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- LOST BALL ("One Man's Opinion")

The Golf Course at Victoria Beach is owned and operated by the Victoria Beach Company—a private Company now designed for one purpose only—to make a profit. No doubt the early original organizers of the Company were motivated by a desire to make a summer resort of which they could be proud and one which they themselves with their families would thoroughly enjoy apart altogether from the remunerative aspect. In this objective they were tremendously successful. Now however the Company is largely controlled by Trust Companies administering estates, and obviously they are more concerned with liquidating the states and the profit motive.

How the Company operates their affairs is their business, but we respectfully submit some suggestions concerning the Golf Course.

Beyond all doubt the Golf Course is one of the most picturesque in Manitoba. Undoubtedly the greens although small were reasonably well constructed and have always been exceedingly well maintained.

Caddie carts are now a recognized part of golfing and certainly the club should provide an adequate parking space for them.

Usually the fairways are reasonably well kept and it was unfortunate that they could not be cut last week. The story is told—believe it or not—that a horse drawn mower is used, and early in the week the horses ran away and were completely lost for a few days. In the mean while the Clover grew to such an extent that many golf balls were temporarily, or permanently lost right on the fairway to the great annoyance of the players. It was gratifying to learn that the horses evidently were eventually found and the fairways again restored to their usual condition.

When the Golf Course was originally built, watered fairways were the exception rather than the usual. Times have changed and now most courses, even at resorts, have watered grass fairways.

It's nice to be able to wash your golf balls occasionally but this is impossible at most Tees because of the absence of water, towels and brushes. Surely it would not be of great expense to supply towels and brushes at every tee and take but a few minutes work to provide water.

Even on a short nine-hole course it is desirable to have drinking water available for the thirsty, at

least at one location away from the Club House. Driving mats are replaced from time to time, but almost every year there are tees where the ancient mat is still in use. This year is no exception as instanced by the mat at the ninth.

At most Golf Clubs it is possible to rent reasonably good Golf Clubs and even Caddie Carts. Have you ever rented Clubs at Victoria Beach? They look as though they have been found in the Woods or discarded from the Ark.

Almost all Golf Clubs grant both an individual or family membership for the week, month or season, as well as a Junior or Associate Membership for restricted hours of playing. True this plan does increase the number of daily players, but it also substantially increases the annual revenue.

It is agreed the Golf Course has substantial expenses and a relatively short season to recoup those expenses. For the green fees charged however, we think the Company might be well advised to improve conditions. The course virtually is operated the same as when originally built, and what was good enough for Grandfather is not necessarily good enough today.

Good Work Councillors

Last week-end Patricia Beach was in perfect condition. The slide was in the water and the life saver on its post. The sand was completely clear of debris and in fact looked as though it might have been raked. It was a great surprise to go into the water and not stub a toe or bruise a knee on rocks and stones.

Last year there was a layer of very small stones at water edge and numerous rocks enroute to the deeper water. It took a calloused heel as well as a sure knowledge of the proper channel to venture into the water. We who swim only occasionally and therefore lacked the knowledge of the channel and had tender feet, really suffered agonies.

This year Council — perhaps with an "assist" from nature has really made the bathing and swimming a marvelous experience.

Good work Councillors.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ateah announce the wedding of their daughter Larrette Joyce to Leslie George Thomas on Saturday, July 30th at 4:30 daylight time. The wedding will take place at Saint Michael's Church, with a reception following at the Legion Hall.

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Last Sunday's Church Service

Rev. D. Bruce Johnson preached to a packed church last Sunday morning. His sermon was based on psalm one, "Man Shall Be Like a Tree . . ." The Godly man can be a universal source of strength and guidance and though man is complex and a tree simple there are three comparisons of similarity.

First — The tree offers its gifts freely to all passers by, regardless of time or place, race or creed; rich or poor: in garden or desert it seeks no reward.

Second — The tree is sacrificial. It gives rest and relaxation and refreshment, but gives away itself. Man gives because of inner compunction and need but the tree bestows itself. Christ saved others; but He suffered the agony for all. Love grows on such giving. It finds life and eternity. It has no measuring stick and no limit. It is saved by giving.

Third — The tree has secret resources—invisible, indispensable roots. Man, likewise, cannot be Godly in himself only by secret close communion and in daily prayer with God will he find sustaining strength and insight to perceive the will and purpose of God.

Mrs. A. B. Johnson, guest soloist sang "God will take care of You" accompanied by Mrs. Gordon Tully at the piano.

The flower arrangements of beautiful roses and daisies were from the garden of Mrs. Freda Jonsson, Victoria Beach.

The guest speaker next Sunday morning will be Rev. Bassam M. Madany, formerly of Lebanon, now pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Community Church Service

Club House, Victoria Beach
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In the 1920's the then Young Men's Section, The Winnipeg Board of Trade, promoted the ridiculous and absurd idea that Mosquitoes in greater Winnipeg could be controlled. Many there were who scoffed at such an activity and considered such spending of hard earned money completely foolish and wasteful. The Section persevered and in a few years demonstrated the value of such an effort. True, there were trial and tribulations, and some years the available money was insufficient for really effective control. Eventually the argument was won and today the City of Winnipeg together with the adjoining cities and municipalities, automatically budget for Mosquito Control. If such control has not eliminated Mosquitoes, at least it has so reduced the nuisance to a tolerable degree.

Not only do cities, towns, and municipalities, now practice Mosquito control, but also it is very common in private camps, golf courses, etc.

At Victoria Beach we want to spend more time outside than we do in the city, and yet we are discouraged by the hordes of Mosquitoes.

For the past month it has been almost impossible to engage in outdoor activity after supper. The pleasure of golfing, walking, or putting around the cottage has been completely ruined by the Mosquitoes.

Is it not time our Council gave some real consideration to Mosquito Control at Victoria Beach?

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Beach People . . .

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Atchison and family are spending July at the Beach on Sunset Blvd.

Master Donald MacQuarrie of St. James, Man. is visiting his cousin James Robinson at 215 Seventh Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Chappel of Winnipeg and daughter Betty, of Minneapolis spent last week end the guests of Mrs. M. Wise—212 Sixth Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray and family are holidaying at their cottage on Third Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Millman and family spent last Saturday revisiting Victoria Beach. They were looking for a cottage for August.

Mrs. J. R. Hitchings is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Frank Garland at 305 Third Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Fairfield are again occupying their cottage on Sunset.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Lillie and family are occupying the Gartrell cottage for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Laing and family have arrived for the season.

Dr. and Mrs. W. Glasco are spending July at "The Beehive"—209 Fourth Avenue.

Dr. and Mrs. R. Wengel have opened their cottage on Third Avenue for the season.

SHOWING AT THE CLUBHOUSE

Tuesday, July 16th at 8:45 p.m.
"A YANK AT ETON"
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Professor and Mrs. A. D. Robinson celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary at their cottage, 215 Seventh Avenue.

We welcome the F. G. Patrick's who have purchased and are occupying their cottage at 301 First Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. K. Irvine are enjoying a vacation at their cottage, 213 Third Ave.

The Lion Rampart flies again at the corner of 5th and Patricia. Mr. and Mrs. George P. Macleod spent all the week-ends in April at their cottage—228 Fifth Ave., and May and June overseas visiting Belgium, Germany, France, Switzerland, England, and Scotland. They are now weekending again here and report that although they saw lots of beautiful scenery, the scenery at Victoria Beach is still tops with them.

The Lion Rampart of Scotland again flies at the top of the Macleod flagpole.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McCallum were guests at the J. W. Beech cottage for the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Beech and sons John and Allan of Montreal, are spending three weeks at the family cottage on Sunset Blvd.

Mrs. C. O'Kelly spent last weekend with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Evan McCormick, at their cottage in Bayview.

CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICE — Holy Mass is held every Sunday morning in the Clubhouse at 9:00 a.m.

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Wildflowers Of The Beach

To one who has difficulty growing flowers from a package of "easy growing" (it says on the package) seeds, planted in a garden under the most ideal conditions, watered and weeded with loving care, nourished and cultivated and watched over, it will never cease to be a cause of wonder to see flowers blooming in a dusty roadside ditch with only Mother Nature to care for them. A rainstorm is likely to batter down the pampered flowers into the earth where they lie defeated, but here by the side of the road, are bluebells in the grass, nodding imperturbably on their slenderest stems.

Walk East down the road from the parking lot and on either side, in the gravel and dust of the ditch, are flowers of all colors and varieties. You won't see these, mind you, whizzing along to and from the parking lot in your car. You have to be on foot to discover them and smell their perfume.

This time of year the wild roses are the first to catch one's eye and there are hundreds of them, deep rose to almost white; some two-toned—palest pink inside and deeper on the outside of the petals—their perfume one of the most entrancing of any flower.

A white flower about the size of a wild rose hides behind its leaves, five pointed, chartreuse center, just one round cup shaped blossom with the petals defined but not separate. There is a delicate five petalled small white flower, something akin to Baby's Breath, several flowers clustered together on one stem; a stem-full of yellow blossoms, the calyx folding back from the flower; round, lush purple clover; clusters of tiny pink bell-like flowers; wild sweet-pea—it probably has another more accurate name—in a variety of colors, from mauve to purple to pink. And the bluebells.

There is a plant with a round dandelion-like puff ball of a head with stems sticking out for all the world like match stick arms and legs. Even the grasses seem to be exceptionally varied and graceful when one is walking and has time to look around.

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Then, too, there are the strawberry plants growing along the roadside, whole beds of them, with the berries ripening for the berry picker, if the birds haven't found them first.

This list is only a sample of the wildflowers. It would take a whole summer to find them all and pages to list them.

It is a great temptation to pick a bouquet and take it home but once picked the flowers soon wither and though they can contend with and even seem to thrive on sandy soil, hail storms, burning sun and all the hardships of the weather, they won't survive long if they are pulled up by the roots or if they aren't left to seed themselves.

The quietness was shattered the other day by a red metal monster snorting down Sunset, breathing out oily fumes in all directions, clearing and widening the path and any unfortunate dogwood plant that bloomed along the path was cleared along with it. It is nice to be neat and tidy, with smartly trimmed paths, up to a point, but let's not get carried away with this tidy business and go too far. The paths and the forest, with the smell of the sweet grass and clover, the wild roses and the pines, all add up to the charm of Victoria Beach.

So take a walk and discover the wild flowers if you haven't already done so and as for us we are still wondering why our city garden petunias tremble on feeble stems and droop if they aren't watered every day.

We wish they would learn from their country cousins that "sweet are the uses of adversity".
—Margaret Blanchard.

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It is deemed timely and urgent that we call attention to the serious lack of support being given by cottagers to the Railway services provided by the Canadian National Railway to Victoria Beach.

On representation of a delegation of Victoria Beach cottagers, the C.N.R. agreed to again operate their train service to Victoria Beach on week-ends, leaving Winnipeg Friday night and returning Sunday night.

Last year, the patronage of these trains did not justify their continued operation and, with the completion of the highway, there seemed little prospect for improvement. However, on the assurance of the delegation that they would bring to the attention of cottagers the advantages of this service, the Railway agreed for this year to continue same and in so doing appealed to cottagers to give this and other Beach services their valued support, so that the present trains may be retained.

The record so far is not good. During the July 1st week-end 140 passengers travelled on Train No. 46 and 104 returned on Train No. 49. The following week-end was even worse — 76 travelled on the Friday train and 107 returned on Sunday July 7th. It is a recognized fact that adequate train services to Victoria Beach are essential to the welfare of our Community, but, if patronage in reasonable measure is not forthcoming, the Railway cannot be expected to provide trains that are not being patronized. All of us would do well to heed the present trend and do our part to ensure that train services adequate to the needs of the Community are provided. The Railway Company is doing its part — it is up to us to do ours.

Obstacle Race

Victoria Beach is known for its lovely walks. They are the resort's chief charm. And if you are like myself—I do love to be beside the lakeside—you have probably enjoyed walking from Patricia Beach to Arthur Beach and so into the stores or further along to the pier. It is pleasant to go trudging along

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the firm sands at the lake's edge, or to tramp along barefooted, feeling the cool damp sand oozing up between the toes. And what is more, it seems a much shorter way of getting into town.

That is, it was a much shorter way of getting into town. But for the last two or three years there have been two giant fir trees sprawled along the route just at the intersection of the two beaches. They were torn down with the spring ice and I thought surely they would be removed if not the same year, then the next. But no such luck. And now, well now, I'm really mad. For the same old trees are in the same old place, only now a little dryer, a little more brittle so that crawling under them is in the nature of an obstacle race and a real hazard.

Or perhaps it's because I'm getting older and a little more brittle myself. But whatever the reason, I think the powers that be should have them removed so that those who enjoy this beautiful walk can do so pleasantly all the way. The words, or almost the words, of the Village Blacksmith come into my mind as I think . . .

"Beneath the spreading big pine tree
There run the silver sands,
But when we walk, that's you and me,
We crawl 'neath on our hands."
And if those in charge won't do it, who's fir lifting the fir trees in an old fashioned fir lifting bee?
—Dorothy Garbutt.

Pioneer Cottage Owner Visits Beach

Miss Catherine Sanders, now a resident of Rushden, England, her native home, who was a visitor to the Beach over the Dominion Day week-end, can truly claim to be a Pioneer among the summer residents of the Beach, as she bought her lot in 1912; spent her holidays in the old Vokes cottage (now demolished) in 1913, travelling via train to Gimli and boat (The Goldfields) to the Beach. In 1914 she, among a party, spent her 1914 holidays at the Beach, renting the Ashley cottage, and going by boat (The Old Pilgrim) from Ransom's landing on

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the Red River at East Kildonan, taking supplies for a whole month with them. While there, the First World War was declared.

Miss Sanders and three other girls, took a "Donalda" to the Beach on the first summer train run by the railway, in 1916. The "Donalda" was put off at Grand Beach, so the late Dr. Neil John McLean and Mrs. McLean, who had rented the Vokes cottage that year, took pity on the four stranded girls and made beds for them on the verandah. The "Donalda" arrived later, and was erected on Miss Sanders lot, near Sunset Boulevard; but they were not able to get to the back of that lot, (now First Ave.), as it was so thick, dark, and dense with fallen trees, etc. A year or two later, during a terrible storm in July, they made their way inland for a short distance, clearing a path and a patch of land to erect the "Donalda".

Miss Sanders built a cottage in 1921, enlarged it in 1925 and was a constant visitor to the Beach while a resident of Winnipeg. She left Winnipeg in 1939 to reside in her native England, but has returned to Canada, and to the Beach a number of times since the Second World War ended. The car park was a source of great amazement to Miss Sanders, who said she had never expected to see so many cars at the Beach.

COMING EVENTS

July 18—SPORTS DAY, Memorial Park, 10:00 a.m.
July 27—BEACH EVENTS, 10:00 a.m., Clubhouse Beach.
August 3—HALF-MILE SWIM, 2:00 p.m. Government Pier.
August 4—WATER SPORTS, 2:00 p.m. Government Pier.
August 7—GARDEN CONTEST, Beach Area.
August 10—CHILDREN'S FISHING DERBY, Government Pier, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
August 17—DOG SHOW, Memorial Park, 7:00 p.m.
August 24—ADULT WIND-UP, Dancing (live music), Presentation of Cups, Eats, Clubhouse, 8:45 p.m.

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