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### SCHOOL AFFAIRS

The school bus is now making an additional trip at noon in order to bring home kindergarten children and others whose parents wish them home for lunch. This is, of necessity, a self-supporting venture, the fee being \$3.00 per family per month, a figure which it may be possible to reduce after some experience has been obtained.

Progress towards a new school has received a serious set back. During the Summer and early fall there has taken place a realignment of authority in provincial education. The apportioning of grants and the approval of building plans which previously were the responsibility of the directors of Protestant and Catholic education must now also receive the approval of the general superintendent of education. This change was carried out by means of a provincial order-council.

The Central Board was, of course, aware of the disagreements and impending changes at Quebec and made every effort to find out what effect it might have upon our programme. No information was obtainable until very recently, when the Board was notified that the plans previously approved were no longer acceptable and that new plans to reduce cost by eliminating indoor play areas, must be submitted. The working drawings on which much progress has been made are largely wasted and the rising cost of construction (6½ % in the last three months) will add an additional handicap as a result of delay.

Working with the utmost possible speed new tentative preliminary plans have been discussed, prepared and submitted together with an urgent request that the need for revision be considered. The Board is now awaiting word from Quebec before further progress can be made.

Among the many items which came up at the September meeting of the Central Board approvals were given for the employment of a cook for the noon lunches; for the use of the building at certain times by the School for Teachers and for the noon run of the Lakeshore Bus. Due to the election of Mr. W. E. Butler as Board Chairman for the coming year a realignment of committee membership was necessary. The Liaison Committee, which co-operates with the Head Master on school management, school supplies and appointment of teachers: Mr. W. Spriggs and Col. R. F. Angus (chairman). Board members on the Building Advisory Committee: Mr. L. A. Wyse and Mr. W. Spriggs (chairman). Increase of \$8,000.00 (over last year) in the 1950-51 budget, bringing the estimated total \$70,000.00 appeared unavoidable.

W. Spriggs

### THE RECORD

Despite of the inclement weather, the association held another well attended meeting on Friday, September 15. The main topic, as announced in the last issue of News and Views, was the financing of community projects, through taxation or by voluntary donations. No decision was reached for but the discussion was stimulating. Mr. Smythe presented figures which indicated that an increase of two dollars to each taxpayer on each thousand dollars of assessed value, a sum of two thousand dollars per annum could be realized, enough to pay principal and interest on a loan of considerable size, should need arise. A complete report was given by Mrs. Gray reading and it was moved that the council be asked to contact the provincial authorities regarding that speeding on the Lakeshore road be controlled by signing and adequate supervision of provincial police. Carried. The resignation of Mr. Henry McKee, Treasurer of the Association, was announced. Mr. Bill Perks of Lakeview Road has accepted this office for the remainder of the year. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. McKee. The council has requested the association to form a committee to review the voters list. Mrs. Gray has agreed to chair this committee and to be followed by a meeting of the Horticultural Society for helpers. The meeting then adjourned to be followed by a meeting of the Horticultural Society. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Parler, Mrs. Vauthier and Mrs. Greenfield.

Doris Cape

REPORT OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, September 12, 1950

Present: Mayor Case; Councillors Parker, Smith, Gelinas, Hanson, Laird, Yates.

Councillor Smith reported contractor recommends delaying completion of College Green ditches until culverts in. Councillor Parker reported VLA claim that ditching at Victoria and Lakeview roads will flood Morgan Rd. VLA again claim road completed and urge town to take over. Town to get VLA representative out for joint inspection. Forsyth intends to build when title clear. To be advised to have excavation protected by next Council meeting. Building Inspector Bryson reported danger of fire from wet hay in barn on Poole farm, also part of barn in dangerous condition. Mr. Connolly reported part of hay at least, and some of buildings removed. Secretary Long to find out from Royal Trust if balance of repairs are arranged for. Petition from 31 residents of Lakeview and Morgan Roads presented urging further action on Morrison case. Council decided to demand application for building permit within 10 days, application to be turned over to building committee for their decision. In Mr. Long's opinion Town is not under obligation to build roads in Connolly subdivision even if charged to adjoining property owners. However Council inclined to do so because of circumstances in this case. Provincial government to be asked to supply adequate specifications, then tenders to be obtained. When plans formulated for contemplated transmission towers, Quebec Hydro will advise Council and give them opportunity to present any objections. Contribution of \$15 voted to association of Lakeshore Municipalities towards expenses of representations re railway fare increases. Turned down request for permission to build six houses on tract of land in east end of town. Resulting lots would not comply with by-laws. Dangerous trees on Oxford Road near Lakeshore will be taken down by Quebec Hydro without charges when snowcomes. Permission given for sale of crippled children's Forget-Not tags on October 21. Professor Bland recommends exchange of lots on College Green for some Morgan lots on Morgan Blvd. to be used for municipal purposes. Discussion of Hammond and town of Beaconsfield snow ploughing tenders. Decided in favour of Beaconsfield. Assessment roll promulgated. Total \$951,925. Electoral roll tabled and Citizens Association asked to check it. Mr. Long to arrange to obtain information re changes in ownership of property in the Town. Also write C. N. R. re characters sleeping in station and unsavory odor thereof (the station). Building on Lakeview Rd. north without permit reported. Building inspector has advised contractor to cease operations. Owner to be advised in writing. Mr. Robertson to check ditches after leaves have fallen. Builders to be advised on building permits that "Chick Sales" must be provided for use of workmen. Hedge in east central part of Lakeshore reported to be obstructive view of approaching traffic. Owner to be asked to trim it.

Harry Smythe,  
Vice Chairman.

PARTY NOTICE

Arrangements have been made to hold a dance (hobo hop style with square and modern dancing) at the Town Hall on Friday, November 10, so keep this date open and watch for further arrangements.

Kit Burrige.

SPEEDING TRAFFIC

A good deal of concern has been expressed by residents in various parts of town that unnecessarily and dangerously fast driving still continues to be a hazard. Local residents amongst the offenders, so please!! Conrad Sanders was injured recently by a truck which collided with his motor bike on the Lakeshore Rd. It is hoped that his recovery will be speedy and complete.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORTHE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Dear Madam Editor:

It is about the time of year that plans are begun for the children's party and I believe that the whole idea should be re-examined rather than proceed with plans along the lines of parties of previous years. The children of Baie d'Urfé are exceptionally fortunate that their parents are in a position to supply amply their Christmas wishes and in addition

Given parties and gifts by the Sunday Schools and other organizations. By the time that the Baie d'Urfé Christmas party comes along they are pretty well surfeited and the presents received there do not mean a great deal to them. I feel that our Citizens Association in furthering this practice is not only helping to spoil our children but also is not doing anything to further the true spirit of Christmas. I would like to suggest that this year we try the following experiment. Let us have a party at the Town Hall for the children with a Christmas tree and treat of candy, etc. but rather than have Santa Claus appear with presents to the children, have the children bring presents and hand them to Mr. Claus to take to some privileged group of children in Montreal.

I write this letter in order that our members may have an opportunity to consider this before the next meeting of our Association.

Yours truly,

John Evans.

#### AN APPEAL TO PARENTS

Recently the town cleaned the street lights, removed cobwebs, etc. In the College Green area alone four light bulbs were found broken--not burned out--but actually broken by stones or falling shots, etc. I doubt if the children of the area realize the amount of work involved in the replacement job to say nothing of the inconvenience to bordering proprietors. Now it is natural for street lights to burn out but needless destruction should be stopped. This is where we wish to ask the co-operation of parents. We all want low taxes, we all want lights functioning 100%.

You may not know that we have no means of replacing these lights without first hiring a truck and a driver, an extension ladder, etc. This additional expense can be curtailed if you, the parents, mention this to your children and give them the reasons. I am sure they will understand and everyone will benefit.

P. Smith,  
Roads Department,  
Town of Baie d'Urfé.

#### MOVIES

The first movie in the kids' series will be on Saturday, October 14th. The program for the season appears below. The fifteen feature films we have booked will cost us more than we have been paying but we believe that they will provide the children with the best that's going in films at their own age level.

Do you want them shown in the morning or afternoon? We would like an expression of opinion on the time most convenient for you to send your children. Please phone Windebank's (2028) or Carriage's (2622) not later than Saturday noon to let us know.

We also want projector operators and ushers. If we get three or four of each, the Saturdays on which they can be shared so that the work won't fall too heavily on anyone. Age sixteen upward. We must have help to make the shows possible. Reg Vidler who has asked for a well earned holiday from movie responsibility will not be available this year. News and Views thanks him on behalf of all the Baie d'Urfé families for the regular Saturday entertainment he has provided during the last three seasons.

#### KIDS' SATURDAY SERIES

- Oct. 14 Peck's Bad Boy With the Circus--Tommy Kelly, Ann Gillis, Edgar Kennedy.
- Oct. 28 Everything's On Ice--6½ year old skating star, music, carnivals.
- Nov. 11 Beyond Bengal--Story of a wild animal expedition in India.
- Nov. 25 Buffalo Bill Rides Again--Richard Arlen, Jennifer Holt, Injuns.
- Dec. 9 Children of the Wild--Nature drama in the Rockies.
- Dec. 23 The Gladiator--Joe. E. Brown.

- 30 Scrooge--The famous English production of Dickens' Christmas Carol; A special feature  
 13 Rose of Tralee--Music drama starring Baby Stewart.  
 27 Emil and the Detectives--Boy cast, real-life situation, a famous film.  
 10 Man's Best Friend--Rin-Tin-Tin Junior  
 24 Flirting With Fate--Joe E. Brown  
 10 Trans-Atlantic Tunnel--A science thriller  
 24 Little Men--Louisa May Alcott's story, Ralph Morgan and a child cast  
 7 Two Gun Troubadour--Western, with music  
 21 The Last of the Mohicans--James Fenimore Cooper's classic novel

#### AROUND OUR TOWN

As much of summer's increased building activity nearing completion there are many newcomers welcome to Baie d'Urfé. Amongst these are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barnes and family, Oxford Rd., and Mrs. Brown, and three children, Oxford Rd., Mr. and Mrs. Chester Ellis and two children of St. Andrews Rd., Mr. and Mrs. Brown and family of Lakeview Rd. and Mrs. Shipley, wife of Lakeview Rd. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Corbett and daughter have purchased the stone and clapboard house on the Lakeshore Rd. near Caron Point. If there are others whose names have not been reported, a welcome to you too, and an invitation to all of our newcomers to join with us at the next meeting of the Association on October 20 at the Town Hall.

It was with real regret that the resignation of our genial treasurer, Henry McKee, was accepted by the Association at the last meeting, and that this resignation heralded the McKees departure to Montreal.

It has been requested that anyone who has lilac or other shrubs which are in need of thinning should contact Jack Burrige, telephone 2622, as there are residents in that part of town who would be pleased to secure these for their gardens.

Many thanks to Mrs. Fred Ritchie for lettering of signs, now installed in College Green Area.

#### GENERAL MEETING

The General Meeting on October 13th has been postponed till October 20th because of the Community Concert being held on October 13th.

#### NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting will be held preceding the next general meeting on October 20 to consider a proposed amendment to the constitution changing the fiscal year of the Citizens Association from December 31 to August 31st

#### NEXT MEETING

- 1) Plans for Christmas Party
- 2) Parks and Playgrounds
- 3) Movie Club--young people and adults.
- 4) Other business

At the conclusion of the business meeting, the Ischkoodah Cup and other prizes will be presented to winners of regattas held this year in this area. Particular interest centres round the fact that the Ischkoodah Cup was won by a Baie d'Urfé resident, Doug Foss, and a small open boat contest by Pincott, also of this district. For those who do not already know it, a short history of the Ischkoodah Cup will be of interest. The first regatta held in 1897 was won by Mr. Stevenson, owner of the yacht Ischkoodah, a summer resident of Baie d'Urfé who offered the cup for perpetual competition. Interest grew and now cups are donated for all classes of boats including cruising. From a small beginning of three contestants in 1897 has grown an event which this year attracted over one hundred. All yachts except dinghies and small open boats race on a handicap basis. Prizes will be presented by Bob McBride, a member of our association, and in addition to playing host to the prize winners, we will be treated to a short movie on the sailing regatta.

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