

FAREWELL TO FATHER MCGINN

On June 25, the day before the official closing of the school year, the pupils and teachers of St. Mary's School assembled in the auditorium to say goodbye to Father McGinn.

Earlier in the day, Father had presided in each class room and distributed prizes to the pupils; the graduation class had received theirs on the previous Sunday.

Musical numbers opened the program; these were followed by a humorous skit, prepared by the Grade 8 class, dramatizing the events leading up to Father McGinn's new appointment and his reaction to the news. The axe had fallen!!!

As a mark of their esteem and appreciation, the pupils presented Father with a sick-call set, a purse and finally, a bouquet of red roses. The altar boys had given him a burse to complete the sick-call set and the secular teachers gave him a pen and pencil set.

In his reply, Father McGinn expressed his thanks and remarked that the hardest thing about going from Bradford was his leaving the pupils of St. Mary's. He asked God's blessing for all and counseled them that the best way to prove their esteem was to continue to be good, loyal, studious and obedient. The program closed with a very appropriate vocal number, "A Priestly Heart."
