

Portland Branch
Rideau Canal 150th Anniversary Committee

Meeting No 3 was held in the Friendship Room of the United Church on October 26/81. Interest and enthusiasm remains high as witnessed by the good turn out.

The Chairman, Linton McConville, extended a cordial welcome to all and advised that the purpose of the meeting was to review the financial situation and to continue discussion on plans for the 1982 celebrations.

The Treasurer, Robert McManus, presented a financial statement showing a breakdown of receipts and expenditures to date. The balance as of Oct 26/81 was \$1,950.00.

Alex Ross, Chairman of the Beautification Committee, presented a detailed report of the work done on the Dunollie Park and the work planned for the spring. His estimate to complete the project is approx. \$1,000.00. The object of his committee is to create a floral garden on the property of Mr & Mrs Colin McDougall, in connection with the 150th anniversary of the Rideau Canal. He also reported that requests have been received for 200 deciduous trees, 32 coniferous trees and 155 shrubs, for planting around the village. The Department of Highways will be planting trees at selected spots along the highway.

In the absence of the Chairman of the reception for Col By Committee, Doris Graham, Marina Kelly submitted a detailed report on plans for the reception of Col By on June 17/82. Plans include a flotilla to meet Col By, a reception committee, a reviewing stand, welcome speeches, meeting with the people and school children. In the evening there will be a catered sit down dinner with an appropriate program.

In the absence of the chairman of the poster contest committee, Betty James, Linton McConville reported that the poster contest was well organized. Excellent co-operation had been received from the Principal and staff at the Rideau Centennial School. The contest is to be completed by April 1/82, followed by judging and presentations. The Leeds China Painters are hand crafting medallions for all students participating. While the China Painters are volunteering their service a motion was passed to donate \$75.00 to help defray costs of materials.

Tombola Chairman, Judy Pattinson, gave an outline of events being considered, ex, sports, aquatic events, dances, barbeque, display games, ecumenical church service and combined choirs performance. She suggested that we may be trying to cram too much into one weekend and that it may be necessary to schedule some events at other times.

Public Relations and Publicity came under discussion and it was agreed that the Secretary, Joe Raison, look after the publicity and if possible engage a photographer - any volunteers?

Claire Myers reported that the Senior Citizens have volunteered to hold an old fashion tea and a display of antiques and quilts, at a time suitable to the committee.

A motion was passed to hold a variety show on Friday, May 14/82 at 8:00 p.m., at the Rideau Centennial School. It may include a display of the poster contest and the presentation of prizes. Tom Sled was elected Chairman.

Rev Seeley suggested that emphasis should be placed on improving the entire waterway in the form of weed control, clean up and beautification. Some type of educational program might be useful in this regard. This suggestion was passed on to a Central Region meeting held at Smiths Falls on Oct 28/81, and was attended by the Chairman and Secretary. Unfortunately, no commitment was forthcoming.

The festivities will commence with the New Years Eve Ball being sponsored by the Hall Board.

The next meeting will be held at the United Church, Friendship Room, on Monday, January 18, 1982, at 8:00 p.m. Mark your calendar NOW. Everyone welcome.

Following adjournment coffee and cake was served by Lola Macdonald.

South Crosby Fire Department

New Year's

Dance & Buffet

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31st. 1981

COUNTRY SWINGERS MUSIC

9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.



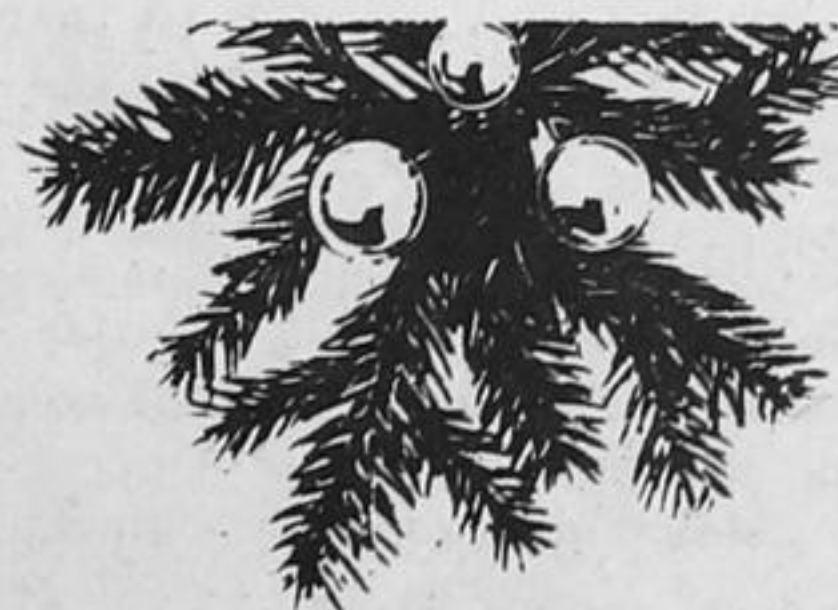
Reserved Ticket - \$20.00 couple

WAYNE'S SERVICE CENTRE
HALLADAY GROCERY DUNCAN'S T.V.
VILLAGE SHOP SAND LAKE MARINE

Proceeds - Rescue Equipment



Season's Greetings and Best Wishes
For a Happy and Prosperous
New Year.



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