

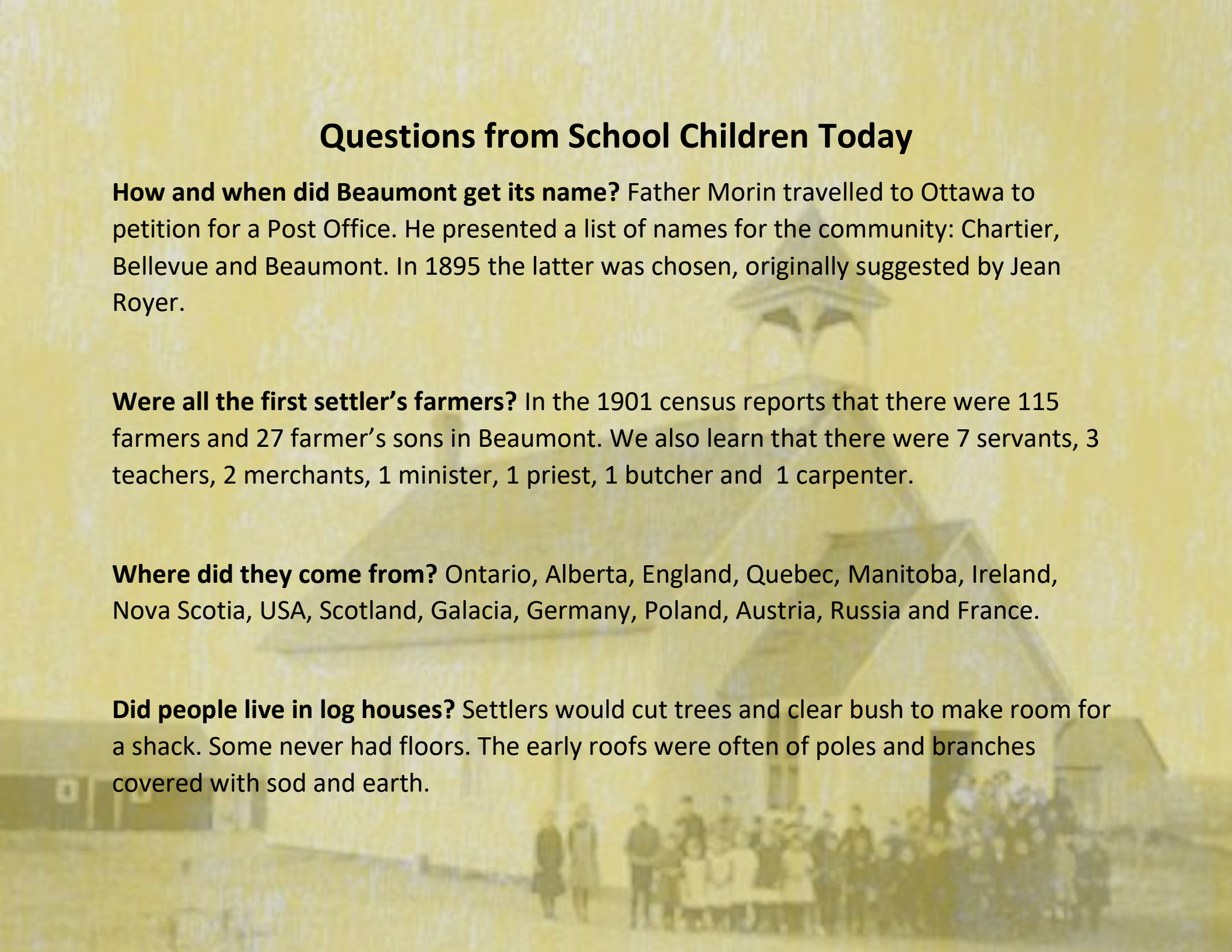
Questions from School Children Today

How and when did Beaumont get its name? Father Morin travelled to Ottawa to petition for a Post Office. He presented a list of names for the community: Chartier, Bellevue and Beaumont. In 1895 the latter was chosen, originally suggested by Jean Royer.

Were all the first settler's farmers? In the 1901 census reports that there were 115 farmers and 27 farmer's sons in Beaumont. We also learn that there were 7 servants, 3 teachers, 2 merchants, 1 minister, 1 priest, 1 butcher and 1 carpenter.

Where did they come from? Ontario, Alberta, England, Quebec, Manitoba, Ireland, Nova Scotia, USA, Scotland, Galacia, Germany, Poland, Austria, Russia and France.

Did people live in log houses? Settlers would cut trees and clear bush to make room for a shack. Some never had floors. The early roofs were often of poles and branches covered with sod and earth.






What is the oldest town building still standing? The St. Jacques Heritage House (1912), while St. Vital Church and the Magnan Heritage House were built in 1919.

How did the early settlers cook their food? Wood stoves, which had to be kept hot all day long to cook three meals.

Where did they get their food? Most of their food came from their farm, also from berry picking.

Did people make their own clothes? Yes, they mended them too. On trips to Edmonton mothers would buy warm materials for sewing and wool for knitting.

What were the first businesses in town? Irenée Lavigne's general store (1898) and Fred Long's blacksmith shop (1899).



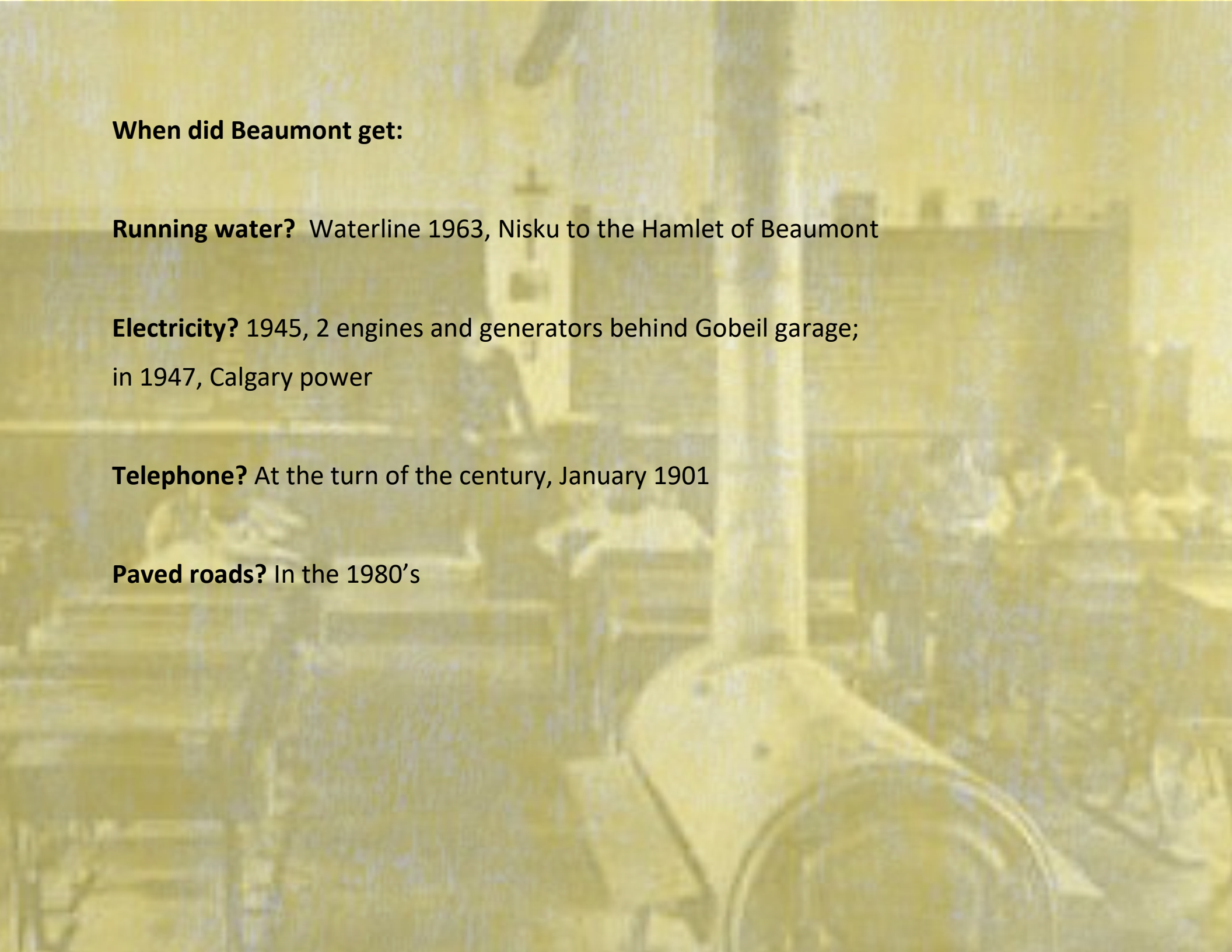
Who brought the first car to Beaumont? Mr. Preville (from the photo on page 111 of the Beaumont History Book.)

Where was the first gas station? On 50th street (1928), owned by Ernest E. Klatt, followed shortly after by Henri Gobeil in 1931. It later became known as “Fas Gas” and is now gone.

How did people get their mail? Weekly mail service started in 1895. Prior to that mail was either picked up in Leduc or in Strathcona, a distance of 12 to 15 miles away.

Where was the first school? Fouquette school (1894) on Mr. Johnson’s land, SE ¼ S22 T50 R24 W4, beside the first (log) church.

Who was the first Mayor of Beaumont? As a Village, Ken Nichol in 1973. As a Town, Robert Willis in 1980.



When did Beaumont get:

Running water? Waterline 1963, Nisku to the Hamlet of Beaumont

Electricity? 1945, 2 engines and generators behind Gobeil garage;
in 1947, Calgary power

Telephone? At the turn of the century, January 1901

Paved roads? In the 1980's