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1950

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BAIE d'URFE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

EDITOR

Mary Coulter
Phone 2978

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL CITIZENS OF BAIE d'URFE FOR 1950

Dear Fellow Resident:

Your new executive of the Citizens' Association has requested me to bring greetings and at this the beginning of their term of office, to convey to you their basic policy for 1950.

It is our intent to develop MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION with the object of giving you a full and progressive year of LIVING in Baie d'Urfé. To attain this objective will require the full support of all residents.

A study of the suggestion notes which you people turned in at the annual meeting reveals a very strong desire for ACTION along many lines. In general terms these are:

- (1) Many summer and winter sports for your children and yourselves.
- (2) Social activities such as dances, cards, movies, Christmas Party, New Year's Party, Program and Refreshments following monthly meetings as well as a number of new ideas.
- (3) Business, committee and special activities to include continued monthly meetings, horticulture, auction sale, town planning, council representation, plans for a new recreation centre and parks and playgrounds; welfare, membership, school affairs and several other standing committees and many other activities.

The foregoing plus an aggressive executive, a progressive News and Views and a good council is enough to keep us all on our toes. Since our membership includes a major percentage of our total population, it becomes obvious that everyone's resources will have to be drawn upon if the association is to have its anticipated measure of success.

Having heard many times the remark "How can I help and whom do I get in touch with?", I feel the following suggestions might help. First of all, note the names of your executive as listed in this issue, and of the chairmen of committees whose names will appear in future issues of News and Views. Surely you know one of us well enough to chat freely, and be assured that we are vitally interested in your views and offers of help. If by chance you are not acquainted with us, then talk it over with your neighbour who, I am sure, will be only too pleased to bring you to the monthly meetings where you will be introduced. At these meetings, we will do our best to help you voice your views and work out a solution to your problem, if it lies within our capacities to do so. Secondly, Peter Smith, our membership chairman or one of his committee will be glad to call on you to welcome you to Baie d'Urfé, explain our association and assist you in becoming one of us. And finally, should we fail to fulfil our obligations, a note to the editor of News and Views, Baie d'Urfé, will find its way to a new column "Letters to the Editor" with or without signature as you wish. We hope you will use this column so that we may know of our errors and have the opportunity to mend our ways.

Above all, remember that this is YOUR ASSOCIATION and YOUR PAPER and we, your elected representatives, are here to serve your interests.

Sincerely,

Sidney Nagley
Chairman.

OUR ASSOCIATION

A complete list of committees and their chairmen is not available at time of going to press but we do hope to have it for you in time for next month's paper. Will you watch for it then? We also plan to publish a directory of members which should be useful at many points. Your early payment of fees will help us immeasurably in making the list as complete as possible.

THE RECORD

The Annual Meeting was held on January 20th with fifty-six members present. Dr. Cruickshank conducted the meeting. The annual report was read by secretary Pat Laird. Mr. Pilkey presented the treasurer's report which had been audited

by Mr. McKee. A statement of receipts and disbursements appears in this issue. A letter of thanks from Mr. Robertson for the gift sent to him at Christmas was read. Dr. Cruickshank expressed his appreciation to all members of the association and to his executive for their cooperation during his term in office.

Mr. Bill Parker presented the slate of officers prepared by the Nominating Committee and there being no further nominations, the following were declared elected. Chairman - Sid Nagley; Vice-Chairman - Harry Smythe; Secretary - Doris Cape; Assistant Secretary - John Evans; Treasurer - Henry McKee; Members at large - Jack Burrige and John Windebank; Editor of News and Views - Mary Coulter. The new executive was presented to the meeting.

Mr. Nagley took the chair and thanked the retiring executive for their splendid performance. Mr. Vidler has been keeping a photograph and scrap album of the association's activities which he is donating to the association as a permanent record. It was the feeling of the meeting that Mr. Vidler should be reimbursed for cost of films taken up-to-date and that consideration be given to working out a plan for the continuation of this record with Mr. Vidler taking pictures by arrangement with committees and the executive. A motion was carried that a more suitable stove be purchased for the preparation of refreshments. Mr. Pinkney offered his help in securing one. The \$77.89 remaining from donations to the Children's Christmas Party should be given to the Movie Club to cover costs, with admission charges being cancelled, it was agreed. Two proposals, that the ex-chairman act as an ex-officio member of the new executive and that the title, assistant secretary, be changed to corresponding secretary, were referred to the executive for appropriate action. Discussion groups were formed for the purpose of securing directives for the new executive and the meeting concluded with refreshments served by Mrs. Nagley and her assistants.

Doris Cape - Secretary

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for
the year ending 31st December, 1949

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Disbursements</u>	
Auction Sale Profits	\$ 145.89	Christmas Party	\$ 146.73
Christmas Party	224.62	Entertainments	141.88
Entertainments	54.37	Furnishings, tables, raft	109.52
Fees	197.00	Horticultural Course	150.00
Horticultural Course	160.00	Horticultural Show	10.30
Horticultural Show	20.40	Movie Club	72.50
Movie Club	40.78	News and Views	107.24
News and Views	90.50	Piano	150.00
Piano Fund	153.00	Postage	28.61
		Gratuities	25.00
		Sundries	33.93
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	\$1,086.56		\$ 975.71
Balance 31st Dec., 1948	193.21	Balance in Bank 31st Dec., 1949	304.06
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	\$1,279.77		\$1,279.77

Audited By: Henry McKee -- 7/1/50

E. M. Pilkey,
Treasurer

SCHOOL AFFAIRS

On January 17th, Mr. R. F. Angus was guest speaker at the Home and School Association at which time he brought that group up-to-date on progress made towards the erection of the extension to the school. The architect's tentative plans for the building were presented and brought forth very interested reactions. Mr. Spriggs emphasizes however, that these plans must still be considered as tentative and further meetings will be taking place before the final agreement is reached.

NEXT MEETING

News and Views needs reporters! It needs a suggestion box! It needs more bounce! And after the next meeting it may need a new editor! (What? so soon?) The executive has planned for a full-fledged session on your newspaper and Don Fuller of the Adult Education Service has consented to handle this discussion. We hope

there will be a panel presentation with opportunities for contributions from the assembly. So come on down to the Town Hall on February 10th at 8.15 p.m. and bring your ideas with you. If you haven't any ideas, come down anyway. We're hoping for some fun.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bare Facts:

To the Editor:

What makes Lakeview Road look so bare? What does Station Road lack? What would improve College Green? What has happened to many of our birds? The answer --- we lack trees. It's high time our town became tree conscious. Our first project should be some planting of permanent trees along our rights of way. This could be carried out without great cost by acquiring them from the Provincial Nursery at Berthierville and having the citizens plant them as a community project. We should agree, however, on the type of tree that would be most suitable for our town. One has only to visit Maple Ave. in Ste. Annes to see how beautiful a properly planned tree planting scheme can develop. The individual should also be encouraged to plant trees and shrubs. Do you recall Mr. Osborne's list of trees and shrubs presented last Fall at a citizens' meeting? We might have this list brought up to date in the very near future. Let's get behind this suggested venture, both as individuals and as an association and beautify our town!

P. S.

Better Recreation Facilities Needed

To the Editor:

Spring, followed by summer, is just around the corner and we should be thinking about outdoor amusement of all kinds right now. We need swings, see-saws and sand-boxes, etc. for the kiddies and tennis and badminton courts for the teen-agers and adults. If we want these facilities, we will have to work together to get them and we will have to start now. I would like to see this discussed at our next citizens' meeting and to have the support of all those who have views on how we should go about it.

J. R. Burrige

DOINGS

Welcome to the Bush family, now living in their home on Oxford Road.

Alex Sim, an active former resident, is going to Austria at the invitation of the United Nations Educational, Social and Cultural Organization to do a piece of work in adult education. Those who knew Alex will be pleased at this honour which has been entrusted to him. We wouldn't be surprised to hear that the family goes with him.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Grimm are occupying their new home on Lakeshore Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright are new citizens, having purchased the Kirkham residence.

New homes building: the four level house on Station Road for Bill Parker's father and mother and the house on the corner of Lakeshore Road opposite the Town Hall for Mr. and Mrs. Brown, the latter a sister of Mr. Dorion.

Mr. Rudolph has sold his home, which is being occupied temporarily by Mr. and Mrs. Jeffries. The new owners are Dr. and Mrs. Lorin.

Bill Parker, our councillor from Lakeview Road, is in hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Fielding's son, Ricky, was taken to the hospital recently for an appendectomy. Our sympathy and good wishes.

COMPLACENCY, WHERE ART THOU?

You can't live in Baie d'Urfé and be complacent about anything for long. Believe me! I've tried it! Take the drainage of College Green, for example. I'd always regarded that problem in a pretty detached manner. You see, we have no basement. But January 26th and the all-time record warm spell shattered that one nice solid

piece of complacency. I'll have to give you the picture. Along about one o'clock and enjoying a peaceful cup of coffee, the back doorbell sounded and I thought drat! Forgot to put out the milk bottles again! Another ring, more insistent this time, so I went and found neighbour Smith complete with rubber boots, shovel and a frenzied air. The creek's blocked, she said, water everywhere and more coming. Flung on rubber boots, grabbed the shovel, which was handy by as we had scarcely cooled off from shovelling out the driveway from the last fall of snow. Children threw on rubber boots and flapped out the door after us, shouting with excitement and the chance for some really uninhibited wet water play. You know, of the kind the most rabid nursery school people would approve and almost any mother deplore.

I hope you're still with me but I want to give you the picture. Down from Miss Kruse's, Schonfield's and Bush's, down from Pearce's, Godwin's and Smith's farm, yes, from far back as the Ste. Marie Road I judge, the fast melted snows came whirling and swirling and were bent on making themselves a nice little lake with Taylor's, Johnstone's, Smith's, and other isolated little islands. You couldn't believe it could happen here. Dug frantically at the creek, set up an intricate system of dikes, ducts and ditches, poked at the jams of ice and snow under the culverts and called down one more soft oath on that fancy fence now standing behind cemetery lane which made it impossible for us to get at the other side of the strategic culvert. Remembered something in an issue of News and Views in which Professor Heimpel had some ideas about draining the green and thought he might have a quick solution. Dripped in to the phone, but he wasn't home so dripped out again and resumed digging and pushing at the creek. Water mounting higher and higher and Mary Smith saying she had never seen it like this. Saw Mr. Pilon the contractor emerging from the building where he keeps some building supplies for our would-be neighbours and concluded somewhat wildly that he had just received a divine contract for another ark so shouted out reservations for two Smiths and two Coulters. (That's all that were at home, it's all right). Then realized that what he really had was a long pole and some other aids and after more digging and pushing the culverts were opened a bit and the floods, by this time of mammoth proportions began to recede. And that's the picture!

All this left me with a little tired conviction that the drainage of College Green could never be a dry question and with a wonder in my mind if the councillors and mayor read this paper. Can anybody tell me?

Mary Coulter

A THUMBNAIL SKETCH OF "COLLEGE GREEN"

College Green was originally farm land and was owned by Madame DesLauriers, who lived in the house now called "Applecroft". The land became the property of Mr. Joseph Hayward and he subdivided it into building lots in the early years of the century. The first house built on the part of the Green north of the main road was that occupied by Mr. W. Spriggs, Jr. In 1922 the houses there numbered seven and the number increased but slowly for several years. Incidentally, the name arose from the names given by Mr. Hayward to roads leading into it. Being himself a graduate of St. Andrew's University, he named the central road accordingly. The roads on its west and east sides were called Oxford and Cambridge respectively. The latter, however, has not yet been made. Mr. Hayward himself lived in the stone house now occupied by Mr. Nagley. The whole subdivision extends down to the river and the pathway leading down to it is Lot No. 1. Originally, like the rest of the Town, College Green had water mains laid and got its water supply from a Company which also supplied Senneville, Como, Hudson and Hudson Heights. The supply became very defective and once failed for several days, water having to be carted round. Water supply became a very serious problem indeed. It only solved itself by well-boring, so that outside supply has long since ceased and each house gets its water from a deep well. The roads on the Green belong to the Town and are still unfinished. It also had to acquire a large number of lots on the Green, but has since sold most, if not all, of them as recent building activity on it shows.

Editor's Note:

This story was prepared by Mr. Henry Hartnell at the request of the Editorial Committee. If you like this, similar background sketches on districts and personalities might be included in future issues.

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