and Mrs. T. Francis, Cst. and Mrs. Nelson, Mr. E. E. Benoit and daughters Anita and Muriel Dr. K. Hoehne, Mr. J. Dgordvar, and Mr. C. Klein.

## AFTER DINNER SPEECHES

Toast to the brides was proposed by Rev. Fr. Beaudet. As representative of the entire Mission staff he voiced everyone's appreciation of Lynn and Terry, John and René. The two grooms made befitting replies.

Mr. C. Le Page's words showed a just pride of his daughter, Mrs. R. Lavoie. The speaker loudly praised the receptionists for the decorations, the preparation of the varied menu, and flawless service. All of which he said equaled and even surpassed all that he had seen in his travels from New York to the West. Mr. Le Page assured the guests that having seen Ile a la Crosse and its way of doing things it made him feel more easy about his beloved daughter's northern dwelling place.

Mr. O. Mireau, though a man of fewer words, also adequately expressed his appreciation of all that had been done on behalf of his dear daughter Angeline and themselves.

Dr. Lavoie claimed his sentiments had been expressed by the other speakers. He therefore briefly summed their statements of appreciation and of good wishes.

#### FAMILY DINNER

At 6.30 p.m. the brides, very becoming in smart tailored suits re-entered Laurenti hall with their husbands, the bridesmaids, the best-men, and the parents: Mr. and Mrs. O. Mireau, Mr. and Mrs. C. Le Page, Dr. and Mrs. Lavoie and Rodrigue. A few formalities were cast aside in favor of true intimacy. A spirit of true happiness and cordiality pervaded throughout this family dinner.

#### HOME

The two newly wed couples will be residents of Ile a la Crosse. Mr. and Mrs. René Lavoie are at their mink ranch at Fort Black. Mr. and Mrs. John Stoeber are on the teaching staff and will stay on for at least another year.

An Onlooker.

#### PICNICS

On Easter Monday we had a holiday and went on a picnic. We loaded the things for dinner and started to the woods. The small boys went in the wagon and the big boys walked. Some of the boys pulled Sister on the sled. Father Bignami came with us and took pictures.

Sister Labonté served us a good dinner. We went to play in the woods. Some hunted for birds. Some of the boys killed a ground hog. We had our lunch at three o'clock. After we came home very happy and wished to go again soon.

Jimmy Smith Gr.V.

On the 18th of May we went at the point for a picnic. Sister gave us our slingshots and we had a slingshot fight. The first thing we did was to make the fire. Some boys brought wood to make a big fire. After Sr. Labonté, Thomas Gardiner, Larry Buckley and I made some pancakes for the boys. Then we played games. We thanked Sister Labonté for the picnic.

Jules Daigneault Gr.IV.  
and Lionel Lariviere Gr. IV.

May the 18th we went on a picnic. We made pancakes. Each our turn we passed the lard and the dough. We caught little fishes too. We played ball too after lunch. The two captains were Julie McCallum and Florence Merasty. We came home happy. We did not go to Big Island because there was no scow to take us there.

Annette Bujold Gr.IV.  
and Jeanne Delia Bouvier  
Gr. IV.

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Let us be ever better than we seem.  
De Vere.

## CLEAN UP WEEK



## THANK YOU

Our two teachers were married on May 16th. One was our Grade V teacher Miss Thérèse Le Page. She is married with Doctor Lavoie's son René Lavoie. Miss Mireau the Grade II teacher is married with Mr. John Stoeber. He is our teacher now. Mr. and Mrs. René Lavoie went to live at the mink ranch at Fort Black. Mr. and Mrs. John Stoeber are still teaching. Our teacher Mr. Stoeber is very good and we all like him very much. But most of all we are thankful to Miss Le Page for teaching us and we wish her a happy life with her husband René Lavoie. We hope Mrs. René Lavoie will come and visit us someday.

Julie McCallum,  
Grade V.

The clean up week was held from May 11th to the 14th. Each class worked in turn, in allotted sections of ground, from Mr. Marion's store along the shore line to the Grotto and on the grave yard road. The pupils didn't go and clean in the village this year. The example they set in the past years gave the elders the idea of doing it without the school's help.

The senior class carried the cleaning spirit inside too. They helped to wash all their desks and even the floor in preparation for new coats of varnish. The shines of the desks is a reminder of Mr. T. H. Waugh's kindness. Thanks to Mr. Waugh for furnishing all the varnish and stain required to repair all the desks this year. The floor of the senior classroom has been varnished twice and sparkles accordingly. Ernest Landry had a big share in this work. Everybody is trying to do his share in keeping the class in tip-top shape for next year.

Germaine Girard  
Grade VI

## CARNATIONS

At the beginning of May everybody in our class volunteered to help with the making of carnations for Mother's Day. It took us a long time to make them but we were happy to do so. Even though it was hard work, it was pleasant. We made the carnations with crepe paper. One group of pupils helped to cut the petals. The next group stretched them out and shaped them. The last group tied the petals to the wire stem. Wilfrid Merasty, a Grade III boy, cut most of the stems from wire and put some cotton batting at the end so that the petals would not slip off. Other Grade III pupils folded the papers ready to cut out the petals. The Grade IV class put the finishing touch; they twisted green paper on the stems. The carnations were white, pink and red. The white flowers were for those who no longer have their mothers. The red and pink were for the lucky ones whose mothers are still living. We finished for Mother's Day. There were enough carnations for all the pupils and all the people who came to the concert. All classes showed a good spirit of co-operation which works wonders... We made about 525 carnations.

Velma Landry Gr. VI.

## CHANGE IN STAFF

On May 19th Mr. John Stoeber replaced Mrs. René Lavoie on the teaching staff, taking charge of Grade V.

We extend our most sincere thanks to Mrs. René Lavoie who gave one year and a half of appreciated services to the Ile a la Crosse pupils.

To Mr. John Stoeber is offered a hearty welcome in our midst.

-- With pleasure we have just learned that Mr. and Mrs. Stoeber will return in the fall.

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