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IT'S TIME TO CHOOSE YOUR OFFICERS AGAIN

Election of officers for 1955 will feature the annual meeting of the Baie d'Urfee Citizens' Association at the Chicken Coop on January 14.

The following posts are to be filled:

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No. 85

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Editor (of News and Views)

Clarey McGuire, John Windebank and Chairman Charlie Johnstone have been charged with the responsibility of presenting a slate of officers to the annual meeting. Any thoughts you may have concerning the filling of these posts should be communicated to any of the three above-mentioned gentlemen, and, of course, further nominations may be made from the floor, providing that the nominee's permission has first been obtained.

The annual meeting - the first business meeting to be held in the Association's new home - will also receive the annual reports of committee chairmen, and perhaps consider plans for a bigger and better Baie d'Urfee in 1955.

The newly-opened Chicken Coop is a prime example of what community interest and endeavour will do.

Our Next Meeting

JANUARY 14 - THE CHICKEN COOP - 8.15 P.M.,
ANNUAL MEETING - ELECTION OF OFFICERS - 1955 PLANS.

So are our beach facilities, the rinks on Oxford and Morgan roads, the parks and landscaping program of Sunny Acres, the payless and generally thankless labours of our mayor and councillors, the efforts of various members of the Baie d'Urfee Citizens' Association, the helping hands of other residents.

But generally speaking it is a case of the usual few carrying the ball for the many. It is neither fair nor right that one should enjoy the benefits without sharing the labours. And, of course, the more who take an active interest in their town, the better the town and the greater the benefits.

Baie d'Urfee, like any other town, has its deadheads - its drones - but we prefer to believe that with many residents it's a case of being shy or not knowing how to get into the Baie d'Urfee swim.

To those - and even to those who consider Baie d'Urfee only a place to sleep - come out to the annual meeting, join the Association, join the work, join the fun and you'll find that your community is an even finer, more wonderful place in which to live.

See you Friday, Jan. 14.

AT THE HATCHING, DEC. 17, 1954

Since everyone couldn't get down to the Hatching, and since even those who got there couldn't see or hear everything that was going on, we've decided that a complete run-through of the program as conducted by MC Jack Mitcham, assisted by propman, George Moore, would be in order:

Mitcham speaks:

Ladies & Gentlemen:

Welcome to the Chicken Coop; welcome to the first of what I am sure will be a lengthy and happy succession of social gatherings.

Tonight's program will be short and to the point. We had no idea of the number who would attend this evening's Open House so we wisely dispensed with any ambitious plans to dance or participate in other planned recreation. Instead, we will have a more or less formal opening of the Chicken Coop by his Worship the Mayor, we will make a few acknowledgments (we would be here all night if we made them all) and then we will make the draw for the car and other valuable prizes. Following that you will be invited to decorate our Christmas Tree with whatever bill of the realm which suits your purse as a Christmas Present to the Chicken Coop and to help defray the expenses of this evening's entertainment. (\$85.55 picked off tree, plus a bill from Eaton's). Then you are invited to continue to partake of our bounteous fare so long as it lasts or until we close the joint.

First I would like to introduce a man who needs no introduction but that is the way you have to put it in this job -- Charlie Johnstone, Chairman of the Baie d'Urfee Citizens' Association. Charlie Johnstone

(Charlie introduces Jean Gelinas)

Jean Gelinas' speech - Proud of Town - proud of council - proud of people - proud of community spirit - proud of result.

(Mayor cuts the ribbon) - Keeps scissors (cost -\$1.39) and Jack promises they'll be engraved.

And now, Ladies & Gentlemen, a word of acknowledgment for the Town Council, which under the leadership of Mayor Gelinas, weathered the storm of Citizens' wrath at limiting the space available in the Town Hall at a time when they were conducting secret and highly successful negotiations with the former owners of the property we are using tonight. To them, I feel we owe a sincere debt of gratitude for exhibiting such foresight and initiative as to provide their constituents with a property that has the possibilities for community activity which is displayed before you tonight. Apart from the Mayor himself, who as usual, took a leading role, I would like to mention the names of each Councillor who, while taking all sorts of abuse, always has the best interests of the Town at heart. I would like you to show your appreciation at this time by a good round of applause for each name I mention.

Alderman Bill Corbett

" Herb. Brookhouse

" Harry Smythe

" Selby MacLeod

" George Jost and last but by no means least

" Al Christie

And now a few acknowledgments and awards to the people whose industry and ingenuity made possible this transformation from a Chicken House to a Community Centre in less than six weeks.

The representative from the Executive Committee of the Citizens Association charged with the responsibility of organizing and supervising the work to be done was and is Harry Dixon. I am quite sure we could not have chosen a better man for the job, and I think the Executive Committee, which ordinarily gets few bouquets, deserves credit for showing such a high degree of executive ability. (Applause) Harry lost no time in exhibiting similar talents and soon surrounded himself with an able committee of fund raisers, trade specialists and team captains. They did yeoman work and their names have been mentioned repeatedly in the Coop Scoop so I will not take time to repeat tonight the work they have done nor acknowledge their efforts individually because I would be sure to overlook someone who deserved similar recognition.

But I cannot pass over this phase of the operation without mentioning the work of Bob Higman. Whether Bob was on Harry Dixon's committee five or six minutes after he received his own assignment is immaterial at the moment but I can say without fear of contradiction, that Bob Higman was in from the start. As a matter of fact, the association of Bob Higman and Harry Dixon in this operation reminds me very much of the old saw as to which came first the chicken or the egg. So far as the work on the Chicken Coop is concerned they both started off with the same foot and to my knowledge have not been out of step for the past six weeks. So in acknowledgment of their joint efforts I am going to present them with a token of your esteem left behind by the former tenant. Who gets what, I will leave up to them to decide between them and if they show the same cooperation in the division of these gifts as they displayed

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in their work on the Chicken Coop, they will reach an amicable understanding. (See Ginnie Says:)

(Harry Dixon's speech) - Ah, shucks fellahs - t'weren't nuthin' at all - everybody else did it.

(Bob Higman's speech) - Ditto - Dixon.

In recognition of the blood, sweat and tears shed by the unskilled workman who would otherwise receive no mark of distinction for the bashed fingers, strained backs and skinned knees I would like to make another award to one of the regulars who had a record for attendance exceeded by no one. In making this award I would like everyone who wielded hammers, brushes and saws to feel that I am referring to them directly.

To Ken Millar, who has left the tip of one thumb as a memorial hammered into one of the corners of this magnificent hardwood floor, I would like to award the Order of the Birch Floor, Third Grade, with nail.

(Ken Millar's speech) - Ditto Dixon and Higman

And now for a man whose work is only just beginning. Bill Perks has accepted the appointment as manager of the Chicken Coop. He is the man you will have to see to reserve the hall for social and business gatherings you wish to hold here. A list of requirements and the rental will be posted soon and the conditions under which you may use these facilities will be clearly explained by Bill Perks who will also collect the eggs we hope this building will lay. So Bill Perks, Grand Exalted Keeper of the Nest, I would like to present you with your badge of office.

(Bill Perk's speech) - Folks, you ain't seen nuthin' yet.

We would indeed be remiss, if we overlooked the work of the ladies. Apart from plying very effective paint brushes, floor polishers and on occasion, God forbid, an erratic hammer, the ladies kept the operation going with an abundance of coffee and cake. Many contributed both in time and material but once again the effort had to have an able and indefatigable organizer and Ginny Higman filled that bill with distinction. So in recognition of the ladies' contribution to the Chicken Coop, I would like to award Ginny the Grand Order of Good to the Last Drop. (See Ginnie Says, too.)

As usual, at Association gatherings. Elizabeth Davis, ably assisted by Mary Smith, has been responsible for the refreshments which will soon be broken out. Peter Smith and Don MacDonald, two members of Alcoholics Anonymous and therefore quite trustworthy have manned the bar in excellent style and Shiela Foster with a committee of interior decorators have decorated the walls and Christmas Tree. Rod Burns was in charge of parking and the Goldust Twins, Tom Vauthier and Bill Parker have looked after the properties such as transporting chairs, cider etc. Tomorrow morning, before I forget it, we would like the Committee to return with as many volunteers as can make it to help clean up the joint.

The cider you are drinking was supplied through the generosity of the Cooperative Montegereine de Rougemeont and the dispensing of it has been supervised by Mr. Arengo-Jones of the Quebec Department of Agriculture. The brew or distillation is a special one on which the department has been working for some

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time, and Mr. Jones is anxious to obtain your reaction. Particularly if you feel unwell tomorrow morning phone Mr. Jones - you will find his number in the Dorval telephone directory. Our thanks to Mr. Jones and the Department in the meantime.

On to the draws.

HERE ARE RULES, CHARGES FOR RENTING COOP.

Now we've got such a wonderful, brand new community centre, naturally the Association is going to do its best to make it self-supporting.

To that end it has appointed a manager and assistant manager, and rules, regulations and charges for its use have been drawn up. Manager is W.H. "Bill" Perks, 15 Lakeview Rd., Baie d'Urfee, Phone Ste. Annes 2976, and assistant manager - John Fenton, 9 Lakeview Rd., Baie d'Urfee, Phone Ste. Annes 4989.

Mr. Perks has issued the following statement:

THE CHICKEN COOP

Anyone wishing to use the Chicken Coop will please write or telephone either of the above for a contract form.

This form must be completed and returned at least two weeks before the date of requiring the Chicken Coop.

Sufficient time is required to check if the Coop is available and if the contemplated use is allowable under the terms of our lease.

SCHEDULE OF RATES

The following will have use of the Chicken Coop free of charge except where there is an admission charge or sale of products. In such cases, however, consideration will be given to the purpose for which the funds are being raised.

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- Guides
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- Citizens Assoc. monthly or special meetings.
- Horticultural Society
- Any Special meeting called by the Council to which the citizens have been invited.

A rental charge of \$6.00 will be made on all applications which do not qualify for free use of the Coop.

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2. All persons, while in the Chicken Coop must be under the immediate supervision and control of a competent and trustworthy adult or adults who will undertake to be personally responsible to the Citizens' Association for the observance of the requirements of the Citizens' Association.
3. The applicant agrees to make good any damages to the building or to the movables in it, other than normal wear and tear.
4. The Citizens' Association will not be liable for any injury received by any person or for any loss or damage to the property, clothing or personal effects of anyone enjoying the privileges granted.
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DATA, ERRATA, TRIVIA, ADDENDA AND WHATHAVE'YA

When TCA's first turbo-prop Vickers Viscount aircraft arrived here from UK recently, a Baie d'Urfite acted as co-pilot. He was George B. Lothian, who is also superintendent of flying for TCA.

The genial Mr. Soucy to whom we referred in the last issue as W.J. Soucy is H.A. Soucy.

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A letter addressed to us at "Bioe d'Wifee", Quebec, arrived right on the nose.

Mayor Jean Gelinas and Councillors Brookhouse and Christie attended a meeting in Lachine City Hall last month called to urge Montreal Island Suburban Communities to be on their guard against any move to impose on the Island a Metropolitan Government similar to that in Toronto. A dismal picture of what would happen if such a scheme materialized, was presented. Our council is keeping itself fully informed on the situation.

Brad Proudfoot and Tommy Lee were in on a draw the other evening for a prize of \$5,000 cash. There were 100 tickets in the barrel, the last drawn to win. Brad lasted 25 draws before picking out his own ticket, and Tommy lasted til draw no. 68.

There's a snake in our garden of Eden. While Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Ware, 29 Lakeview Rd., were visiting their son and family, A. Ware, at 22 Lakeview Rd., someone broke in through their cellar and stole a sum of money.

Every Baie d'Urfee should belong to the Baie d'Urfee Citizens' Association. Membership is \$3.00.

The Lothians and the Aveys will be particularly delighted to hear this story. The other evening a tossed stone crashed a Lakeview Rd. picture window. The lad thought to have tossed the stone was quizzed. No, he didn't do it; it couldn't have been him. He was certain. Well, said his inquisitor, could he, on Cub's honor, say he didn't break it? The youngster thought, looked up, and said: "No, I can't".

Those at the Chicken Coop Hatching got a peak at things to come. Pinned at one end of the Coop were two delightful pictures by Bob Buckham, depicting various activities typical of two of the seasons. They were sketches for two of the four murals that Bob, a well-known Canadian artist, plans to do on the Chicken Coop walls. They promise to be masterpieces, and will add to the interest, color and atmosphere of our community centre.

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Herb Seagram and Charlie Johnstone both had to hurry officially to the scene of TCA's Super-connie crash near Brampton, Ont., recently.

KIDS' RAFFLE GETS HOCKEY SEASON STARTED

Pre-season hockey activities have got off to a good start with a successful raffle organized by Erskine Kinmond to help the boys raise money to provide hockey uniforms and equipment. Tickets were sold by Eric Walters, Terry Higman, Stewart Parker, Ian Edward, Robt. Taylor, Bruce Davidson, Michael Godwin, John Greenfield and Bobby Trodd to a total of \$140.25. In addition, \$16. was donated and earmarked for goaler's gloves. This generosity is indeed appreciated.

Mayor Jean Gelinas officiated at the drawing which saw first prize, a mantel radio, go to No. 890 - Mrs. G.J. Burke, 4 Apple Hill Rd., and second and third prizes, cases of Bradings best donated by Bob Cauley to No. 482, Mrs. Dan Dally, 20015 Lakesho Rd., and No. 341, Mrs. Mac McCurdy, Cambridge Rd.

For a fee of \$12. per team, Group Insurance coverage is available for teams registered with the Quebec Minor Hockey Association. Application has already been made for memberships in the Lakeshore Quebec Minor Hockey League for a Peewee and Bantam Team. The Insurance coverage for these two teams has also been applied for.

The last issue of the "New and Views" carried a list of those who had signed up to play hockey. Anyone not listed who would like to play just contact the following, who will be glad to see that you are enrolled.

President E. DeWitt - St. Annes 2331
Sec. Treas. L. Evans - St. " 2936

Lionel Evans, Tom Penrice, Ross Davidson and Ernie DeWitt have been shopping around to get the best deal possible for purchase of equipment and Goaler's Gauntlets, Chest Protector and Shin Guards have been ordered. Prices have been obtained on Sweaters and Stockings and the best prices have been \$30.00 and \$29.00 a dozen respectively. Sweaters will carry any crest desired by the team wearing them.

As soon as a good ice surface has been established at Morgan Rink, hockey will start.

Ross Davidson has a big problem because over half the lads applying have expressed their desire for a tryout on the Peewee Team and until this has been completed the House League cannot be formed.

Ernie DeWitt has his Bantams lined up, with Michael Godwin and Brian Campbell in Goal, Ted Fry, Sandy Ross, John Greenfield, Defense; Dennis Burns, Michael Cruickshank, Robt. Wells, Corky Winters, Bruce Davidson and Ken Olson, Forwards; Ian Edward and Terry Higman, Centre. There is still room for another defense-man and a centre between the age of 12-14.

GINNIE SAYS:

THIS TRYING NOT to let your left hand know what your right hand's doing is quite intriguing to say the least! Now we've taken over Rose Nairn's "Spotlight" for the Lakeshore News, we're finding ourselves in quite a muddle deciding who should scoop whom!!!

WITHOUT ANY FURTHER preliminaries, we'll dive into the news... and what could be more newsworthy than last Friday's Hatching?

THE COOP'S DEBUT is over, but everyone who went - (an estimated 350 people!) - knows the fun has just begun! What a wonderful place to throw a party! Gleaming birch floors (a whole bevy of teen-agers pitched in with the waxing last week) just yearning to be danced upon... walls and ceiling a pretty turquoise with recessed fluorescent lights for serious gatherings and gaily colored "smooching" lights for parties (won't the Teen-agers love 'em!!). A bright yellow kitchen to make and serve refreshments; a bathroom, and two brand new space heaters which warm up the whole building in no time at all. The whole atmosphere down at The Coop is cozy and simply oozes fun and cheer. When Clarey McGuire, installs that series of box speakers for the amplifying system, we defy anyone to find a flaw in the whole works!!!

A SCRAWNY OL' BIRD--the skinniest chick with the ugliest puss and most withered up claws Jack Mitcham could find--now silently reposes in our freezer, a token of the esteem for the work done by Harry Dixon and Bob. The two tossed for that dubious Grand Award and Bob "lost", Harry winning a big shiny brown egg, left, according to Jack, as a friendly salutation by a former tenant.

OTHER AWARDS, which followed short speeches by Charlie Johnstone, Association Chairman, and Mayor Jean Gelinas, went to Ken Millar, who received the "Order of the Birch Floor, Third Grade, With Nail"; to Bill Perks, appointed by Charlie as the Coop's future custodian, a basket full of hard-boiled eggs, his badge of office as the "Grand Exalted Keeper of the Nest." And a lovely china cup and saucer was given to the queen of The Coop's coffee clutches--us--a memento of the "Grand Order of Good-to-the-Last Drop".

AND THEN THE DRAWING took place. Silence prevailed as Jackie Gelinas slowly drew out the winning ticket for the Anglia#B642 - bought by Dr. Louis Schwartz of Senneville. Lucky man, everyone breathed. Second prize, a 21" T.V. set went to three girls at the Bell Telephone building who jointly held

ticket #B727 with the name "Miss Muriel Armitage in trust" scribbled on it. The third ticket drawn was for the clock-radio. Harry chuckled and then--there's no other word for it--smirked. "Number A721," read Harry "Owned jointly by Dr. Louis Schwartz of Senneville and Odie Grimm of Baie d'Urfee." How lucky can one be?!

NEEDLESS TO SAY, Dr. Schwartz gave his share of the radio to Odie and to the Citizens' Association he has generously given 10% of the value of the car.

AS A MATTER of fact, everyone won: \$1,780's worth, which will not only pay for Coop material (all at a discount or at cost) but will pay Willie Aalder's fee of \$50 a month as the Coop's caretaker.

WHILE ALL THE HULLABALLOO has been going on concerning The Coop, a handful of Lakeview and Morgan Rd. hockey enthusiasts have been quietly and efficiently working on Morgan Rink. . . and last Sunday the job was completed. The rink has been enlarged to Minor League size, the boards are all painted a nice slate gray, a windbreak has been set up to protect the inactive players, one of the smaller Binz buildings (the pig sty) has been converted into a compact and cozy little warming hut, complete with electric heater. All that is needed now is some cold, clear weather.

HEADING THE WORK crew was Ernie DeWitt, president of the Baie d'Urfee Hockey Club, Bill Perks, Vic Willetts, Sandy Macnab, Leo St. Martin, John Fenton, Tommy Penrice and Lionel Evans. Lights were installed Sunday by Brad Proudfoot, Roy Cape and Bob Higman, and now eager to take over the job of icing the rink are the gold-dust twins of Lakeview (Mitcham's title, not ours), Tommy Vauthier and Bill Parker.

BESIDE PREXY DEWITT, the hockey committee consists of Leionel Evans, Secretary-Treasurer, Bob Cauley, Tom Penrice, Doug Comber, Ross Davidson and a member not named yet from Oak Ridge.

FIRST GAME OF THE season for Baie d'Urfee Bantams will be against Dixie at Lachine Arena Dec. 29, at 8:15.

AN INNOVATION which'll help Ernie deWitt and his committee immeasurably is the above-mentioned Willie Aalder who, besides taking care of The Coop--keeping the floors waxed and the parking area plowed--will use his little snow blower to keep the rink clear.

IT'S ALMOST BAIE D'URFEE week in Toronto lately, what with Chuck and Pru Godwin spending four days there attending an annual conference, Shaun Black's business trip for the Aluminum Company (with Shawn returning home just in time to attend The Hatching) and Charlie Johnstone's trip immediately after Friday's party. And for the Christmas holidays June and Doug Currie and their two children will be visiting relatives in Toronto, Doug returning to Oak Ridge Sunday night leaving his family to stay most of next week.

BUT THE MOST fascinating time of all in Toronto was had by Bob and Anne Tivy, who spent the weekend with Anne's aunt, Kate Aitken, one of Canada's top women commentators, and attended her fabulous annual Christmas party. If you Baie d'Urfites are wondering how you'll make room for that long list of friends for your holiday parties, take heart. Anne informed us Mrs. Aitken's home isn't

particularly large and she entertained 600 guests that evening between five and ten-thirty!!!

OH WHAT A TIME they'll have. Marcel and Josette L'Heureux left Saturday with their four children to spend three weeks in the warm, warm, warm clime of Miami.

THOUGH THEY'VE BEEN back over five weeks, it won't be amiss to report that despite rather cold and rainy weather, Ewing and Ruth Tait had a wonderful eight-week tour of Canada and the U.S., going all the way to Vancouver via Canadian roads and returning on U.S. 2. It was the first time either had been west of Winnipeg, and the trip through the Rockies and the Cascades was the highlight.

LEAVING LAST SATURDAY for a three-week holiday in California were the W.E. Tappendens, planning to spend Christmas with relatives in Los Angeles.

AND TO SHAWINIGAN FALLS - Christmas Day will go Dora and Gerry Bastien to wish Dora's father "Joyeux Noel".

DID YOU GET caught short in the power failure which hit part of Baie d'Urfee last week? Martha Van Loan had her husband and son in stitches before breakfast was completed on a make-shift barbecue in their fireplace.

ON THE OTHER hand Ken Millar, who thoroughly enjoyed going primitive, was quite disgusted when, after all kinds of elaborate preparations and after magnaminously telling his wife and five children to prepare for une dejeuner magnifique, the electricity went on!

NO ONE CAN TELL Vicki or Nancy Lee that Santa Claus isn't just as up to date as the next one! Last Saturday they went with their Daddy to St. Hubert to see Santa arrive via T-33 Shooting Star, an Air Force jet trainer. And why should they question where the plane came from, for written right out in plain sight on the fuselage was "overseas ferry flight". . . and whether the seas be mountains of water or ice mattered not to those big-eyed little girls who told Santa just exactly what they wanted for Christmas. Tommy has been helping with public relations for #401 City of Westmount Fighter Squadron (Auxiliary).

THE WHOLE TOWN extends it's sympathy to Mrs. Harry Smythe and Mrs. Erskine Kinmond whose mother, Mrs. Atala Bissonnette died in Montreal December 5.

BAYVIEW HAS THE only newcomers listed for this month, three families.

ALL THE WAY from Whitehorse in the Yukon Territory have come Phil and Audrey Iverson, landing in Baie d'Urfee a month ago. Phil is a pilot for C.P.A., but besides his route between Montreal and Quebec City, he is taking a post graduate course in law at McGill! The Iversons are badminton and skiing enthusiasts and have three boys, Dix, eight; Paul, five; and Neil, three.

GOING THE IVERSONS one better and supplying them with dates a few years from now are Frank and Jessie Reese, also of Devon Road, who moved

from Verdun to Bayview the middle of this month with their four daughters, Heather, ten; Stephanie, nine; Jenefer, three; and Pamela, four weeks. Frank is a salesman for Addressograph-Multigraph. And from the sound of it, the Reeses are going to be class A recruits for Baie d'Urfee's much-discussed yacht club.

"WATERSKIING" ALWAYS makes us prick up our ears and that's what Beverly and Jack Robertson are especially keen on, though golf, painting and sewing are close runners up. The Robertsons moved to their new Devon Road home three weeks ago with Debbie, 2. Jack is manager and buyer for the china department at Cassidy's Ltd.

CHRISTMAS DOESN'T fall on Saturday for two Oak Ridge neighbours. Both Joe White and Bob Franklin, T.C.A. pilots have to fly that day. But their adjustable families, used to shuffling holidays around, will celebrate Christmas Eve.

IF YOU RECEIVE \$50 for Christmas, Kay Smith can tell you how to spend it! She has a good three-quarter length gray Persian Lamb coat with a matching fur trimmed hat, size 14, which she wishes to sell at that price. Phone Ste. Annes 2053.

THERE'S A CINDERELLA running around Baie d'Urfee we'd like to get hold of! Last week we found a good pair of red loafers in the middle of Lakeshore Road just passed Poe's house. If your daughter's lost 'em, please call us (the new number is Ste. Annes 4863) and claim them!

AFTER THE MOB that invaded The Coop Friday, it's rather spooky to give any publicity to the wonderful idea started by Roy and Doris Cape for the various private parties around Town to join forces about 11.00 and ring in the New Year together. There'll be a collection of good dance records provided, but the only liquid refreshener available at this "No-host" party will be all the aqua pura you can handle.

ROSS DAVIDSON HEADS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

G. R. Davidson was elected president at the annual meeting of the Baie d'Urfee Horticultural Society, Nov. 30.

Other officers named were: hon. president - Miss F. Kruse; past president - Don W. MacDonald; 1st vice president - Peter Smith; second vice president - F. E. Kinmond; secretary - Mrs. H. J. C. Darragh, and treasurer - Mrs. R. J. Baker. Directors named were Lang Godfrey, Lionel Evans, Mrs. J. A. Fisher, Mrs. R. H. Tivy, A. C. Patstone, H. F. Little, P. H. Amys, and Mrs. W. A. Wickson.

Retiring president Macdonald reported that the Society closed its fifth year with a record membership of 204, compared with 168 in 1953. Even greater membership is planned for 1955.

Reporting on the year's activities, Mr. MacDonald mentioned that to draw attention to the work of members in improving the appearance of their properties the Society asked Paul Gagnon, of Montreal Botanical Gardens, to select outstanding gardens in six sections of the town. Members selected for special recognition were:

Bayview Area

1. W. Tappenden
 2. L. Brown
- Hon. Men. - J.G. Donald

College Green

1. C.G. Coulter
 2. R.J. Baker
- Hon. Men. - P. Smith

Lakeshore Road

1. R. H. Christian
 2. Dr. W.L. Glen
- Hon. Men. - G.E. Tait

Oakridge

1. Stuart Smith
2. R.J. Higman

Sunnyacres

1. F.C. Jamieson
 2. P. Windish
- Hon. Men. - S. Person
D. Ross

Lakeview-Morgan Area

1. W. H, Perks
 2. E.M. DeWitt
- Hon. Men. - F.O. Pinkney

The R.H. Christians were awarded the Quebec Federation of Horticulture Trophy for the second year as the most attractive home grounds in the town.

Thirty five adult members and 30 juniors participated in the annual flower and vegetable show at the Town Hall in August. The junior section was particularly strong with 85 entries of flowers and vegetables grown and exhibited by the children. Leading point winners among the juniors were Jimmy DeWitt, Patsy Ware, Linda MacDonald and Trevor Kinmond. Trophy winners in the adult classes were; Binz Trophy, for grand aggregate, H.G. Brookhouse; Trophy donated by Mayor Jean Gelinas for highest points in flower classes, Mrs. R.C. Vidler; Society Trophy for highest points in vegetable classes, G.E. Tait.

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by

W. Spriggs

DECEMBER, 1954

A majority of the 1954/55 grants from the Provincial Government have now been received and it looks as though we may have an overall increase of about \$6,000 as compared with 1953/54. The Local Boards and the Central Board together receive a total of 14 different grants (exclusive of capital repayments) from the Provincial Government, which last year amounted to \$54,500.

The new four-trip schedule for the Baie d'Urfée Bus is operating quite satisfactorily. On the new basis and including the noon run and out-of-town trips for our athletic teams, Viv Smith will be driving the bus about 10,000 miles during the school year. The timing of the present East End and West End trips will be interchanged on Feb. 1st as was done last year.

Mrs. Wright of Grade 6 has been granted leave of absence until next fall and her position will be filled by Mrs. Elizabeth Watters, B.A. Mrs. Watters has already done some teaching at our school this year, filling in for brief periods for various teachers away ill.

The Baie d'Urfée school assessment roll was homologated at our local board meeting on Dec. 17th and will be available for public inspection at the office of the Secretary-Treasurer in the School until Jan. 17th. The School Board has no control over individual valuations, which are determined by the Municipal assessors except that since the municipality arbitrarily cuts the valuations in half, the School Board has to return them to their original figure. However, it is possible that there may be errors of omission or inclusion since the list is affected by religious denomination and by change of ownership, some properties having changed hands as many as four times during the year. The roll is based on last year's municipal roll corrected to include the recent half-year supplementary municipal roll as it is impossible for the board to wait for the new 1955 municipal roll.

The school will reopen after the Christmas holidays on January 4th.