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My Night With Council

It was a rewarding experience to attend the July meeting of the Council for Victoria Beach. Unaccustomed as I am to any type of Council meeting I found attendance quite fascinating and was somewhat astonished at the varied multitude of business to be conducted.

First a motion to convene the Court of Revision.
Query — "is it all routine?"

Answer — "Yes"
Motion and vote for approval—approval of what I do not know—followed by motion for adjournment of Court of Revision.

The Police Constable who had been in attendance was called upon to report but as he had, in the meantime, left the council room, that matter was postponed.

It was announced there was a delegation waiting from Albert Beach evidently disturbed about the condition of the Albert Beach road. There was general recognition both by Council and the delegation that the Municipality had done more than its share and that it was now the responsibility of the Provincial Government. It was decided that a strong representation should be made to the Provincial Government to correct the drainage and improve this road condition. It was a surprise to learn that Albert Beach like most metropolitan areas has a parking problem. Council agreed to visit Albert Beach the following Sunday for complete information.

The Police Officer having returned presented his report. He leads an active life. His report contained the story of two juveniles consequently apprehended by the R. C. M. P. for "borrowing" a motor boat and canoe. He had also attended the Atesh-Thomas wedding reception and was impressed by the crowd, the obvious enjoyment of the guests, and their perfect behavior. Later Saturday night, however, he attempted, on request, to interfere in a domestic battle, was assaulted, lost his handcuffs, and required medical assistance. The R.C.M.P. again were called and apprehended a suspect who was subsequently charged with assaulting an officer and causing bodily harm. His report of traffic infractions in the matter of pleasure driving in the Beach area touched off a violent discussion as did his report of verbal arguments concerning rights of drivers to operate in the restricted areas. The present police officer appears to be conscientiously trying to do his duty but is somewhat hampered by

lack of positive direction. This condition is recognized by council and they have undertaken to supply him with copy of By-Laws etc.

Council learned to its surprise that the traffic By-Law did not give the expected control over cars operated by permit holders. A new By-Law was approved restricting permit holders to driving only on business in the cottage area.

A complaint was registered that second hand electrical refrigerators had been purchased in Winnipeg under guarantee. Evidently the store selling the appliances had been willing to service these refrigerators, but had refused because their truck was prohibited from the cottage area. The suggestion was that permission be granted this store to enter the cottage area on a designated day for this servicing. While the request appeared practical and was sympathetically received it was also realized there are many stores selling many appliances and the cottage area might soon be overrun. The alternative appeared to be for the purchaser to offer to pay the necessary truck or taxi fare from the parking lot.

Your editor was surprised at the cost of social welfare and particularly the hospital accounts for indigents. These are items of expense over which Council virtually has no control.

Council authorized the erection of an arch to be constructed on Eighth Avenue at the parking lot. Partially perhaps because of an article in the Herald, Council is investigating the erection of highway signs on the Victoria Beach road from the junction with the Grand Beach highway.

Assistance was requested in the return of a ladder and four fence posts which had been taken from a summer cottage.

Request also was received for action in respect to lake erosion in the Bay View area. It was suggested that representation be made to the Provincial Government.

Among others items a bill for countless mantles for Aladdin lamps purchased by a former employee. The mantles had been destroyed by the ill advised method of lighting which consisted of sticking a lighted match through the mantle. Responsibility however, for the repair to a car for the same former employee was denied and the bill returned to the garage involved.

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Evidently two more new slides had been ordered this year. The manufacturer, however, had made mistakes and it was reported there was 4 instead of 2 new slides at the Beach Station—all being the wrong size. Council had, however, been authorized to use 2 of them temporarily until the proper size could be supplied.

Building permits for bunk houses, permanent homes, and cottages were approved even though some had already been completely erected. Water pipe applications were also approved.

The night was hot, the "Council Chamber" small, the hours passed, but still the work droned on and on.

This visitor found it both fascinating and enjoyable.

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Last Sunday's Church Service

Rev. I. W. Redekopp, of the Elmwood Mennonite Brethren Church, Winnipeg, led the service of worship at the Community Church last Sunday morning.

In the story for the children he related how the manuscript of Burmese translation of the New Testament was concealed in a cushion and taken by Ann Judson for the comfort of her husband, Adoniram Judson, in prison.

Mr. Redekopp chose "Prayer" as his sermon theme. In the Lord's Prayer Christ shows us how to pray. He teaches us how to worship and the attitude of the worshipper; He guides us in our petitions; He forces us to intercede; He constrains us to confess and to forgive; and He persuades us to dedicate ourselves to God.

The basket of beautiful flowers enhancing the piano were from the garden of Mrs. G. Lockhart. (Mrs. Dack is deputy Flower Convener during the absence of Mrs. J. W. Beech).

The Community Church is much indebted to Mayor and Mrs. Harry Gibson for the gift of the table pulpit which has been in use for the past few Sundays.

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NATURAL HISTORY NOTES

The Natural History Society of Manitoba made its annual excursion to Victoria Beach on June 23. The usual date for this excursion is May 24, but this year there was no train running on that date. The Club House, which was broken down by storms during the winter of 1955-56, has been re-built, and is used as a rendezvous for the members, where they can meet and compare notes on the day's outing, and besides, can be used by individuals or families for week-end visits or longer periods. The house is furnished with some bedding, cooking utensils, dishes and tools, so that members are relieved of the necessity of taking much equipment with them when they visit the Beach. The members are a friendly, jolly lot of people, out for a good time, but mostly well informed and keenly interested in identifying and classifying the birds, animals, flowers etc. which they discover in their rambles through the woods and along the trails of the beach area.

The month of June is nesting time for most of the birds, naturally, but the members of the Society are just as ambitious in that department as in any other, and there is a sort of friendly rivalry as to which one can find and identify the most nests. They are very careful not to disturb the birds any more than is necessary. They do not take any eggs, except an occasional rare one for recording, and use a reflector to look into the nests, and determine the number of eggs or young ones. While the foliage on the trees and bushes is very dense, as it is at present, birds are identified by their voices as

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much as by their appearance. An instance of this may be mentioned with regard to the blackbilled cuckoo, which has been very much in evidence lately. They seemed to be disturbed by the unusual number of people coming and going, and would make a circuit of the area every morning, calling out as though to sound a reveille to the sleeping residents. One of those birds has a fine resonant voice, with two or three musical notes in the back of his throat, which are quite pleasant to listen to. As many as three of these birds have been heard all calling at once from different parts of the area.

Taking a stroll down Fifth Ave. one evening, I came to the junction with First Ave. Hearing a slight noise behind me, I turned, and there was a mother skunk with two young ones, which she was trying to lead across the road. The youngsters were about third grown, and were the prettiest little rascals one could see in a long while. The mother made several attempts to coax them across the road, but they were unwilling to go, being busy with something at the other edge. Finally, the mother went behind and between them, and fairly shooshed them across. In our own grounds, a porcupine has been seen at intervals. He would climb a birch tree near the cottage, and get a free lunch by gnawing the bark off the trunk and branches. He was evidently making his home under the building, and would come out only once each day.

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CHILDREN'S BEACH EVENTS

A gamble on the weather paid off on Saturday morning, July 27th, and predicted storms gave way to a bright, breezy day, which saw the children's Beach Events conducted without a hitch. The beach at the rear of the Community Club House was the scene of some very impressive sand castle building, and after the swimmers had churned up the water sufficiently the sun tan contestants had a chance to show what Victoria Beach sunshine can do for one. Events went off smoothly necessitating a short wait for the ice cream which came in on the noon train. Mons and Dads joined kids in the line-up and there were plenty of dixies for all.

Those participating in conducting the events were: — Announcer-organizer, R. A. MacIntosh, Recording and membership, Mrs. A. D. Robinson, Prizes: Mrs. R. A. MacIntosh, Swimming races: Messrs. H. Chittick, H. Benninger, R. Gartrell, T. Allden, J. Motyer, Miss Jean Chittick. Sand Castles: Mrs. F. Hawryluk, Mrs. D. Irving, Mrs. P. Bell, Mrs. D. Guest. Sun tan: Mrs. F. J. Patrick, Mrs. A. H. Conklin, Mrs. T. Poyntz.

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9—Girls: Irene Smith, Janet Carmichael. Boys—Johnny Motyer, Grant Benninger.

10—Girls: Irene Smith, Donna Cameron. Boys—Rob Laugh, Dick Long.

11—Girls: Elizabeth Verry, Lesley Wishart. Boys—Grant Johnson, Jim Anderson.

12—Girls: Diane Olafson, Irene Smith. Boys—George Gartrell, Terry Simpson.

UNDERWATER SWIM

12 and under—Girls: Diane Olafson, Glennie Bennett. Boys—Dick Long, Robbie Stewart.

NO ELECTION

Nomination Day came and Nomination Day passed with only the nominations of those presently serving as Mayor and Councillors. Mr. Henry Gibson by acclamation will serve another two year term as Mayor—Messrs. Pope and Ateah as Councillors.

This Editor is glad they were renominated but regrets there was no election.

Where were the people who complained about the Council? Where was "Old Timer" who last week wrote—"Let get someone with a little ambition to represent us on council!"

Why were there not more nominations?

Note of Thanks

We wish to express our most heartfelt thanks to the Irving family, the Doctor and all the people, whose names unfortunately we do not know, for the help and kindness shown to us during our plight on King Edward beach, Sunday July 28th.

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The membership drive for the Victoria Beach Community Club has been quite successful and at the moment it appears that last year's total may be exceeded. These good results are due to the generous support the campers and residents always give to this popular and worthwhile project and to the conscientious efforts of the volunteer canvassers to make the canvas as complete as possible. A few membership fees and donations are still to come. These may be given to any one of: Mrs. F. Garland, 305 Third Ave., Mrs. C. Heron, 389 Fourth Ave., Mrs. R. J. Kirk, 327 Third Ave., Mrs. R. C. Strachan, 218 Seventh Ave., Mrs. E. J. Wise, 212 Sixth Ave., and Mr. Gordon Tully at the Clubhouse.

New members this past week include: Mrs. Anandale, Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Angus, Mr. E. Alonh, Nancy Auld, Mr. and Mrs. W. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. H. Chittick, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Crossley, Mrs. D. Garbutt, Rev. and Mrs. F. R. Gartrell, Mr. and Mrs. A. Grierson, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Grover, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kayser, Mrs. G. Letchford, Dr. and Mrs. Malyska, G. I. McIntosh and family, Mrs. D. McLoy, Mrs. J. McFee, T. D. Poyntz and family, Lynda Thomas and Mrs. Wilson.

Cash donations have been received from Mrs. E. Houston, Mrs. P. M. Large, Mrs. George Moore, W. E. Roscoe, Mr. Dick Quinton and Mr. J. A. Wilson.

Beach People . . .

Mrs. S. Down Sr. and Bruce together with her daughter Mrs. A. Gillespie and two children are spending a holiday at the cottage of Mr. S. J. Down 337—3rd Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron MacIntosh and family are holidaying at their cottage 301 Sunset and will have as their guests for the long week-end Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yarwood with Frances and Helen of 421 Lyle St. St. James.

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Miss Isobel Cameron of Cornell Hospital, New York City, was a week-end guest of Mrs. Culbertson, Patstone Lodge.

Doctor and Mrs. More of Kingston, Ont. along with their family, paid a flying visit to Victoria Beach—guests of 348 Sunset.

Visitors from Calgary are enjoying a holiday at 321 4th Ave., guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dal McAre Mr. and Mrs. J. Holdsworth and their children Jane and Jack Holdsworth Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Pratt and family of Fort Garry are spending the month of July at the Beach at 219-5th Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Angus and son Terry are spending the month of July at 205-4th Ave., they had as their guests during the month, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sprague and daughter Judy, Misses Alice Waller and Nora Kelly, Barrie Enman and Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Urquhart and daughter.

Miss Verona Conklin of Vancouver, arrived last Sunday to spend her vacation at the family cottage, Sunset Blvd. guest of her mother and brother A. H. and J. G. Conklin.

Miss Conklin has visited many beauty spots in B. C. but she still thinks Victoria Beach is tops.

On the occasion of her second birthday Trixie MacKechnie entertained at her home, 333 Sunset Blvd. during the luncheon hour covers were laid for four canine friends and fourteen children. The dogs wore gay beach togs for the party. They were—Lucy Rice, Dockyl McCloy, Prince Alsip, and Hagus Kennedy. Gifts, suitable for the occasion were presented. Children and dogs enjoyed a swim after luncheon on King Edward Beach.

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WATER EVENTS

This week-end the Victoria Beach Club's annual water sports will be held at the Government Pier. Contestants, canoes, and spectators, are needed for a really successful day. This is a Beach event and it is not necessary to be a champion to take part—rather it is designed solely for fun. Let's have lots of contestants. There will be swimming, diving, canoe races and water skiing.

LIST OF EVENTS

Saturday August 3rd,—3 P. M.

HALF-MILE SWIMLadies—Rumford Trophy
Men—Orchid Trophy

Sunday August 4th,—2 P. M.

Girls—17 years and under 220 Yds. free style
Boys—17 years and under 220 Yds. free style
Girls—13 and 14 years swim 25 Yds. free style
Boys—13 and 14 years swim 25 Yds. free style
Mixed Tandem Paddling
Diving Exhibition
Water Ski-ing Exhibition
Girls—15 and 16 years swim 50 Yds. free style
Boys—15 and 16 years swim 50 Yds. free style
Girls—Single Paddling
Boys—Single Paddling
Girls—Underwater Swim (open any age)
Boys—Underwater Swim (open any age)
Girls—Open Swim, any age 50 Yds. free style
Boys—Open Swim, any age 50 Yds. free style
Girls—Tandem Paddling
Boys—Tandem Paddling
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Men's—War Canoe

Golf Notes

The Ladies Tournament held on Monday last was the high-light of our Golf Activities for the past week. While the entry was not large some excellent scores were turned in. Mrs. Eileen Litchford taking the McKinney Trophy with a very fine 40 for the nine holes. It was really a "field day" for Mrs. Litchford as she also won the Long driving event in which all the ladies had two chances from the first tee. Mrs. Litchford's drive measure approximately 198 Yds. not quite up to her last year's effort when she drove the green.

Some of the best scores returned by the ladies are as follows:—Mrs. Eileen Litchford-40, Mrs. B. Wintrop-43, Mrs. Ruth Purdue-43, Aldia Wengel-44, Miss Nora Thompson-46, Mrs. Gwen Blackburn-47, Mrs. Helen Ryan-48, Mrs. Pat Nosworthy-48.

Another "High-light" at the Golf course during the past week was the remarkable score of Mr. D. Quinton for 9 holes which tied the unofficial record set many years ago. Mr. Quinton's score of 26 will give the "boys" something to shoot at the rest of the season.

It is hoped that considerable interest will be shown in the "Jimmy Grant Memorial" Trophy event (Men's Championship) which will be played during August. Entry sheets will be posted in the Clubhouse this week-end.

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