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Every householder is familiar with that experience which comes about this time of year when spring cleaning is in the air - the experience of bringing to light again things which have been saved because they might "come in handy" but lost sight of temporarily under the debris of day-to-day living. Such might be considered the record of the activities and achievements of our Association as recounted in the past issues of News and Views carefully hoarded by its editors. It seems to your executive, that it would be timely to blow the dust off this file, as it were, and set out in brief form an account of the subjects with which the Association has concerned itself both to enlighten the newer members and to refresh the memories of those who may have forgotten what has been done. It is proposed to present this material in forthcoming issues of the paper that those who are still running may read.

THE RECORD

The regular monthly meeting was held at the Town Hall on March 9th, 1951 with John Windebank presiding. Three students from the Sociology Class at Macdonald College who are taking the Paie d'Urfe Citizens Association as their special study project were welcomed. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. New residents introduced were Mr. J.F. McKenzie of Lakeshore Rd., Mr. D.G. Edwards of Lakeview Rd., and Dr. and Mrs. Swan, of Morgan Road. Mr. Waverley reported a present paid-up membership of 75. His eleven member committee has zoned the Town with a committee member in charge of each section, as follows: College Green - Mr. Buch; Lakeshore Rd. - Mrs. Christian, Mr. Laird, Mr. Greenfield, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Bjorn; Sunny Acres - Mr. Nikolaiczuk; Morgan Rd. - Mr. Kinmond, Mr. Waverley; Lakeview Rd. - Mr. Perkes, Mr. Cochrane. Mr. Ritchie reported that his committee had decided to work on the playground project without waiting for the Town Council to act on the request for a grant of money. (A complete report of the committee's activities is detailed elsewhere in this paper). Reporting on School Affairs, Mr. Fry noted that at the last meeting of the Central School Board, salary increases to the present scale of the Montreal School Board had been voted. It is expected that the plans for the new school will be completed by the end of March, and when they have been approved by the Provincial Department, tenders will be called for. It is hoped that building will be started this spring. Correspondence regarding postal services was read including a letter from Postmaster-General Rinfret in reply to an inquiry by Mr. Duncan regarding carrier delivery service. Mr. Rinfret informs us that in order to establish independent carrier service, an area's postal revenue must exceed \$50,000 per annum and the number of points of call to be served must exceed \$2,500. Therefore Paie d'Urfe cannot be considered eligible for this service. The Corresponding Secretary has sent out other letters in accordance with requests made at last general meeting.

It was announced that a referendum on the subject of minimum area for new building lots in zone B was planned by the Council but has been postponed. The balance from the Christmas party Fund of \$28.45 was voted to the Recreation Committee for use in its current projects. Mr. Vidler's suggestion that Committee Chairmen, unable to be present at a meeting, hold themselves responsible for putting committee reports in the hands of his committee for presentation, was approved. The campaigns of the Red Cross Society and the Lachine General Hospital Women's Auxiliary were announced for the immediate future. Following the conclusion of the business, Messrs. Windebank, Smythe, Nagley and Cruickshank presented a discussion on the origins, objectives and accomplishments of the Paie d'Urfe Citizens Association. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Grimm, Mrs. Pinkey and Miss Barbara Nagley.

Ruth Tait - Recording Secretary.

A panel discussion was held on the "present status and future objectives" of the Citizens Association at its March meeting. Heading up the panel was John Windebank, present chairman. After a few introductory remarks, Mr. Windebank introduced the other members of the panel, all of whom are past chairmen; Harvey Cruickshank, Sid Nagley and Harry Smythe.

Mr. Smythe, one of the "founding fathers", described how the Association began out of a growth of community spirit and interest in town affairs. Mr. Nagley reviewed the past activities and functions which the Association had sponsored. Dr. Cruickshank discussed the objectives of the Association past and present. The panel then covered Association problems in general. Following this the audience was divided into three groups under the leadership of Fred Ritchie, Lionel Evans and Mary Coulter. These groups considered the major and minor problems of the community and Association with particular reference to the future. The discussion leaders reported back to the meeting, reconvened as a whole. It is important to note here, for the benefit of those not present, that the following items reported were not necessarily the views of the majority of any one group nor, of course, of the meeting as a whole.

Mr. Ritchie's group expressed some concern at the relatively small percentage of the town residents who were paid up members of the Association, and hoped that there would be action on this. The suggestion was made that a steering committee deal with minor and local complaints and save time at meetings. This group felt that the Association should cultivate an attitude of co-operation with the Town Council as opposed to one of dictation. Mrs. Coulter's group discussed the present system of electing the Town Council. It was felt by some members of this group that there was danger in this system of the councillors becoming the pressure group of the Citizens Association and not representative of the whole town. Approval was expressed of the past and present activities of the Association. It was suggested that consideration be given to the formation of a fire brigade. Mr. Evans said that the members of his group had discussed the following points: the considerable delay in the posting of new road signs; recreation, the opinion was expressed that the recreation report may stimulate interest in this problem; attendance at meetings, it was felt that the poor ventilation of the hall was responsible for some lack of attendance and that this was not only due to the discomfort but also because of health in the case of members having sinus trouble, etc.

The comment regarding election of the Council brought forth spirited discussion. A suggestion was made that meetings be held less frequently than monthly and this also brought forth divergent views. It was explained that the matter of paid-up membership was less serious than would appear, since it was a common occurrence for a large percentage of the dues to be unpaid at this time of the year.

John Evans

RECREATION COMMITTEE - A PROGRESS REPORT

Following meetings at which the matter of recreation needs were given careful consideration, immediate requirements and some longer range goals were decided upon. The Association was asked to advise the Council that nothing further be done on our request for an expenditure towards parks and playgrounds equipment this year. However, it was decided to request the Council in writing that they study the importance of playgrounds in our community and also that they consider annual expenditure for playgrounds in their new budget. Meanwhile, Tom Vauthier, Brad Proudfoot and Fred Ritchie will obtain photographs and details, prices and dimensions for suitable backstops for ball grounds. Collections will be made in the two areas (east and west) and work parties organized for their construction. The surplus of \$25.00 from the Christmas Party will be split to start both collections off. The intention is to push baseball and it is felt that the results will show that team sports are essential in a community with so many young people. A further decision was reached to approach a resident to form a committee which would start work in August to study the possibilities of forming a Skating Club financed, probably, by membership. After the study this committee would report their plan to the Association and to the Council. The Royal Trust Co. is to be

approached regarding the possible tearing down of a barn on the Sunny Acres property to see if any of the wood may be procured for rinks or ball parks. Roy Cape is being asked to be O.C. maintenance and installation of the wharf and swimming raft. The recreation committee plans to work closely with the person in charge to obtain work parties and materials.

Fred Ritchie
Chairman, Recreation Committee

COMING EVENTS

The Birthday Party! Everyone remembers what a good chore last year's committee did in making the Birthday party a memorable event. We are pleased to announce that Mr. Kai Bjorn has accepted the chairmanship of this year's planning committee and since he was the chief assistant to Mr. Fred Dorion who was last year's chairman, it augures well. The Birthday Party will be on Friday, April 27th, and there will be four candles on the cake.

Nominations for Candidates for Town Council - The executive is working on this matter and hopes to have its nominees and other pertinent information regarding method and date of election for the next issue of the paper.

Auction Sale - This is not expected to be an event this year, but we include this notice under this heading, since that is where some may expect to find it. Acting on the advice of the last year's Auction Sale Committee, the executive has tentatively decided that the well of saleable material has temporarily run dry. If there is any bold diviner who can tell us where there are large and fresh supplies, by all means bring your rod along to the next Association meeting. It is expected that there will be disappointment that the sale is likely to be by-passed this year since it has become known as a very jolly occasion, but experience was a great teacher to last year's committee.

Baie d'Urfe Day - This will probably be held in July again this year and we anticipate an announcement of a chairman and committee in the near future.

TOWN PLANNING

The executive wishes to announce the appointment of Harry Smythe as a liaison between the Town Council and the Citizens Association for Town Planning purposes. His will be an assignment of interpreting the will of the Citizens to the Council and keeping the Association in touch with Town Planning activities and proposed legislation of the Council.

NEXT MEETING - Friday April 13

Rising slowly but steadily up through the conversations these days about basements damping up and plants damping off, you can hear more and more talk that indicates the concern we feel about the future recreation facilities for our children. It is indeed wise that we think and plan ahead.

We are fortunate in that our executive has obtained a speaker for the next meeting who is not only an authority on recreation and sport but who has done a great deal in and around Montreal in organizing recreation for Youth. He is Mr. Ron Morier, the well known sports commentator whom we have all heard many times on radio station CJAD. From past references, his talk is full of concrete suggestions pertaining to our particular problems and should prove constructive and most enjoyable.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Horticultural Society is making plans to supply peat moss or black muck, fertilizers, insecticides and some seeds to its members at wholesale prices through quantity buying. A detailed announcement of supplies available and prices will be mailed to members in a couple of weeks. If there is sufficient demand, peat moss can be supplied at approximately \$2.50 a large bale, delivered Ste. Annes. This will be the fine granulated horticultural grade. About 150 bales would have to be ordered to obtain this price and the plan cannot be proceeded with unless there is assurance that we can dispose of this quantity. As an alternative, arrangements may be made to purchase black muck at approximately \$3.00 a cubic yard.

Members who are interested in obtaining supplies, particularly the peat moss, should advise Ernie DeWitt, phone 2331 or Ewing Tait, phone 876, at once. Information on preferred materials and approximate quantities is required now.

Ewing Tait
Chairman, Horticultural Society

COUNCIL NOTES

The contract with Scott for snow-clearance has been cancelled. Negotiations with Connelly will be continued by the Council.

Alderman Yates will continue to act as Weeds Inspector.

The Building Inspector will be asked to investigate Mr. Clarkson's statement that his lot is encroached upon at one corner by the Lakeview Road.

A complaint that the Goodwell barn is a fire hazard is resulting in the renewal of the Council's demand that the condemned building be pulled down. Destruction may be undertaken by the Council with the bill for costs being presented to the owner.

The Council's demand that the old excavation on Morgan Road, be filled is also being renewed and will be pressed to a conclusion.

The work on preparation of a town budget is continuing but no figures have been presented yet.

A record of town planning development is to be undertaken for historic reasons

A request was heard from the Citizens Association that when far-reaching developments (such as the proposed referendum on building-lot sizes) are under way, the Council make some effort to keep the executive of the Association informed of significant moves.

John Windebank
Chairman, Citizens Association

MOVIE CLUB

Two more Staurday morning shows, Two-Gun Troubador and Last of the Mohicans, on April 7 and 21 respectively, will wind up the season. None of the three adult movies shown were well attended; no further showings will be attempted. Those who have attended have been enthusiastic but the expense and effort involved do not justify continuation unless some other approach can be worked out for next season which will result in better attendance.

Sixty families have joined the movie club. Expenses for the season will exceed revenue by about eighty dollars, fifty of the eighty being the additional cost of the trial series of three adult movies.

One car has provided (though gladly) almost all the transportation of the projector equipment to and from the Hall this season. We suggest that next year this duty might be shared by four drivers, each of whom would be responsible for four movie dates. This will be worked out by the new movie committee next fall. Please do your best if you are asked for your services.

John Windebank

AROUND OUR TOWN

Mrs. George Buch and Mrs. Douglas Munro are giving some assistance to the editor in an advisory capacity. We feel it is important too to have readily available someone who can and will pick up the business of getting the paper to press in case of an unforeseen emergency. Appreciation is due to the volunteers who assist Mrs. Smith in getting the paper assembled and mailed on time as there is usually very little leeway between getting it from the printers and out to its readers, and unpredictable demands are made on the leisure time of those who have taken on this job. Mrs. Powrie and Mrs. K. S. Brown continue to act as correspondents but news and comment from any subscriber are welcome. The paper comes to you through the paid-up membership of the Association.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Brailey, Lakewiew Road, on the birth of a son.