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## Children's Masquerade on Saturday

Bring your little ones from three to thirteen in costume. There are prizes for all age groups in the Original, Comic and Fancy classes.

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Don't forget! See you there!

## Children's Fishing Derby

The derby was held a month earlier than in previous years, so the fishing should have been good. Maybe the fish were confused by the number of lines, or perhaps they had lost their appetites due to the heat. At any rate they certainly were choosy.

There was great excitement shortly after nine o'clock when a jackfish and a large silver bass were caught in rapid succession. For the rest of the morning only perch were landed, but they were not as large or as plentiful as usual. Nearly everyone caught one or more fish and for many girls and boys it was their first, and got them started on a great sport. The winners were:—

Silver Bass—This seems to have been a joint effort by Tammy Scott, Jr. and Alan Kerr. It was the largest fish caught.

Northern Pike—Francis Sweet.

Perch—1st: Paul Johnstone; 2nd: Paul Grover; 3rd: Edward Hammerstrand; 4th: Chris. Tutiah; 5th: Sue Robertson.

## Tennis Courts in Good Shape

The tennis courts are now in top playing condition. Ten yards of shale have been spread and two new sets of tape have been laid.

"We are experimenting with a new plastic tape this year," said tennis court supervisor Bruce Gee. "This new tape should outlast the old cotton types by many years, and the manufacturer claims it will not have to

be lifted in the winter. All in all nearly \$200.00 has been spent in court improvements."

Bruce also reminds all players that no play is allowed when courts are wet, and the players must at all times wear proper tennis shoes—i.e. rubber soled shoes without heels—as those with heels are most damaging to the courts. Anyone, of course, can play in bare feet, but it is a bit hard on the soles. He also suggests that all players read and obey the regulations clearly posted on the sign in the shelter.

The number of players grows with each year, and we will soon be developing some fine young racquet swingers. Meanwhile they all have fun, and the use of the courts is covered by their Beach Club memberships.

## The Sleeping People Hater

Having watched birds of all types, listened to their songs, and enjoyed their sterling performances as home makers for forty-odd years, I now announce a new sub-species—but not with pride nor admiration.

During the week-ends of June, when my family was down getting a running start on preparing the cottage, we had to contend with a feathered fiend.

It all started very early on a Saturday morning—about 4:00 a.m. A sharp and peremptory knock seemed to be delivered to the front door. I drowsily stumbled out of bed, expecting a fateful telegram, or a summons from Sam Ateah to fight a fire, or something else of a very urgent nature, with unpleasant overtones.

My first two thoughts were wrong—my last only too right. There, at the corner of our eave-trough, was a cheeky-looking masked bird of the woodpecker family, banging the daylight out of the metal with strong staccato strokes of his bill. When I dashed outside, yelling at him, he flew away, snucily giving me the Bronx cheer that Woody Woodpecker used in the old Disney movies.

The rascal returned at shortly after five, then again at six and seven with unsolicited encours. I found later that he put on the same performance for the benefit of four cottages in a row, so our neighbors shared our misfortune. This really didn't help, but misery does seem to love company.

Sunday morning was a repetition of Saturday's performance and by this time all humor had gone from  
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## VICTORIA BEACH MUNICIPALITY

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## THINGS TO BE DONE

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 practice 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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If every family gives us their support the cost is taken care of by the money received. Let's all do our share.

Incidentally membership receipts are deductible for income tax purposes.

Sweet sound that breathes upon a mess of mosquitoes  
 How oft do I hear thy muffled roar?  
 —Not often enough.

The Voice

## BEACH CHURCH SERVICES BEGIN

Rev. W. W. Conly, of Sturgeon Creek United Church, lead the opening service of the season, of the Victoria Beach Community Church.

The Children's Story, entitled "Brother John", was most appealing, and was followed appropriately with the well-known hymn "I Love to Tell the Story."

In his sermon, entitled "The Mystery of Goodness", Mr. Conly stressed that because of the prevalence of goodness it was not newsworthy for press, etc., whereas evil got publicity because it was, on the whole, unusual.

Flowers at the service were from the garden of Mrs. L. F. Borrowman.

## Community Church Service

Club House, Victoria Beach

SUNDAY, JULY 14th

at 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Dr. D. Bruce Johnson,  
 Fifth Avenue United Church, Medicine Hat, Alta.  
 President Church Board: A. H. Cooklin  
 Music: Mrs. J. G. Tully

## Catholic Church Service

Victoria Beach

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## BEACH PEOPLE

Mrs. A. S. Hurst and family are at 333 Sunset for the season.

Mrs. W. J. Pascoe, 336-6th Ave., has opened her cottage for the 42nd season. Her first trip this year was May 6th.

Miss Merle Wherrett of Toronto is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wherrett at their cottage, 210-5th for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Mackenzie with their children, Donna, Patty and Jim are guests of Mrs. Mackenzie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wherrett, 210-5th for the summer.

Misses Nadine Jenkins and Eleanor Thiek, both of Winnipeg, have been holidaying at 416-6th Ave. The girls hope to return for September weekends.

Audrey and George Jones are here for three weeks vacation with their daughter, Shaun and son Glenn at 118 Birch Ave.

Mrs. A. G. Box of Brandon, arrived May 28th to spend the 15th summer at her cottage, 111 Sunset.

Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Angus are guests of Mr. & Mrs. J. P. McCurdy, 301-4th.

Dr. and Mrs. Frans C. Niermeir are at their cottage, Hollandia, 303-4th for the summer. Their son Stuart, who has just completed his 1st year for his Ph.D. in English at the University of Toronto, is with them for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Reeve and family are at Ahmeek, 203-4th.

Mrs. Victoria Wallace opened her cottage at 321-1st, on May 11th. She had Miss Jessie Tilley as her guest for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Dennehy and family, Shaun, Karry, Timothy, D'Arcy, Regan and Clancy will be with Mrs. Wallace for part of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pope and son Bill are at 331 Sunset. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alsip are at 321-2nd for the season with Wayne and Bob.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tully are at 119 Birch for the season with Ken and Phyllis. Sharon will come down weekends. They have had as their guest Larry Ormiston.

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**NOT FORTY-SIX BUT OVER FIFTY YEARS OF AGE**  
By W. F. Oldham

An article was published in the Victoria Beach Herald of June 29, 1962 detailing some of the early history of Victoria Beach—being a reprint of an earlier article published in 1941. The headline last year was "Forty-six Years of Age."

This has prompted the present writer, as one of the early visitors to Victoria Beach to add some earlier history, compiled from recollections of incidents related to him by his wife (now deceased), nee Jessie Ransom, and from recent correspondence with another early property owner, Miss Catherine Sanders, now resident in England.

Edgar Ransom, who appears in the notes, was President and Manager of Ransom Engraving Company, Ltd. and brother of Mrs. Oldham.

His firm was commissioned by The Victoria Beach Company (Messrs. Kennedy & Vokes) to take the necessary photographs and to prepare the publicity for promoting the sale of lots, and Mr. Ransom seized the opportunity to visit this proposed summer resort himself instead of sending his staff photographer.

The writer's own personal experiences at Victoria Beach date from 1917.

The Victoria Beach Investment Co. is listed for the first time in the Winnipeg Directory for 1912, and the first Subdivision Plan was No. 1725, registered in January, 1912, and covered only the lake-front lots on Sunset Boulevard and Victoria Boulevard—namely—from Pier Road north to Eighth Ave.—(near the pumphouse) and also Block 10 near the Station.

Then in July 1913, Plan 2483 was registered covering the area enclosed by Arthur Road, Eighth Ave. and First Avenue.

Later surveys subdivided the area south of Arthur Road and East of the railroad tracks, and also the Bay View area.

So much for the early legal history.

Miss Sanders writes—"Edgar and Jessie, (with Mr. Vokes and another man) first went down in September 1913 to look the site over and take photographs for



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advertising. I remember they had a rough passage from Gimli."

"Our lots (Catherine Sanders and Jessie Ransom's) were purchased that fall." (They were the last two lake front lots available at that time).

"In the summer of 1914 Edgar (Ransom) chartered the "Gold-something"—I can't remember the full name, we called it the "Goldbug". It left his landing stage at East Kildonan with his family and a few friends. Edgar had rented the cottage known as Ashley's for a month. "Jessie and I joined them later—we crossed over from Gimli on the "Pilgrim". We were there on August 4th when the news of war came. I think that came on the Pilgrim's next trip.

"Jessie and I returned to Winnipeg at the end of our two week's vacation on a Sunday. Some people had come over from Gimli for the day on the Saturday, and could not get back that day for the storm, so we had to go to Gimli first on the Sunday to drop them.

"It was the worst storm I have ever experienced—we sat on the bottom of the boat to hold on, fearing it would turn over any minute.

"Then we went on to Selkirk as had been arranged for the day before if the storm had not held us back. It being Sunday the boat was not allowed to land at the dock, but E. J. (Ransom) managed to get out on to an old building—which collapsed.—However we got off with difficulty and into Selkirk.

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**PLEASE LET US KNOW**

Social Reporter—Doreen Benning, 304-5th.  
Connaught—Ella Carmichael.  
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Many thanks indeed to Bill Gee for his usual capable job of editing the Herald last week.

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**THE UNINVITED GUEST**

Have you ever had a visitor who laid an egg? We have. She was an unexpected and uninvited visitor, it's true, but she did lay an egg.

She left a terrible mess behind her, and unfortunately we found our visitor dead under a bed. She was a Merganser duck—a lovely grey bird with white tipped wings and a russet hood of feathers on her head.

The last Sunday in May we came down for a lazy day. We had cleaned the cottage on our previous trip down, and planned to putter around at our leisure. I got out of the car and wandered around to the front to look at the lake. We have a picture window there that I had washed, and, when I turned to face the cottage I found myself looking at a dirty smudged mess. On examining the window more closely we found that the smudges were on the inside. We noticed that the table under the window was all dirty, too. Coming into the cottage we saw the fire screen pushed over, and ashes scattered all over the floor.

Then, of course, we found the poor dead duck, and the egg she had laid. She had blundered down our chimney and tried to get out via the picture window, which, thank goodness, didn't break. When we finally cleaned the window on the inside we found the outside covered with grey down feathers, and we guess that her mate was trying to get in to help her.

As you may have guessed we had no leisurely Sunday —we cleaned the cottage again! Also we are installing some large gauge screening on the top of our chimney.  
—Mrs. Dave Guest



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#### BLOOD STOCK

The career of a prospective Derby candidate in training for the race at Epsom Downs.

#### CITY OF GOLD

A nostalgic recollection of the Klondike gold rush.

#### DUKE OF WELLINGTON

The mayor of Wellington, New Zealand, visits the home of the first Duke of Wellington, now a museum commemorating a heroic life.

## Perch and Sauger

by George Heffelinger

Last week we began our survey of the perch family which I indicated was by far the most important group of fishes to Manitoba from both a sporting and commercial point of view. Most of the previous article was devoted to the pickerel or walleye but this species only tells part of the story.

The sauger is a close relative of the pickerel. In spite of the fact that the sauger runs a good deal smaller, to the unpracticed eye it is sometimes difficult to distinguish between the two species. Body conformation is similar and often the pickerel and sauger will mingle together in the same habitat. Lake Winnipeg has both species but apparently the sauger exists in greater abundance and its value to commercial fishermen is greater.

While size is certainly the principal feature in separating pickerel and sauger—the sauger seldom weighs over a pound while individual pickerel are often found in excess of 5 pounds—there are certain other differences. The sauger is not nearly so dramatic in its coloration as its larger relative although its color is similar. The sauger gives the impression of being rather washed-out and blotchy. It lacks the milky-white margin to the lower lobe of the tail fin possessed by the pickerel. Hinks states that the sauger is recognizable by the presence of scales on the cheek which are not found on the pickerel.

The habits of the sauger are similar to the pickerel except that the sauger is apt to localize in lakes and sluggish rivers to a greater extent. They are very common in the Red River below Lockport in the spring. It is said that the sauger is more inclined to utilize gravel bars in lakes for its spawning activity. The sauger is also carnivorous but due to its smaller size takes a larger proportion of aquatic insects and larvae in its diet.

As a food fish the sauger is every bit the equal of pickerel. In fact, I wouldn't be surprised if sauger filets aren't often sold under the name of pickerel filets. The close relationship of the two species is evidenced by the fact that it is possible to hybridize the two and according to Hinks, "fish which appear to be hybrids are frequently encountered in nature, particularly in the south end of Lake Manitoba."

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The perch is also carnivorous subsisting on aquatic insects and insect larvae and small minnows. Spawning takes place in the spring. The eggs are laid in a long gelatinous ribbon freely along the shallow lake bottom or attached to vegetation. The fry hatch in about three weeks and fend for themselves right from the beginning.

While the sporty little perch may provide an abundance of fun to our local anglers, its importance goes far beyond this. Perch are eaten in tremendous quantity by our larger fish particularly pike and pickerel. Because of this role of providing food to our larger species it is of inestimable value to the economy of our lakes.

As indicated previously, members of this perch family are the most important fish to the commercial fisherman of Lake Winnipeg. Contrary to what may be popular opinion, landings of whitefish and goldeye from Lake Winnipeg fishing grounds no longer even compare in value to pickerel and sauger. In the season of 1960/61 this lake produced 1 1/2 million lbs. of pickerel and 2 1/2 million lbs. of sauger at a market value of about 32 cents per pound while landings of goldeye amounted to only 1200 lbs. and of whitefish just over 1 million lbs. both at lesser market value per pound.

(Next Week: The Whitefish Family)

### CHANGE OF DATE

The Victoria Beach Garden Competition for best gardens will be held Wednesday, August 7th, 1963. This is open to all beach gardeners, we would like to see as many gardens entered as possible, also any new gardeners would be welcomed to enter.

Signed  
The Victoria Beach Garden Club.

All holders of trophy for best Gardens please have them returned either to Mr. Spinks, 327-5th Ave., Victoria Beach, or leave at Mr. Hugh Stewart's Store. Not later than Saturday, July 20th, 1963.

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Not Forty-six but over Fifty Years of Age. (Cont'd. from page 4)

"In 1915, Jessie and I took our vacation on the S.S. Keonora to Norway House. Then in 1916 we went down by train, for the first time. Unfortunately the "Donald" was put off the train at Grand Beach, and we did not realize this until we reached Victoria Beach.

"We had an old tent we tried to erect on my lot for the night, but fortunately Dr. MacLean (Dr. Neil John) came along, and suggested we sleep on his verandah that night—that was at Vokes' cottage, which later burnt down. There were four of us—Ruby Morton, Dr. Francis McGill, Jessie and myself. Next day the Donald arrived, and we slept in it on spruce boughs.

(The so-called "Donald" was a knock-down camping hut designed and marketed by a Mr. McDonald in Winnipeg. The walls were formed of two-foot square canvas panels, with added window and door panels, a wood floor and waterproof canvas roof, all held together with bolts and wingnuts, and easily demounted and crated for transport).

"In those early years I remember Jessie and I setting off with packets of raisins and biscuits to explore the Beach. I cannot remember the name of the first place we stopped at. Anyway they gave us dinner (the sons were too shy to eat with us—but later they went to the war).

"The next day we called on the Ateahs, and they gave us refreshments.

"Another day we went around Traverse Bay and were welcomed at another settler's. He was a cockney, name of Pitts, I think, and he told us he had worked at a music hall in Whitechapel, where he was in charge of the stage lighting. Hamptons were another family we visited on Traverse Bay, also Martins, who came originally from Folkestone."

The writer's introduction to Victoria Beach came in 1917 in the form of an invitation to join Edgar and Jessie Ransom and Miss Sanders for the July 1st weekend. (The 1st fell on a Sunday that year).

We camped on Miss Sander's lot on King Edward Beach, setting up the "Donald"—which had been in storage for the winter—and the tent at the front of the lot, but the weather turned stormy and so cold that we had to dismantle them and move them into the thicker bush at the back of the lot, and we lay around all day

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with all available clothing on under blankets to keep warm. (Miss Sanders says it snowed!—but the actual temperatures recorded were from the middle fifties to the low forties. Anyway a chilly introduction to any summer resort.

In 1917 few of the roads had been cleared except Sunset Boulevard,—and we lugged our hand baggage and supplies all the way from the station along Sunset to the far end of King Edward Beach.

In those days the women folk were chary about wearing good clothes—stretch pants or shorts were still unheard of—as the roads and trails were only brushed out wide enough for horsedrawn wagons (the only available means of haulage) and the bushes in each side would be smeared with black axle-grease from the wagon hubs.

In those days there was no regular milk or ice delivery. I remember Mrs. Ateah, the grand old matriarch of the Ateah family, used to make her rounds driving a buckboard with a large can of milk in front and assorted vegetables in the rear. The girls nicknamed it "The milkateria".

One of the recollections of my wife was the day in September, 1913, when the party came over from Gimli on the "Pilgrim", and Mrs. Ateah and her family were all packed up, and sitting on the pier. If there were not a school-teacher sent by the Government on the "Pilgrim" she was intending to take the family to Winnipeg for schooling.

Fortunately the school-teacher was aboard. Contrary to what was said in last year's article there had been a considerable number of lots sold before 1916, and I remember in 1917 that there was quite a number of cottages already built on Sunset Boulevard facing Arthur and Patricia Beaches and on around the bend towards Alexandra and King Edward Beaches—and many of them looked as if they had been built some years previously.

Miss Sander's letter concludes—"I have very happy memories of Victoria Beach—how different it must be now—no passenger trains, and no chance of getting lost picking blueberries these days."

(We used to pick blueberries by the water-pail full about where Sixth Avenue is now!!)

The Sleeping People Hater—(Cont'd. from page 1)

the situation. The following week-end saw precisely the same pattern of behaviour. With everyone being awakened by this flying alarm clock it became apparent that action just had to be taken.

So the following week-end I stopped at our game warden's cottage and borrowed a small shot-gun from Sam Ateah, who took the realistic view that even in a bird sanctuary a menace to the public good could be destroyed.

At this point our menace either (a) smartened up, or (b) found some new game, or (c) injured his bill, or (d) caught the devil from his mate for waking the little fledglings in the nest.

Whatever the reason, the wretched bird stopped his nerve-racking antics, and proceeded to act more normally.

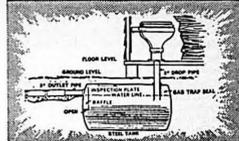
I find he is correctly called a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, and is really not a very desirable bird at the best of times. But from our experience, I think the name at the head of this article describes him best.

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