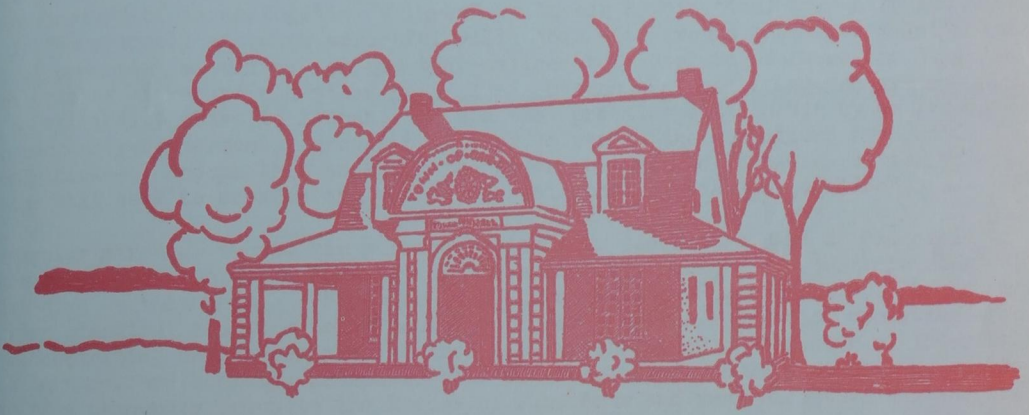


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COMMUNITY

In the concluding chapters of his book, "The Mature Mind", H. A. Overstreet has drawn for us a challenging picture of a community in which "practically all the adults came to a realization of their unfulfilled adulthood. Imagine the adults in that community agreeing that their adult years should be devoted, as far as other obligations make possible, to maturing their adulthood; to making it a triumph of new significance instead of an apologetic dullness". In his hypothetical community the adults would "consciously and with effortful will, join with groups that make significance out of promoting maturity; groups that deliberately seek to overcome the dangerous immaturities of racial and other prejudice; groups that encourage the citizen mind to be critically alive to issues; groups that practice citizenship by active work for community betterment; groups that seek to remove the conditions that hold people back--; groups that work for the wiser nurture and education of the young; groups that seek to broaden and deepen the spiritual foundations of life".

A singular march of events has perhaps excited our fancy that Baie d'Urfé could become such a community. Fortunately there are very real, firm, concrete elements which give us this hope. There are such things as the progress which is being made in town planning, the work being done by our newly formed recreation committee which is concentrating on outdoor play centres for our children, a reopening of interest in a horticulture society, prospects of a film society for next winter, a possible trip of a community group to the Museum of Fine Arts and your executive's plans for our next citizens' meeting. There are other manifestations that we are moving in the right direction; we mention these particularly because they are the substance of this month's paper.

We are happy too, to be able to tell you of a tribute to our community, and more especially to our Citizens' Association. We were the subject of a broadcast beamed round the world through the International Service of the CBC. Mrs. Helen Peters, who lives in our town gathered the information about our organization for this broadcast. Those of us who had the privilege of hearing Dr. Ira Dilworth, head of the CBC International Service when he spoke at the Macdonald College Club last week were both proud and humble at the honour. Dr. Dilworth said that these broadcasts were Canada's invitation to people in other countries to look at and understand our culture, the pattern of our existence, and that they were based on the belief that it is of supreme importance at this time that countries understand each other. He saw them as a "mission of humaneness". We hope we are and are becoming mature enough to deserve this tribute.

THE RECORD

At the Association's regular monthly meeting held on March 10th, Mr. S. Nagley, chairman, conducted the meeting. Correspondence included a letter from the Provincial Transport regarding fare increases in which further discussion was invited and a letter to the Town Council regarding lighting of the cut-off between Station and Lakeview Roads. Instead of handling charitable appeals through one Welfare Committee, a chairman is to be appointed to handle each appeal as requested. Following the reading of a memorandum on horticultural societies, a motion was carried that a standing horticulture committee be formed to investigate further and that Mr. Ewing Tait be asked to act as chairman. New members introduced were Mrs. Muir, Mr. and Mrs. F. Ritchie and Mrs. McDonald. Motions were approved that the Council be asked to change the sign reading Station Road to Bayview Rd., that the Town Planning Committee consult the Council regarding tree planting which was postponed last Fall, and that a letter be sent to Council stating that membership is concerned about an infraction of the building by-laws and is anxious to have the by-laws adhered to. Mr. P. Holliday was made an honorary life member of the association. Mr. Laird was asked to arrange an evening of documentary films in the Town Hall before the end of the month. The meeting adjourned at 9.30 and was followed by a movie and discussion on recreation, the report on which will be found elsewhere in this paper.

Doris Cape -- Recording Secretary.

TOWN PLANNING -- RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT

Town planning is not a new subject in this paper nor, to look behind it, to the Citizens' Association and the individuals who comprise it. There has been thought, discussion and work applied to the purpose of developing a town which will be beautiful in which to live. It is generally known that Prof. John Bland, learned in town planning as well as architecture, and our near neighbour, was engaged by our Council to work on a basic plan for the town. Prof. Bland does not come to this assignment cold. He has been at meetings of our Citizens' Association and he has had his feelers out for thoughtful suggestions from individuals within it on how they would like to see the town develop. He pointed out that as the last relatively open space on the Lakeshore we had opportunities and responsibilities which were in some measure unique. We now wish to report that the aerial survey map has been completed, including contours of the land which are of importance in plotting roads. Mr. Bland at the request of our Council, is working now on a basic plan for the town. This means he is planning roads, parks, safeways, exits to Lakeshore Road as well as zoning and building by-laws. The zoning by-laws will have to do with the use of the land for service areas, road areas, size of lots, placement of buildings on lots and placement of wells and septic tanks. Building by-laws will concern themselves with the construction of houses and are being based on the National Building Code. Other duties of Mr. Bland will be to approve sub-divisions as he investigates them and makes suggestions to those persons wanting such sub-division. There will be more to report in a future issue of our paper. This report is by way of preparation for something in which we are all vitally concerned.

ABOUT BAIE d'URFE ON THE AIR

As mentioned in our editorial preface to this edition, Mrs. Helen Peters has prepared material which was broadcast around the world through the channels of CBC International Service using as her subject our Citizens' Association. Mrs. Peters has explained that our association is seen as one facet of our Canadian culture in which listeners in other lands will be interested and perhaps find some inspiration. She has inquired about its birth, its growth and its influence on our administration and our life. She wanted to know how we worked through our committees, our newspaper, our Council. She asked how we worked together and how we played together within our community association. Altogether it has been a sensitive and at the same time comprehensive search. For a twelve-minute broadcast she gathered twenty-five pages of notes from which to select the material she would use. The broadcast was translated into twelve languages for relay to thirty-six countries, and went out on Friday and Saturday mornings, March 24th and 25th.

PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

At the Executive meeting held on Monday, March 13th, estimates of the 1950 income and disbursements covering the various activities of your association were presented. These estimates indicate that if the executive carry out the apparent wishes of the Association, we will strike a budgetary deficit in the year's operations of between three and four hundred dollars. Steps are being taken to establish a Committee on Ways and Means of Financing and we request the co-operation of all members with that Committee in their efforts to raise the required funds.

So far our paid-up membership for 1950 barely exceeds fifty per cent of the 1949 total. Those who have overlooked paying their 1950 fees are requested to remit direct to the Treasurer. If this is not convenient, they may telephone 2691 and the Treasurer will be glad to call. He will do practically anything for two bucks.

Henry McKee -- Treasurer.

We'd rather like to see what happens if someone took up that dare. But seriously, fees should be paid, and the three months of grace have now passed. We are not removing from our mailing list names of members who are in arrears this month because this seems to be an important issue and we know intentions are good.

AN INVITATION

It will be remembered that last year the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts held a membership campaign in an effort to extend their facilities and services throughout greater Montreal and to reach a more representative and larger number of people. An enthusiastic interest was shown by the Lakeshore residents, although the problems of transportation and baby sitters prevented many from participating in the Museum activities.

This year the Museum brings to you an exhibition of exceptional merit -- 18th Century Art of France and England -- made up of historical treasures of the Metropolitan Museum, the collections of Rockefeller and Morgan and many other sources. It includes Gobelin tapestries woven by command of Louis XVI, Gainsborough drawings, Fragonard and Watteau paintings, furniture, silver, porcelain of the period to mention but a few. It is said to be the outstanding exhibition of its kind ever to be shown on this Continent.

Tickets are on sale at fifty cents for adults and twenty-five cents for children, good for the duration of the exhibition April 27th to May 31st. Tickets for the official opening by His Excellency, the Governor General and Lady Alexander on Wednesday, April 26th and for the duration are \$3.50 for members and \$5.00 for non-members. Groups of twenty or more will be met at the door and conducted through by appointment.

If enough people are interested perhaps a group of Baie d'Urfé citizens could be organized and transportation arranged. For those who cannot go during the day the Gallery is open on Wednesday evenings. Telephone me at 466 for further information.

Elizabeth Yates.

FILM NIGHT

Our first attempt at showing a group of documentary films to citizens was a huge success. The attendance of approximately forty people was not large but the selection of films and the response were excellent. They took you from the northern tip of Norway to the failure of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge. Three of the films shown were in colour and three in black-white. One film featured Kenneth Spencer, Baritone. His voice impressed the group and many requests were made to show it again but time was too short. Much credit goes to John Windebank for the idea and to Doug Laird for getting and showing the films. In this he was assisted by Reg Vidler. We are sorry that Doug had to go without supper because of late arrival of films. Of such stuff is devotion to duty. The reaction of those who experienced the showing was so enthusiastic that plans were laid to have similar showings a number of times next year. Won't you come to the next meeting prepared to give us guidance with regards to the number of movies and how they may be financed?

Peter Smith.

SCHOOL AFFAIRS

The biggest issue in school affairs at the moment is the request by the Protestant Department of Education that our Central School Board become a Consolidated School Board. The members, Baie d'Urfé, Senneville, Vaudreuil and Ile Perrot all agree that the present status is the one we prefer as it gives us better representation and control of our respective tax areas. This difficulty must be ironed out before the financing of the new school can be undertaken.

A satisfactory arrangement has been worked out with McGill University for the purchase of the present school and sufficient land for an addition which will open on to Maple Avenue. These negotiations have been long and intricate and we owe a great deal to the members of the Central Board for their able handling of them. This agreement cannot be completed until the status of the Central Board has been clarified.

Kindergarten will be held in the United Church Hall next Fall and an assistant is to be hired to help the Kindergarten teacher with the large class expected. Heating, cleaning etc. will cost around \$1,000. Two classes will be held in the basement of the school. A wooden floor is to be laid.

The Provincial Government is expected to defray the cost of a school nurse to be shared by Macdonald High School and Hudson Heights High School.

The Protestant Department of Education has paid half of the cost of \$2,500 worth of new equipment bought in the last two years, assisted in the purchase of visual aid equipment, made a new grant of \$2,000 for the improvement of the salary scale and donated funds to the classroom libraries.

Central Board Meetings are held in the High School the third Thursday of each month. They are open to the public. Make a point of attending at least once a year. You owe it to your trustees.

Julie Evans

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Your trustees are preparing to go through the forms necessary to become commissioners. A majority of Protestant ratepayers will be required to sign a petition. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the School Affairs Committee listed below so that the actual taking of the signatures may occupy as little time as possible.

Mrs. J. Evans, Mrs. D. Laird, Mrs. R. Powrie, Mr. M. Proudfoot, Mr. R. Baker, Mr. Walter.

NOTES ON COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 14TH

Re association request for lighting of Lakeview "cut-off", cost of this to be investigated. Re Morrison case, Mr. Long instructed to contact Mr. Morrison and ask again for a definite proposal as to what he would do to make the building in question conform with by-laws. No decision taken as to action on his construction without a permit. Condition of roads and ditches was discussed; situation on Station Road explained as due to breakdown of the snow plow. Mayor Case pointed out the difficulty of obtaining casual labour to assist Mr. Robertson. The same limitation was mentioned in connection with keeping Town Hall clean. Mayor promised all possible effort would be made to keep the hall clean. Re changing name of Station Road to Bayview, council referred this back to association with suggestion that a more suitable name be submitted. Town Planning committee reported that they hope to have concrete proposals for zoning and building by-laws ready prior to the next meeting. Several proposed new sub-divisions were discussed and referred to the Town Planning Consultant, Mr. Bland.

John Evans

AGENDA FOR MEETING, APRIL 14TH

1. Fire committee and volunteer brigade for discussion.
2. Sunday School and its problems.
3. New name for Station Road instead of Bayview, as requested by Council.
4. General maintenance of Town Hall as it concerns our use.
5. Mr. Paul Dawson, Chairman of Town Planning Committee will present facts re Tree Planting.
6. Mr. Ewing Tait, Chairman of Horticulture, to present suggested programme of his committee for 1950.

And to conclude the meeting, and this is quite special, a choir of women's voices conducted by Mrs. Gertrude Macfarlane of Macdonald College, will sing for our listening pleasure a group of Easter carols, folk songs and chorales. We are very pleased indeed that this group, some of whom are from Baie d'Urfé, has consented to come to us that evening.

Your Executive

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Sympathy is extended to Mrs. John Scott and Mr. Bud Scott on the recent death of Mr. John Scott, husband and father. Mr. Scott and his family have lived at 20073 Lakeshore Road for many years.

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MORE ABOUT RECREATION PLANNING

A synopsis of the discussion at the last association meeting.

A. LONG RANGE OBJECTIVES TOWARD WHICH WE SHOULD DIRECT OUR PLANNING

- (1) A Community Playing Field -- for team games (baseball, softball, hockey, etc.) track and field sports, tennis and volley ball etc. These facilities would be designed for children from about 12 years upward and for adults. This area would be located as centrally as possible.
- (2) Neighbourhood Playgrounds -- for swings, slides, jungle gym, wading pool, area for hopscotch etc. These would be designed for children from 4 to 12 (backyard facilities at home for toddlers). Playgrounds are needed for College Green and Station-Lakeview (or Bayview-Lakeview) Roads; a small playground might also be equipped as part of the central community playing field.
- (3) Improved swimming and boating facilities at the town hall beach.
- (4) A community hall for meetings, parties, hobbies and community recreation activities generally.
- (5) Parkways to connect these areas and to provide access to them from all parts of the town.

B. TARGETS FOR THIS SUMMER

- (1) A painting and patching bee to get the swimming floats in shape.
- (2) Set up some equipment on the College Green playground area (6½ lots) which has already been set aside by the council.
- (3) Mark off ball diamonds in those localities which need them, can find suitable areas and can get permission to make temporary use of them.

THESE WERE THE OPINIONS EXPRESSED --- THE NEXT MOVE IS THE FORMATION OF WORKING COMMITTEES TO BEGIN ACTION ON THE IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVES.

AROUND OUR TOWN

Mr. Fred Dorion accepted the invitation of your Executive Committee to be chairman of the Birthday Party of the Association to be held in April. He is gathering his committee together and will have more to report at the next general meeting. Mr. Dorion asks us to say he is hoping for your support.

Mrs. DeWitt, assisted by Mrs. Proudfoot and Mrs. Powrie acted as hostesses at the last general meeting.

Mrs. Peters has informed us that special permission has been received from CBC International Service to have her story about our town transferred to a record which will be played at a Citizens' Association meeting. This may be the April 14th meeting, if arrangements have been completed in time. It cannot be promised definitely for that date but she is hopeful.

We are very happy that Mr. D. H. Allan is to be chairman for Baie d'Urfé Day. We are hoping for a story and list of his committee members for the next month's paper.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Belcher, Lakeview Rd., on the birth of a daughter.

You will probably have noted elsewhere that Mr. Ewing Tait has accepted the chairmanship of the Horticulture Committee. We are pleased that the winner of last year's Horticulture Show continues to demonstrate his unflagging interest.

The usual large number of Baie d'Urfé residents were present at the last Community Concert held at Macdonald College on March 17th. This was a truly artistic performance by William Primrose, world's finest viola player and there was a delighted and warm response. We will be offered the opportunity of subscribing for the 1950-51 season when the official membership campaign opens on May 1st.

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