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ASSOCIATION OBTAINS ANSWERS TO ANNEXATION QUESTIONS.

Something in the way of a concrete picture of what Manor Park residents will have as community services under annexation has been prepared by the executive of the community association as a result of meetings with City of Ottawa officials.

Many civic departments have been approached. Following is a brief of the information received.

SNOW REMOVAL - This area will be served the same as the rest of the city. It is expected that one plow will be assigned to an area which will include Manor Park.

ROADS - Roads already built will be maintained. If an improved type of road is desired, it will have to be arranged under the Local Improvement Act. That means owners in the whole or part of the area may have any kind of streets they wish if they are prepared to pay for them. Sidewalks may also be secured where desired as local improvements.

GARBAGE - The city will take over responsibility for garbage collection on annexation. Because of the greatly increased demands on their own equipment, they may retain the present contractor for a while if that can be arranged.

STREET SIGNS - While the city will provide the same kind of signs they provide in other places - the plain green ones - it is anticipated that we shall be able to have signs like the ones we started with, if we are prepared to pay the difference in cost.

PARKS - If the aldermen who represent us are able to arrange for an appropriation for fixing up our park and circles included in the civic budget, it will be done.

POLICE - The part of Gloucester to be annexed will be served with one radio car with two men, 24 hours a day. Ten men are being added to the police force to provide this service. If required, they can be reached by calling the City Police Headquarters, from where they will be called by radio.

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PLAYGROUNDS

A delegation attended a meeting of the Ottawa Playgrounds Commission.

They were informed that the Commission would assist with any projects such as a rink or playground which has already been started.

Their program in the area will depend to a certain extent on whether or not a small piece of ground can be made available to them for the purpose of erecting a permanent building.

This point has been discussed with the Manor Park School Board, who have agreed to suggest to the Ottawa Public School Board that the Playground Committee's requirements be considered. This commission is most anxious that there should be an active local committee prepared to take the initiative in connection with the playground. It is understood that the Commission's assistance will be primarily financial.

FIRE

The Fire Department recognize their responsibility, but until the roads into the area from the south-west are improved, or until Eastview is annexed, or until another fire hall can be built somewhere close to Manor Park, it will be difficult to serve this area properly. The Fire Chief has suggested that we retain our volunteer fire brigade as a temporary measure.

TRANSPORTATION

The Ottawa Transportation Commission have not yet decided what their policy will be in this area. We have been assured that we will be informed as soon as a decision is reached.

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RECREATION

Another delegation has waited on the Ottawa Recreation Commission. A representative of this commission will be invited to address our next general meeting. It is felt that the assistance which this commission can render in this kind of community is so important that everyone will be interested in hearing about it first-hand.

MEETING PLANNED

It is planned to have a meeting in December, if possible, to discuss the form our association should take in view of pending annexation. While at the moment there is some doubt in some quarters about whether or not annexation will take place as planned, there can be no doubt about it taking place in the very near future, if not January 1st.

NEW MEMBERS ADDED
TO ASSOCIATION LIST

The Manor Park Community Association welcomes the following new members. These names have been added since the last list of members was distributed:

J.M. Byrne	S.E.S. Bain
E.G. Collier	R.C. Davis
A.B.B. Wright	J.P. Errett
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BILL BALDWIN BARGES ABOUT THE BASIN

While Manor Park sweltered in midsummer heat, one Manor Parker, W.K.W. (Bill) Baldwin, was busily engaged fending off great chunks of ice from a small boat in Hudson Strait. This Summer occupation has prompted the Editor of the CHRONICLE to ask for the story. Well... it's this way:-

North of Hudson Bay, in Foxe Basin, there is a group of islands still unmarked on any map. Their existence was first realized by the 1930's by Capt. Poole and later by Mr. Tom Manning. In 1948 an R.C.A.F. aircraft photographed the area. From the photographs it was learned that the two larger islands had a total area of about 5,000 square miles. The exploring of this region was the chief aim of a Canadian Government party outfitted this summer.

The 1949 expedition was led by Tom Manning and consisted of seven scientists, including three geographers, a geologist, a botanist, and a boy whose work was mainly helping the leader with bird and animal collecting. One of the geographers doubled as engineer

and another managed the geodetic work to determine locations accurately by observations on the stars. All took turns operating the boat - a Peterhead equipped with sails and a diesel engine.

The field party assembled at Moosonee early in June for work in the Moose River estuary. Here the boat was launched after her railway trip from the yards in Nova Scotia where she was built. Before the mast was stepped, the traditional lucky piece of silver was placed in the foot. In July the boat headed north for investigations of some points in James Bay and along the east coast of Hudson Bay. At each landing a camp was made on shore by the botanist and geodetist and others, as necessary, while the leader and his assistant used the boat for preparing bird and animal skins. Some of the portagings over the tidal flats by the shore party were pretty heavy going.

In early August the party went across Hudson Strait and entered Foxe Basin. After detouring

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It has so far proved impossible to have Evensong Services, which it is hoped will eventually be held once a month in Manor Park.

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MANOR PARK SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

"For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

As Christmas nears, supporters of the Manor Park Sunday School look back with some sense of accomplishment.

On August 17, Rev. John Stewart called a meeting of interested parents and through their efforts we now have St. David's Sunday School. There are now 16 classes, grouped in three departments. The Kindergarten is under Mrs. Sherwell, the Primary under Mrs. Clark and the Senior under Mr. Collis. Assisting are a number of volunteers and Mrs. Archibald Sr. is in charge of the "Baby Sitters" who make it possible for several of the mothers to teach. A number of fathers headed by Mr. Gamble arrange the school each week for Sunday School use.

Another active worker is Mr. Frank Cooney, who has rendered great service.

Superintendent, and largely responsible for the success of the Sunday School, is J.D. McKinney.

To the Sunday School's friends and supporters, Mr. McKinney and his staff wish to extend the age-old Yuletide wish..... "God Bless You One and All.."

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Working with Mrs. Sunderland were the following:

Mrs. Harold Hall
Mrs. S. Walker
Mrs. W.K.W. Baldwin
Mrs. S.G. Molloy
Mrs. W. Moulden
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Mrs. W. McKeown

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around a field of ice, a direct course was set for the largest of the new islands. Here the party landed on August 15th.

First impressions were not good, as the island was low-lying and marshy. However, interest was quickly aroused by the sight of a fine polar bear and further off some caribou grazing contentedly in the inland meadows. After the camp was set up more life was discovered. This included Brant geese, arctic foxes and lemmings. Offshore there were seals and walrus.

The expedition travelled extensively in the northern part of Foxe Basin before turning south from Igloolik on September 15th. Ice conditions were good. Thus it was possible to go down the west coast of Hudson Bay to reach the railhead at Churchill.

And so - home to Manor Park.

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**NEW FIRE COMMITTEE
TAKES OFFICE**

Prodded into action by Fire Chairman Harry Hall's sharp reminder that the fire department situation had reached a "give-it-some-attention-or-else" stage, Manor Park men turned out in force to the December 4 meeting at the school to move for continuance of the fire fighting force.

After unanimously voicing approval of carrying on with the volunteer brigade, those present elected Gordon McCannel (29 Arundel, tel. 6-1775); Chris Christianson (32 Dunvegan, tel. 4-1702) and Royd Beamish (10 Malakoff, tel. 6-2809) as the fire committee for the coming year. They will draw up lists of names comprising the new volunteer squads and will appoint three more men to their committee. It is expected that the former system of three squads, drawn from all over the village, will be adopted. The squads will take turn-about tricks "on call" as was done formerly.

The meeting was presided over by retiring chairman Hall, who reviewed last year's fire protection arrangements and outlined the schedule of training and duties of volunteers.

Last year about 40 men underwent training in the use of the village equipment, which, it was pointed out, was sufficient to play a vital part in combatting a blaze despite the fact that the fire truck has been out of commission for some time.

Mr. Hall reported that despite efforts to get householders to buy extinguishers (special prices for group purchases of extinguishers were obtained by the committee) only a scant half dozen had shown any interest in buying such equipment. Accordingly, the deal had fallen through.

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The averages rental \$88.50 per month for a two-bedroom unit, which includes heat, water, building maintenance, care of lawns and shrubbery, while in addition there is a children's play area and an integrated laundry drying yard. Hydro charges will, of course, be the individual's responsibility.

In addition to this, and at the tenant's option, arrangements can be made to have installed a combination dishwashing and laundry machine.

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A number of the many new Manor Park residents voiced interest in the fire extinguishers and it was suggested they get in touch with the committee to ascertain whether a special price could be still obtained if sufficient purchasers were available.

As a result of the meeting, the fire brigade will continue to function and those men who underwent training and devoted considerable time and effort last year will be able to sit back and let somebody else have a turn at it. It was generally agreed that only in such a way could the project, or, indeed, any community effort, operate fairly.

Last year's committee, including Mr. Hall, F.G. Cooney, Bob Christie, Lt. Cdr. E.N. Clarke, Frank Shefrin, H.S. Graves and C.F. Pattenson, will continue to offer their services in an advisory capacity. Mr. Christie will be actively associated with the new committee for some time.

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NAME PRIZE WINNERS
IN GARDEN CONTEST

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The winning gardeners will each receive a \$2.00 merchandise order on Kenneth McDonald & Sons Ltd.

The selection of winners turned out to be as difficult a task as had been expected. If the contest did nothing else, it disclosed that Manor Park householders have done a remarkable job of transforming their surroundings in a most limited time.

Chief contenders in both contests were occupants of the first 100 houses, most of whom had two seasons of work behind them. But there were a surprising number of residents in Manor Park 11 who ranked near the top of the list although they had been in residence only a matter of months.

The prize originally announced for the best vegetable garden was not awarded. Not a judge could be found who would attempt to pick a winner in this class. The judges tactfully pointed out to Chronicle editors that, if a vegetable garden contest were to be held next year, it would have to be on the basis of judging harvested produce -- not growing gardens. The editors have taken note and -- who knows? Maybe next year we'll see a full blown Manor Park Little Fall Fair!

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An indication that serious opposition to the proposed annexation of a portion of Gloucester Township still exists has been disclosed by a petition being circulated throughout portions of the affected area. To be successful, at least 10% of those voters eligible to vote on money by-laws must be secured, and if successful, annexation will be delayed until such time as the Provincial Legislature deals with the problem.

It is believed that the terms of Annexation between Ottawa and Gloucester are more in this township's favor than the agreement between Ottawa and Nepean, but any forestalling now would place us seriously behind the schedule of projects to be undertaken in Nepean which is definitely to be annexed January 1st.

Of greater importance, perhaps, to us in Manor Park is the effect this petition may have on the development of our immediate area because, as we have disclosed before, a Realty Company has taken an option on the land lying north of the Stone Quarry on the East side of the Base Line Road and will develop that area if annexation is completed.

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