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SOMETHING TO THINK OVER

CO-OPERATION is in the air. It's the fashion; the consensus of opinion appears greatest number.

Then why is there not more co-operation at Victoria Beach on the part of cottage-owners, property-holders and tenants?

Why should not the Community Club be overwhelmed with applications for membership? The Executive is devoting its time and its energies to better influences, unselfishly and generously, and why is there not a better response from individual residents?

Co-operation might be well extended to a better understanding of the splendid purposes of the management and the directors of the Victoria Beach Company.

It is freely admitted by the large number who have visited Victoria Beach that excellent judgment has been exercised in carrying out a policy which has built up a summer resort that is "different." The Victoria Beach Company may have sacrificed their financial interests in safe-guarding the commercial features of the Beach, but they have the satisfaction of looking out upon a resort that calls for the commendation of the best authority on places where summer outings are held and where people gather during the heated storm.

Nothing has been done by the Victoria Beach Company to cheapen the place. A general air of refinement and dignity characterizes all undertakings. Freely have they spent of their revenue, and in one instance, at a cost of over \$10,000, they have laid out a golf-course which takes rank with some of the best in the Winnipeg area. They have continued to maintain and improve the greens at a further expenditure of money.

The Company has also seen that the proprietors of the stores and other vendors are men and women of the highest calibre.

Any complaints brought to the management are given earnest consideration, the mistakes rectified and the misunderstandings ironed out. But a tendency to cheapen the general aspect of the Beach is noticed in the habit of some cottage-owners to

hang out "To Let" or "For Sale" signs. Surely there are ways and means for the owners to arrive at the culmination of their desires without adorning house-fronts with these too-obvious decorations? Also the habit of a few people of taking in roomers or boarders under the cloak of "visitors" should be discouraged. The principle of the founder of the Beach should be adhered to, that Victoria Beach is not a place for public picnics, boarding-houses or rooming-places. Rather should it be maintained as a large community enjoying the privileges as cottage-owners or tenants of the finest summer resort in Manitoba or in the western Ontario country, with the family life the dominating influence.

Opportunities for beautifying the home-sites should also not be neglected. Trees and shrubberies which are of no permanent use, should be taken away and replaced by hardy and native trees and shrubs. Preserve the evergreen, particularly the balsam, at all costs. It is the best builder up of health of all the trees that flourish on the island and it should be carefully looked after and guarded. Trees should be "topped," this brings out the lower branches and guards against falling during the high winds.

As the Victoria Beach Company, the Victoria Beach Club and the Municipality strives to maintain this beach as something outstanding and congenial to the betterment of family life, so should every resident strive to do his or her share, taking hold of whatever is at hand to preserve the traditions and the character of Victoria Beach.

DO NOT FORGET!

The Weekly Saturday Night Reunion of Members and Friends in the Club-house.
The Sunday Morning Church Service at 11 o'clock in the Club-house.
The Masquerade, Saturday, July 23.
Water Sports Day, Saturday, July 30.
The Golf Course is open DAILY.

Join THE VICTORIA BEACH CLUB and aid its programme!

Dangers At New Air Centre

The announcement in a special despatch from Ottawa, appearing in the "Free Press" Monday of this week, to the effect the Government of Canada is not going to dispose of the Victoria Beach air-station site, is of interest to the people of this resort. When the decision to "pull out" altogether from this summer centre was made by the higher command of the Royal Air Force many of the officers were fearful of the consequences. Lac du Bonnet did not appeal to them. The dock at Victoria Beach had been extended to secure quieter waters at the landing. A large dredge had made a deep passage in from the lake to the shore, and great expense had been sanctioned in other directions to make Victoria Beach a permanent station. Then the loop was made in the intervals waters of Lac du Bonnet and while conditions are quiet here, this is the outcome, according to the "Free Press" despatch.

Ottawa, Ont., July 8.—Owing to flood conditions on the Winnipeg River this spring the Royal Canadian Air Force has decided not to sell the Victoria Beach aerodrome.

Wing Commander Gordon, head of the civil aviation branch of the service, stated today that the department originally had intended to sell the aerodrome back to the Victoria Beach Company and to transfer the flying operations to Lac du Bonnet. This spring, however, the Winnipeg River was so high that the houses holding logs were broken and the new aerodrome was covered with slush logs, many of them half sunk, which made it extremely dangerous for the aerodrome to come down. On this account the department decided to hold on to the Victoria Beach "drome," for the present at least. While flood conditions are not unusual on the river, it is said that scarcely ever in the years when a record of levels has been kept, has the water in the river been so high as it was this year.

Commander Gordon also said that owing to crashes which have occurred in recent years, the department has decided to discard the present type of machines in which the present forest patrol work has been done. He could not say what type of aeroplanes would be adopted, but several promising varieties were being tested this summer and the best of them would be selected.

Flying Officer Weaver Drops 1,000 Feet to Death

"Bill" Weaver is gone! One of the best-known of the Victoria Beach flying officers met a tragic death Monday, July 11, when guiding his airplane along the northern end of Lake Manitoba. An unexpected pocket in a dark cloud caused the wheel to slip from his grasp, and in the tilt that followed all three occupants were thrown out and fell to the ground, a distance of 1,000 feet.

Flying Officer Weaver spent two seasons at Victoria Beach, 1924 and 1925. He was a frequent visitor to the Club-house, and was a general favourite with all. Last season he was at Lac du Bonnet, but this summer he had called twice at Victoria Beach and renewed friendships. He was a capable flying officer, and his death only illustrates the hazards faced daily by the human occupant of the air.

LARGE NUMBER AT SERVICE
 Rev. W. F. Stephens, United Church minister at Hazelridge, Man., who is a cottager with his family at the Beach, this summer, conducted the service in the Club-house Sunday morning to one of the largest gatherings of the summer. The service was well kept within the hour, and the topic, the final years of Moses, the leader of the Israelites in the Wilderness, served to bring out many beautiful and stimulating thoughts. The musicians of the orchestra led the singing with good effect. The attendance was 165, and the collection amounted to \$20.32.

ENJOYED TRIP TO PINE FALLS

Many took advantage of the trip to Pine Falls Tuesday morning on the "Mailboat," and under the direction of Captain Frank Nollis reported having had a most delightful day, arriving back in time for dinner. Captain Nollis intends to have three outings for the pleasure of the cottagers of Victoria Beach at regular intervals, and announcement will be made from time to time of the day and the hour.

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Harvey Kavaner's "Swell" Time

Dear "Victoria Beach News":
 A tired and a wiser man rested at "Deau Soleil" cottage Sunday last, as motor-boating from Winnipeg to Victoria Beach is not a restful trip.

Mr. George Leslie and I left Winnipeg at 8.30 p.m. Friday in an 18-foot Fredericton boat with a light twin Johnson outboard motor, both of which are new. Neither of us were experienced with such operation. Our journey down the Red River was very pleasant, and the moonlight night thoroughly enjoyed as far as Selkirk. We lost a little time at the Locks, and arrived at Selkirk about one a.m. There we spent another half-hour before proceeding down the river in darkness, as the moon was gone. The river-bank trees, sombre against the sky-line, served as our guide, and we kept the centre of the stream.

An early indication of light, shortly after 3.30 a.m., heralded daybreak, and we watched the sun rise just before reaching the mouth of the river. Having watched the sun set also, while we were yet on the river, coupled with a lovely night, we had thoroughly enjoyed our experience for the first 40 odd miles.

We encountered quite a swell on the lower portion of the river, and were hoping that the night breeze would disappear with the rising sun. The moment we struck the lake we realized, however, that we had a battle ahead. In less than two minutes we were soaked, and the heavy swells of the lake created a hazard and fear that forced us to shore. Having prepared some coffee, had a few minutes rest and chatted with some Sabermans, we decided to try for Grand Beach, 18 miles distant, straight across, but much farther by the shore-line around the lake bays. The shore-line was our objective, which gave us a heavy side wave practically all the way, and many a splash did we experience during the four hours' continuous sailing until Grand Beach was reached at about 9.45. We left there about 10.30, taking a chance this time on the open lake, as we were now in full knowledge as to the capabilities of our little boat and engine. We arrived home about 12 Saturday, thus making the best time on our lake journey, from Grand Beach here, the swells having lessened somewhat.

Getting fuel into the tank of our engine, without stopping, and when we were being tossed about like a cork, was one of the thrills of the journey.

Believing that we could make about 18 miles per hour, we hoped to arrive at Victoria Beach for early breakfast, but having been forced to cover 100 miles or more, due to taking the shore-line and battling the swells so long, we were quite content to make our destination for lunch. But neither of us are anxious to make the trip again this season. Yours for a boat-house,
HARVEY KAVANER.

Keeper of the "Kail"



MRS. M. E. ROOKE
 Treasurer of Victoria Beach Club for the past two seasons. Mrs. Rooke fits the expression, "on the job," for she is a careful guardian of the funds of the Club.

Nominations for Mayor and councillors for the ensuing year for the Municipality of Victoria Beach will be held next Saturday.

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Preparing for Kiddies' Sports

Announce the thing to remember is "Kiddies Sports Day" and the "Fishing Competition."

Children's Sports Day will be the first Monday in August, Winnipeg's Civic Holiday. The date of the Fishing Competition will be announced later. All Boys and Girls, 14 years and under, are welcome to enter. It is understood that the promoters will be able to have the grounds of the Royal Air Force station for the sports. This will be a great improvement over last year, when the course was rather narrow.

Mr. T. E. Williams, head of the committee, hopes that all who so kindly subscribed last year will not only donate again, but set all their friends in an likewise. Should anyone prefer to give a prize instead of money we will be only too pleased to hear from them.

Mr. Williams will visit all he can on the 1-10 trail, but don't wait for him! Hand your subscription to any of the stores or any of the Executive of the Community Club. The names of the Sports Committee will appear in the issue of July 18.

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The "Why" of Ham and Eggs

Reading in these long summer days we find that science has come to vindicate the palate, seat of good sense, or maybe of good instinct, more years back than science might like to concede. For the researchers have found out why we like ham and eggs, an appetizing dish in city home or summer cottage.

Left to your average breakfaster the reason is simple enough. He eats them because he likes them. To be sure, that motive is behind intemperate eating as well. But this consideration has to do with staple eating, not gluttony; and besides, ham and eggs, in addition to proving themselves staples of food, carry their own limitations of ration. You eat them because you like them, and on their own they tell you when you have had enough. With ham cut to the proper thickness—none of your shavings of already boiled ham mistreated by frying—and with eggs cooked in the same pan to the preferred degree of white and gold, he is a poor poet laureate in the Epicurean court who would fall short of sinning a peas.

All this in the realm of palate. And now, up in the area of science, they have searched out justification for such common sense. It's all in the vitamins, just as you may have been suspecting. After 10 years of feeding tests of small animals and chemical analysis of the meat a bi-chemist in the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D.C., has found out that lean pork is rich in Vitamin B, but low in the fat soluble Vitamin A. On the other hand, eggs are rather low in Vitamin B, but rich in Vitamin A. Hence ham and eggs, which supply also fat, protein, minerals and other desirable constituents.

Moreover, there has been found by this bi-chemist similar reasons for the ham sandwich. It is all in the combination, as with the ham and eggs. The value lies in the combination; there is more good in the mixed diet than in the intake of a single food product, however digestible the lone protein.

So the palate was right in its urge for mixtures, as ham

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Get Behind the Masquerade

July residents of Victoria Beach must get behind the Masquerade, which has been set for one week from to-night, Saturday, July 23.

It is from this support that the Victoria Beach Club reserves its windows to continue music in the Club-house from week to week.

Costumes should now be in preparation, and as there will be six prizes given by the Club and half-a-dozen special prizes, given by individual members, there will be some zest in the work of arranging costumes. There will be three prizes for ladies' and gentlemen's costumes, for the prettiest and the handsomest; the two best portrayal of characters and the two most comic. There will be prizes for the children and for those who in their dress identify Victoria Beach, its beauties or its other attractions.

Mrs. Cumberland, Fourth Avenue, has been placed in charge of the sale of tickets to residents at the Beach, and the young ladies under her direction will be around to the cottages one of these days offering the sale, and all called on should purchase two or more.

The orchestra should carry on some practicing together, so that the programme presented will be worthy of the night; and if possible they also should be costumed in a manner befitting the night's entertainment.

ODE TO A VICTORIA BEACH SUNSET

Have you ever seen the glory of the open western sky

As His Majesty the Sun God bids the day good-bye?

Have you seen the blushing cloudlet turn from rosy pink to red

As this Sun God draws her gently 'neath the curtain of his bed?

You hold your breath in wonder, that is also tinged with awe,

And you thank your God and Maker for this picture without flaw.

See the stately pine and birch trees a-flutter in the breeze

As they worship at the footstool of this God across the sea!

M. E. H.

C. W. N. KENNEDY MEMORIAL

Editor, "Victoria Beach News":

Dear Sir:—

Mrs. C. W. N. Kennedy and her family wish to express their grateful thanks to the many friends who have so kindly proposed the erection of a Rock Cairn to perpetuate the memory of the late Charles William Nassau Kennedy. The idea is truly grand and conforms in every way to the strong, generous character of so honorable a man.

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Looking Over Beach Residents and Friends

Miss Enjays Thompson was a week-end guest of Miss Muriel Pratt. Mrs. F. Wray sang the solo "The Voice of the Father," made by Frederick Cowan, at the Church service Sunday morning, and her rendition was greatly enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Harriet and son have occupied their cottage on Third Avenue since the end of May. This is their fourth season. Mr. and Mrs. H. M. MacSime and daughter have opened their cottage, "Macusilla," on Fourth Avenue for the season.

It is six years since Mr. E. Casselman, of Emerson, built his bungalow on Sunset Boulevard, now numbered 317. During that time it has been occupied each season by his two daughters—Mrs. H. G. MacArthur, Emerson, and Mrs. Roy Wydenman, 556 McLellan Avenue, Winnipeg, and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hewitt and family, of Kelowna, B.C., spent a week at the "Inn" early in July, and could not say enough in praise of the courteous hospitality of Mrs. McLeod and staff.

Mr. Charles Davidson and Miss Margaret Davidson are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Auld, First Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. John Auld, and son, Jack, of Kerrnort, B.C., are occupying Mr. T. C. Allardice's cottage during the first two weeks in July.

Mr. D. A. Mitchell and Miss Claire Mitchell, of Gananoque, Ontario, and Mrs. Diaby Wheeler and Miss Marion Davison, of Winnipeg, were guests of Mrs. Ross Mitchell over the week-end.

Chief-inspector George Smith of the Winnipeg detective force, spent the week-end at the cottage of Inspector "Bill" Smith of the Manitoba police force. Inspector Smith always spends his vacation at this beach.

Mr. William J. T. Kerr, Sunset Boulevard, manager of K. E. Winward and Company, of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, has built an addition to his large cottage this summer and is down with his family for the season.

Mr. St. John Nafel, organist of the Capitol Theatre, Winnipeg, spent Sunday with friends at the beach. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Laws, after their trip to Scotland, have again opened up their cottage at the beach.

Dr. and Mrs. Neil John MacLean are again occupying their cottage on Sunset, their 18th season. Dr. MacLean, for many years president of the Club, and devotes what time he can from a busy practice to the Executive's business.

Hamilton Robinson and Miss Betty Taylor have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. McLarty and family for the past few days. Mrs. Gillan and Miss Mary Gillan have been guests at Dinkhurst Inn the past two weeks, and have as their guest Miss Margery Palmer.

Miss Doris Mason of Toronto, and Jean Warren, of Winnipeg, are guests of Marren Kavanar at her cottage "Deau Soleil."

Mr. "Doh" Moulden was a visitor to friends at the beach the past week-end. Miss Mollie Thompson is the guest of Miss Kitty Lavender for the week.

Miss O. Roberts is the guest of Miss Beale Lee for the past week, coming down to the beach. Mrs. W. H. Mack, one of the old-time residents of the province, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Trickey.

Miss Muriel Halpin is the guest of Mrs. Henderson, Fifth and Patricia. Rev. Phillip Barker, chairman of the Winnipeg Presbytery, and Mrs. Barker and family, spent the past two weeks at the beach. Mr. Barker has been transferred from Weston United Church in Brandon, Man.

Mr. Fred Giv brought down the choir of All Saints' Church to the beach to spend the day at his pretty location on Saturday, July 2, and the day was pleasantly spent in bathing and games, with some singing interspersing the outing. The members reported an enjoyable time.

Mr. Fred Giv and family spent the last week-end at the beach, and were joined Sunday by Mrs. Gee and the youngest member of the family.

Miss McWhirter and Miss Burnham were guests of Mrs. M. E. Hoake last week-end at her cozy cottage on Sixth Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall, pioneers, are again enjoying the summer at their cottage on Sixth Avenue and have as their guests their son, Mr. Stanley Hall, and his wife and granddaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wray and family are occupying a cottage on Seventh Avenue. Rev. Harry Atkinson will be one of the speakers at a Church service this summer. Mr. Atkinson is in charge of the reformatory at Portage la Prairie, Man. the past year and is still the valued superintendent, although the boys at Winnipeg miss their annual camps at Elk Island which he always so generously provided.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hise are again down for the season with their children, their fifth year at the beach. This summer Mr. Hise built a fine cottage on Fourth Avenue, after being a "renter" for some time. Mrs. Hise will probably be heard at the Church service some Sunday soon.

John H. McDonald, secretary-treasurer of the North-western Elevator Company Limited, although he has one of the most beautiful homes in Pseudo, on Park Boulevard, enjoys his week-end outings at Victoria Beach. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald and family are occupying the cottage of W. J. Hood, on the Hill, Sunset Boulevard.

Milton H. Ringman, assistant-secretary of the Great West Life Company, is occupying one of the Company's cottages on Second Avenue, admiring the beautiful grounds of Fred Gee.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Virden, who have long been owners of a cottage at the beach, are down for the summer, having recently returned from a trip by auto to Florida, where they visited their son, Robert, who is in the hardware business there and was formerly well known at the beach. They went as far as Miami and Royal Palm State Park. Rna's were reported to be in fine condition, and the return journey, a distance of 3,555 miles, was made in nine days and three hours.

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The summer has now rolled into the middle of that season to which many a husband and father looks forward with some secret eagerness, but which he invariably comes to hate before it is one week old.

We refer, of course, to the period when the wife and children live themselves away to Victoria Beach or some other lake-cottage resort, while the nominal head of the family remains in town to take care of the old job or the old business. Under such circumstances, it is the orthodox thing for the city-moroned male to tell the departing ones, with not a little show of feeling, just how lonesome he is going to be, and just how much he shudders at the idea of "hatching it" for the next few weeks.

And nine times out of ten, if statistics do not deceive, the husband does not mean it when he says it, but before the end of the first two weeks he learns, to his shocked surprise, that those parting words to the wife were the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Whatever his anticipation may have been, it seldom takes him even a week to find out that "hatching" to the harem-breaker, falls a long way short of coming up to its advance notice.

And why should not the thoroughly tamed and trained husband, before he tries it, thrill a bit at the prospect of a house in which he can do exactly as he pleases, eating what and when he likes, coming in when and as he pleases, with no daily reports to make, no tardiness to explain, no allusion to fabricate, no children to correct, no admonitions to absorb, nobody to offer criticism if he chooses to scatter ashes all over the grounds?

At least such is the prospect. But only so long as it remains a prospect. The reality, unless these summer widowers, who have poured their woe into our ears, are out-and-out generalists, is anything but pleasant. Delinquencies lose their allure when there is nobody from whom they must be concealed. Scattering cigar or cigarette ashes on the floor is no sport when the scatterer knows very well that ultimately he will have to clean them up himself. Papers, thrown down in rooms, lose their relish when it is recalled that one must stoop down many times to pick them up and fold them away if they are not to be placed where they are liable to fall down again. And the man used to surprises at his wife's moon finds the food he selects for himself tasting rather flavoured.

Even his sleep is disturbed by the utter silliness that fills the place. No skittering of little feet across the floor because some teased-off wants to crawl in with Daddy about two hours before Daddy's regular time for getting up. No waiting for a drink of water in the wee small hours and nobody to share the alarm when an imaginary burglar seems to be moving around in the dark.

A few days of such freedom and the liberated male wants his shackles back, and he doesn't mean maybe.

CANON STEPHENSON TO PUBLISH

Canon F. W. Stephenson, of St. John's Cathedral, will conduct next Sunday morning's service, beginning at 11 o'clock. The canon will administer Holy Communion in the Club-house, to all who may desire to participate, at 10 o'clock in the morning. Canon Stephenson is spending his second season at the beach with his family, and is enjoying the vacation to a high degree.

LOST

Sunday afternoon, July 2, in tourist coach on train at Victoria Beach, lady's brown leather hand-bag, containing money, receipts, car-tickets, gold lead pencil, and other valuables, with owner's name on cards in side pocket enclosure. Reward if returned to Victoria Beach Company's Office, Victoria Beach, or 210 Kennedy Building, Winnipeg.

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LARGE FLAG FOR CLUB-HOUSE

At a meeting of the Church Executive it was decided to purchase a large Canadian flag to drape the back of the platform, and it will be in position this Sunday.

The collection to be taken up on the Sunday morning when Rev. Harry Atkinson preaches this summer, is to be donated to the denominational fresh air camps along Lake Winnipeg.

It was also decided to donate to the members of the Club-house orchestra, for their services each Sunday, the sum of \$15 for the season, and to give a similar account to Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, who are looking after the Club-house this season.

The Treasurer reported that the finances of the Church were in good shape, and the bill for printing the notices placed around the Beach announcing the Sunday services, was passed.

President Charles Hall reported on the supply for the summer, and stated there would be no difficulty in securing a sufficient number of ministers for the nine weeks.

LETTER FROM SIR HENRY

Sir Henry Thornton, President of the Canadian National Railway, has written to the Executive of the Victoria Beach Club, stating he may be unable to visit the Victoria Beach this summer to receive a preferred reception in the Club-house, but that while in Winnipeg, he would be pleased to meet members of the Executive and hear their impressions of the train service and other matters pertaining to the welfare of the Beach serviced by the Canadian National Railway. The invitation of Sir Henry will be accepted.

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