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THE TRUTH WILL BE OUT sooner or later anyway so we might as well take the bull by the horns and acknowledge that this is not a special election dodger to get you out to vote in the referendum, nor yet a merchandising handbill, nor a mis-addressed copy of the New York Times. It is indeed your tried & true ever-loving home town paper, the Baie D'Urfe Bladder, which has acquired a new outfit of clothes to celebrate its fifth birthday or something.

After all, we musn't let ourselves get behind the times. When your car becomes something of a heap, you trade it in on a new one. When your wheelbarrow starts to fall apart, you throw it away. When your wife shows the inevitable signs of wear and tear, you--uh--get her some new clothes. Along the same line of reasoning, we decided that News & Views, which has looked the same since it was started by Miriam Nagley back in the summer of 1947, could stand a little face-lifting. And this is the result.

Well, almost the result. We made a wrong guess in ordering this stiff paper, which has a good many limitations compared to the traditional newspaper stock. It is too small to wrap the garbage in, probably quite harmful to the septic tank, and insufficient in quantity to light the grate. On the other hand, it probably would be very useful for making parchment lampshades, and we shall be pleased to supply clear sheets for this purpose if anybody wants them. It is hoped that after September we can offer a type of paper that will handle more easily.

We didn't expect to be using these particular colours on the front page, either. It happens that the colours available at the College, where this is printed, are limited, but after this type of paper runs out we'll try to arrange a colour scheme perhaps with greater aesthetic value, more in keeping with the lofty artistic nature of the normal Baie D'Urfe citizen. Wow.

One group which gets a real break from the new set-up is our advertisers. After having for many years seen their advertisements on separate back pages where nobody except the printer was likely

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Meeting

JUNE 18 and 19 -- AT THE POLLS. BE SURE YOU VOTE

JULY 12 -- BAIE D'URFE DAY CELEBRATION, ALL DAY

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to notice them, they should be delighted to have them facing reading matter where they are sure to be seen. So delighted, in fact, that they will gladly pay the increased advertising rates we plan to ask when their contracts come up for renewal.

So much for the introduction and explanations. We hope you like the new appearance of the Bladder. If you do, tell your friends. If not, tell the next editor and he can guide himself accordingly.

BAIE D'URFE DAY PROGRAM HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

JULY 12 CHOSEN FOR ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Expatriate Torontonians and a good many others from provinces west of Quebec are well aware that July 12 is a day set aside to honour that patron of Irish Protestants, William of Orange, who had a good deal to do with the Battle of the Boyne and all that. Orangemen in our town, if any, will have double cause to celebrate this year because Saturday, July 12 has been chosen for the big all-day celebration known as Baie D'Urfe Day.

A special bulletin will be mailed to all residents early in July to provide a detailed program of the festivities. In the meantime it is known that the morning will be largely devoted to races and other land competitions for the children; the afternoon will feature water sports and adult land events; and the evening will be devoted to the adults, with a reception by Mayor Jean Gelinas followed by dancing under the stars.

Hints of the pleasures ahead for young and old may be found in some of the details already released by Committee Chairman Frank Pinkney, who stresses the point that Baie D'Urfe Day is for all residents, and not just members of the Citizens' Association. The grounds will be decorated and lighted by a committee under Brad Proudfoot and Tom Vauthier. Soft drinks and distribution of prizes (which will take place immediately after each event) will be headed up by Jack Burrige. Baby sitters will be in great demand for the evening, so Mrs. Harvey Cruickshank (phone 389) will try to line up as many as possible for people who can not make their own arrangements.

A safety committee prepared to render first aid will be set up by Bill Wright. Bill Norcott and Phil Amys will prepare a full program of land events for all ages, while Roy Cape and Fred Ritchie are in charge of the water sports. They want to secure a number of boats and canoes-- if you can lend yours, phone 2629 or 2039. This year, for a change, there will be a small charge of \$1 a couple for the dance to help defray the substantial costs of the day's busy program, and Tony Kingsmill is delegated the job of collecting from everyone who attends in the evening. Reg. Vidler, secretary of the committee, will take photographs and handle publicity.

Further information will be found in the Baie D'Urfe Day Bulletin early next month. In the meantime, mark July 12 on your calendar, and plan to join the fun.

JUNE 19 AND 20 CHOSEN FOR ZONING BY-LAW REFERENDUM

ALL PROPERTY OWNERS ASKED TO EXPRESS OPINION

The long-awaited referendum on proposed changes in the Zoning by-law will be held in the Town Hall June 19 and 20, with the poll open until 9 p.m. daylight time. All property owners are affected by some of the changes, which are grouped together on one ballot. In addition, voters from Zones A and B will receive additional ballots containing questions which apply only to their zones.

Full discussion of the by-law amendments has taken place in various meetings of the Citizens' Association and been reported in these pages. They were outlined in

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the March News & Views, and subsequently a general canvass of the community was made by Association members to make sure everyone understood the issues at stake. Here is the actual wording which will appear on the ballots.

Property owners in Zones A, B, C, and D will be asked to vote for or against proposed by-law No. 76, which follows:

By-law 69 of the Town of Baie d'Urfee is amended

(a) By striking out Section 204, paragraph (e) thereof and replacing it by the following:

(e) Side Yard "No part of any building shall be less than twenty feet from either side lot line. Garages constructed as extensions or accessories to buildings existing at the time of this amendment may be closer than twenty feet to side lot lines provided (a) they conform to the setback specified for the zone or to the setback of the existing building if it is less than is specified, (b) they are at least forty feet from any building on an adjoining lot, and (c) the written consent of the owner of the adjoining lot is presented to the Council at the time of application."

(b) By striking out Section 301, paragraph (c) thereof and replacing it by the following:

(c) "In this respect, specific exception is made in that buildings in use at the time of the enactment of this By-law, that may not conform to this By-law with regard to size of lot and position on the lot, but do conform in every other respect, may be extended or reconstructed, provided such extension or reconstruction does not increase the degree of non conformity."

(c) By adding to Section 302, paragraph (a) the following:

"Buildings shall be designed in harmony with their surroundings. Applications for new building permits shall be accompanied by drawings or photographs showing the appearance of the proposed building in relation to neighbouring buildings. In groups of buildings, the use of identical plans, or plans with only superficial variations in appearance shall be prohibited."

Property owners in Zone A will, in addition, be asked to vote on proposed by-law No. 74 which reads:

By-law 69 of the Town of Baie d'Urfee is amended by striking out the words "servant quarters" being the last words of Section 204, paragraph (a), sub-paragraph (i) thereof.

Property owners in Zone B will be asked to vote on proposed by-law No. 75, which would provide that:

By-law 69 of the Town of Baie d'Urfee is amended.

(a) by striking out the words "giving a minimum lot area of ten thousand feet" in the second and third lines of Section 203, paragraph (c) thereof, and adding thereafter the following sentence: "The minimum lot area shall be fifteen thousand square feet."

(b) by striking out the words "servants quarters" being the last words of Section 204, paragraph (b) sub-paragraph (i) thereof.

(c) by striking out Section 204, paragraph (b) sub-paragraph Vlll thereof.

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NO MORE GENERAL MEETINGS UNTIL SEPTEMBER

CITIZENS' MAY MEETING DECIDES

Monthly meetings of the Citizens' Association will be suspended until September, according to a decision at the meeting held in the Town Hall on May 9. It was felt that the Auction Sale on May 31, Baie D'Urfe Day on July 12 and the Flower and Vegetable Show in August would provide enough community activity during the summer months. As the wind-up meeting for the season, the May gathering devoted a large part of its time to business matters.

Membership in the Association increased to 177 with the addition of Messrs. H.T. Costigan, G. Lothian, L.S. Newton, L.J. Firing and C.M. Dee, all of Sunny Acres, to the rolls. Town Planning developments included approval by the Town Council of the initial stages of the Ogilvie Farm subdivision, to comprise 18 properties. Two lots on Cambridge Road have been sold, and bids are in for several more.

Chairman Al Christie reported results of two Association requests to the Council for funds. The request for an increase to \$100.00 as a contribution to Baie D'Urfe Day was approved. The request for \$1,000 for recreational equipment was not acted upon, as the Council felt it would be desirable to have a more comprehensive plan, which might be eligible for government contribution, rather than a short-term project. The Recreation Committee will proceed to draw up such a program and submit it to the Council.

Motions from the floor included one that the town be requested to provide police protection; another that street lights should be left on all night; another that News & Views should campaign against juvenile B-B guns. Mrs. Laird was named chairman of a committee to study requests for charitable donations in the town, with the object of having one joint large-scale appeal.

Following the business session, members heard an interesting talk on dog training methods by Mr. F.H. Mingie of Pointe Claire.

COUNCIL MAKES \$7,000 DEAL FOR COLLEGE GREEN LAND

SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 19 TO SET 1952-53 BUDGET

The recent decision of the Town Council to sell town-owned lands in the College Green district has led to a number of recent transactions, the largest of which was recorded at the regular monthly council meeting on June 3. The un-subdivided area at the north end of the Green was sold en bloc at three cents a square foot for a total of \$7,000. It is believed the buyer intends to sub-divide in the very early future.

A special meeting will be held on Thursday, June 19, as a continuation of the June 3 meet, to set up the budget for the 1952-53 fiscal year, which starts July 1. Financial matters for the current year settled at the meeting included final payments on the Sunny Acres road (which finished up \$50 under the estimates) and improvements to College Green roads, which cost exactly the estimate.

Fire protection matters again led to much discussion. The Canadian Underwriters' Association would require four water reservoirs of 70,000 gallon capacity in the town, costing about \$8,000 each, before it will consider a reduction in insurance rates, whereas the provincial government feels that 30,000 gallon reservoirs, costing perhaps \$5,000 each, are large enough. The next question is whether reduced insurance rates would justify the extra expenditure. In due course the citizens will be asked to decide the entire fire protection question.

Other items Council of business included a discussion, without a solution, of the problem of Mr. Harrington on Cambridge Road (which exists only on paper) whose access to St. Andrew's road recently has been cut off by new construction. Alderman Laird reported that Macdonald College is willing to supply some trees for Morgan Road, and it is expected they will be planted this autumn. Mr. Robertson will act as election clerk in the June 19-20 referendum. It is hoped that the Valuation Roll will be ready for inspection about the end of June. Mr. Long's resignation as Postmaster has been accepted but he (in the person of Mr. Robertson) is required to continue acting until his successor (presumably Madge Owen) has been appointed. The Sunny Acres road will be joined to the Metropolitan Boulevard, and the acceleration strip built, this summer for sure.

AMATEUR AUCTIONEERS DEMONSTRATE UNEXPECTED TALENTS

IN KNOCKING DOWN 500 ITEMS TO BAIE D'URFE BIDDERS

Some people got bargains and some people, no doubt, got stung--but anyway, the Auction Sale held on the Town Hall grounds on May 31 accomplished its main objective by moving a great deal of unwanted property out of the attics of some citizens and placing it in the hands of people who could use it, at a price determined by the will of the bidders.

Master of Auctioneers Sid Nagley, assisted by Bill "Beak" Parker, Jovial Jack Mitcham and Doubletalking Doug Laird, worked steadily from two o'clock until almost eight, cajoling the crowd in turns. Their verbal magic sold many items at very good prices and held onto the crowd despite the threat of rain as they went down the line of some 550 articles put up for sale. A few still were left when the group of buyers thinned out to the point where bargains were rather too frequent, but in all over 500 items were auctioned off or, in some cases, sold "over the counter" to speed up the procedure.

No accurate figures for sales, or the Association's profit after expenses, were available at press time, as a good deal of book work remained to be done. A full report will be given later, but Chairman Ernie DeWitt said the results looked every bit as good as the last Auction Sale. He also had very kind words to say about the many men who worked very hard on the committee, both in lining up the goods to be sold and helping during the actual day of the sale.

Notably active on the committee were Syd. Creates, Herb Brookhouse and Bob Brown. Paul Dawson and Vic Willetts were in charge of over-the-counter sales while Roy Cochrane and Roger Cadieux handled the refreshment stand.

RECREATION COMMITTEE LAYING LONG-TERM PLANS

BUT FEW DEVELOPMENTS LIKELY THIS YEAR

Only a few years from now, when the current large crop of smaller children has had a chance to grow a bit and additional subdivisions have been opened up, Baie D'Urfe will have a major problem in looking after the welfare of its teen-agers. It is up to the local citizens whether they will be in Ste. Annes hanging around the restaurants and walking the main street, or whether they will have interesting recreational activities in their own town.

The Recreation Committee of the Citizens' Association, under Chairman Bill Norcott, is trying to look ahead and lay the groundwork for the time soon when there are a hundred or more teen-agers. It seems inevitable that the town must have a community centre along the lines of Harpell Memorial Hall where the youth of the town can play indoor games such as badminton, hold occasional dances, and congregate with a bottle of pop and a juke box. Perhaps in our area this idea ties in with a boating club.

In the meantime, as a start in the right direction, the committee is planning to make the present parks in the central and west end areas of greater interest to older children, if its ideas are adopted, by building rudimentary clubhouses and adding facilities for such games as basketball and volleyball as well as baseball. The proposals will have to be finalized and presented to the council, which will try to get some aid from the provincial government, so it is unlikely that much will be done this summer. In the meantime, since the Recreation Committee has no money to speak of, the situation is about like this:

Morgan Road. Tom Vauthier's sub-committee for this area has some funds on hand and hopes to have the park graded and in shape for baseball this summer, and possibly for volleyball and basketball, with a sand box for the small ones. More expensive items such as swings, see-saws, and the entire winter program must wait for money from the town.

College Green. Peter Smith's sub-committee for this section feels the present park is reasonably well set up for the small fry with a sand box and swings, and in any event it has no finances to work with. An extensive drainage job is needed before anything whatever can be done with the large park area which will accommodate the baseball diamond and other equipment as may be decided, but this must wait for an appropriation from the council. The winter program is fairly well in hand, with all the equipment already purchased, except for a pump and hose.

Swimming Instruction. The committee would like to offer swim period two or three afternoons a week from two to four o'clock, but so far it has not been able to get a few responsible people to take on the job of supervision. Its idea was to make a charge of perhaps 15 or 25 cents an afternoon, which would go to the instructors and make the job worth while. Any of the town's ladies or older girls who can help in this way should get in touch with Bill Norcott, phone 2351.

AROUND OUR TOWN ...

August 23 has been chosen as the date for the annual Flower and Vegetable Show.

The town's planning consultant, Prof. John Bland, currently is in LaPaz, Bolivia, on a similar job for the United Nations.

Saturday, June 21 is the big day for Vivian Turnau of Lakeshore Road and William Chalton Shipley of Ottawa, who will be married in Union Church.

Burglary is mighty rare here, fortunately, but there have been cases. The most recent victims were the Ewing Taits, of Lakeshore Road.

Among those working toward a bigger and better Baie D'Urfe, not previously honoured in these pages for their efforts, are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Barrett of Lakeview, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Wilcox of Sunny Acres, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob McBride of Lakeshore, who contributed boys; and Mr. and Mrs. Syd. Creates of Lakeview, a girl.

Local windstorms are no respecters of persons. Victims of the May 24th windstorm included Mayor Jean Gelinas, when a large limb from a tree fell across the roof of his house.

Reg Vidler, official lighter of the fireworks on Morgan Road on the 24th, paid for the honour with a sizeable hole in his windbreaker and shirt, and a burn on the shoulder.

Baie d'Urfe Horticultural Society
Home Grounds Competition
Application Form

Entrant's Name

Address

Area of Property square feet.

Classification (Amateur or Professional Group)

Features Entered (See next page)

a b c d e f g h i

(Circle any or all features to be judged)

Detach Application Form and forward to D.W. MacDonald, 55 St. Andrews Road, Baie d'Urfe. (Postal address, P.O. Box 487, Ste. Anne de Bellevue) Please enclose entry fee of 50 cents with Application Form. Closing date for application - June 20, 1952

TO THE BOSS OF THE FAMILY --A MESSAGE

FROM THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Say, gals, you had better start cracking the whip on the better half--the deadline for entries in the Home Grounds Competition is fast approaching.

Better still, you gals should send in the entries--then see that that big strong husband of yours whips the garden into shape. Get the kids out too! Remember, this competition pays off on accomplishment, not what the old man's going to do when he finds the time.

You have until June 20 to get your entries in. Don't be left at the post! You have until June 23 to chop out those weeds, give the petunias a shot of fertilizer and tidy up generally, because that's the day the judge starts prowling. He'll have the delinquent ones--and those less delinquent--all tagged by June 30.

Rumour has it that the judge is a Scot who likes anything Scotch. (That's a statement, not a suggestion--he's as honest as the day is long. But of course, there's always the evening.) However he's not partial to long green bottles cluttering up the lawn so you had better sweep them under the compost pile.

You know, we believe there is something so suit every taste in this competition. You can enter the whole grounds if you want--whether it's large or small you'll be competing with gardens of similar size. Perhaps you don't care to enter the whole property but you're pretty proud of the appearance of your place from the street. Well, you just have to enter the "best view from the street" section of the competition.

If you specialize in such features as perennial borders, rock gardens, or

vegetable gardens, you can enter them separately. There's a class for "best assortment of fruit" which would include all tree fruits such as apples, pears, plums etc.; the bush fruits (currants, gooseberries) and raspberries and strawberries. Naturally the fruits will be scattered throughout the garden so it will be up to the judge to select the best assortment.

Newcomers to town--those in the pioneering stages of property improvement--will be interested in section (h) of the competition. Then the kids, bless 'em, have a chance of exhibiting their horticultural skill as outlined in section (i). Pop and Mom, please take note of the last sentence in Section (i).

Don't forget there's a special group for those lucky enough to find a full-time gardener--quite a feat in this day and age.

Regulations relating to both "amateur" and "professional" groups are as follows:

A gardener in the Amateur Group is one who plans, plants, carries out all cultural practices associated with growing plants, and harvests all horticultural material on the property. An Amateur may employ labor periodically to plow or dig sections of the garden, dig ditches, lay drains, do major grading or fill work, or mow the lawn.

A gardener in the Professional Group is one who employs labor to plan, plant, carry out any cultural practices associated with growing plants, or harvest any horticultural material on the property.

Leading entries will be graded on each of the following features:

Amateur Group

- (a) Most attractive home surroundings, including front and rear of home, property less than 17,000 sq. ft. in area.
- (b) Most attractive home surroundings, including front and rear of home, property more than 17,000 sq. ft. in area.
- (c) Best view from street, appearance only, any size property.
- (d) Best perennial border.
- (e) Best rock garden.
- (f) Best vegetable garden.
- (g) Best assortment of fruit.
- (h) Most promising and proficient improvement accomplished in less than 18 months since taking up residence in newly constructed house.
- (i) Best children's flower or vegetable garden for children 13 years and under, minimum area 25 sq. ft. Parents must provide assurance that children do all planting and cultural work except for digging or ground preparation,

Professional Group

- (a) Most attractive home surroundings, including front and rear of home, any size property.
- (b) Best garden feature not specified.
- (c) (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), same as for Amateur Group.

Gardeners must specify on their application form which of the above features (a,b,c, etc.) they wish to enter.

Entrance fee will be 50 cents for any of all features entered to help cover cost of judges services.

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Mr. L. Evans,

Baie d'Urfe.