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J. J. CONKLIN Founder of the Herald

On February 7th, last, Victoria Beach was saddened by the loss of Mr. J. J. Conklin who passed away in his 84th year. He was one of the first cottage owners at the Beach and an untiring worker for the good of the community. A Past President and life member of the Victoria Beach Club, he was still an active member of the executive at the time of his death, latterly remembered for his work as Chairman of the Railway Committee.

During the summer of 1928, Mr. Conklin published the first Victoria Beach Herald, a weekly service which he carried on entirely on his own for twenty-two years, until turning over the responsibility of its publishing to the Club.

Well known in the newspaper field, Mr. Conklin was a member of the Winnipeg Free Press staff for 51 years, during which time he was editor of many different departments.

The Club realizes that it can never replace John Conklin in its efforts to continue the publication of this weekly news service, but we sincerely trust that its publication be carried on in a manner befitting the memory of its founder. He will be missed by all.

Exhibition Cottage

Under the auspices of the Victoria Beach Club, a prefabricated cottage, built and erected by the firm of Banfield-Lee, will be open to public inspection between the hours of 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. daily. This modern five-room cottage, situated on Seventh Avenue between Arthur and Patricia Roads, has been furnished by the Hudson Bay Company and equipped with a gas range and gas lights installed by the Home Gas Ltd., and a luxurious gas refrigerator installed by Dickson Electric Co. Ltd. A member of the Club will be in attendance during inspection hours. The cottage (unfurnished), will be sold to the highest bid received prior to August 19th, offers to be mailed to Banfield-Lee Construc-



tors, c/o Victoria Beach Club, Victoria Beach, Man., or left at the cottage. Forms for this purpose are available at the cottage. Offers are subject to a reserve bid and all offers will be considered confidential.

The Club will receive any profits from the sale of the cottage. There will be a nominal admission charge, which will go towards defraying general operating expenses of the Club for the Summer Season. It is hoped that the cottage will be open for inspection, Tuesday, July 1st.

CLUB NOTES

Depending upon completion of repairs to equipment, the Clubhouse will be open for dancing on Saturday, June 28th, and Monday, June 30th, and thereafter on every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights throughout the summer season. Admission for non-members is ten cents on week-day evenings and twenty-five cents on Saturdays. Mr. Glen Caughey, club manager, will be in charge.

Arrangements are being completed with the Victoria Beach Legion to hold movies at the Clubhouse on Monday and Thursday evenings, to commence July 7th.

It is hoped that the tennis courts will be ready for use July 1st. Any offers of help in getting them into shape for play, would be much appreciated by Glen.

Much needed new seating accommodation for the Clubhouse has been arranged for, and it is hoped that same will be installed early next week.

A meeting of the Club Executive is called for Thursday, July 3rd, at 8 p.m. sharp, in the Board Room of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange.

CHILDREN'S SAND SERVICES

For boys and girls at Victoria Beach, summertime and SAND SERVICES, go together. Again this year from July 7 to 26 we'll be meeting on the sand at Patricia Beach every day except Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for an hour of singing, bible memory work, flannel-board stories, and fun. If it rains, we will meet in the Clubhouse instead. Be sure to tell your friends about it, and remember it is FREE.

Miss Ida Twining, Director of Manitoba Child Evangelism Fellowship, will be in charge of the Sand Services.

CLUB MANAGER

The Club has been fortunate in obtaining the services of Glen Caughey as Clubhouse and Tennis Manager for the season. Glen needs no introduction to the Beach having spent many holidays at his mother's cottage on Fourth Avenue. Anyone desiring information in regards to the Club will find Glen at the Clubhouse or at 223 Fifth Avenue.

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Victoria Beach in May

Members of the Natural History Society, who have a "headquarters" cottage at Victoria Beach, have for many years been keen observers of Nature's beauties on our fair peninsula. A member of the Society, Mr. E. Gilbert (5th Avenue) who is down at the Beach from early spring until late fall, wrote the following interesting article for the Herald. We trust he will follow it up with another chapter of Natural History at the Beach.

The month of May is one of the most pleasant to those who visit the Beach, whether for one day or for the whole season. Usually, the weather is not too hot or too cold, and the mosquitoes and other insects have not appeared in full force. By Arbor Day there is a definite display of Nature's beauties. Looking across any of the bays, one can see a touch of delicate green on the tops of the deciduous trees, especially the aspens (poplars). The birches also, are showing a tinge of yellowish green which is very beautiful, as if the trees were just being newly dressed, and seem to desire to make themselves as pretty and attractive as possible. These also, as well as the aspens, put forth beautiful catkins of blossom, which remain for two weeks or so, and then give place to the stronger green of the leaves, which by this time have expanded to normal size. The evergreens-balsams, spruces and junipers, do not show signs of renewal until late in the month, and then put forth light green shoots at the ends of the branches. By the 24th, the oak and ash trees are coming into leaf, and the oaks in particular, are marvelously beautiful with delicate catkins of bloom joined with newly formed leaves of a light, brownish green color. Here may be quoted an old English proverb with regard to these trees:

*"If the oak before the ash,
 Then I'll only be a splash.
 If the ash before the oak,
 Then you may expect a soak."*

The berry bushes must not be overlooked in this connection. The first blossoms appear near the beginning of the month, those of the wild plum being the first to make a showing. Then the Saskatoons burst into bloom, and by the 24th many have been

formed into berries. With these might be mentioned the strawberry plants, which look like small white stars among the grass and bushes, brightening the path of those who walk among them. Soon after come the pincherries, which to my thinking, are the most beautiful of all. The bushes lean over the trails, and over the bank of the lake, the blossoms falling in graceful cascades of white beauty all along the edge of the cliff. The foliage also, makes a brilliant show when changing color in the fall of the year. After these come the hawthorns and chokecherries, each of them welcome and beautiful in its way, the latter especially so, with its shapely cones of bloom. Later come the nannyberries and high bush cranberries, the former with fragrant umbels of beauty, the latter with its circle of rayflowers of purest white. One of the later blossoms is that of the dewberry, which appears late in the month, and produces fruit resembling the raspberry in shape, very good to taste. With all these should not be forgotten the blossoms of the blueberries, which make their first appearance near the middle of the month, continuing until the end of the berrying season. The little bellshaped flowers are very beautiful, and deserve special mention. All these blooms send forth a pleasant scent; which, when mingled with that of the evergreens, is very pleasing indeed. To walk along the streets in the early morning, or late in the evening, when the wind is still, is a pleasure to be remembered for many days.

May is also the month when most of the birds return which had gone south for the winter. The first to arrive of course, are the Canada geese, with here and there a solitary gull. Then follows the advance guard of the ducks, with the old crow and marsh hawk. Soon after, the main body of the migrants arrive with a rush. The less hardy ducks, pintails, bluebills, shovellers, gadwalls, blue-winged and green-winged teal, redheads, canvasbacks and ruddy ducks, arrive in flocks, while long lines of waxy geese can be seen, winging their way in the upper strata of the air, to their nesting grounds in the far north. Pelicans, those birds with remarkable beaks, have already arrived, and can be seen resting on the rocks near the Point. Great blue herons, bitterns with their booming call, and snipes of (Continued on Page 3)

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Beach People

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Beech have opened their cottage on Sunset and will occupy it for the summer. They have with them on week-ends, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Beech Jr., and Miss Mary Beech.

Miss Muriel Pratt, former secretary of the Victoria Beach Club, visited the Beach over the May 24 week-end. She has returned to Swan Lake to resume her position at All Faith Mission.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Irving enjoyed many week-ends at their cottage early this spring.

Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. N. R. Nagle have opened their cottage for the season.

Mrs. Bill Johnston is holidaying at her parent's cottage on Seventh Avenue. She is introducing to the Beach this summer their young son, William Paul.

Mrs. S. W. Caughey, Audrey and Glen, have spent several week-ends in their cottage on Fourth Avenue.

Mrs. Doug. Irving with Bonnie and Douglas Jr., have arrived from Edmonton and are visiting at the Beach with Mrs. Irving's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shenton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Mahood have been holidaying in their cottage on Fifth Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Arnason were down earlier in the season to open their cottage. They leave at the end of June for a two month visit in Europe.

Mr. Neville Smith is now occupying his cottage, "Road's End," for the summer.

Mayor and Mrs. Gibson, Janet and Terry have opened their cottage on Third Avenue.

Miss Nancy Wilson had as her week-end guests Misses Donna and Shirley Capel.

Mr. Wm. Gray and family will holiday at the Beach during July.

Mrs. Gordon Saunders with her two children and her mother are holidaying in the Saunder's cottage on Third Avenue.

Mrs. A. Powell and her daughter, Mrs. Paul Bauman, are spending a two week vacation in their cottage on Fourth Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sharp are vacationing at the Beach and will have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Peter Chalmers of Montreal. Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers are well known to the Beach, having given up their cottage at Third and Alexander when moving to Montreal some years ago.

Mrs. J. J. Milne and Sydney have opened their cottage for the season.

Mrs. Gerald Burch and her three daughters are enjoying a holiday in their cottage on Sunset Blvd.

Miss Allison Dryden has opened her cottage on Third Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Minty with their two children have had a three week holiday at the Beach.

In the proud parents' department, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Quinton announced the arrival of their son, Geoffrey, on June 1st, while Mr. and Mrs. Andy Grierson welcomed the arrival of Bobby and Marilyn's baby sister on June 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Higginbottom and family have been occupying the Milne cottage on Third Ave. for the last two weeks of June.

VICTORIA BEACH IN MAY

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various kinds, can be seen around the marshy spots at the edge of the lake.

Who is so indifferent that he has not been thrilled on hearing the "Cheer up" of the first robin to arrive, or the welcome shout of the first meadowlark as he sits on a post or telephone wire beside the road, and proclaims to all that spring has surely arrived. These are soon followed by hosts of flickers, kingfishers, blackbirds, purple finches, white-throated and white-crowned sparrows, goldfinches, redstarts, pine siskins, and warblers of various kinds. Later, we hear the cheering call of the orioles and thrushes, the latter singing far into the night. Also the purple martins and swallows, winging high over the trees, or skimming gracefully over the waters of the bay. Last but not least, are the ruby-throated hummingbirds, one of which was seen at the Beach on the 24th. At the end of the month the period of migration comes to an end, and so leads on the next chapter in the natural history of the Beach.

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Services will commence Sunday, June 29th at 10:45 a.m. at the Clubhouse with the Rev. Wm. Steenson conducting the first service. Dr. Niermeier will be in charge of music for the summer. Mr. W. H. Simpson, 209 Seventh Avenue will be chairman of the Church Committee for the year with Mrs. A. D. Robinson, 215 Seventh Avenue acting as Secretary-Treasurer. The committee is arranging regular services for each Sunday during the summer season.

These Sunday morning services have been a part of the holiday season for many years and need no introduction to regular beach families. To newcomers to Victoria Beach, and to their families, a hearty welcome is extended.

POWER AT VICTORIA BEACH

The Manitoba Power Commission has asked your Council to determine whether the permanent and summer residents of Victoria Beach want electrification of the area. Your Council accordingly asked the Commission to prepare a memorandum setting out the method which would be followed and the approximate costs of installation and service. This memorandum was mailed to property holders with their tax notices recently, together with a questionnaire asking for opinions, for and against.

The Council stated in a letter accompanying the questionnaire, that, if the response indicated a sufficiently large number of replies favoured the project, the Power Commission would be asked to make a survey. The results to date seem to warrant such

a preliminary survey to determine prospective routes, clearing required, etc.

The arguments for and against electrification are well known and of long standing and your Council feels that no final decision can be made without giving the tax payers all the facts and obtaining their opinion by way of a referendum. In order to accomplish the first of these tasks it is hoped shortly to hold a public meeting at the Beach at which a representative of the Power Commission will attend to explain the procedure and answer questions. The meeting will then be open to public debate. At a later date a poll of tax payers will be taken. Watch for further news of this meeting.

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