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## *Don't Forget The Masquerade*

Bring your little ones from three to thirteen to this very jolly and entertaining event, which has highlighted the Beach Club's programme for many years. The novel costumes and the charm of the little contestants are something to behold and enjoy for spectators, parents and the children themselves.

It starts at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, July 7, at the Club House with the youngest contestants first, so they can get home early. There are prizes for all age groups in the Original, Comic and Fancy classes, and it certainly tests the skill and judgment of our officials to pick the winners. And of course, all the little ones get a jolly of some kind—so no one leaves empty-handed.

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## *. . . or The Safe Boating Clinic*

To anyone who enjoys boating, be it a canoe, a modest outboard, powerful speedboat or luxurious cabin cruiser, this clinic has tremendous value. The safety factor in boating, particularly on Lake Winnipeg, is something that should never be forgotten by anyone. Take advantage of the techniques as explained by Labatt's trained demonstrators. It is really a splendid public service and is heartily sponsored by your Beach Club. The morning clinic runs from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the afternoon session from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., at the Government Pier, Saturday, July 7.

## VICTORIA BEACH MUNICIPALITY

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## THINGS TO DO HERE

by Gordon Tully, Recreational Director, V.B. Club  
 Most of us think of a Beach as the place where swimming is the main pastime, and rightly so, but there is plenty of time for other activities.

Your cottage cards list regular weekly movies and dances, and a special event each week-end. In addition to these there are other activities where you can enjoy yourself. Memorial Park has organized softball for all ages every evening except Sunday. Sharon Tully looks after the younger children and this is where many of them get started playing ball for the first time. Intermediate and Senior diamonds are the scene of many keenly contested games. Send—or better still—bring your boys and girls down to Memorial Park and watch them play. You Dads and Mums better get in some practise too, for the youngsters will be challenging you to a game before very long.

Every Wednesday, weather permitting, a hiking party will leave Memorial Park at 10 a.m. Bring lunch and a bathing suit. The hikers go to various places on the peninsula and they usually swim, eat, rest, swim again and come back about 4 p.m. These outings are educational as well as enjoyable for Victoria Beach has a great variety of plant and animal life if we can see and recognize it.

Table tennis is played at the Club House each evening it's open. A horseshoe pitch is being installed at Memorial Park and the tennis courts are in good shape.

Have you youngsters tried your hand at fishing? You just need minnows for bait and it's fun catching them, too. The pier is a good place to start.

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CHILDREN'S MASQUERADE, SATURDAY, JULY 7th—CLUB HOUSE—8:00 P.M.

## MUSIC AT THE BEACH

While it is not organized, there certainly appears to be a rash of musical talent in these parts, both vocal and instrumental. The banjo and guitar make a base for a good sing-song at any time, and with such performers as Jimmy Donahue, George Hefflinger and Blair Wheaton around, it certainly makes for pleasant listening of an evening. In the same neighborhood Tammy Scott plays a talented accordion. How many other able musicians must be down here! And, if they use their talents, what a lot they can add to the enjoyment of a beach holiday.

## GARDEN CLUB NOTICE

Victoria Beach Garden Club executive will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Verity, 8th Avenue and Arthur Road at 1:30 p.m. sharp, Saturday, July 14th. As final plans for the judging of gardens will be made on August 1st, a full attendance is requested.

## WHO HAS DOMINION OVER US?

Let us first examine the following points as explained by Rev. W. H. Davis, at last Sunday's service at the Club House: God is our creator and it is through his mercy we exist. When we sin He, and He alone, has the power to forgive and correct us. He gave us a free will to choose, if we desire, to serve Him.

For he is our God (even though we do not all accept this fact) and our attitude should be one of love, concern and respect for Him. We will not just go through the motions, as the Pharisees and Scribes. On the other hand we may have erected another material god to serve. Instead of using material things as tools to serve us, we serve them, and, in the long run, live to regret it.

The flowers at the service were from the garden of Mr. J. J. Smith—Glen Lester.

## Community Church Service

Club House, Victoria Beach  
 SUNDAY, JULY 8th at 11:00 a.m.  
 PREACHER: REV. GEORGE D. KELLY  
 Holy Trinity Anglican Church  
 President Church Board: A. H. Conklin  
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## FIRE PROTECTION AT THE BEACH

By Reeve Henry E. Gibson

The Municipal Council is always aware of the very great danger from an outbreak of fire within our municipality and over the past few years have been adding to the fire-fighting equipment, and making improvements to the water supply system within the main cottage area.

The municipal fire equipment consists of an eight hundred gallon tank truck with pump, and portable gasoline operated pump, fire hoses, pack pumps, shovels and axes. This equipment is kept at the municipal yard on Eighth Avenue.

In the water distribution system there is provided, at intersections throughout the main subdivision, connections for fire hose, and there is sufficient hose to bring two lines to any location in a block. The effectiveness of this protection is limited, as the capacity of the system provides for domestic flow only, with no allowance for fire flow either in the pump or lines.

To provide adequate fire protection would require approximately a 500% increase in pumping facilities and a large increase in main line sizes over that now installed or proposed for the future. This would figure a capital expenditure beyond the financial capabilities of the municipality to carry, without an increase of approximately 20 mills on the tax rate. Even then, this protection would only be operative from June to October 15th, and only serving the main cottage area.

In case of fire, follow the explicit instructions on the municipal beach card, supplied to each cottage, but remember, proper precaution by the cottage owners is the best fire protection in the long run.

Remember cottages have burned on the campsite, and only prompt action prevented a conflagration. On at least two occasions fires on the peninsula, but outside the cottage area, have threatened to get out of hand and all available men turned out to fight them. Let's all be on our guard against the common enemy.

## BEACH PEOPLE

Mr. and Mrs. William Hutchison are holidaying at Lot 9 Bayview for the first two weeks in July.

Mrs. Edward Pope, with Bill and Reana is down for the season. She will have as her guest during July her mother Mrs. Fullerton. Mr. Pope will join the family for holidays later in July.

A charming garden can be seen at 325 Fourth where Miss E. L. Pratt has spent many hours planting and caring for her many colorful flower beds.

The Dal McCloy's are at their Fourth Ave. cottage for the season with Marr and Dal Jr. Sharon will be down with them on weekends.

Mrs. Gordon Lawson has her mother Mrs. J. MacIntosh as her guest for the first week in July. Jimmy, Ann and Jane will be with us all summer.

Mr. Justice and Mrs. A. M. Campbell were week-end guests at 315 First over the July 1 holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Simpson are spending the first three weeks in July at 418 Eighth Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rice and family are at their Fourth Ave. cottage for the season.

Mrs. W. J. T. and Miss Jessie Kerr have enjoyed their cottage at 315 Sunset since early June, being joined over the week-ends, when he can make it, by Bob. Your editor visited this sprightly and petite pair of ladies, both of whom have a long record of service in the Beach Club, and was charmed, both by his hostesses and their lovely grounds.

Mr. R. W. Spear has been down to his place at 328 6th Ave. most week-ends since break-up. He was joined by son Bob with his wife Madelaine, who now reside in Virden, for a visit last week-end.

Dr. and Mrs. L. McMorris and their four children are at their cottage, 203 5th Ave. for the summer.

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## Manitoba Fishes

by George Heffelfinger

Dr. J. L. B. Smith of South Africa who a few years ago discovered a "prehistoric" fish that science had thought extinct for 200 million years, stated in his book "While we control virtually all life on land, we have a far from complete knowledge of life in the water. Within the confines of London or Paris, for example, there is very little wild life of any kind on land that is not under full control. Yet right in the heart of these old, civilized and densely populated centres, in the rivers Thames and Seine, life goes on exactly as it did a million, 50 million, even longer ages before, primitive and savage, hide or be eaten, eat or be eaten. In no water is life entirely subject to man made laws."

Dr. Smith's remarks refer, of course, to the ocean and his 15 years of search for Coelacanth which he ultimately found near Madagascar. Here in Manitoba we don't count the geological history of our lakes in terms of millions of years but rather thousands. The fact remains, however, that life in the water right off our Lake Winnipeg beaches remains a mystery in many of its details.

From time to time this season and perhaps next, the Herald will carry profile sketches of some of the fishes common to Lake Winnipeg. These articles will be written from the point of view of an interested amateur, and as such the material has been borrowed extensively from publications of the expert. There are two books I would particularly recommend to those who wish to broaden their knowledge of fish in this area. Of local interest will be "The Fishes of Manitoba" by David Hinks which can be had for a dollar from the Fisheries Dept. Office in the Norquay Building. The second book

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that will be a particularly welcome addition to your library is "Northern Fishes" by Samuel Eddy and Thaddeus Surber published by the University of Minnesota Press. While this book is specifically oriented to the Minnesota region, much of the material relates to Manitoba.

As far as Lake Winnipeg is concerned, there is probably no other body of water in Manitoba that is capable of yielding as large a variety of species. One day last autumn in checking the catch of local net fishermen, I counted eleven species from one boat. They were: Whitefish, Cisco, Sucker, Carp, Perch, Pickerel, Sauger, Goldeye, Bullhead, Channel Catfish and Silver Bass. This wide variety is perhaps due to the unique location of Lake Winnipeg, straddling as it were, the Precambrian shield on its eastern side and the open prairie on the western.

Every school child knows that most of Manitoba was once covered by glacial Lake Agassiz. Lakes Winnipeg, Manitoba and Winnipegosis are all that remain today of that immense body of water. Hinks suggests that the existence of Lake Agassiz contributed to the diverse fish life which thrives in Manitoba today. The water system of that time allowed the penetration of fishes from the south, such as the catfishes, pikes and suckers, etc. and that the melting of the northern ice dam which held Lake Agassiz from the Hudson Bay allowed the entrance of northern cold water varieties such as trout and whitefish. A supplement to Hinks' book ably written by J. J. Kelcher and Bert Keayman who is now Director of Fisheries in the Province, states that Manitoba is the western limit in Canada of distribution of 17 species, the eastern limit of 3 species and probably the northern limit of several. While the biologist is reluctant to catalogue the distribution of species on the basis of political subdivision, it is obvious that Manitoba and particularly Lake Winnipeg occupies an unusual situation being located in the transition between vastly different ecological zones.

Next article: Our Little Known Catfishes.



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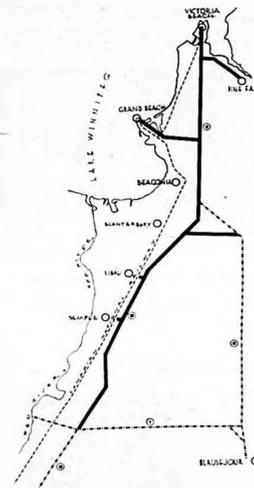
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It is gratifying to find the Herald in short supply, and if you have a large family or several guests by all means take several copies. But some families have been disappointed when the supply was used up before they could get theirs. We really don't print a big edition, as the paper aims to be self-supporting, and we frequently are asked for back copies.

All the stores and the parking lot should have a supply by Friday night. But don't wait too long before picking yours up.

## PROGRESS ON HIGHWAY 59

The new direct routing of this well laid out road is shown at left. The entire surface is now gravelled from Gull Lake curve on No. 12 to the intersection of No. 4. We understand the contract for black-topping has been placed and will be completed in Luba this fall. Meanwhile it is both dusty and rough in spots, but passable and about thirteen miles shorter.



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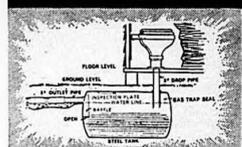
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