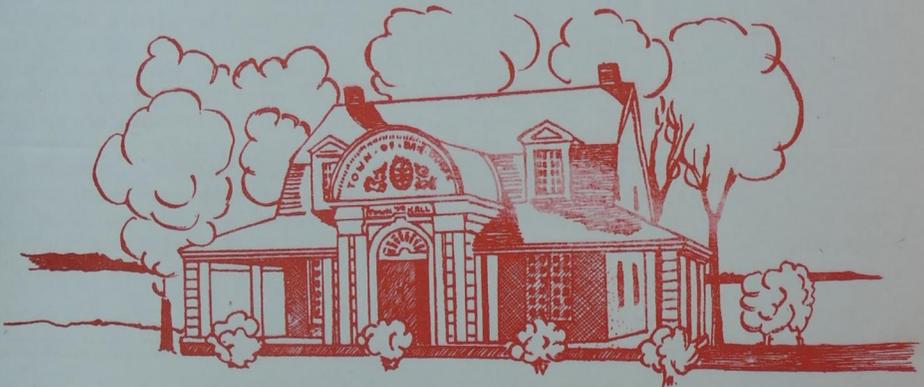


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### MEMBERSHIP

With quiet efficiency, the work of the Membership Committee has gone forward all year to achieve some significant objectives. Of particular interest is the fact that ninety percent of the town's residents are now paid-up members of the Association. Less newsmaking but of great importance to the successful operation of Association-sponsored affairs, is the completion of a file of membership cards containing useful information such as the names and ages of children and clues to the activities and talents of members, all of which are helpful to the executive when planning for the various social events. Unfortunately, it has become increasingly difficult to secure people to undertake the work involved in planning and running the special occasions which have become tradition or which come as new suggestions. This problem has given the present executive some concern and the solution must rest with the total membership and the values which members attach to such affairs. The chairman of the Membership Committee speaks warmly of the work of the committee both in seeking out and introducing newcomers to the Association and in the follow-up which they have been doing for the monthly meetings. They will hand over to the incoming executive some useful material and precedents as well as a record of fine achievement.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, December 14. There will be a short business meeting to be followed by some light entertainment with a Christmas flavour.

### THE RECORD

The regular meeting of the Association was held on Friday, November 9 with 37 members present. In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Fred Ritchie presided. The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Mr. D.W. MacDonald, newly-elected President of the Horticultural Society gave a brief outline of the activities planned for the coming year. Mr. Fry referred members to the report on School Affairs in the November "News and Views" and Mr. Waverley announced that 50 members have already paid their 1952 fees. Mr. Ernie DeWitt has accepted the convenership of the Nominating Committee and he and his committee are now working on a slate. In reply to a question from the floor, Mr. Doug Laird said the chimney sweeps were expected to start work in the town shortly. The Council is writing our M.L.A. requesting action on the tarmac at Morgan Road, and the Boulevard. Volunteers for the chairmanship of the Christmas Party were called for but not forthcoming. The meeting was adjourned and after a recess, Mr. Ritchie introduced Major Balcer of Montreal, assistant to Brig. Gauvreau on the Montreal Civil Defence Committee, who spoke of the possible contribution of this area to the Civil Defence Program. Two short films were shown. Mr. Pilkey thanked the speaker. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Johnstone, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Tait.

Ruth Tait,  
Recording Secretary.

### CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mr. Bob Powrie and his committee are busy on plans for a Christmas Party for the younger children to be held on Saturday, December 22nd at the Town Hall. It is expected that the affair will commence about 3 o'clock but further word will be sent to the membership directly.

SCHOOL AFFAIRS

The school budget for this year, as mentioned in last month's News and Views, adds up to \$100,000. One tenth of a million dollars to pay our school expenses for one year is a lot of money. What is it all for? Where is it all coming from?

About 1/5 of the budget (\$20,500) is needed for interest and repayment of the bonds and we shall have to continue paying this every year for the next thirty years. We shall find that this is not as grim as it sounds because we are undoubtedly going to see a great deal more home building which will spread the burden onto other shoulders.

The remaining 4/5ths (\$79,500) will be the cost of keeping the School itself going during 1951/52. Last year the figure was \$70,000 and the difference is partly due to the increase in cost of living, (teachers' salaries etc.) and partly the steady growth of the school (extra classes and equipment). The School Tax Dollar for this year will be spent about as follows:

Teaching staff salaries	48.13
Bond charges	20.50
Transportation (5 busses)	9.80
Classwork at Macdonald College	3.50
Miscellaneous (9 items)	2.69
Light, Heat and Water	2.50
Janitor Service	2.27
Secretary Treasurers (local boards)	2.26
New desks, repairs, maintenance	2.13
Insurance (7 items) & medical service	2.13
Teaching supplies, books	1.78
Athletics	1.31
Classroom rent (United Church)	<u>1.00</u>
	100.00 Cents

The cost of the Central Board is not included in the list because a special Government grant of \$2000 will more than cover the amount needed (\$1800)

It is sad but true that about 70% of the School Income has to come directly out of our own pockets. The Government and McGill grants and the fees for "outside" children help out to the extent of 38% of the year's regular expenses. The other 62%, together with the \$20,500 for the bonds, will show up on our tax bills which, by the way, should be arriving any day now.

The income (at 12½ mills) and the number of Protestant school children from the various areas will compare about as follows:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
Baie d'Urfe	218	\$26,900
Senneville	78	23,600
Ste Anne de Bellevue	121	6,800
Vaudreuil-Dorion-Isle Cadieux	39	6,300
Isle Perrot	43	3,800
Ste Anne de Bout de L'Isle	26	1,900
"Outside" children	<u>35</u>	
	560	

The relatively low income from Ste Anne de Bellevue is due to the large number of Protestant families who are living in Catholic owned houses and apartments. Someone should tell them of the great open spaces in Baie d'Urfe!

Will Spriggs

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At a meeting of the new executive of the Baie d'Urfe Horticultural Society recently a number of projects were lined up for the coming year. It was decided that the flower and vegetable show, and the service of providing members with fertilizers and peat moss would be carried on in much the same way as in former years.

If there is enough demand, the Society will again sponsor a lecture course on landscape gardening. Don Petit, our instructor last year, has expressed a willingness to give a more advanced course or even instruct members in completing the plan details of their own home grounds. Members would have to bring their own drawing board to such a class and fill in the planting arrangements under the direction of Mr. Pettit. This should appeal to newcomers in the town who have not made much progress in developing their property.

A more general lecture course is also planned for the more advanced gardeners. More information will be available on these courses early in the new year and everyone will have an opportunity of signing up for them if they desire.

Next June or July, the Horticultural Society expects to sponsor a home grounds competition, giving recognition to those who are proficient in beautifying their property. This competition will have to be planned in such a way that people with the same size grounds will be competing in the same class. Those who employ professional gardeners, of course, will have to be in a class by themselves.

The Society set up a committee to investigate the possibilities of obtaining shade trees for some of the more sparsely wooded sections of the town.

Youngsters who received instruction in planting daffodil bulbs at the Town Hall last October will have a chance to display their horticultural skill, when the potted plants will be judged some time in late February or March. A definite date will be set later.

D.W. MacDonald.

NEXT MEETING

It will be recalled that there has been a move to have the lighting improved at the bus stop at Morgan Road. Recent correspondence between the Quebec Hydro and the Town of Baie d'Urfe concerning this point contains two paragraphs which we present for your consideration and for discussion at the next meeting:

Letter to the Town of Baie d'Urfe from the Quebec Hydro:

"Would it not be advisable that the bus stop be relocated to the pole further east in which pole the lamp now exists, this location being approximately the center between the two boulevards (Morgan & Lakeview). We assume that it is not your desire that the two lights opposite the Town Hall be displaced, since one is at the entrance and the other at the exit of the driveway running in to the court."

Letter to the Citizens' Association from the Town of Baie d'Urfe

"As the Council does not feel justified in spending any money to move one of the lights, the alternative proposed by the Commission seems to be in order. Your Association would, in my opinion, get quicker result from the Provincial Transport Company than would the Town."

The executive is also in receipt of a letter from the Town concerning the request of the Machine General Hospital for support of its current building fund campaign. The campaign director addressed a letter to the town in which this paragraph appears: "The purpose of this letter is to ask whether it would be possible for your Municipal or Community Organization to undertake this canvass for us." This request has been referred to the Association in a letter from the Council which reads in part: "I feel that a request of this nature should be addressed to your Association rather than to the Council ----- Would you be good enough to let me know what action, if any, the Association takes concerning this Campaign." Signed, J.W. Long, Secretary-Treasurer.

## A HISTORY OF THE BAIE d'URFE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

The good book tells us that the word history means a narration of facts and events arranged chronologically or otherwise with their causes and effects. This summary is only to remind the older members, and to inform the newer residents of the achievements of this association to which they can be proud to belong.

Our association was formed in 1947 by a handful of civic minded people who set as their goal an association of residents which would take an interest in town affairs, render the governing body of Baie d'Urfe all assistance possible by reporting to them any problems or projects desired by the residents decided on at a general meeting of the Citizens' Association, and offer to the town council all assistance possible to carry out their wishes.

The second, and equally important aim was to provide a meeting place where all residents could get together on an equal footing to meet their neighbours, discuss their problems and talk over the workings of the town. To have a meeting place for entertainment horticulture shows, Christmas tree parties and such community affairs carried out the idea that we are all brothers under the skin, regardless of race colour or creed.

The association was only young when things began to happen. The town growing larger called for better train service to Montreal. One of the first moves was to convince the railways that more trains should make Baie d'Urfe Station a regular stop. This was agreed to and today many trains pick up our hundred or more passengers daily.

The annual Baie d'Urfe day was celebrated for the first time in 1947. This is the outing where grownups and children alike come out to enjoy the midsummer weather and take part in swimming, boating and races. From a mild beginning this event has become a day looked forward to every year.

The formation of our association came soon after the ending of the second world war and a committee was set up which prepared an honour scroll to honour those residents who had served in the armed services.

A complete survey was made of all families living in the town at the time, and those holding property awaiting building, as well as those who had moved from the town since the war had begun. When all names were recorded Mr. Hartnell a resident of the town volunteered to do the lettering of the scroll which can be seen hanging beside another erected after the first war in the Town Hall.

To help defray the cost of our paper, NEWS AND VIEWS, which is published monthly and distributed to all the associations members, it was agreed that one page at the rear of the paper would be made available to the merchants of Ste Annes. Of late this has grown to two pages. All services, other than the printing, of putting the paper to bed, editorially

speaking, are given freely by members interested in the community and actively interested in our association.

With the growth of the town, more and more people were turning wary eyes toward the lake. Here was a place for their children to swim, but what of their safety. At once action was taken by the association to make the lake a little safer for the children. A boom was erected to keep the smaller children in shallow water, and a raft for the older ones who wanted a safe place to dive. Twice a week swimming lessons were given to the children in the early years of the Association. Last year a pier was designed by Roy Cape, one of our residents, and the pier constructed by the men in our town.

Evening activities of the association, such as dances, discussion groups and many other social activities were not getting the support they warranted due to the problem of baby sitters. Notices were sent out and posted in the local school and Macdonald College and a list of baby sitters were available to the citizens.

The railway station soon came into focus again, when passengers getting off late trains realized that the oil burning lamps on the station were far from bright enough. With a little persuasion the C.P.R. put in electric lights.

Movies, the modern way to educate the nation were the next item to come up for consideration. Arrangements were made to show movies to the children every second Saturday morning. A fee of 10 cents was levied to cover the cost of renting a projector and films. This venture has proven very successful and has been carried on. Last year instead of the children paying an admission fee a family membership was made available to the parents of the children attending, (in an effort to bypass the amusement tax).

With the growth of our association more activities were developed with more members taking part in sub committees on recreation, horticulture and school affairs. These committees worked independently but reported back to the executive committee of the Citizens' Association. Each year three special functions are looked forward to, with great anticipation. The annual Baie d'Urfe Day, the Birthday Party in the Town Hall for the older folks and the Horticultural Show in August.

The town's bylaws were written many years ago and with the growth of the town it was desirable to have a fresh set of bylaws written to protect existing buildings. With no fire protection houses should not be placed too close together and from a town planning point of view beauty of building placement was considered, so the bylaws were brought out for an airing. Through the cooperation of the Town Planning Committee and the Town Council new bylaws were agreed upon and posted publicly for all residents in the proper manner. A referendum was taken and the proposed by-laws became law.

Christmas in our community like in all others, is eagerly looked forward to by younger folks and they are never disappointed. From the beginning of the Citizens' Association a Christmas party has been held for all the children in the town. The parents have done their part well, but the children also have done their part, entering with enthusiasm a competition of home made Christmas decorations, which decorations were later used on the Christmas tree at their association sponsored party.

One of our association's great thrills was to hear the C.B.C. International Service broadcast to the world on the place of a citizens' association in a small community. Master copies of this broadcast were given to the Association.

Talks on gardening, fire protection, town planning and many other subjects have been held for the information of those not familiar with the subjects. Each retiring council has taken time to express their thanks to our association for its help and understanding during their time in office.

The objectives of this Baie d'Urfe Citizens' Association are listed in our constitution as follows:

To enlist the interest of all citizens of Baie d'Urfe in all matters affecting the community and to foster and promote among them a stronger spirit of citizenship.

To further the economic, social, recreational, cultural and other interests of the town.

To provide a means for the dissemination of information on all matters affecting the interests of the residents of the town.

To provide an organization through which the residents of the town may communicate collectively with the town council and other authorities.

To co-operate with the town council in promoting the general interests and welfare of the community.

To co-operate with other organizations engaged in or supporting endeavours similar to the objectives of the association.

To invite all candidates for municipal office to address an open meeting of the association.

Reg. Vidler.

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