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Any Nominations?

At mid-week there does not appear to be very much interest in nominations for mayor and council, which close July 30, as per advertisement in the last two issues of the Herald. At time of printing, it appears that Mayor Gibson, Councillors Aitch and Pope will be re-elected by acclamation. There are lots of better things to do this hot weather than browse around for opinions and information regarding the local political situation, but the Editor has done some visiting and button-holing and it seems that most of our cottage-area electors are satisfied, pretty well, with the policies and work of the present council.

There are some complaints, however, and there seems to be general feeling among the cottagers, who pay 88 percent of the municipality's tax receipts, that they are not getting enough for their money. It seems that this year the council has adopted a policy of rigid economy as far as summer residents are concerned. In past years the card, giving municipal information and telling where doctor and constable are located, was delivered to each cottage, but now we have to call at constable's office for a copy. The Victoria Beach club lost no time in delivering their very comprehensive card to each cottage, and we doubt if council's present method of distribution is satisfactory.

What most people look forward to, in visiting this resort, is enjoyment in the water and on our numerous beaches. High water has narrowed the amount of sand in which we can relax or play, and these stretches of sand are cluttered-up with dead twigs, washed ashore by waves weeks ago; the stench of dead fish along the water's edge this past week is most unpleasant—dead fish, most of which come from mink ranchers' nets a short distance out in the lake. The beaches should be cleaned regularly, during the months of July and August. We cannot prevent spoolation of the beaches by storms and insects, but it is not fair to the cottage taxpayer for the council to do nothing. It appears that serious complaints were made at a council meeting two weeks ago about the condition of Patricia Beach, where the largest number bathe, and as a result some boys were put to work removing large stones that were making bathing difficult; and the steps were renewed, after having being washed out by a storm. The effort seems to have stopped there, and many are asking what has happened to the slide that was a feature of Patricia Beach, enjoyed by children in good weather. Apparently the slide

became worn beyond repair and its demolition was ordered. No steps have been taken for a new slide and many feel this is a mistake. There should be slides for children on at least three of our beaches. Council should make some small appropriation for recreation and not leave everything in this category to the Victoria Beach Club.

Clearing of growth along footpaths has been neglected and nothing appears to have been done to kill poison ivy that infests many places where children walk and play.

There is no doubt that the administration and care of a municipality that has a large summer population and nearly 250 all-year residents is complicated. Once we felt that demands on us for roads by the permanents was excessive, but now we share their interest in a dependable highway, with hundreds of cars coming into the cottagers' parking lot each week, and we cannot complain as much when tax money is spent on roads—providing it is wisely spent, and if municipal employees are not spending excessive time on road work. Smoothing of lanes, like First Avenue, is not necessary, considering the low rate of speed that is supposed to be enforced. We do not want to encourage speeding in the cottage area.

Cost of care of indigents in our municipality is increasing and if more school accommodation is required, we have to pay for it. Even if we were a municipality separated from the permanent residents, we would have to contribute towards their school costs, under regulations of the Manitoba Schools act. The unfair part is that we are taxed for education in the city and then half of our cottage taxes goes for education of children of Victoria Beach permanent residents. However, few of us object to assisting in the education of children, although there should be a change in the method of assessments, whereby summer cottages should be rated much lower than permanent dwellings, on account of them being built for occupancy only a few months a year.

Due to the extremely dry conditions of the trees and underbrush throughout the beach, the Municipal council prohibits the lighting of bonfires on the beaches and other places, within the municipality. Any one violating this restriction will be subject to heavy penalty.

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Beach Notes

The number of cars using the community parking lot continue to increase. There were nearly 200 cars in the lot last Sunday. Mr. J. Ateah, the operator, points out that the rates set by the council are 50 cents a car for the first day. That is the minimum, or initial day charge. A car is charged 75 cents for two days; but there is a special week-end rate of 75 cents, which will cover a car left on the lot from Friday to Monday.

Law and order at this beach seems to be well looked after this summer by R. Foster, our police officer. Constable Foster is spending long hours on his job and his red car is apt to bob-up in any part of the beach at any time.

He is very pleased with the behaviour of summer and permanent residents and he has had very little trouble, so far, except irresponsible driving of cars and trucks by young permanent residents.

Are proper licenses carried by all the young boys who drive trucks and cars along our lanes. Or is it too hot to worry about what might happen to an old lady or little child?

SCHOOL BUILDING BY-LAW

The official Trustee under whose jurisdiction rests the administration of the local school has informed the Council that an additional school room and alterations to the present structure require an outlay of \$12,000.00, which will be defrayed by a debenture issue. A vote on a By-law authorizing this issue will take place on Election Day, Tuesday, August 9th, 1933. Only resident property-holders are entitled to vote on this By-law according to the Municipal Act. Advt.

Community Church Service

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 Medical Health Officer: 124 Birch Ave.
 July—DR. DONALD BERANT, M.D.
 August—DR. FLETCHER BARAGER, M.D.

CHURCH SERVICE

Those who attended the community Church service last Sunday were led in prayer for Success of the "Conference at the Summit" taking place in Geneva this week, by the preacher, Rev. William Patroka. Mrs. G. Still sang a solo, which added greatly to the service. Flowers on the platform were from the garden of Mrs. F de C. Davies.

Wolf Cubs at the Beach

If the residents of the Beach, particularly those in the vicinity of King Edward, thought that they heard the howling of wolves during the week-end of July 8-11th, they had no cause for alarm. It was merely the Grand Howl of the fifteen Wolf Cubs from St. Alban's 47th, and St. Aidan's 67th, Winnipeg. Cub Packs who pitched their tents in the K. Heron's front yard, 339-4th, Ave.

We know, as the boys returned to their homes, they carried with them many happy memories of Victoria Beach.

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POWER REFERENDUM

According to last week's Herald, the council will have a referendum to learn the wishes of property holders in regard to extension of power in the cottage area, if a petition is received by July 29th, signed by 50 cottage rate-payers, to whom power is not presently available.

It is right that this referendum be held, if there is sufficient interest in the issue. In the past two summers power has been extended into parts of the beach and we can now observe at first hand some of the benefits and some of the liabilities. We know that not nearly as many trees have to come down as we were led to believe two years ago. Of course, there are many who do not want to see any trees come down. If a swath of even twelve feet were cut down our back lanes, it would remove a good deal of the privacy now enjoyed.

In talking to a number of people about power lines, it seems that the real old-timers of the beach are opposed, with varying degrees of opposition. Those who for many years have worked hard to preserve this beach as a resort, different from those spoiled by modernism, feel that while power brings many benefits, they are not worth it, when beautiful natural surroundings are considered. Not only old-timers are opposed to wiring of cottages. There are a couple of young lads in our cabin who are very opposed to electric lights and appliances. They want their beach home to be different to the city. They get a kick out of lighting a kerosene lamp, and the ceremony of lighting the bright gasoline lamp is talked about many times during the winter in town. They compete with each other as to who can get the morning fire going quicker in the wood range, and toast made over wood coals cannot be excelled! There is the romantic side to be considered.

Then there is the practical side, supported strongly by comparatively newer cottage owners, who want as many comforts and conveniences as possible. They know that some trees have to come down and not too beautiful poles erected. (Paint them green and they may look quite nice!) They want to have a number of appliances; a range that will give more hours of leisure to the house-

wife (or house-hubby); an electric refrigerator that will be much more efficient than ice, without the nuisance of the latter; good and safe lighting-and they are willing to pay for these things.

What will it actually cost? There is a charge by the Hydro commission of \$35.00 for hook-up, meter and fuse box. The cottage wiring depends on the number of "drops," sockets, switches, plug-ins. The usual charge is \$4.00 to \$4.50 per drop and might be less if there is little concealed wiring. A deal might be made by a number of people with an electrician whereby this charge might be reduced for the amount of work offered. A cottage with a verandah, living room, kitchen and two bedrooms would cost about \$36.00, including plug-ins for kitchen and living room and one light switch inside of front door. A new range is about \$45.00. Re-conditioned electric refrigerator is about \$100.00, which is also what the old one in town is worth if you buy a new one and send the old one to the beach. Other appliances are up to the individual cottager and some can be taken to the beach and then returned home after holiday is over. The amount of

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\$250.00 would cover the requirements of most cottagers. A number of them who have Sam Ateah's propane gas stoves and refrigerators would not trade them for electrical.

Annual service contract is \$18.00 a cottage.

It is hoped that this article raises the pro and cons in fair proportion to help readers form their own opinions—and may democracy be democratic!

Passing of J. P. Mourned

The community of Victoria Beach was saddened by the death here, on July 19th, of George P. Jamieson, local Justice of the Peace, and formerly deputy chief of Winnipeg police force.

Mr. Jamieson had a distinguished record as a police officer, retiring from active service in 1953. The sympathy of Victoria Beach cottagers is extended to Mrs. Jamieson and their son.

The passing of Mr. Jamieson recalls the recent death of Norman J. Black, who was the predecessor of Mr. Jamieson as J. P. here. Mr. Black was a highly respected Winnipeg citizen and was a cottage owner at this beach for many years. He served here as justice of the peace for a number of years. We have been very fortunate in the fine type of men who have taken this office.

Our Good Recreational Director

Congratulations are due the beach club executive for appointing Gordon Tully as recreational director this summer.

Mr. Tully is doing fine work among the young people. He has a large group of boys, some girls, and even some fathers, playing ball almost every evening. He put tennis, volley ball and basketball courts in shape. Tennis has attracted some, but so far there has been no use of the other courts—probably due to warm weather. His knowledge of movie and sound amplifier equipment has proved valuable.

He is anxious to lead 'teen-agers in more organized recreation and has recently secured some records to teach them the very popular art of square dancing. The first session was to be July 20 and further announcement of this activity will be made next week.

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Take notice that a meeting of the Electors of the Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach will be held in the Police Constable's office (near station) on **SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1955, at the hour of ONE O'CLOCK (daylight saving time)** in the afternoon for the purpose of nominating the following candidates:

MAYOR AND TWO COUNCILLORS each for a term of TWO YEARS.

Further take notice that each and every nomination paper must include a duly completed statutory declaration by the candidate and a certificate by the Treasurer of the Municipality as to the qualifications of the candidate, which certificate must be obtained from the Treasurer of the Municipality not earlier than seven days immediately prior to and not later than twelve o'clock noon (daylight saving time) of July 29th, 1955. The time for receiving nominations shall be between the hours of one o'clock and two o'clock (daylight saving time) in the afternoon and all nominations shall be made in writing by a proposer and a seconder who shall be duly qualified electors of the municipality. Each nomination shall be accompanied by a written acceptance by the candidate named in such nomination.

Retiring are:
Mayor, H. E. Gibson. Councillors, John Ateah, E. W. Pope.
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