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TO BUILD ELEMENTARY PUBLIC SCHOOL HERE

HOPE TO HAVE IT OPERATING BY 1956

An elementary public school is to be built in Baie d'Urfee and it is hoped to have it operating by fall, 1956.

This news was divulged to News and Views by W. Spriggs, Jr., Baie d'Urfee representative on the Macdonald Protestant Central School Board. It is hoped that building will begin next spring.

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No. 80

The board has taken an option on approximately 9 1/2 acres some 200 yards west of Morgan Road and sitting on a proposed extension of Victoria Ave.

Decision to build in Baie d'Urfee and on the proposed site was taken after a committee of three, including W. Eric Butler, chairman of the school board, and Alderman H. B. Smythe, surveyed the entire school area in the light of possible development and needs in the future.

A school of 12 or 15 rooms, going up to Grade 7, is visualized. Mr. Spriggs said school accommodation in relationship to needs was falling behind at the rate of three classrooms a year.

The school fits nicely into a proposed new subdivision back of Binz involving over 300 building lots. The land was bought from two men in Rio de Janiero at what Mr. Spriggs considered a very good price.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11 - 8:15, in the Town Hall

IT'S the last meeting before summer, so if you have any matters of community interest, come out.

Our Next Meeting

ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBIT FOR BAIE D'URFEE DAY

Plans are still in the making for the arts and crafts exhibit expected to be held in the Town Hall (space providing) July 17. Exhibits will be received Wednesday and Thursday evenings, July 14 and 15, from 7:30 to 9 o'clock. The articles are to be arranged Friday evening, so the committee asks that everyone try to get their exhibits in in good time. We are taking out insurance again this year so that treasures may be protected insofar as we are able.

This general invitation is issued to all adult citizens to help make the show even more successful than last year, which we feel is aiming pretty high. The limit is three articles in any class and we ask that articles shall not have been shown last year.

BAIE D'URFEE ARTS AND CRAFTS

Application Form

I have an article or articles which I would be willing to have included in the exhibition of creative handicrafts being planned for Baie d'Urfee Day.

	<u>Exhibit Only</u>		<u>Exhibit Only</u>
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Metalwork	_____	Quilts	_____
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Woodwork	_____	Others (specify)	_____

Name _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Please detach and return to Betty Spriggs, Chairman, Ste. Anne de Bellevue.

MORE ANTI-SPEEDING SIGNS URGED

Excessive speeding through and about the town was discussed at the May 14 meeting of the Citizens' Association.

As a result, council was asked to consider erection of more signs stressing the 30 mph limit. Park and playground areas should be specifically marked, it was suggested.

Jack Mitcham presided in the absence of chairman Charlie Johnstone. In the absence of treasurer Lars Firing and membership chairman, Ted Trodd, he reported \$590 in the bank and the membership campaign "progressing most favorably".

Frank Booth said council had been asked for the usual \$1000, and it looked promising. The proposed recreation budget called for \$465 being spent to restore and extend the beach, \$300 toward the Morgan Rd. dressing room and \$135 toward the other parks.

Mr. Mitcham pointed out, however, that council will be budgeting for only half a year and it was possible the association would get only half their usual grant.

Roy Cape said plans were well underway for the new dressing room and the bulk of the money should go to it, not the beach. Jack Mitcham said even to restore the beach would cost a lot as most of the sand had gone. Clarey McGuire said \$1000 should still be asked for.

Mr. Mitcham said Bill Norcott was interviewing prospective lifeguards for the summer, with the possibility of an assistant on weekends. All of this required money so the more memberships the better.

It was pointed out that Baie d'Urfee Day would be July 17.

Herb Brookhouse said the Association needed all the money it could get, and the forthcoming auction was a good way to raise some, at the same time have fun and get rid of things no longer wanted. Mr. George Morrison had kindly agreed to use his truck for the collections.

A letter by Charlie Johnstone to town council requesting toilet facilities in the vicinity of the beach was read. Council promised full consideration and the mayor promised some spare toilet equipment he had.

Rose Nairn referred to reports that Lake St. Louis was becoming so polluted it might be necessary to ban swimming. She asked if regular checks could not be made of the water. Tom Vauthier said Dr. Harvey Cruickshank had arranged for regular testing by college officials.

Chester Ellis referred to all the fish being killed and the suggestion they were being electrocuted. He said people frequently picnicked in that particular area and it could be dangerous. It was decided to write to the hydro.

Jack Mitcham outlined facts he had gathered concerning the St. Lawrence

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seaway and its affect on Baie d'Urfee. Chief one, he thought, was that the lake level would be higher longer, thus improving swimming.

DATA, TRIVIA, ADDENDA AND ERRATA

The sympathy of the community goes to Jack Burr ridge, Lakeview Rd., whose father, Joseph Burr ridge, died suddenly in Montreal, June 2.

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Beginning next fall a fee of \$2 per pupil per month will be charged in connection with Macdonald High School Kindergarten, Malcolm Davies, headmaster, announces.

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Won't somebody take this DeSoto off our hands? The shuffling and maneuvering to get two cars into a one-car garage is getting rather tiresome. Asking price is \$1700 but we're good listeners. T. R. Lee, Phone 4335.

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John Bland has been elected a fellow of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada.

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Around \$150 was raised for community projects at the auction May 24, Herb Brookhouse, chairman, reports. The persuasive chatter of Bill Parker and Sid Nagley resulted in every item - and there were some doozers - being sold. Herb thanks all who helped, either by supplying items, buying them, collecting them, organizing the auction or working at it, and hopes that next year's will be even bigger and better

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F. E. Kinmond is organizing the flower and vegetable show tentatively set for August 14, at the town hall. It's expected that the children's classes will be extended to accommodate flowers and vegetables raised in the children's garden contest.

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The fireworks programs went off with a bang May 24, with Brad Proudfoot, Tom Vauthier and Roy Cape supplying the sparks at Morgan Rd. park. There were refreshments, too, with Mesdames Floyd, Parker, Ryder, Fenton and others dish-ing them out. Brad asks if anyone has any ideas concerning future such programs please contact him. Pete Smith, Bill Norcott and Al Davis looked after the fireworks at Oxford Rd. park

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Mayor Jean Gelinas has been invited to attend a meeting of Lakeshore municipalities June 17 in Beaconsfield town hall to protest proposed increases in rail commuter fares. Mayor John Stethem of Beaconsfield suggested the meeting, calling the proposed increases "exorbitant and unacceptable".

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Weep for Ross Powrie, Morgan Rd. He won a beautiful bike - and bingo, had to go back into hospital where opportunity to ride a bike is somewhat limited.

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When some lads went up to Morgan Rd. park for a ballgame theother day they found the route to first base somewhat cluttered by a row of freshly-planted young trees. Apparently just before actual signing of the papers in the town - Morgan's land swap, Morgans discovered that the northern balance of their land would not - by 40 feet - divide into units of 100, the frontage required for a town lot. Hence the change and extensive fill will be needed if the playground is to be extended south.

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Harry Clarson's charge that faulty high-tension cables entering Lake St. Louis near the Walkinshaws' had electrocuted hundreds, perhaps thousands of pike, dore, perch, suckers, and even bass and muskies. had Baie d'Urfee in the news and on the air recently, and hydro officials out investigating. Mr. Clarson pointed out that all the dead fish were in the one area. Hydro officials were doubtful but promised to check and remedy if necessary.

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Harriet Elizabeth Thomson, daughter of Mrs. Leslie R. Thomson, Lakeshore Rd., has been awarded the John H. Moss Memorial Scholarship as the most outstanding arts student at the University of Toronto. The award is not only for scholastic achievement for all-round general ability and personality. Miss Thomson is a graduate this year of University College and will enter Cambridge in the fall.

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PROSPECTS FOR LOCAL TENNIS

The St. George's Tennis Club of Ste. Anne's, at its annual meeting May 27, elected a new slate of officers including L. Rose, president; M. McLean, vice-president; A. Ness, sec. treasurer; A. Falconar, head of grounds committee, and J. Parisee and D. Swales, heads of the combined membership and match committee.

The main issue stressed was urgent need of new members to enable the club to carry on successfully. In order to attract new members, the club has ordered several tons of new surfacing and new aluminum tapes to have the three courts in excellent condition for the start of the summer. Two courts are lighted, but the third will be maintained for play during the day. The courts will be open at all times except Sunday mornings and evenings, because of services at the neighbouring church. Annual fees are \$8 for senior men and \$6 for senior women, and \$2 for juniors. Juniors are up to 16. Each Saturday morning two seniors will be on hand to teach beginners. There will be a senior men's and senior ladies' ladder set up, beginning June 15. Round robin doubles tournaments are also planned for two or three week-ends.

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BAIE D'URFEE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Thirty-one children, including 27 of Brownie and Cub age, 3 Guides and one scout signed up for the 1954 edition of the Baie d'Urfee Horticultural Society's Children's Garden project. The youthful candidates attended three lectures on the elements of gardening and have been issued with seeds and plants which they have to cultivate all summer to qualify for garden badges or prizes offered by the society. The handsome trophy donated by Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Tait, now held by Ian Edward, goes to the outstanding gardener. Judges will be visiting these gardens in July and again in August.

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Pete Smith, chairman of the Society's Tree Planting Committee, organized planting of 150 caragana shrubs, 60 Rosybloom crabapple trees and a dozen maples in the park areas of Morgan Road and College Green. Did you notice that all trees are well staked and named. Pete's hard work will be better appreciated in years to come when the trees provide color and shade to the landscape.

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The Society now owns three portable sprayers for use of members. They run on two wheels, hold four gallons of spray solution, and have a hose 12 feet long. So, if you need a sprayer to kill those bugs contact any of the following; Mrs. Elizabeth Delmar, 1 Sunny Acres; Herb Brookhouse, 38 Lakeview; or Don MacDonald, 55 St. Andrews.

In view of the difficulty of cleaning a sprayer following use of 2,4-D, it is verboten to use the hormone weed killers in the community sprayers.

The Society is contemplating purchase of other garden equipment, such as lawn sweepers and electric hedge trimmers. Further suggestions would be welcome, but if you recommend a roto tiller state, first, where the \$600 will come from and, second, who will operate it.

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Early in May, Miss Kruse, Pete Smith and Don MacDonald represented the Society at the annual convention of the Quebec Federation of Horticulture at Montreal Botanical Gardens. In his presidential address, Bill Tawse of Montreal mentioned the Baie d'Urfee Society's extensive program as a good example for the 35 other societies to follow.

Baie d'Urfee received further attention when Don MacDonald outlined operation of children's competitions. His talk aroused considerable interest.

Having served as a director for two years, Don MacDonald was elected second vice president. Father C. H. Deslauriers, of Mont Tremblant, heads the provincial organization while E. Jubien, Town of Mount Royal Horticulture Society, is first vice president.

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Ross Davidson, organizer of fertilizer sales to Society members, has closed the books with orders totalling over \$1100. There were delays in delivery

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because the large order caught suppliers by surprise. For instance, Canada Packers ran out of bone meal and the Baie d'Urfee order exhausted supplies of sheep manure and Derris powder at one of Montreal's large seed firms.

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Ed Osborne is lining up a judge to select well-landscaped homes in the town. This year it's planned to pick the outstanding property in all of the following districts for special recognition: Oakridge, Sunny Acres, Lakeview, Morgan Road, Bayview, College Green, and Lakeshore Road. All members' gardens will be considered in this project designed to draw attention to those who have done an outstanding job of improving the appearance of their grounds. The Quebec Federation of Horticulture Trophy now held by the R. H. Christians, 20807 Lakeshore Road, will be awarded to the member considered to have the best home grounds.

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MAY COUNCIL MEETING

With no more Town land left to sell and with other reserves spent, the financial "cushion" the Town has had is rapidly disappearing and we're forced now to work on a hard, stiff budget, said John W. Long, secretary-treasurer, when Council was discussing the Recreation Facilities' budget presented by the Citizens' Association.

The Council accepted the new assessing system presented by the assessors who have been handling Baie d'Urfee's tax affairs for the past several years. A revised, more modern method will be used, involving a card index system whereby each piece of property in Baie d'Urfee will be listed, with a photo of the house, a sketch of the layout and any other pertinent facts about the property. This new system will be especially useful if the property changes hands as potential owners can get a plot plan, see the evaluation and other details at a glance.

For newcomers and all interested taxpayers, the properties are assessed in July and payable on the first of January. Land Tax figures out at six mills on the regular assessed value of the property, while school tax is twenty mills on that same basis.

For the Baie d'Urfee with extra change in his pocket, a good investment, according to Alderman Jost, are the Baie d'Urfee bonds floated to pay for the roads in the Oak Ridge district.

Selby MacLeod, Alderman in charge of Parks and Playgrounds, issued a warning concerning grass fires. No fires should be started without close surveillance and children should be especially warned not to build fires on vacant property. Only quick action of a handful of Sunny Acres residents averted what could have been quite a catastrophe in that district last month.

A letter from the Citizens' Association requesting toilet facilities at the beach has been turned over to the Building Committee.

With Peter Smith in charge, tree planting is progressing nicely. Two hundred dollars was spent by the Horticultural Society for these plantings, the money

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having been procured from the Town Council as part of their parks beautification program.

The Canadian Shade Tree Service are charging \$300 for trimming trees in the Town Hall grounds.

It's now up to the Hydro when the street lights will be installed, according to Bill Corbett, chairman of the Roads Committee. Street sign quotations are being gathered and the lowest bidder should have them completed by the start of the summer.

Cleaning and opening of the ditch in front of Delmar's at the foot of Sunny Acres, patching and levelling roads and installation of a culvert at the service road between Morgan and Lakeview will cost the town \$1330. The \$3,500 to improve St. Andrew's Road was voted down for this year.

Secretary Long discussed the school board's plan to build a school in Baie d'Urfee in 1956, referring to need of access to the proposed building site on the old Binz farm. Alderman Corbett moved successfully that an extension of Victoria Road be secured.

The Eastern Investors are now ready to open up the back section of Oak Ridge. It was suggested that asphaltting of Oak Ridge roads be delayed until the back section is developed as the heavy trucks needed for the new buildings would tear out any newly constructed roads in no time.

A. N. Carriere's request for an extension to his greenhouse at the corner of Morgan and Lakeshore road was not granted.

Another request via letter from John Long to A. R. Scott pertaining to complaints of neighbors over the garbage left in his backyard was not acknowledged by Mr. Scott by the May council meeting. Council instructed Mr. Long to write another letter giving Mr. Scott fifteen days more to clean up his yard or the matter would be taken to court.

Secretary Long suggested we budget a couple of hundred dollars a year for the Q.P.C.A. (Quebec Public Charities Act) to take care of any bills which might be incurred by an indigent employee working for a Baie d'Urfee citizen. A \$222.50 bill was presented to the town last month for hospitalization of just such an employee.

A letter and petition by town residents objecting to the Hydro right-of-way as public picnic ground was received. Alderman Corbett suggested the winter fencing be used in front of that right-of-way to discourage passersby and also that the Hydro people be urged to place "Danger" signs at strategic spots.

The bid of \$140 by G. E. Morrison to replace the four cement posts along the Town Hall grounds was rejected as too high.

It was moved by Alderman Christie and seconded by Alderman Brookhouse to accept John Long's resignation as town secretary-treasurer effective July 1.

As for public relations...the garbage contract will continue under the service of Mr. Lavigne of Ste. Annes.

LAUNCHING HIS DINGHY a weekend ago was Gerry Bastien...the Mayor, we understand, is contemplating launching his cat-boat, in dry storage for a couple of seasons, any day now...Dulcie and Bill Wright's beautiful little Kingfisher class sloop, "Faline", is getting a bright new coat of red paint...and the Alan Greenfields are now the proud owners of a cat-dinghy. She should be rigged by this weekend. "Lady Jane" is what Ross and Carol Davidson are calling their new fourteen-foot Peterborough, and their kids are rearin' to try out a pair of waterskis behind the fourteen-horse out-board.

THOUGH RIGHT NOW he's boatless, having sold his orange-sailed dinghy a couple of weeks back, Peter Bjorn will get more than his share of sailing serving as a Junior Instructor for the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club's Junior Squadron during July and August.

FOR BAIE D'URFEE parents who'd like their youngster to get a real love and feel for the water, the training given members of the Royal St. Lawrence's Junior Squadron can't be beat! Under the direction of Geoffrey Davies, one of the Masters at Selwyn House, the children are given instruction in all the aspects of sailing and swimming, including diving, lifesaving, the handling, care and upkeep of boat, knot tying, rules on water-safety and navigation...accompanied all along the way with good general discipline, including drill exercises. The cost is \$50 per session and may be taken for the July and /or August periods. Hours are from ten to four o'clock and include a hot "sit-down" lunch. Any boy or girl between ten and fifteen years is invited to be a member, however, each session is limited to seventy-five youngsters and there are only a few vacancies left. If you're interested, phone George Jost at Ste. Anne 5347. George is the Secretary for the Junior Squadron.

ANOTHER BAIE D'URFITE serving on the Executive of the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club is Fraser Jamieson, Chairman of the Sailing Committee. Fraser has a busy summer looming up as there are no less than ninety-eight sailboat races scheduled for that Yacht Club alone this year!

BUT WORSE LUCK befell Selby MacLeod, owner of a thirty-foot cruiser. Selby, who knows better but thought he had been careful, improperly drained the engine to his cruiser when he took her out of the water last fall, resulting in a cracked block. But to further his woes, the very day he discovered the cracked block, the interior of his car burned up!...the result of a careless cigarette, he thinks.

TRYING TO BE very strong-minded this summer is Bob Higman who avoids looking at the canvas-shrouded Tormentor desolately parked in our back yard. He knows if he gets the boat in the water that'd be the end of our landscaping...but we're still open to an occasional invitation on someone else's yacht! We won't be landlocked for long, however, as we're leaving the first part of July to spend the rest of the summer in Seattle where our Star beat "Williwaw" has been expertly looked after by our best friends there. In the meantime, Tormentor's serving very nicely, as an "annex" whenever we have houseguests. (We, not the guests, occupy her...should we say, adequate???...bunks)

NEWCOMERS TO OAK RIDGE, Jim and Jean Tweedie, are about as boat-minded a couple as can be found. Jim, whose chief hobby is woodworking, has spent the last couple of winters building himself a Y Flier and it's all ready to be launched. But besides the Y-Flier, the Tweedies also have a Peterborough boat and a 25 horse outboard to further their water-skiing enthusiasms. And you promoters of a Baie d'Urfee Yacht Club...the boating Tweedies think it's a super idea. The Tweedies, by the way, moved to Baie d'Urfee May 15. FLASH! a baby son was born to the Tweedies June 1.

AND ARRIVING ABOUT the same time to their eye-catching Oak Ridge home were Martie and Bob Franklin and their three children, Robbie, 4, Wendy 7, and Gae, 10. The Franklins, with Martie finding painting and writing engrossing hobbies, and with Bob an avid fisherman, originally came from Saskatchewan but with Bob's being a T.C.A. pilot, have lived all over Canada and don't know which part to really call "home".

ANOTHER PAINTER AND a photography hound moved up onto Oak Ridge the week before Victoria Day. Named June and Doug Currie, the pair are from Toronto, have two children, Mary age five, and Andrew, nearly three. Doug is with the Aluminum Company of America.

THOSE BUSY Turnaus are at it again! Just barely settled at home from their three months' sojourn in Mexico (where, besides doing a lot of waterskiing, the indefatigable Albert climbed to the top of famous Mt. Popocatepetl, close to 18,000feet high!), they've spent the past two weeks entertaining houseguests from England, celebrating Claire's newly acquired B. Sc. degree from McGill, and seeing their son, Eddie off for Europe!

TO MOST PEOPLE a "scientist" is a fellow with thick glasses who's glued to a test tube and a smelly lab, but nothing could be further from what Eddie Turnau will be doing this summer! A Botany Professor at Carleton College in Ottawa, Eddie was chosen to attend the International Botanical Congress in Paris and will be away three months. Eddie will also participate in field trips to the Pyrenees Mountains in Spain and the Sahara desert.

MARY, BY THE WAY, is Magazine Chairman for the I.O.D.E. and would like anyone who wishes subscriptions, now or at Christmas time, to get them through her. All proceeds go to the much-needed library fund at school. The special right now, says Mary, which will last to the end of June, is ten copies of the Ladies Home Journal for \$2.00. Regular newstand price would be \$3.50.

IN THE INTERESTING business trip department, Lang Godfrey heads the list. After a 10-week stay in England, Lang arrived home a weekend ago aboard the Empress of Australia, not quite as entact as he was when he left Baie d'Urfee in March having parted with his appendix somewhere in merrie olde England...

TWO OF THE OAK Ridge "Pats" were away last week, Pat Boyle having gone to the States on business and Pat Patstone to Vancouver...and Tom Creston recently returned from a two-week trip to the Maritimes and to Newfoundland.

SIXTH ANNUAL BAIE D'URFE DAY CELEBRATION JULY 17

A committee of some 20 active Baie D'Urfe citizens under the chairmanship of Bill Norcott is hard at work these June evenings planning the day-long series of sport and entertainment events that annually marks the "official birthday" of the town. And before Saturday, July 17 rolls around, about 100 men and women will have lent a hand in providing a day of fun for every child in town and four or five hundred of their parents.

The smaller children, up to twelve years old, will have things pretty much to themselves in the morning with a galaxy of prizes and awards for everything from foot races by age groups to such things as sack races, wheelbarrow races, and as many other events as the land sports committee under Phil Amys can think up. Adding to the variety will be free ice cream and soft drinks from time to time, a feature always well appreciated by the youngsters.

Sports for teen-agers and their elders will take the spotlight during the afternoon. A program of land events will include straight and novelty races for all groups, climaxed by the husband-and-wife egg throw which yearly provides an hilarious high spot to the proceedings. Water sports being organized by Frank Smith and Duncan Tingle will provide competition in swimming, rowing, war-canoe races and canoe jousting.

After a busy day in which scores of adults have worked hard to provide fun for the youngsters, the parents take the night off to have their fling, and the teen-agers have a guaranteed evening's work as baby-sitters. Evening events will centre around a dance under the stars to a popular orchestra, entertainment, a raffle with scores of prizes, and refreshments. Judging on the basis of last year's attendance, the committee expects attendance of about 400 at the dance.

Members of the Baie D'Urfee Citizens' Association who have pivot jobs in organizing the annual sport festival and corroboree, in addition to those mentioned above, are Vice-Chairman Al Loke; Jack Mitcham, entertainment; Vic Willets, prizes; Bill Perks, children's refreshments; Chris Powrie, dance tickets; Clary McGuire, sound system; Peter Smith, raffle tickets; Tom Vauthier, supply of equipment; Lars Firing, finances; and Elizabeth Davis, evening refreshments.

Secretary's Appointment, Dividing of Town Hall
Criticized at Town Council Meeting.

Town council, at its June 1 meeting, was asked to reconsider two of its decisions--partitioning of the town hall to provide offices for the new secretary-treasurer, and appointment as secretary treasurer of a man in business in Baie d'Urfée.

The questions came up as a letter was read from the Baie d'Urfée Horticultural Society suggesting it was not in the town's interests that the hall be cut up. It was the only meeting place available, the letter said, whether for Cubs, Brownies, Citizens' Association, Horticultural Society. Approximately one third is to be partitioned off.

Don MacDonald said there were alternative possibilities. The post office could be used, with the secretary's assistant acting as postmaster too. Perhaps the garage could be used as the post office, or why not an extension to one corner of the building. Maybe the town could rent space either within Baie d'Urfée or Ste. Anne's, he suggested.

"I think we might as well tell you that we've already let a contract to partition the hall," disclosed Mayor Gelinas. He said this plan seemed the best, in view of the short time they had, and the comparatively low expense. It will cost \$225. Room was required for the new secretary-treasurer, town papers and records, filing cabinet, etc., he said, and any other proposition would have cost too much. With new, big expenses coming, such as the new transformer at \$400-\$500, they had to think of the cost. Council, he said, thought this the only solution.

"When the next school is built there will be a meeting place," he pointed out. For the past 19 years the town had been lucky in that the secretary treasurer had his own office.

Mr. MacDonald asked if the scheme were discussed and passed at a regular meeting, attended by the public. The mayor said no, they had locked the place over, and it must have been at a special meeting, but they okayed it. "Time was short," he explained.

"How about renting space until the new school is ready?" asked Tom Vauthier.

"We didn't think about it," said the mayor. "But anyway, you have the rest of the hall for meetings." This brought a big laugh. "Have the offices where you want," said the mayor. "Maybe we did make a mistake. Have you some better ideas?"

At this point John Long read a letter announcing that it was hoped to establish Guides in Baie d'Urfée, and could the town hall be made available to them as it was to the Brownies, Cubs, etc.

"We know the problem," granted Mayor Gelinas. "All these things are important but so is town business. We need a proper place for the secretary-treasurer to work, and we need a proper place for the town's people to meet. There is no use trying to make miracles out of this; it is not big enough. We must try for something else."

H.B. Smythe said it was quite conceivable that when the various organizations began to use the new school a nominal fee would be charged. Mr. Long said there was no chance of postal authorities providing any financial assistance regarding new or enlarged post office facilities.

Peter Smith wondered if the town caretaker and his duties would be under the supervision of the secretary-treasurer. It was indicated

that he would. Charlie Johnstone, chairman of the Citizens' Association, asked the mayor to outline the steps taken in the appointment of a new secretary-treasurer. Mr. Gelinis said they had enquired about, asked certain municipal officials, decided that Mr. Grimm could ably look after the town's interests and asked him. Perhaps we could have advertised, the mayor conceded.

Replying to Mr. Smith, Mr. Gelinis admitted that no specific hours were set during which Mr. Grimm would be in his office available for town business. The mayor presumed Mr. Grimm would do a regular day's work in the interests of the town. Bill Parker questioned whether a salaried town official such as the secretary-treasurer should also be in the real estate business in the town too. The Mayor said he didn't think Mr. Grimm would be the type to take advantage of the setup. It would be impossible, he suggested, to get someone of the right type to work full time on only \$2400 a year. It will rise to \$3000 when Mr. Grimm finds it necessary to get stenographic help.

"It's not the money--it's the principle," insisted Parker.

He asked why Mr. Grimm could run a business in town, and Irwin Pinkney, who sought to list himself in the phone book as agent for certain flowers, could not. Mr. Long said homes could be used as offices by professionals or artisans. Mr. Pinkney could have run his agency but not advertise it at that address.

"I can't see anything disloyal about Mr. Grimm being in business," he said.

"We want to have it right on the line," said Mr. Vauthier. "Not to the right or not to the left, but right on."

Roy Cape mentioned "deplorable situations" which had developed in other communities under similar setups. Frank Booth suggested that the by-law governing businesses within the town should be given careful scrutiny. He hoped that council, in making their new appointment, had considered it thoroughly and was aware of what was involved.

"Did you," asked Ewing Tait, "make this arrangement with Mr. Grimm without ascertaining what portion of his time was going to be devoted to the town?"

The mayor admitted that specific hours of duty had not been set out, "but I think you can assume he's a full-time employee of the town for business purposes." Questioned, Mr. Christie said he didn't know of the specific arrangements, the mayor had made them.

Bob Powrie asked if it would be legal for the town secretary treasurer to make a profit out of some transaction which may have resulted through his connection with the town.

"I see nothing illegal or immoral in it," said Mr. Long.

The mayor said he could see nothing wrong if Mr. Grimm were able to make a little extra here and there if he were able, for example, to put a prospective home buyer in touch with a contractor with houses for sale or a building. That was done everywhere. It was strictly a thank-you for services rendered.

"How about a woman as secretary-treasurer?" asked Doris Cape.

"We didn't think about it," admitted the mayor. Mr. Long said he could see no objection but he doubted if a woman could handle some of the tough characters with whom he had to deal.

"When you elect a council," said Mr. Smythe, "you must assume that we are honestly, sincerely trying to do what is in the town's interests. If you presume we are dishonest and guilty of skullduggery then you should get yourself another council."

Mr. Powrie said that if the secretary-treasurer were also in a business closely related to the town, it was almost certain he would be confronted with situations wherein he would be torn between his personal interests and those of the town.

Mr. Long noted that the secretary-treasurer was bonded.

Questioned by Rose Nairn, the mayor said yes, Mr. Grimm would also continue as buildings inspector.

To give access to the proposed new school, council approved extension of Victoria Ave. west about 800 feet, to a width of 40 feet. Roads in the subdivision of which the school is a part will be 66.

A.N. Carriere is taking action against the town to force granting of a permit to expand his greenhouse. The Combers are also fighting the town's efforts to expropriate part of their property in order to extend Victoria Ave. to link Lakeview and Sunny Acres.

Buildings Chairman Al Christie reported building permits including 7 new houses and totalling \$118,733 granted in May. Two houses and a garage totalling \$32,000 had been approved to date in June, applications for 12 more houses totalling \$163,000 and plans for 14 more houses in Sunny Acres were under consideration.

The sanitary inspector for Jacques Cartier, referring to the A.R. Scott situation, said it could not be said Mr. Scott was operating a dump, therefore he was not covered by health regulations. Mayor Gelinas, noting that Scott had not deigned to answer any of council's letters, said a different course of action then would be necessary.

Secretary-Treasurer Long said tax notices for the period July 1-Dec. 31 would be out June 15, and based on last year's assessment.

George Jost, noting that this was Mr. Long's last meeting, moved appointment of C.O. Grimm to succeed him effective July 1 at a salary of \$2400 a year. Mayor Gelinas paid tribute to Mr. Long's services on behalf of the town and said he would continue as an advisor.

The mayor said they had looked about and decided Mr. Grimm would make a good successor, but it would be necessary to supply him with office space and, eventually, secretarial help.

Mr. Long said when he took the post 19 years ago the town's records were contained in one tin box and there were 119 properties on the evaluation role. Today there are around 550. With the various new subdivisions approved and on the drawing board, "I venture to say that in five years Baie d'Urfée will have doubled its population."

He said he had resigned only after deep heart searching. He had to decide if he would be a full-time secretary or a full-time lawyer. He chose his law practice. Mr. Long said Mr. Grimm would need help and he would be glad to assist where wanted.

Council received a bill for \$4982 for building a road from the highway to the new hydro sub-station. The mayor said it involved some 2600 tons of gravel, stone, and dust and 104 feet of pipe.

"That is the cost to us for having the sub-station north of the highway, instead of south," explained the mayor.

Further progress in connection with the safeway to link the Morgan-Lakeview and eastern area and Macdonald high school area was reported, and the last phase will be that through the proposed new Landau subdivision, which got approval in principle.

Alderman H.B. Smythe announced that the subdividers were planning to donate some 450 feet of lakefront property at the bottom of the subdivision to the town as a park.

Reg Vidler complained in a letter that someone was shooting out

lights and damaging fixtures in the west end. Four had to be replaced.

Mayor J.E. Chandler of Hudson in a letter urged united Lakeshore action against the proposed increase in railway commuter rates. Herb Brookhouse is getting information as to the effect on Baie d'Urfités.

A request for more anti-speeding signs throughout the town, from the Baie d'Urfee Citizens' Association, was referred to Alderman Bill Corbett, roads chairman.

An Editorial

While no council can expect to please all the people all of the time, Baie d'Urfee's council certainly seems to have led with its collective chin in two recent decisions.

Although undoubtedly the most expedient, and certainly the cheapest tax-wise, there are doubts that council took the most satisfactory action in deciding to carve up the town's only meeting place to make an office for a new secretary-treasurer, and in appointing to that post a man already working for the town and also privately engaged in what is likely to be the town's busiest activity over the next few years--real estate.

Council's tough spot concerning a "home" for the secretary-treasurer, the town's documents and records, etc., can be readily appreciated. Location in the town hall was a natural. But on the other hand, the crying need for space for the various community endeavors has been known and discussed for years. Yet suddenly the only available, albeit inadequate space, is being chopped by one-third. As matters are today, it virtually eliminates Cubs, Brownies, Guides, horticultural events, Citizens' Association meetings, etc., for the time being.

Room for doing the town's business is most important, all will agree, but surely the least council could have done was to call in representatives of the various organizations using the town hall, and vitally interested in it, point out the situation, and ask for any better suggestions. Instead, if it hadn't been for the "grapevine" none would have known about the partition until the office was open for business.

In discussing the appointment of Mr. Grimm as secretary-treasurer there can be no question regarding his capability. But whether the same man should be town secretary-treasurer and in the real estate business, buildings inspector and representing building contractors, is another, very different matter indeed.

Apart from the question as to whether a real estate business comes strictly within the town's by-laws it offers, potentially, a most unhappy situation. Council should not press Mr. Grimm into accepting what could develop into an awkward position for both himself and the town he seeks to serve.

Mr. Grimm's abilities and knowledge of the town make him seem a logical and natural choice as town secretary-treasurer. But one wonders if it is the part of wisdom or propriety, if it is in either his interests or those of the town, that he should take on this new post while already occupied in the manner that he is.

In looking after town affairs it is not council's duty to come running to the citizens for permission before making a decision, but a little less secrecy on what they must have felt would be a contentious issue would perhaps have eliminated the present controversy and saved Mr. Grimm the embarrassment he undoubtedly feels.

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