



*Home of Ken and Charlotte Brand under construction at 1205 Lancaster Blvd., summer 1951.
In the background are the Edwards, Sedgewick and Baldwin homes.*

While the roads were constructed by the VLA and maintained by the R.M. of Cory, almost all other essential services were coordinated by the Ratepayers' Association. Garbage disposal, for instance, was handled by neighbourhood resident Bob Cooper until 1952, when the R.M. took over the responsibility.⁴⁵

The Montgomery Place Ratepayers' Association held their meetings in the cafeteria of Intercontinental Packers. The residents of Montgomery Place had established a good relationship with the plant and its owner, Fred Mendel. For example, the City of Saskatoon's bus service extended only as far as the packing plant, so residents had to walk to the plant to wait for the bus. One early resident recalls that Mendel would call people into the cafeteria to wait, offering drinks to the children and coffee to the adults. Intercon also helped the veterans develop their gardens by hauling and dumping manure on their plots free of charge. Mendel offered use of his plant's cafeteria "any time" for association meetings and for social events held by the community. Neighbourhood Christmas parties were held in the cafeteria for many years and were especially successful, often boasting a 100 percent attendance rate.⁴⁶

The residents of Montgomery Place

also created their own recreational facilities. In the winter, a skating rink was made between the Gent and Cooper houses on 11th Street West. Every Sunday a neighbourhood hockey game was organized, Bob Cooper and Ed Smith acting as goalies.⁴⁷ Eventually the Montgomery Place Ratepayers' Association began to develop plans and raise funds for a Community Centre, including a hall and a curling rink. These plans were complicated, however, by the incorporation of Montgomery Place into the City of Saskatoon in 1955. It was left to the City to implement the plans to develop recreational facilities in the neighbourhood--a difficult task given the nature of the tax limitation agreement reached between the VLA Regional Office, the City Administration and neighbourhood residents at the time of incorporation.

Amalgamation with the City of Saskatoon

The expansion of the Montgomery Place project led to significant negotiations between the Ratepayers' Association and the City of Saskatoon in the early 1950s. Saskatoon City Council was interested in including the fringe area neighbourhood within the greater city limits. Residents of the development had serious reservations about the City's proposal. In particular, they were concerned about