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EXPERT ON DOG TRAINING TO SPEAK NEXT FRIDAY

COMMUNITY CENTRE PROPOSALS ALSO ON AGENDA

Dog owners, of which this town has its full share, will have their imings at the Citizens' Association meeting next Friday, May 9. The guest speaker will be Mr. F.H. Mingie of Pointe Claire, who is vice president of the Montreal Dog Obedience Association and has made a close study of dog training methods.

Mr. Mingie's advice should be very helpful to every dog owner who wants a happy, but obedient, dog. It may also be helpful to the non-dog-owners who would like to do a little training of some neighbors' dogs who delight in digging up their flowers or lawns. In fact, if everyone expresses himself freely, the meeting may end up in a dog fight.

Also on the agenda for next Friday is a discussion of ways and means of implementing the idea for a community centre which was introduced in a tentative way at the last meeting. Do you think the time has come for immediate action? If so, do you think it should be financed privately as a club, or should the town be asked to erect a structure large enough to serve for meetings, dances, sports, boat house and so on?

Come to the next meeting armed with your opinions on these matters. As usual, refreshments will be served.

AUCTION COMMITTEE WANTS TO KNOW DURING NEXT WEEK

WHAT YOU WILL HAVE FOR SALE AT MAY 31 EVENT

Ernie DeWitt and his hard working Auction Sale committee will hold a meeting on May 12, at which they plan to line up arrangements for the Sale on May 31, as definitely as possible. Accordingly citizens are asked to co-operate by getting in touch with their team captains and letter them know what they would to turn into cash.

The committee will arrange transportation to the Town Hall, and return transportation for anything unsold. A reserve bid may be placed on any article, to establish a minimum selling price. To cover transportation and other costs the commission taken by the Association will be 15% of sales, rather than 10% as in the past, according to a decision of this year's committee. The auction will start at 2 p.m. and continue as long as there are things to be sold.

Apart from the actual auction, there will be over-the-counter sales of some things such as vegetable and flower plants, as in the past. A refreshment booth will be set up to restore the parched throats of shouting buyers and, not incidentally, help keep the children amused. All in all, May 31st should provide a lot of fun for local families -- with profit for those who dig out unwanted articles such as radios, toys, sporting goods, books, clothing glassware, tools, furniture and what not, and put them up for sale. Incidentally, this would be a good day to invite some of your bargain-hunting friends out from the city for a visit.

Paul Dawson has been added to the working committee, to look after the western end of Lakeshore Road. The lineup with phone numbers so you can advise the appropriate party of your saleable goods, follows: Chairman, Ernie DeWitt (2331); Secretary, Syd. Creates (2628); Assistant Secretary, Bob Brown, (2252); Treasurer, Herb Brookhouse (2888). Team Captains will be: Sunny Acres, Frank Smith (2161); Lakeview Rd., Harry Reath (2279); Morgan Rd., Charlie Cavell; St. Andrew's Rd., Baldy Norcott (2351); Oxford Rd., Peter Smith (2611); Lakeshore Rd. East, J.A. Gudewell (2056); Lakeshore West, Paul Dawson (2391)

NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY, MAY 9, TOWN HALL
SUBJECTS: THE CARE AND TRAINING OF DOGS
and
HOW SHOULD WE FINANCE A COMMUNITY CENTRE?

GET READY FOR THE AUCTION SALE, SATURDAY, MAY 31

BAIE D'URFE MAY ACQUIRE A POSTMISTRESS

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AND A NEW POST OFFICE LOCATION, TOO

Consideration has been given the possibility of moving the Post Office out of the Town Hall at various times in the past, because the postmaster's duties tie down Mr. Robertson for many hours a day, interfering with some of his other duties. It seems likely that a solution has now been found, through the willingness of Madge Owen to conduct a Post Office in her home at 12 Lakeview.

The matter is scheduled for discussion and possibly a decision at the May meeting of the Town Council. It was raised at the last meeting of the Association, where opinion appeared to be in strong favour of the change. Although the location would be slightly less convenient than the Town Hall for west end residents, it would result in a financial saving for the town, since it would release a good deal of Mr. Robertson's time for other work needing to be done.

Should it be decided to make this change, some little time will be required for Postal Department formalities and physical alteration in Mrs. Owen's home, so presumably everyone will have plenty of advance notice of the change of address.

URCHINS, SPARE THEM LIGHTS! CRASH NOT A SINGLE BULB!

One of the seasonal afflictions of the younger generation, it seems, is a desire to deface the street lights as a demonstration of marksmanship with rock and B-B gun.

This might be good clean fun except that the town has to hire a truck with the necessary equipment for replacing the lights, hoisting the tax bill just a little bit. In addition, of course, is the fact that street lights exist to help people get around safely, and they don't function very effectively after being hit by a stone or B-B pellet.

During one short period recently, ten bulbs had to be replaced in the west end of town, six of them on a certain three poles. Parents are asked to speak to their children about the problem and get their co-operation in reducing this type of waste.

FIREWORKS DISPLAYS IN BOTH ENDS OF TOWNWILL HELP TO GIVE CHILDREN A SAFE 24TH

Any parent knows that you can't buy very much in the way of fireworks for two dollars these days, but even a small quantity can lead to a nasty burn, or worse.

Accordingly we expect everyone will be in favour of a project now getting under way, which will provide extensive displays of fireworks in both College Green and Morgan parks, for which families in the neighborhood will be asked to contribute \$2 each. Assuming that some \$50 - \$60 is collected in each area, the local children should see a display far beyond anything possible if families were to buy their fireworks independently, and see it much more safely.

Arrangements have been made to sell soft drinks and doughnuts at modest prices in College Green (and possibly Morgan park) to add to the party atmosphere for the kiddies.

REFERENDUM LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE IN JUNE

The May meeting of the Town Council, Tuesday, May 6, is expected to set the date for holding the referendum on changes in the town's zoning by-law. The procedure is to post the notice of proposed changes publicly, and hold the referendum one month later, making a mid-June date the earliest likely time.

When the date has been set, it is expected that the Citizens' Association will set up an organization to "get out the vote", since it is necessary for two-thirds of all eligible voters to cast ballots in such a referendum, or the vote is not valid. To be adopted, the amendments must be favored by a majority of voters representing more than half of the town's property values.

It is felt that everyone is acquainted with the issues at stake, as a result of Association discussions and a complete outline in News & Views, so all that is necessary now is to see that voters actually get to the poll to express their opinions.

SCHOOL CHILDREN CAN TOAST THEIR GOOD LUCK THIS YEAR

CLASSES OVER ON JUNE 6 EXCEPT FOR UNFORTUNATE FEW

Macdonald school children will enjoy an extra two weeks of vacation this year, to give the contractors time to renovate and alter the old school building by September. In a notice to parents, Principal Malcolm Davies has outlined the special arrangements as now planned. For the benefit of parents whose children lost theirs on the way home - and there must have been some - here is the gist of the notice.

1. Regular school sessions (without formal examinations) until Friday June 6th.
2. In all grades except 10 and 11, Third Term marks will be allocated on basis of work done during term. The Year's Mark will be computed in the usual fashion; and reports will be mailed on June 9th.
3. All pupils of Grades K to IV inclusive will leave on June 6th.
4. In Grades V-VI-VII-VIII-IX this procedure will be followed:
  - a. All pupils who have passed the grade on the Year's Mark will leave on June 6th.
  - b. Pupils who have not passed on the year's work will return to a room in the Main Building of Macdonald College to write examinations.
  - c. Pupils who are to write examinations will be notified on June 6th and will be informed by mail of results of exams.

Mr. Davies closed by regretting the need to have a few pupils write formal examinations, especially in unfamiliar rooms, but said he felt that the students concerned should have the opportunity to write.

POTTERS' GUILD PLANS TWO SPECIAL MAY EVENTS

The small but active Lakeshore Potters' Guild, which consists largely of Baie d'Urfe femininity, plans two special lectures during May in addition to its regular program of pottery making in the workshop at the home of Dr. Cameron on Maple Ave.

The first event is a talk on "Pottery from the Potter's Viewpoint at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts on May 14, when the members expect to learn a good deal about methods used in producing pottery objects in the historical past.

Then on May 20, the Guild will have as its guest Pierre Normandeau, head of the Ceramics Section of the Ecole des Meubles in Montreal, who will lecture on glazes. The educational part of the evening will be preceded by a short business session.

OVERFLOW CROWD ENJOYS GAMES AND SKITS

AT FIFTH BAIE D'URFE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Standing room only was available for the last 20 or 30 arrivals at Baie d'Urfe's fifth birthday party, held April 26 in the Town Hall. The full house, possibly the largest crowd yet accommodated in the premises, enjoyed a laugh-packed program of games and skits arranged by Bill Corbett and Jack Mitcham with the co-operation of a lot of other people.

Included in the festivities were a barber shop quartet competition between representatives of the Council and the Association; a surgical operation which removed many things from Doug Laird including his ambition; and a historical paper read by Jack Mitcham, launching the Baie d'Urfe Antiquarian and Numismatic society, an organization devoted to civic uplift and increased alcoholic content in Quebec liquor.

The evening was topped off with a large birthday cake with five candles, and other refreshments through the courtesy of Mary Ware and her committee, in this case consisting of Marge Evans, Jean Vauthier, Merle Parker, Cathie Willets, Nelle Moore, Isabelle Perks, and Mary Smith.

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As a result of popular request by the author, who is considerably bigger than the editor, we present here some excerpts from the paper introducing the Antiquarian and Numismatic Society, for the benefit of those who did not attend the Birthday Party, and may wish to join this new and progressive organization.

The Baie d'Urfe Antiquarian and Numismatic Society was born of a growing belief on the part of its founding fathers that the historical plaque which profanes the wall of our Town Hall is an obvious forgery. This opinion was confirmed in recent weeks when the real history of the Town came to light after considerable intellectual research. While digging out his septic tank to locate a block in his typically quaint town plumbing system, Mr. Harold Brown discovered the cause of his trouble to be an old parchment worn with age and Super Suds. It turned out to be the real authenticated history of Baie d'Urfee.

I will give you a condensed version of the parchment which Mr. Brown has deposited with the Society's librarian, Mrs. Julia Evans, who is the children's bookie in the third grade at Macdonald High School. It would appear that the earliest settler was a nobleman of the Ancient French house of Gelinus who had received a grant of land or seignory in the west end of Montreal Island from Louis Quinze of France. Choosing the most attractive lot as a site for his own baronial chateau, le Conte de Gelinus quickly subdivided the rest and sold it at exorbitant prices to immigrants from other European countries who soon followed the path he had cleared to this wilderness paradise.

To honour the memory of this pioneer, it is the intention of the Society to erect a bronze statue of Comte de Gelinus, Cavalier de la Baie d'Urfee on town property with the first funds that became available. We feel that it is only fitting that his direct descendant, Jean Gelinus should serve as a model for this work of art. To review briefly the part taken by other leaders in the establishment of this New World colony, I will name a few I am sure you will recognize by their modern counterparts.

There was a courieur de bois known as Alain de la Champs Verts who later through his knowledge of woodcraft became a King Scout. He was the settlement's first notaire, or notary, as we say in Ontario, but he soon found there was more money in selling wigwam insurance to the friendly Algonquins who were constantly getting burned out by the Iroquois. To the direct descendant of that enterprising life underwriter, Alan Greenfield, we have a presentation to make in honour of his ancestor's memory.

A tireless worker in the course of Temperance in that early community was le Duc de Bastien who had the Indians for miles around sign the pledge. His family motto which, loosely translated from the Latin, read "Lips that touch liquor shall never touch mine" has since been changed by his descendants to "Candy is dandy but liquor is quicker". To the seventh Duke, Jerry Bastien of Caron Point we have a presentation to make.....

We have considered the past and the present but what of the future? What tasks of civic enterprise remain to be tackled? Well the first and most pressing need, of course, is a subway. Running the full width of the town and operating on a five minute schedule, it would place the liquor store at Ste. Annes practically at everyone's doorstep. Five minutes after the baby bonus cheque arrived, a Baie d'Urfee housewife could have a bottle of gin once again in the kitchen cupboard. During the hot summer months children could play in its cavernous depths avoiding sunburn, sunstroke and poison ivy.

No community of this size should be without a supermarket and I am pleased to announce that arrangements have already been made for Steinbergs to take over the ground floor of a five-story department store to be erected in the center of Sunny Acres. Neon lights will circle the top of this imposing structure and anti-aircraft beams on its roof will light up the sky for miles around at night.

A fire department of course is a must, with lady drivers who will respond to all fires after 7 p.m. in night attire to encourage the volunteers who will man the pumps.

These and many other projects too numerous to mention require only leadership, which will now be supplied by the Baie d'Urfee Antiquarian and Numismatics Society. As previously intimated, applications for membership are now solicited but unfortunately receipts for fees paid cannot be issued immediately as the Treasurer is finishing a short stretch at St. Vincent de Paul.

AROUND OUR TOWN

A few weeks still remain before the deadline for entering the Home Grounds Competition, but it is high time those garden areas were worked up ready for planting! We have been asked to call special attention to the children's competition, which may help to start enjoying a garden. The minimum area, 25 square feet, is small enough for even a young child to weed and thin without too much work.

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Ed Osborne and Lionel Evans tied as experts in a True or False contest at the April 23 general meeting of the Horticultural Society. Professor Taper and Mr. Pettit spoke about raising fruits and flowers, the special subject of the evening. Many members were interested in Prof. Taper's information and specimens of fruit tree grafting.

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Want to buy a hedge? There's 100 feet of prime Chinese Elm hedge, three to four feet high, available as a bargain at the John Evans home. The present location is too shaded for this plant, which requires sun. Phone 2577

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Girl's sidewalk bicycle wanted by mid-May. Phone 2024.

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The Citizens' Association has written the Council asking the town to increase its contribution toward the Baie d'Urfe Day Celebrations to \$100 from the usual \$50 figure.

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Do you know all citizens are welcome to attend Town Council meetings? They are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Town Hall.

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Do you know that the tea consumed at Citizens' Association meetings is supplied without charge by Standard Brands? Also, did you ever see a half-gallon tea bag? That's the kind they supply.

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The Ogilvie Farm subdivision plan is scheduled for presentation at the May 6 Council meeting, and there is a possibility that some 15 homes may be erected in that section this summer.

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Principal F.C. James of McGill has replied to the Association's letter about noise at the Gas Dynamics Laboratory, saying no extension is planned, and that Macdonald College residences are so close to the lab that the university is not likely to permit any serious noise problem to arise.

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Mary Ware's refreshment committee at the last Association meeting included Mesdames Quigley, Charters and Reath.

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# WHERE TO SPEND AND SAVE

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