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COMPANY'S DISGRACEFUL NEGLECT

While walking through the Victoria Beach Company's "ghost town," enroute to the pier, many have remarked on the failure of the Company to restore the dilapidated old building, destroyed two years ago by fire, which had served as office, kitchen and dining-room; the loss of which has closed the hotel. Of course, that is the Company's private concern and we have no comment, except that some thoughts of lack of enterprise run through our mind.

However, what should be the concern of those interested in a family playground of natural beauty is the disgraceful neglect of the hotel grounds. The great mass of weeds, cluttered-up with old fishing boats, indicates that the Victoria Beach Company is not interested in any property that is not providing revenue. The Council should force the Company to clean up the grounds, or send its own men in to cut down the weeds, at least. A walk to the pier is a favorite pastime of young and older at Victoria Beach and it is very regrettable that the once famous "Pinchurst Point" should now be in its present ugly condition.

COUNCILLOR WRITES HERALD

The Herald's editorial of July 23rd has caused some comment around the Beach in regard to neglect by the council of maintenance and improvements in the cottage area. Councillor E. W. Pope has written the Herald a letter which is too lengthy to be reproduced here, but two paragraphs are quoted verbatim:

"You have taken us to task for neglecting the camp site area and specifically for not clearing the benches and foot paths and for not replacing the slide. The clearing of brush and trees has been occupying the time of the Works Department since Spring and will continue throughout the Summer, and most of the odoriferous debris along the beaches had been cleared by the date of publication of your article. This will be a recurrent problem as long as the lake is at its present level, a strong west wind will drive water to the banks and bring with it more residue.

"The discontinuance of the slide is unfortunate, but its absence is because of safety and not neglect. It is just not possible to keep it in a proper condition for use by children under the constant pounding of heavy waves; indeed, last year, when the water was lower, the doctor recommended its removal due to the number of casualties, fortunately all of a very minor nature."

The Herald has no comment at this time regarding Councillor Pope's explanation regarding the

slide, but one of the members of our staff has a bone to pick with him re "odoriferous debris" along the beaches. It appears this poorly paid scribbler arrived at the Beach last Friday evening, after an absence of five days from his family. When the children had been more or less settled for the night he noticed that there was a perfectly grand moon shining down on the lake and he suggested to the little woman that he and she sit on a favorite bench on the bank and have a chat under the moon. He had anticipation of perhaps a very-much-loved head eventually resting on his manly chest, and a few intimate little things taking place, to more than make up for his batching it in town. The lady thought it would be nice, but said that there has been quite a bad smell in the area of that particular bench. However, the moon soon pulled both of them down to the spot and they sat on the bench. The better half was not kidding about the smell and soon our disappointed hubby found that you cannot get very chummy with a young matron who is having to hold her nose tightly with thumb and forefinger, even under a beautiful moon. So the episode ended sadly, and the couple returned to the light of a gas lamp. Next morning, ye scribe took a spade and buried the putrid remains of three large fish which Councillor Pope's boys had passed up. One wonders if the clearing of most of the debris along the beaches by July 23rd is good enough — the vacation season being nearly half over. Why not shoot for this being done by June 23rd next year, Councillor?

The letter goes on to explain that there is only a certain amount of money available to the council, and often unforeseen expenses occur: such as repair to road leading to nuisance ground which had to be done this year, due to high water, before garbage collections could commence; and the necessity of repairing doctor's cottage and installing power in it. Emergencies like that do prevent other work being done which is understandable. Councillor Pope did not mention it, but sometimes councillors feel impelled to spend a good sum of money to obtain a piece of equipment they think they need, like a road-maintenance machine, at an alleged bargain price, even though there was no provision in the annual budget: and then, again, normal services suffer.

He closes his letter by suggesting that taxpayers who have "legitimate requests and complaints" refer them to Alex Anderson, the Superintendent of Works, or to the Mayor or any member of council. He feels that many matters can be cleared up very quickly by Mr. Anderson. That is good news to the Editor of this here Herald. Ever since he has stuck his neck out in criticism, fair or otherwise, of the

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local administration, he has been receiving all manner of complaints, and it seems that there are many taxpayers who do not share Councillor Pope's satisfaction that everything possible is being done to keep our summer resort nice. Complaints have been voiced that footpaths are not receiving the attention they should have, particularly along lanes that are quite busy with motor traffic, such as Arthur Road and Patricia.

Well, anyway, folks, lay off the Editor and take your complaints to Alex Anderson, if you can find him when you are in the mood. We are grateful to Councillor Pope for his letter and, now if we can get a report from Mayor Gibson in regard to road traffic policy of the council, promised us twice a month ago, but not yet received, we can get our teeth into a problem that is worrying many of our cottagers. They are becoming quite concerned about the number of cars running around the cottage area very late at night; about the amount of obvious joy-riding by cars with permit stickers on their windshields. What are the road traffic by-laws, Mr. Mayor, and what steps are being taken to enforce them?

GARDEN CONTEST - AUGUST 10th

Frank Ball, well known Winnipeg horticulturist, who was judge of the recent Free Press garden competition, has agreed to visit Victoria Beach and judge local gardens, afternoon of August 10th. Mrs. J. W. Beech, 113 Sunset Blvd., is chairman of the committee in charge and would be glad to hear of any Beach gardens, not judged in previous years, to which she can conduct Mr. Ball.

Miss Penny Livingstone of Minneapolis is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bain, 333 Fifth Ave.

Community Church Service
Club House, Victoria Beach
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MEMBERSHIP CANVASS COMPLETED

There will be no further general canvass of the Beach for club membership fees, or prize list donations; but any August vacationers are urged to contact Mrs. F. C. Niermeier, 303 Fourth Avenue, or any member of the club executive, shown in card hung up in cottages. Further list of club members include the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Cox, Mr. and Mrs. D. McNabb, Mrs. J. E. Simpson, Mrs. A. G. Box, Mrs. J. W. Beech, Mrs. F. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Vincent, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Copland, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Nutter, Mr. and Mrs. G. Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Tully, Mr. and Mrs. R. Vidler, Mr. D. B. Guest, Mrs. K. A. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. F. Garland, Curtis Bird, Pam Best, W. F. Oldham, Mr. and Mrs. H. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. John Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Annandale, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Stewart, Marina Lester, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kirby.

Donations were received from the following for Club Prize Lists:

Mrs. G. J. Reeve, Mrs. Walter Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Lester, Mr. and Mrs. F. Pope, Mrs. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hebert, Mrs. Cy Alsop, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Smith, Mrs. F. Porter, Mrs. Harry Little, Rev. Dr. Grant, Mr. Bowles, Mrs. L. D. Best, Mrs. J. Simpson, Mr. Moyter, Mrs. T. D. Birt, Mr. H. J. Roberts, Mr. Bert Martin, Mr. and Mrs. George Lockhart, Mrs. W. Synowiecka, W. Patton, M. S. Walkbuck, Mrs. F. W. Parker, Mrs. Wm. Shenton.

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ELISABETH VIDLER WINS AGGREGATE

The annual water sports were held at Victoria Beach on a glorious afternoon, last Sunday. The Grand Aggregate trophy was won by Elisabeth Vidler, with 15 points. Charles Garland was second in the aggregate, with 12 points, and Janet Cox was third, with 11½ points. Half-mile swims were held Saturday afternoon. Elisabeth Vidler winning the ladies' event and the Ruford Trophy, with Ruth Smith second. Charles Garland was first in the men's half mile and will be given the Orchid trophy. Max Roverge was second. These events were handled by Gordon Tully and George Heron.

Winners of first and second prizes in swimming and canoe races are as follows:

Girls 17 and under—25 yds. free style—Janet Cox, Janet Gibson. Boys: Max Roverge, Charles Garland. Girls 13 and 14 years—25 yds. free style—Janet Cox, Elisabeth Vidler. Boys: Bob Garland, Mel Fairfield, John Garreth.

Mixed Tandem Paddling—Diane Gerrie, Jackie Jonsson; Lorette Ateah, Fredie David.
Boys 15 and 16 years—40 yds. free style—Errol Smith, Charles Garland.

Ladies Single Paddling—Lorette Ateah, Mrs. Richard Tyler.

Men's Single Paddling—Jackie Jonsson, Lloyd Jonsson. Underwater Swim (Open)—Ladies: Elisabeth Vidler, Maureen Cox. Men: Tom Metcalfe, Max Roverge.

Men's War Canoe (Open)—Jackie Jonsson, Fredie David, Dave Blanchard and Barry Bell.

Swim (Open) 40 yds.—Ladies: Janet Cox, Elisabeth Vidler. Men: Richard Tyler, Max Roverge.

Tandem Paddling—Ladies: Betty Gill and Marilyn McDowell, Gail Thomas and Lorette Ateah. Men: Jackie Jonsson and Fredie David, Pete Ateah and Jim Kilpatrick.

Medley Swim (Open)—Ladies: Elisabeth Vidler, Janet Cox. Men: Charles Garland, Don Cundall.

Ladies' War Canoe—1st: Joan Chittick, Enid Tyler, Ingrid David, Norma Falls. 2nd: Elisabeth Vidler, Janet Cox, Maureen Cox, Virginia O'Connor.

Officials were: Starters for swimming: Dave and Bill Guest. Canoe Races: Dave Grant and Charlie Harvey; Announcer: Bill Johnston. Judges: Gordon Tully, Ron Macintosh, Carl Gow and J. M. Scurfield. Prizes: Charles Ball. The Club's hard working and capable sports director, Gordon Tully, was in charge, ably assisted by past-president Carl Gow. Free ice cream Dixies were given to children on the pier by club members.

The Club Executive appreciates the assistance of Sam Ateah for transporting canoes and also to Fred David and George Heron for placing of buoys.

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COME TO CHURCH

Minister at the Community Church in the Clubhouse last Sunday was Rev. F. W. Lenz, who preached an earnest and impressive sermon "The Significance of the Cross". Mrs. A. B. Johnson's solo "God Will Take Care of You," was much appreciated. Flowers were from the Traverse Bay garden of Mrs. William Martin.

Minister for August 7th will be Rev. William Conly of Carman United Church. Annual meeting of Victoria Beach Community Church will be held at 10:00 a.m., August 14th and at the church service following, the Mayor and Councillors of this Municipality will attend in a body. Rev. W. H. Davis will preach.

Remember To Pay Your Paper Boy

One of the daily newspaper supervisors at the Beach has asked the Herald to remind its readers to make sure that they settle up with the paper boy before leaving the Beach, as there have been some instances where people have gone into town before the boys' collection day, leaving the boys out that much money.

SHOWING AT THE CLUBHOUSE

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SAND SERVICES WELL ATTENDED

The Sand Services held from July 18th to 30th were very well attended this year, with an average of about 55 present. Over 40 had perfect attendance. Parents and friends were present on Thursday the 28th to see how the services were conducted, and a picnic was held at the Clubhouse for the children on Friday the 29th.

Prize winners in colouring contest were as follows — Girls under 6: Marilyn McLean, Mary McIntosh. Girls 6 and 7: Penny Lynne Jones, Carol Jones, Bonnie Irving. Girls 8 and 9: Nancy Auld, Susan Clasco. Girls 10 and over: Cathy Stewart, Ann Jones. Special Mention: Audrey Daley.

Boys under 6: Douglas Irving. Boys 6 and 7: Robert Williams, Douglas Lang. Boys 8 and 9: Douglas McLean, Dennis Houston, Brian Gerrard. Boys over 10: Donald Williams.

Services were sponsored by the Manitoba Child Evangelism Fellowship.

ELECTIONS BY ACCLAMATION

No other nominations having been received at closing time, Mayor H. E. Gibson, Councillors E. W. Pope and John Ateah were declared elected for two years from January 1st, 1956, by acclamation.

There will be voting on a By-law to provide additional school accommodation at Victoria Beach on August 9th, in which only permanent residents of the municipality may participate. All the cottage taxpayers can do is to pay the lion's share of the cost when the By-law passes. And who wouldn't vote for passing of a bill, 88 percent of which is going to be paid by others?

It is understood a large number of taxpayers signed the petition to have a referendum regarding extension of power into the cottage area. A meeting of Council will be held August 8th, with this petition on the agenda.

GOLF NOTES

The Ladies' Tournament for the McKinney trophy held on Friday last and the long driving event held in conjunction with it proved successful. The lowest score for the nine holes was turned in by Mrs. Betty Wintrup whose 41 was good enough

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to repeat her win of last year and to retain possession of the trophy. She was closely followed by Mrs. Dorothy Annandale, 42; Miss M. Forbes, 44. Mrs. Pat Nasworthy, 47; Miss B. Donagini, 49 were the other contestants to better the 50 mark.

In the long driving event Mrs. Dorothy Annandale emerged the winner by a scant few yards over Mrs. C. M. Glass.

STEWART—In loving memory of our dear daughter and sister, Violet, who passed away August 1st, 1950.

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