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A LOCAL LIBATION

Come, gather round our wassail bowl and greet a new year in. One toast to Baie d'Urfe, then things we hope the year will win.

Well, here's to trees in stately rows, town-planted in the spring, To traffic slow, to grub-free rose, to playground slide and swing.

Let's now salute commuter's joy, a bright hygienic station, And then a round for non-peel paint and draught-free insulation.

A water-softener in every home, movies in adult sizes, And then to every gardener, ten horticultural prizes.

We'll not forget the houswife's pride, a find of antique rarer, To smooth and weed-free verdant lawns, to sialing weather fairer.

What's yours? To lower tax-rate? That tends to make us drool
But we'll join with you in a hearty round to a richly granted school.

The best is last. To children strong on growthsome living bent, And adults free, of steady step, and minds at peace and hearts content.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THE RECORD

The regular meeting was held on December 8 with fifty-two members present. Acting-chairman Smythe conducted the business. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted on duly approved motion. Correspondence was covered, including an invitation from the Beaconsfield Citizens Association to attend their meeting on January 18 at which there will be a demonstration of telephone technique. Decision regarding the acceptance of invitation was left to the executive within the next week. It was felt, however, by those present that it would be preferable to arrange for this presentation locally at some future date. New residents introduced to the meeting included Mrs. W. Barnes, Mrs. Charters, Mr. W. Corbett, Mr. Little, Mr. Cadieux, Miss B. Jaques and Mrs. Jaques. Recreation reports indicated that playground equipment will be ordered by the council to be ready for spring, and that the skating rink on the Green is ready due to co-operative efforts of the men in that area spurred on by Peter Smith. Twenty-two movie club memberships are still outstanding by families whose children are attending movies. One adult movie was held in December, and the next is being planned for Friday, Jan. 19. Mr. Vauthier reported all arrangements under control for the Christmas parties to take place on December 16. Mr. Rooney suggested that it would be an appropriate time to consider application for postal delivery once more in view of several new and pertinent developments. It was agreed the executive should give further thought as to how the subject should be handled. It was brought to the attention of the meeting that the council is requesting that cars be parked out of the way of snow ploughs when owners are attending meetings at the Town Hall.

Doris Cape, Recording Secretary.

SOCIAL EVENING

An informal and quite sociable couple of hours followed the business meeting on December 8, and activities were arranged so that newcomers would have an opportunity to meet older residents. We are always limited at such times by the four rather near walls of the Hall, but such limitations only serve to bring out the best in us and amongst these were some puppets of the local Patchwork Puppets operated by Joyce Hartnell. No doubt there have been more weighty matters considered around the council table but few more weighty supported by it, and it was a skillful presentation. Hearty singing with Christmas overtones was good community effort and the charades which followed brought out some surprising dramatic qualities. The assistance of Mrs. Frank Hanson at the pianl and Miss Pat Brown of Macdonald College who led the singing and directed the intricacies of the charades are gratefully acknowledged.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The Christmas parties were held for the young folks of the town on December 16. A large committee of seasoned and newer committee members worked hard to make the parties both enjoyable and successful. In the afternoon, ninety-nine children from three to eight years of age visited with Santa Claus, were shown movies and fed and received a small token from the Christmas Tree. Fifty-seven nine years of age and over attended the evening party. The committee appreciates the support of the citizens who generously over-subscribed the Christmas Party Fund by an amount in the neighbourhood of \$100. The committee is preparing a report based on their experience in preparing for this year's party which will be passed on for the guidance of next year's executive.

Tom Vauthier, Chairman, Christmas Party Committee.

INCORPORATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

The matter of incorporating the association has been under discussion by the executive and the following information is submitted to bring members up to date. When the subject was first considered several years ago, the cost was found to be in the neighbourhood of \$300 and discarded because it was felt that the activites of the association were too limited to justify such expense. Within the time which has passed since then, however, the field of association sponsored activities has broadened and it has been suggested that the subject should be given further thought. Children's movies, Baie d'Urfe Day, Christmas parties, dances and rinks are recognized at potential sources of claims. We also anticipate that two playgrounds will be in operation by next summer with some measure of responsibility falling upon the Citizens Association. It has been learned that the cost of incorporation can be kept down to not more than \$100 through the offer of assistance of a member of the present executive. The information which has been obtained will be turned over to the new executive and it is expected that the question will come up for discussion early in the year. This item is published so that you may have the opportunity of giving the matter some thought before that time.

Harry Smythe, Acting Chairman, Baie d'Urfe Citizens Association

NEXT MEETING

The annual meeting with election of officers for 1951 will be held on Friday, Jan. 12. A proposed slate of officers is being prepared by the nominating committee under the chairmanship of Mr. D. Allan, but additional names may be added at the meeting. Annual reports will be presented by the retiring executive. It is unfortunate that the date coincides with a Community Concert, and those who are able to attend are urged to do so.

REPORT OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, Dec. 5, 1950.

Present: Mayor Case, Councillors Hanson, Laird, Parker, Smith, Yates, and Sec. Treas. Long.

Opinion obtained that for municipal taxation purposes in a chartered town, such as Baie d'Urfe, it is usual to tax as farm land (on $\frac{1}{4}$ of assessed value) any uncleaned or wood lot of nine arpents or more. The Cities and Towns Act provision of fifteen or more arpents applies to municipalities not chartered. If a subdivision of the land is registered, however, it does not qualify as farm land. There was no further report on right of way at foot of Cemetery Road, Mr. Scott was given road sanding contract for this winter at cost of \$227.50 (130 tons of sand) plus \$2.50 per hour for spreading at his discretion with request that when necessary he get the job done before the school bus runs in the morning. Approval given for use of Town Hall for following activities: Friday, Dec. 15, p.m. and Dec. 16, all day - Children's Christmas Parties; Mondays, Jan. 15 - Mar. 19 (10 weeks) - Horticultural Society lectures. Arrangements to be made to relieve Mr. Robertson of post-master's duties and to remove post office from Town Hall. Invitation to back association of Lakeshore municipalities at cost of \$50 declined. Arrangements made with Mr. Bashford Brown to supply Sec. Treas monthly with list of transfers of property, cost \$25 per annum. Mr. Yates to discuss with auditors Ritchie Brown and Co. increase in their fee from \$100 to \$250 and make recommendation to Council. Morgans have offered town lots 13 to 19 on east side Morgan Rd. and lots 43, 44, 45, 48, 49 on west side in exchange for 720' of town owned lots on Cambridge Rd. Town proposes to counter offer 600' on Cambridge for the Morgan Rd. lots except 48 and 49. Decision re Sunny Acres Rd. postponed pending further investigation and indication of wish of property owners. No reply to letter to C.N.R. re Baie d'Urfe station. Purchase of Morgan Rd. and traffic signs authorized. Water from well in central part of Town tested unsafe. Residents are urged to have their well water analyzed. Information on proceedure can be obtained from Provincial Carlt. Offices re-free ation on procedure can be obtained from Provincial Gov't. Offices re free analysis.

Harry Smythe.

Members please note: The Council and your executive request persons using the Town Hall to see that it is locked up, lights turned off and no lighted cigarettes, etc. left behind. The person in sharge of an activity should make himself responsible for seeing that this is done. When parking at Town Hall on snowy nights, do not do so in a manner to prevent passage of the plough. We had trouble on both counts on Monday, December 4.

We would like to pass on to you this excerpt from a letter written by Mrs. Helen Peters who, as a resident of Baie d'Urfe, was responsible for three broadcasts based on our Citizens Association and life in our community which were beamed round the world through the CBC International Service. These broadcasts were designed as a part of a program of invitation to other countries to look at and to understand our culture, the pattern of our existence and as Dr. Ira Dilworth saw them a "mission of humaneness". Mr. and Mrs. Peters have recently moved to Ipswich, Massachusetts.

"We did so appreciate the note from the Citizens Association and although we have replied to it, I feel I must mention it again.

I suppose the next time we see Baie d'Urfe it will have 'grown so we'd hardly recognize it'. But I do hope it will never become so populous that the intimate warmth of the Citizens Association becomes impossible.

Mr. Peters joins me in wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Greetings to two new members of our community - the infant daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. Heslop, and Mrs. Eldred Godwin, all of College Green, who arrived during the Christmas vacation period.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society had arranged for a series of ten lectures on Landscaping and Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Culture to be given by Professors H. R. Murray and D. W. Pettit. Lectures will be held in the Town Hall weekly commencing Mon. January 15 at 8 p.m.

This course is offered to members and their wives. As the Society is paying part of the cost, the fee will be only \$3.00 for the ten lectures. This includes husband and wife if both wish to attend.

The lectures will be similar to those presented by Prof. Murray two years ago with changes for the benefit of those who took the course before. They will start with elementary principles for those who are faced with the problem of landscaping their properties and also include advanced information for the people with an established garden. The talks will be arranged to allow plenty of time for discussion of local problems.

Subjects to be covered include:

a) Landscaping, selection, planting and care of hedges, shrubs and trees.

b) Planting and care of lawns.

c) Arrangement of flowers and the culture of the principal types.

d) Vegetable and fruit culture.

e) Fertilizers.

f) Control of insects and plant diseases.

g) Canning and storage of fruits and vegetables.

As this is the beginning of the 1951 season we would remind you that the membership fee of \$1.00 per family is now due.

Join the Horticultural Society and in addition to this lecture course enjoy the benefits of other informative meetings, group purchasing of fertilizers, discounts on seeds and supplies, and participation in the Flower and Vegetable Exhibition.

Remember Monday, January 15, at 8 p.m.

Ewing Tait, President.

ADULT MOVIE SHOWING

On January 19 there will be a showing of documentary and short entertainment subjects at the Town Hall at 8:15. The films being shown include Quebec Conference, 1944; Realm of the Wild; The Drifters; Golden Slippers (a ballet film). Subscribers will receive direct notice and those who are already members of the club or wish to become so are invited to attend.

John Windebank, Chairman, Movie Club.

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