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Common Sense Vacations

Summer vacation is a time to forget the day-to-day problems that beset us throughout the rest of the year. We forget our jobs, our financial worries, and we put on old clothes and forget about keeping up with the Joneses.

All too often we forget our common sense as well. It's a failing that makes summer anything but a vacation time for police and safety officials, and has its grim evidence in fatality statistics which invariably reach their peak with the coming of warm weather.

Some of the mishaps are unavoidable and the direct result of our highly mechanized and mobile society. All too many have their beginnings in the dangerously carefree state of mind which overtakes many otherwise cautious citizens as soon as they lock the door of their city homes, climb into the family car and head for two weeks of relaxation.

With some, it is an understandable temptation to get there in a hurry which leads to disaster. Speed, traffic officials report, is by far the greatest cause of highway crashes — greater than mechanical defects or unsafe roads. In the city of Toronto, despite the greatest traffic-control and driver-education campaign in its history, the number of traffic deaths is already well ahead of last year.

Drowning rates second only to traffic as the greatest vacation killer, and often the carelessness factor here is even greater. Non-swimmers venture far offshore in frail craft without life preservers. Frivolous boaters endanger their own lives and those of their passengers with acrobatics on the water. Inexperienced oarsmen stand up to change places. Motorboat fans, anxious for thrills, drastically overpower skimpy and unstable flat-bottom skiffs with 15-horsepower outboards.

One of the blackest marks on Canada's summer drowning record, some officials feel, is the fact that many lives are lost through ignorance after the body of the victim has been recovered from the water. Dr. Gordon Bates, director of the Health League of Canada, said recently that cases continue to come to light where artificial respiration has been abandoned too soon. There is hope of reviving persons who have been in water as long as half an hour if artificial respiration is started immediately and carried on at least four hours or until rigor mortis sets in.

TEA AND SALE OF HOME COOKING

The Ladies' of St. Michael's Church are holding their Annual Tea and Sale of Home Cooking, etc., on Wednesday, August 19th, at 3:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Donations of flowers will be gratefully accepted to help swell the exchequer. Please leave flowers at Sutherland's Store or Clubhouse.

ANNUAL DOG SHOW

The Victoria Beach Annual Dog Show will be held this Saturday, August 15th, at the Clubhouse. As per usual dogs will be judged for largest, smallest, longest tail, etc. For further particulars contact Chairman Maurice Thompson.

CLUB MEMBERSHIPS & DONATIONS

Further memberships and donations continue to come to hand for the Victoria Beach Community Club. Full season and part season members are: Mrs. W. J. T. Kerr, Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. L. Bowerman, Mr. and Mrs. C. David, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Black, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kilpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. E. Simpson. Donations to sports, etc., were received from Mr. and Mrs. J. McFee, Mrs. J. Kerr, Dr. T. H. Williams, Mrs. F. Glover.

"Birch" Bark

It has been brought to our attention that the Birch trees on King Edward Avenue, between Third and Eighth, have been relieved of their Birch bark. This practice is one which has existed for quite some time, however, those doing it are possibly not aware of the fact that the removal of the bark will eventually kill the tree, not to mention marring their beauty.

The beautiful clusters and single Birch trees are one of the most wonderful features of our fair beach and to lose them through others' thoughtlessness would be sad indeed.

Let those who need Birch bark for their hobbies or craft penetrate deep into the bush in unsettled areas and select dead or dying trees for their bark removing projects.

The co-operation of all Beach residents in requests of this nature will help keep Victoria Beach one of Canada's finest summer resorts.

VICTORIA BEACH CLUB

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Beach People...



Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bauskill are spending their holidays on Fifth Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Pound with daughters, Judy, Margaret, and Dorothy, also son, Tommie, are occupying Miss St. John's cottage, 341 Fifth Ave. for two weeks.

Mrs. Thos. Mackay, Robert, and Mary Lamont are visiting Mrs. Mackay's mother, "Patstone Lodge," Victoria Beach.

Mrs. F. H. Hadley, Black River, New York, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. W. Culbertson, "Patstone Lodge."

Miss Kay McDonald is a week-end guest at "Patstone Lodge."

Mr. and Mrs. W. Harold Nixon are occupying their summer home "High Birches," Sunset Blvd., for the season, their daughter, Carol, joined them last week on her return from England and Scotland where she spent the past two months, while in London she saw the Coronation procession.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell W. Taylor are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lord, 217 Seventh Avenue for a fortnight.

Mrs. Terry and the Misses Terry are holidaying for August at their cottage 332 Fifth Ave.

Dr. and Mrs. A. Schaberg and family are occupying "Hungaria," 341 Third Avenue for the month of August.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomas are pleased to have their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lavallee and son Bruce, of Pine Falls visiting for August. They are accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lavallee sons, Norman and Donald, also of Pine Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cork of Ogilvie have completed a two week vacation at their cottage Victoria Crescent. They have had grandchildren Keith and Lynne Cork as guests.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Tipp of Winnipeg are occupying the Hurst cottage, Sunset Blvd.
 Miss Dianne Sako of Pine Falls is a guest at Victoria Beach.

Miss Enid Jonsson is spending a vacation with her mother, Mrs. A. Jonsson, on Pine Road. Miss Jonsson has recently been employed nursing polio cases in King George hospital.

Rev. Dawson conducted a service Sunday afternoon at St. Michael's.

MASQUERADE PRIZE WINNERS

The Annual Adult Masquerade under the auspices of the Victoria Beach Community Club was held Saturday night, August 8th. In spite of an electrical breakdown that was not discovered until quite late, emergency current was obtained and the dance went ahead with a large audience and about 26 competitors. Thanks must be given for the time and effort contributed by Mrs. Gibson, to Bert Trainor for his prompt response and action in supplying power and light and to the three capable judges, Mrs. Vincent, Mrs. Bowles and Mrs. Evans. Mrs. L. Copeland assisted at the piano during the Grand March and Maurice Thompson announced the prize winners. The prize winners were as follows:
 National—Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Neirmeier, Berlie Yemians, Neil Buchanan.
 Original—Mrs. Ken Davidson, Dr. and Mrs. F. Brown.

Period—Glen Lester, Lee Fehr; Garnet Millard, Pat Higman.
 Spirit of the Beach—Shelley Lauson, Vorda Verluch.

Comic—John Isbister, Frank Alsip, Ken Davidson; Mrs. Jack Rice, Mrs. Alsip.

VICTORIA BEACH MUNICIPALITY

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Play in the Fred Porter Trophy was concluded over the week-end with some very close scoring. The Trophy was won by Glen McLeod, playing from a handicap of 28 with a net score of 110 for the 36 holes. He was closely followed by H. S. Kemp who finished with 111 net playing from a handicap of 23. Low gross scores were recorded by H. R. Parker with 139, K. Pratt, 141; Paul Quinton, 143; W. Champion, 144; and N. A. McLeod, 146. The Tournament was considered most successful with 29 players competing and all completing their 36 holes. The leading net scores were as follows: Glen McLeod 110, H. S. Kemp 111, Paul Quinton 113, R. A. Chittick 114, Bruce Gow 114, J. Seaton 116, Eldon Fleming 117, Alf Ladd 118, A. W. Muldrew 118, N. A. McLeod 118, D. Irving 118 W. Champion 118.

Entries in the Ladies' Tournament and Long Driving Competition held on Monday last were sadly lacking, only nine players turning out at the appointed hour; however, all those competing returned scores and Mrs. A. S. Bolton with a 49 for the nine holes won the McKinney Trophy for 1953. The long driving was held at the first tee, each lady being given two chances and according to the recorders Mrs. T. R. Hodgson, with a drive of 128 yards was the winner. Possibly this event should be held earlier in the season and a recommendation will be made to this effect. Thanks to Bill Andrew and Bryan Parker for assisting with the Driving Competition.

The "Jimmy Grant" Memorial Tournament is now being played and it is hoped that as many will take an interest as developed in the Porter event just concluded. August 23rd is the deadline for all scores to be posted.

More entries wanted in the Junior tournament which has been extended to August 23rd also.

W.A. EXPRESS THANKS

The women's auxiliary of the church of St. Michael's, Victoria Beach held their annual sale on Friday, July 10th.

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who helped us with their donations and in many ways to make our sale a success. The sum of \$215.00 was realized which will greatly assist us in reducing the debt owing on the new church.

LAST SUNDAY'S CHURCH SERVICE

Rev. E. Checkland gave the service Sunday morning to the community church. He preached a well developed and inspirational sermon on "The Love of Jesus." The children's story was the favorite one of David and Goliath.

Miss Gertrude Newton in the absence of Mrs. Bucknell was the soloist, singing "I heard the Voice of Jesus Say".

Flowers for the service were from the garden of Mrs. Freda Jonsson.

TRY TO PLEASE EVERYBODY?

You've heard this fable before. Father and son were leading a donkey to market. People laughed at them for walking when they had transportation at rope-end. So the father rode, whereupon they shamed him for riding while his poor boy walked. So the father got off and the boy got on whereupon the people jeered the son for riding while his poor father walked. So they both got on and were abused for treating the poor donkey so cruelly. Finally, they decided to carry the donkey, and everybody laughed at them for being fools.

There are objections to any position we take. You can even attack a thing on the grounds that it's exactly what it claims to be; you can thus ridicule a whole philosophy of life by saying: "The trouble with it is, it's philosophy." Anything anybody says can be refuted with: "That's one man's opinion," or "That's what he says." Your very assertion casts doubt on what he said: he might only have said two and two make four.

Please everybody? We can't even please ourselves! The man who ached for six years to sell his house for \$10,000 finally got a surprise offer of \$12,000. He was so pleased he raised his price to \$15,000. Soon he'll be aching all over again to sell it for \$10,000.

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NATURAL HISTORY FOR JULY

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From about the middle of the month, there has been a regular sequence of blooms according to the nature of the plants. One of the most important was the evening primrose, which decorated Eighth Ave. in quite considerable numbers with their tall stems and sweet-smelling flowers. About the same time appeared a beautiful purple peavine, along with the white variety, and the two purple vetches. Beside the railway appeared large clumps of bergamot, of a rather pale mauve color, but very beautiful when seen in the aggregate. Along with these are the vervains, a tall, graceful plant, with dark blue spikes of blossom. Interspersed with these are the three kinds of thistles, which grow in patches; and, if with the roses, one can forget the thorns and prickles, are very enjoyable. Also in patches could be seen bunches of yellow cowslips, some so deep as to be almost orange. Then the tall and graceful fireweed, which is Nature's expedient to cover unsightly spots until the new growth of trees appears. Not to be forgotten are the golden rods, of at least three varieties, which brighten the sides of the trail

on Eighth Avenue, and mention must be made of the patches of poison ivy, which make a brilliant display of yellow and orange colors, especially along the tops of the ridges. To end our list we will not omit the yarrows, both yellow and white, the wild parsnip, and the clovers, which have been especially rich and brilliant throughout the season. — E. Gilbert.

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