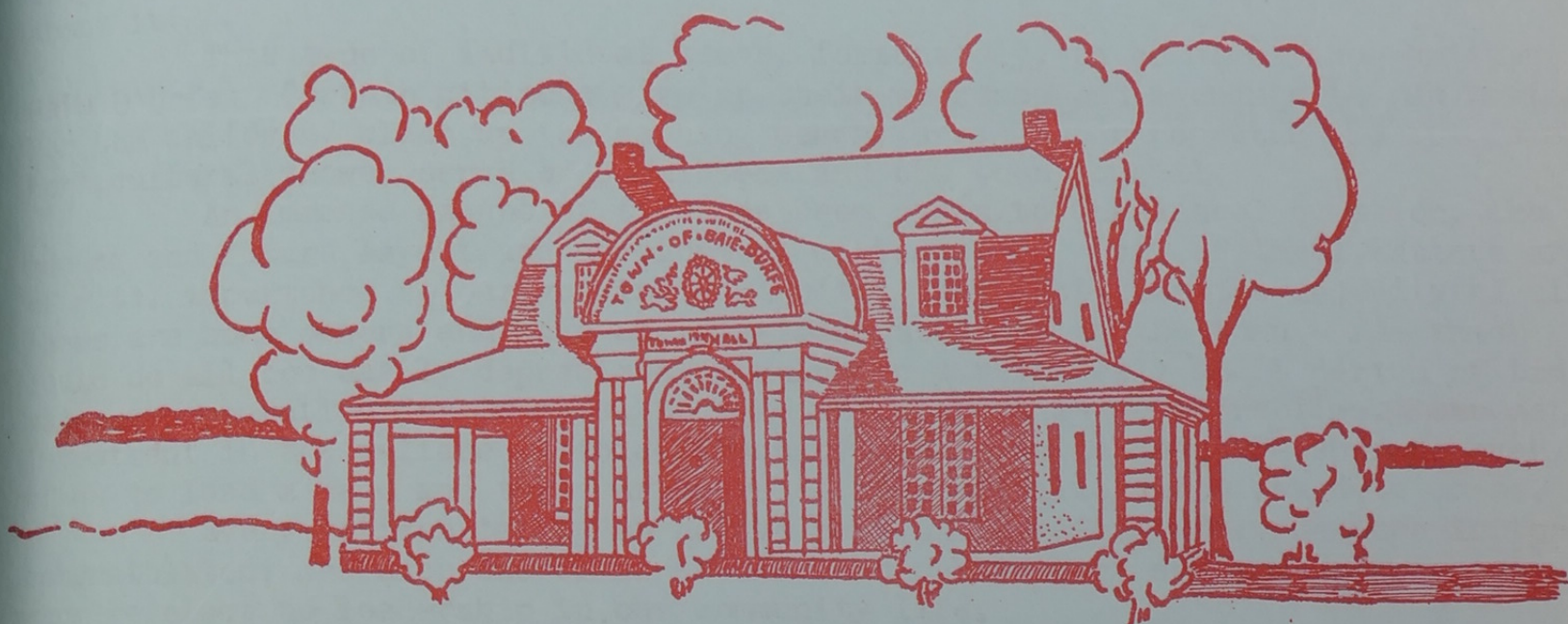


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There are few centres where the citizens as a whole take such a keen interest in public affairs and the welfare of the community as they do in Baie D'Urfe. The armchair critic is usually the predominant figure, grouching and complaining to his neighbour over the garden fence about the doings of the council, the condition of the roads, the lack of bathing facilities, and many other things, but seldom putting himself out to attend public meetings or to take a hand in doing something about it.

This type of individual seems, fortunately, to be almost non-existent in Baie D'Urfe. Certain citizens give up their weekends and evenings to run movies for the children, clean up the bathing beach, arrange for regattas and sports days, horticultural shows, serve on committees and the town council.

An immense amount of time has been given to the school question, the zoning and future layout and development of the town. Both of these matters are of vital importance to our growing community. The fact that the majority of citizens are home owners and have an investment at stake in the town - one which could do all too easily depreciate in value in a relatively short period of time - makes it imperative for everyone to take an interest in such problems. Our personal investment in the welfare of this community should be an adequate spur to every one of us to lend a hand and take our share of responsibility when asked to do so.

Every citizen taking an active part in the affairs of the town is to be congratulated; and each one of us should lend our support and encouragement to those whom we elect to leadership in our community life.

K. C. Brown, Alderman.

THE RECORD

The regular monthly meeting of the Association was held at the Town Hall on Friday, April 8th. The Chairman, Dr. Cruickshank mentioned that, at the last Council meeting it was understood that Mr. Spriggs is making a survey regarding lights required on Lakeview Road. He will also check as to when the balance of lights on Oxford Road will be turned on. The Council has decided to abandon chemical methods of weed control. An expert will advise them as to the best method of controlling weeds after which the necessary action will be taken. Council will arrange to purchase an additional 25 chairs. Mr. Vidler will make enquiries concerning the best method of ventilating the Hall. The Council is also trying to obtain a contract for chimney sweeping for this year which will meet the approval of the Citizens Association. It was decided to ask Dr. Hanson, as Chairman of the Town Planning Committee to appoint two members to join the building committee of the Town Council. Mr. Harry Smythe gave general outline of the forthcoming Auction Sale. Discussion took place regarding mail delivery, and with Mr. Crevier giving helpful advice, the meeting voted against Rural Delivery. It was urged that Mr. Douglas Laird carry his investigations further, aiming at full Town Delivery, perhaps in conjunction with Ste. Annes, Senneville and the western end of Beurepaire. Money orders are on sale at the Post Office for a period of six months, as a trial. Mr. Vidler reported that owing to the money left over from the Christmas Party the Movie Club will not show a deficit this year. Mr. Nagley announced that plans for the Birthday Party were well in hand. The Programme Committee has the monthly meetings arranged for until the end of June. May 13th will be members night, the Programme being "Hobbies for Pleasure" with a short talk by a few members on their own hobby. Miss Keightly, Miss Patterson and Mr. Powrie were introduced to the meeting. After some discussion it was decided to send a letter to McGill protesting the soot nuisance caused by the Macdonald College incinerator. Also a letter will be sent regarding the proposed plans for converting the Drill Hall on the Lakeshore Road into labs for research work on Jet Propulsion. The Chairman reminded the members that the term of office for members of the Town Council expires this June and that it was advisable to consider the possibility of changes in the Council. Mr. Pilkey was confirmed in his appointment by the Executive as Chairman of a nomination Committee to consult with Mr. Long and suggest possible new Aldermen. It was agreed to urge the Council to follow up Mr. Heimpel's plans for drainage of College Green. Mrs. Brown as chairman of Horticulture Committee introduced the speaker for the evening.

HORTICULTURAL COMMITTEE

We were sorry that Professor Murray, due to illness, was unable to be with us at the April meeting of the Citizens' Association. However, at considerable trouble to himself, he sent several mimeographed sheets which he had prepared on the showing of vegetables, and these were distributed to us by Mr. Cullen. We should like to draw your attention once again to these sheets, as they contain much valuable information on displaying and preparing your produce for the forthcoming horticultural exhibition, and should be kept handy for future reference. We would also like to thank Professor Murray for his advice and help.

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Mr. Cullen, with the aid of several specimen cuttings and a potted plant, gave the meeting a practical idea of preparing things for show. Many of us will recall that ^{last} year a number of excellent flowers and vegetables were all but disqualified from the competition because they were improperly exhibited. Mr. Cullen outlined briefly the standards by which flowers should be judged; and how to group and display them. More important still, he explained how to look after the plants throughout their growing period, in order to produce better and healthier blossoms. We feel sure that everyone who heard Mr. Cullen's talk not only enjoyed it, but found it a valuable and interesting guide to an absorbing hobby.

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BIRTHDAY PARTY:

What a grand birthday party we had on Friday, April 22nd. Over 100 citizens "burst" the walls of our Town Hall. The fun started off with a guessing game to get everyone mixed up, and a handsome prize was donated to the winner. After that the programme, under the able management of Floyd Griesbach, was carried through without a hitch. Mrs. Winters won the door prize, Mrs. Tuck won an Elizabeth Arden cosmetic travelling case as a mystery prize, and Mrs. Nagley, Mrs. Allen and Mr. Vidler were the lucky winners of fine plants. Special guests of the evening were Mr. & Mrs. Teffier who did much to make the evening such a success with the piano and singsongs. Talking of pianos, Mrs. Nagley was kind enough to lend hers and Mr. Wilson made the arrangements for its removal. It being so obvious that a party without a piano would be a lukewarm affair, the happy citizens there and then dug into their pockets and conjured up \$141.00 towards a piano for permanent use of the citizens in the Town Hall. While the games and songs were in progress kettles were boiling and when everyone was ready to call a halt refreshments of tea, sandwiches and birthday cake were served. Miss Kruse and Mrs. Case poured tea and later cut the cakes. These latter were masterpieces of Miss Ada Floyd's Art and many were the compliments spoken. The beautiful spring flowers of tulips and daffodils were sent to Mrs. Cruickshank with the congratulations of the Association on the birth of a daughter. We are all in one accord that this evening was a great success and for this we must thank Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Dorion, and Mr. Griesbach for arranging such a fine programme of games and prizes and Mrs. Nagley for attending to the refreshments. It was no mean feat to "feed" 100 people in our small Town Hall, without a kitchen.

If any citizen who was not at the party would like to help towards the purchase of a piano, the treasurer, Mr. Pilkey, would be glad to receive any contributions.

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Honourable mention goes to Miss Ada Floyd for time spent and wonderful results in the making of the birthday cakes, also to Mrs. Leo Pilon for bread cutting and making sandwiches. We thank Bea Greenfield for making tea to perfection and we thank Miss Kruse and Mrs. Case for cutting the cakes, pouring the tea, and, above all, for their patience in waiting for the kettles to boil. To all the willing hands that assisted, we wish to say there would be no hospitality without you, and again to Mr. Wilson our thanks for the grand supply of tea.

Miriam Nagley.

SCHOOL AFFAIRS:

The School Affairs Committee consisting of Chairman Mrs. Laird, Mrs. Dewitt, Mr. H. Smythe, Mr. K. Bjorn and Mr. John Evans met recently to discuss certain points in connection with the local School Trustees, and the interpretation of the Education Act. Dr. Cruickshank as ex-officio member and Mr. W. Spriggs as local representative on the Central School Board, were also present. The term of office of one of our Trustees expires this year and we hope that you will give this matter some thought in order that a suitable person may be chosen to hold this office. Women are now allowed to act as school trustees provided that they own property and comply with such regulations as having paid their taxes. Only the property owner in each family is eligible to vote, and elections take place on the first juridical Monday in July. The Central School Board met on April 21st. The Chairman expressed satisfaction that some progress had been made in their conversations with McGill Board of Governors. The Baie D'Urfe citizens who attended this meeting were shown tentative sketches and plans for the proposed extensions to Macdonald School.

Pat Laird, Chairman.

CHILDRENS CORNER:

Mr. Robin Redbreast

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| <p>1. One of the birds I like to hear
Is Mr. Robin Redbreast
He sings the sweetest song to me
And he never takes a rest.</p> | <p>2. As I looked out my window
Quite early in the morn
I saw him picking in the earth
And looking quite forlorn.</p> |
| <p>3. Right then I realized what it was
He's looking for some food
I threw some breadcrumbs on the lawn
To him looked very good.</p> | <p>4. It satisfied his appetite
I wonder just how long
But he thanked for the breadcrumbs
With a merry little song.</p> |

Gail Nagley.

Lightning, The Swallow

One spring morning a huge flock of swallows landed in a very small town. Among them was a haughty male and his mate. They set out immediately to build a nest. They worked all day and half of the night. When it was finally finished, the tired pair went to sleep.

At daybreak they went out to get some food. In the middle of that afternoon there were four little white spotted eggs in the nest. The parents had sat on the eggs for several weeks when one of them hatched. All the others hatched the next day. The little swallow that saw the world first naturally thought he was pretty wonderful. He would always sit in the little nest and watch the grown-ups glide through the air. He asked his mother every night when he would be able to fly. She would say, "Not yet, not yet".

The poor little swallow began to get impatient. One day while the grown-ups were flying around he said to himself, "I'll do it, I'll do it". Without the least bit of warning, he jumped. He could feel himself falling. The next moment he thought the end of the world had come. Then he saw a giant walk up to him. He saw the giant kneel, then he felt something heavy going up and down his back. The giant was patting him. The giant saw how uncomfortable the little bird was. There happened to be some straw beside him. Now the little bird was happy. Why? The giant was tickling him with a straw. The tickling stopped. The little one opened his eyes. The human had disappeared. "I've found a baby bird," shouted the human. Another human appeared and said, "I saw a swallow nest the other day.". "Fine", said the first. They took the small swallow to the nest. By luck it was his.

The swallow stayed in the nest until he got over the fright of his first adventure in the world. Then he tried again. He was very successful. All he did was fly around with glee. He learned to fly at lightning speed. All the other birds admired him so much that every time he went whizzing past them they said, "Watch out, here comes that lightning bird".

It finally ended up that they titled him LIGHTNING.

Caroline Merritt.

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