

Les débuts du club Lions de Coaticook

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Le temps ne me permet pas de traduire ce texte mais si l'un de vous pouvez le faire, je l'ajouterai à cet historique du club Lions de Coaticook.

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Lions' Club Organized First Meeting Held Monday Evening – Sherbrooke Clubs In Attendance __ Anson P. Rogers Elected President

The plans, which have been crystallizing within the past few weeks, became actual fact on Monday Evening when the Lions Club of Coaticook was organized. President Philippe Juneau of the Sherbrooke Club and all of the Sherbrooke members attended the meeting which was held at the Coaticook House, with the newly formed group as their guests. In order to give the Coaticook members some ideas of the conduct of the meetings, the senior club carried on their regular session at that time.

First among the out-of-town Lions to address the new organisation, was Dr Rene DuBerger, Chairman of the Education Committee for the Sherbrooke Club, who pointed out that because our educational system is backward in teaching our children that all man are equal, it is the work of the Lions' Club to foster this view point, especially among their own families.

President Juneau struck an encouraging note when he pointed out that it is just about one year since the Sherbrooke Lions' Club was organized with a charter membership of 10, and now that club counts forty seven members.

Dave Amery of Montreal, Deputy District Governor, outlined some of the interesting facts concerning the management of the club. The Lions' is a non-profit organisation, their money is spent for philanthropic purposes and religion and politics are not to be discussed at meetings.

Governor Amery also stated that there were at present some 4,700 clubs in Canada and the United States, 3 in South America, and a representation in China and concluded by saying that the Lions never organize in a community where other service clubs are already established. Roy Dewar, Past President of the Montreal Club, complimented the Sherbrooke Club and told the Coaticook Club that their parent organisation had been an inspiration to him in many ways, but he was particularly impressed with the way they carried out the recent salvage campaign, when in one evening they collected \$1,000 worth of salvage.

The Coaticook men appointed a nominating committee to draw up a slate of officers, Rev. Roy P Stafford, Rev. T. J. Matthews" Dr, Vincent Gauthier, and J.A. who made up the committee submitted the following names and their election to office was unanimous : President, P. Anson Rogers, Vice-President,. Vincent Gauthier, Secretary J. A. Boivin, Lion Tamer, R P Stafford,' Tail Twister C. Brault, and director William Felth.

Among those who attended the meeting were Rev. T.J. Matthews, Rev. Roy P. Stafford, A. P. Rogers, M r. A. D, Grady, Dr. Vincent Gauthier, Mr. Paul Tanguay, Mr. Leslie Baskerville, Mr Ralph Berzan, Mr. George Engelhardt, Mr. William Felth, Mr. Andrew Thompson, Mr. Roger Bouchard, Mr. C. Brault, Mr Cecil Smith, Mr, D: Lefbvre, Mr Blouin, Mr. A. Maurice, Mr. Herbert and Mr. J. A. Boivin.

Another newspaper article

Friday, November 3, 1994

Last Tuesday evening the Coaticook Lions Club held their meeting in the grill of the Canada Hotel. They always do. Every other Tuesday the Lions linger over a good dinner and talk about business – and all sorts of other things – which is just what is necessary if men are ever to mingle easily and accomplish anything worthwhile together.

So the Lions sang a few songs after coffee and then president Engelhardt, foreman of the building Conticelli announced the speaker for the evening, Mr Leonard Plunkett to speak on «chairs».

Mr Plunkett as most readers no doubt, know, is the foreman at Kilgour and Co. and thereafter an authority on chairs, and how they are made. But people are normally interested only in people not in chairs we all know that.

But the Lions know better than that. They know that unless each know, or tries to learn something about other people are making, they never will appreciate each others attitudes, however oblique they may sometimes seem.

So Mr Plunkett stood up with a smile and delivered a short informal talk on «The manufacture of Chairs». Here is what he said: As an industry in Canada, the manufacturing of chairs takes an important role involving millions of timber. This timber naturally must be cut down and saw into lumber, after that it must be piled for air drying, at least 90 days before Kiln drying for

manufacturing wooden chairs, etc., such as are made in our Company. Ninety days of good air drying should bring the lumber down to a moisture contents of 30% and from that point, with or modern dry kiln, we bring it down to 6% in 31/2 days for lumber 1" and 1 1/4" thick.

Birch is our main material: after it is kiln dried to the desired moisture content necessary for the manufacturing of our product, it travels through the cut-out department, which cuts the boards to length, and afterwards rips out all defects such as knots, etc. It is then glued up, planned and finished by different operations necessary for the desired design.

Most chairs require about 350 to 500 operations before completed. They are then finished and packed for shipment from coasts to coasts in our country, also exported to the British West Indies, South America, South Africa, etc.

In our plant, we have an average lumber consumption of 200,000 feet per month, producing about 40 000 ordinary chairs per month.

Then Mr Englehardt introduced Me Aspinall to say a few words about the spade work he had done for the Coaticook Honor Roll. Mr Aspinall told us a good deal that he and others had done in the last year towards compiling such a thing, but we will go into that whole matter after the Victory Loan is over, for the present suffice to say that there are about 400 Coaticook men to go on the list; that Zombies will not be allowed, unless they change to active service and that the plaque already engraved is very beautiful.

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**DISTRICT GOVERNOR-Georges F. Saine, M.D.,
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ACTON VALE. Eyesight Testing project in local schools (Grades III, IV, and V) was completed in November; \$65.72 was expended to pay cost of eyeglasses for four persons; and a donation of \$25.00 made to C.N.I.B. Donation of \$25.00 was made to the "Pret d'honneur" towards financial help to students; \$25.00 donated to Red Cross Clinic; \$25.00 to "Caritas Diocésaire St. Hyacinthe"; \$10.00 to Marineau-Brabant Fund; and \$50.00 to Fund to provide Christmas Baskets for the needy. October Bingo netted \$240.00 for Activities Fund; and November Bingo netted \$207.49. Ladies' Nights were held both in November and December; and Lions' children and needy children were entertained at Club's Annual Santa Claus Party at Christmas time. Profits from Club sale of Christmas Cake not tallied at last report.

BAIE COMEAU. Twenty-eight members and fifty-eight guests present at Ladies Night function in November.

BELOEIL. Lions visited and welcomed newcomers to the Community this Fall; paid for and erected two road signs for each end of the town; and assumed sponsorship of High School Curling activity. Expenditures since October included:- \$74.00 in aid to needy families; \$50.00 to Scouts and Cubs; \$115.00 to purchase wheel chair for crippled children; \$10.00 for memorial wreath re. Armistice Service; \$115.00 to Crippled Children's Association; \$25.00 donation to "Le Pret d'honneur"; and \$7.50 towards cost of High School publication. Lions Hallowe'en Dance held in November; \$25.00 donation approved to Science Fair; and Christmas nuts and cakes sold at-profit. Lions Annual Christmas Show for Children held in December with cost of admission one can of foodstuff to be used for Christmas hampers prepared and delivered to needy families.

BIGRAS. (Maintenant Laval) Wheelchair and stand rented for use of invalid Ladies Night held in November; and tickets sold on "Basket of Cheer Draw" which netted Club \$418.25 for its welfare fund. November report advised aim of Club was sale of 500 Christmas Cakes; but no final report on profit received to date.

BOUCHERVILLE. Entertained friends and children at September meeting featuring C.B.C. entertainers; held Fashion Show in November to kick off Club's sale of Christmas Cakes - feature of show was gift of Draw tickets to each lady selling cakes, entitling her to chance on all expense trip to New York. At Lions Christmas Party given for underprivileged children, Lion Santa Claus distributed over 144 gifts; and youngsters were treated to movies and refreshments. Nine Baskets were sent out to lessfortunates at the Christmas season.

CHICOUTIMI. No Club Secretary's reports received at District Office.

COATICOOK. September report advised of Lions working to interest all organizations of the community to have a panel made bearing all organizations' crests; and of the Lions Club investigation into possible "All Trades" School for the town. Saine month an allocation of \$105.00 was made to erection of road signs. During period October to December:- \$25.00 donated to Legion Poppy Fund; \$83.86 spent on purchase of six baseball uniforms; Charter Night celebrated in November; \$113.00 expended to pay for dentures required by two needy perlons, ten persons provided with eyeglasses at colt of \$167.00 paid by the Club; and, at Christmas time, \$120.00 spent on gifts for the Blind and \$250.00 to provide welfare Baskets for needy families. December Dance netted profit of \$400.00. portation to carry blind and crippled children to and from schools.

COWANSVILLE. Club-sponsored Little Leaguers, Town Mayor, Clergy and Town Councillors guests at Lions Fathers and Sons Banquet held in September; Bingos held in November to raise funds for Pee Wee Hockey activity; Charter Night Dance held came month; and \$35.00 Canadian Flag presented to Guide Group in December. From proceeds of Christmas Cakes sale, Club expended \$375.00 to provide Christmas Boxes for the needy.

DRUMMONDVILLE. No reports received at District Office.

FARNHAM. September Bingo netted \$274.68; October Ladies' Night Dance and Barbecue netted \$15.00; and good profits reported result of Club's sale of Christmas Cakes and nuts. Club Party last Fall netted \$52.00 for Bugle Band; and an allocation of \$500.00 was made to purchase of bugles and drums for the band. Club-owned hospital bed, wheel chairs and crutches still circulated on loan basic to unfortunates, as one phase of Lions' welfare work.

GRANBY. Reported in September that year's major project would be held to mentally retarded children. October report advised that Club Millionaires' Night netted profit of over \$200.00.

GREENFIELD PARK. No reports received at District Office.

COTE ST. LUC. Sale of tickets on "Trip for Two to Switzerland" or \$1,000.00 Cash netted the Club \$1,600.00. In October, Lions Field and Fun Day held with 1,000 children participating in the various events. October report advised that Club was paying daily cost of trans