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ANOTHER FLEA MARKET SUCCESS

Anyone who has never been to the Flea Market has missed one of the fun things at the beach. But you must be there at door opening as things go fast!

It is not true that the same things return year after year. New treasures keep turning up every year with profitable results for the Club, and delight for the purchaser.

This year our profit was \$351.00. We had no expenses. John Ateah was again kind enough to supply the truck for pick-up, and Ray Steinhouse manned the wheel. Bill Langdon and Bill Burr again ably picked up things from the rear. (They slept well that night!)

The pick-up covered all the cottage area, including Bayview. We were sorry to hear a few things were missed. Perhaps the truck had gone by before the articles were out. I hope you will save them for next year.

All day workers were Amy Burr, Betty Brown, Hazelle McGill and Betty Dack. Norrie Wiswell and Betty MacRae were cashiers and Maxine Clark had a good day selling "Looking Back 50 Years With the Victoria Beach Herald". That is a fascinating book which is a must in every cottage and a great gift for people who love the beach. (And doesn't everyone?)

Carol Carriere, Janet Smith, and Burr's visitor Adeline Thompson also lent a hand.

To all who donated, purchased or helped, Many Thanks.

DOREEN LANGDON

ARCHIVES

Hilda Morrish started a project last year to try to get a complete set of the Heralds into the Archives. In my travels in borrowing the old papers from various people I have managed to find most of them. Derna Ivanoff has offered to donate many of these early editions. Those missing yet are 1940 - No. 4; 1943 - No. 2; 1944 - No. 3; 1945 - No. 3.

EDITOR

TEEN DANCE

The band scheduled to play is "Glider". Admission is \$1.50 for members and \$1.75 for non-members. Doors open at 9:00. See you at the Clubhouse!

ADULT DANCE

On Sat. July 17 at the Clubhouse about 250 adults had a great time to the vibrant music of Sky High. It was a swinging group and the dance floor was packed, a sure sign of a happy crowd. Some refreshments were served, three dance prizes awarded and a profit of approximately \$600.00 was turned over to the Club.

Many thanks to Mrs. David, The Sports Centre, Victoria Beach Grocery for their donations - Carol and Norm Carriere, the Beach Boys for their assistance - and to the volunteer ticket gals and bartenders, and to all the helpers for their excellent services. For all present we hope to see you all again at the August Adult Dance (August 14th) and for all who didn't come - do come next time. It's a good crowd and produces a real fun party and raises money for our Club.

KEVAGHN SCOTT CANCER WALK

Kevaghn Scott of 335 Sunset Blvd. recently completed a 120 meter 7-day walk from Winnipeg to Clearwater Bay, Lake of the Woods.

The walk was to raise money for the Cancer Society in memory of Mrs. Sotolov, wife of the Vincent Massey High School Principal.

Through pledges to-date, Kevaghn has raised over \$1,400.00 and naturally would welcome any late donors.

Kevaghn does not suggest that walking to Kenora is the fastest method but despite the intense heat, blisters, aching muscles, bugs, etc. he says it was all worth the effort.

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BIKE RACE — Sunday, July 25th, 9:00 a.m., at the Sportsgrounds
MOVIES — 8:30 p.m., Club House - Tuesday, "Big Red"
- Thursday, "Love Me Tender"

COUNCIL CORNER (Each week the Reeve will submit an article on Municipal affairs. Suggested topics are welcomed. EDITOR)

PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENT AND GRANTS

Assessing the value of lands and buildings for the purpose of municipal taxation is a function of the Provincial government. Our municipality is charged an annual fee for this service (\$3,300 for 1976).

One of the annual responsibilities of the Provincial Assessment Department is to evaluate new construction and divisions of land. The information upon which assessors act, must in most instances be provided by the Municipality. This information is mainly supplied through a requirement that one must first obtain a Building Permit before constructing, altering, or moving a building. Total re-assessment (of each individual property) is supposed to take place once every four or five years. Those who enhance the value of their properties without obtaining the required Building Permit (thereby attempting to escape additional taxation) are normally caught through re-assessment. Due to a shortage of Provincial assessors our municipality is long over-due for re-assessment, which we can expect this year or next.

Our 1976 tax levy for *General Municipal purposes* is based on a total assessment of \$2,083,480. Were it not for 11 farm-building exemptions (4 partial and 7 total), our general assessment figure would be \$61,140 higher. A substantial portion of the latter amount however lies in unused mink sheds that are gradually being dismantled, and others that have been demolished though not yet removed from the Assessment Roll. It should be noted that exempted farms must nevertheless pay full land taxes. The impact of Provincial legislation exempting certain farm buildings from taxation has therefore only a very small effect upon taxes in our municipality.

Our tax levy for *School purposes* is based on an assessment that is \$27,660 lower than the above total for General Municipal purposes. This is because the assessments of the Victoria Beach Community Club, Camp Notre Dame, and the Faith Bible Camp, have all been exempted from school taxation. On the other hand David's and Saffie's stores pay a higher school tax than the rest of us, they being adjudged by present Provincial legislation to be our only commercial enterprises subject to business tax. Six other local enterprises... three stores, a golf course, tennis courts, and a parking-lot, all produced substantial tax revenue in the not too distant past. Since 1968 they have been publicly owned and therefore not subject to taxes of any kind. Nor are the combined revenues from these six enterprises likely to exceed annual expenses over the years.

Each year your Municipal Council sits as a Court of Revision to hear complaints against land and building assessments. This year's Court will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday,

October 19 at the Municipal Office. Many taxpayers mistakenly believe that they may only appeal at a time their property is re-assessed. Not so. All you need do is write a letter to the office giving 10 days notice of your objection. You may wish to present your case wholly by letter, or appear in person, or through a professional representative. Should you be dissatisfied with Council's decision you may appeal to the Provincial Municipal Board, where you may also appear personally. A further appeal lies to the Courts.

At last Fall's Court of Revision, Council heard many requests for tax relief. Some are annual requests as for instance the Victoria Beach Community Club. Other similar applications came from the Natural History Society and Camp Notre Dame. Another regular application results in the cancellation of taxes on privately-owned lands used for public purposes. Other tax cancellations result from the removal or destruction of buildings. The most difficult decisions are those that must be made when a taxpayer claims to be over-assessed in comparison with similar lands and/or buildings within the municipality. In these cases Council listens to the sworn testimony of the taxpayer and of the Provincial assessor and arrives at a decision to accept or reject the appeal in whole or in part. Resort areas present a particular problem, as many taxpayers undertake their own construction which may take place over several years, and thus be subject to questionable interim assessments.

As previously mentioned, our municipality's total assessment is \$2,083,480 for 1976. To this the Province applies an equalizing factor to arrive at an 'Equalized Assessment' figure intended for use in comparing one municipality's total valuation with another. It was of particular interest to me to discover that our municipality, though very small in total acreage, actually stands as number 80 out of 202 in terms of equalized assessment. (NOTE: The term 'municipality' includes all cities, towns, villages, rural municipalities, and local government districts, within the Province).

Total assessment determines a municipality's school costs. Following provincial government grants, we share the balance of the annual requirements of the Lord Selkirk school division together with five other municipal units, according to our total assessments. If there was not a single, solitary child within our municipality requiring education, you would not notice the saving in your present school taxes. Cottagers who bemoan the fact that they must pay heavily in order that the children of permanent residents of Victoria Beach can go to school, are incorrect. School taxes are based upon local assessment, not local school attendees, and the Lord Selkirk school division to which we must, by Provincial law, subscribe, stretches south almost to Lockport. But more of this in next week's article.

Lately our Municipality has been the recipient of some Provincial grants... water utility (\$5,500), golf course (\$2,000), and ditching (\$1,200). These however might be

described as chicken-feed compared to the annual Unconditional Grant made by our Provincial government to all cities, towns, villages, and local government districts. The monies for this annual grant (over \$15 million this year) are raised through charging additional Provincial income taxes, which are 're-cycled' to municipalities to assist them in providing necessary local services. We estimate that our municipality must supply services for 5,000 people. The grant this year is based upon \$15.30 for each person so served. Thus you might expect that R/M Victoria Beach would receive a cheque from the Province for \$76,500. Not so. Our grant is for \$3,350 or but *four percent*. This is so as there can only be one grant (\$15.30) per person per year and it is made to the municipality of permanent residency. At the time of the 1971 Federal census only 219 persons registered permanent residency in Victoria Beach, thus our grant is only \$3,350. As non-resident owners (who receive their grant monies elsewhere) outnumber permanent residents 23-1, the permanent resident must share his grant monies with 22 non-residents.

The Manitoba Property Tax Credit grant is another that provides little benefit to municipalities composed largely of non-residents. Were all our taxpayers resident, then on July 1 we would have received a cheque from the Province for approximately \$200,000. Instead the cheque was for \$8,500 or but *four percent*, as non-residents receive their grants elsewhere.

Another Provincial grant area, low-interest Municipal loans that have labour-forgiven clauses for special projects, are likewise not designed for municipalities dominated by non-residents. We applied for such a grant for our golf course which services an area far beyond our municipal boundaries and including the Province's Grand Beach Park. Our application was however restricted to that financial support which would normally be given to 219 residents!

Our local MLA, the Provincial Cabinet, and members of the Official Opposition, have all been appraised of our grant problems which are shared by the Village of Dumottar and the Town of Winnipeg Beach (also largely owned by non-residents). There is a simple and most equitable answer to the patently unfair treatment our municipality receives, though as yet no action. We can only keep trying.

PHIL NUTTER — Reeve

NEXT WEEK: — 'School taxes'

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BEACH EVENTS — 1976

Beautiful beach weather and plenty of enthusiastic children combined to make last Saturday's events lots of fun on Alexander Beach. The list of winners follows:

Rod Peeler did a fine job in organizing things but had to miss the events when son Adam was temporarily hospitalized. Lots of welcome help from Norm Carriere, Gerry and Linda Jones, Brian and Nancy Hodgson, Swim Instructors Lorna Swerhone, Tammy Bezte and Christine Donovan plus various Grovers (Paul, Sheila and Richard).

And everybody enjoyed Silverwoods excellent ice cream.

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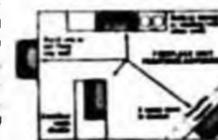
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Boys: 4 & Under - 1. Derek Yarnell, 2. Teddy Lawler and Kyle Clapham, 3. Adam Carriere and Patrick Jones.

Girls: 5 & 6 - 1. June Gardner, 2. Tracy Thompson and Margaret Rozzi, 3. Susan Cramp & Paddy Cramp.

Boys: 5 & 6 - 1. John Sinclair, 2. Douglas Hodgson and Murray McKeag, 3. Andrew Gow, John Grover, Nicholas Hesse, Doug Pollard.

Girls: 7 & 8 - 1. Jody Rae, 2. Arla Clapham, 3. Amy Stuart and Lisa Jones.

Boys: 7 & 8 - 1. Patrick Yarnell, 2. Fransico Martineau, 3. David Rozzi and Mark Rozzi.

Girls: 9 & 10 - 1. Shelagh Pollard, 2. Jennifer Yarnell, 3. Colleen Grover.

Boys: 9 & 10 - 1. David Bielski, 2. Daniel Bezte, 3. Michael Martin.

SAND CASTLES

Girls: 4 & Under - 1. Kathleen Pentland, 2. Melissa Wong, 3. Hyree and Andrea Blankenberg.

Boys: 4 & Under - 1. Serge Carriere, 2. Jamie Huget, 3. Derek Yarnell.

Girls: 5 & 6 - 1. Sarah Grover and Donna Mathieson, 2. Miyo Yamashita, 3. Margaret Rozzi.

Boys: 5 & 6 - 1. Jamie Houston, 2. John Sinclair, 3. Andrew Gow.

Girls: 7 & 8 - 1. Heather Drybrough, 2. Christine Borger, 3. Karen Cyr.

Boys: 7 & 8 - 1. Patrick Yarnell, 2. Rodney Clapham, 3. Fransico Martineau.

Girls: 9 & 10 - 1. Jennifer Yarnell, 2. Tracy Bowery and Colleen Grover, 3. Kelly Rayter.

Boys: 9 & 10 - 1. David Bielski, 2. Michael Martin and Andrew Bendor-Samuel, 3. Daniel Bezte.

FRECKLES

Girls: 4 & Under - 1. Kathleen Pentland, 2. Jennifer Sinclair, 3. Melissa Wong and Steffanie Rossi.

Boys: 4 & Under - 1. Jason Alsip, 2. Serge Carriere, 3. Andrea Hesse.

Girls: 5 & 6 - 1. Megan Copeland, 2. Jane Fenwick, 3. Julian Kerbyson.

Boys: 5 & 6 - 1. Lindsay McLeod, 2. Jamie Houston, 3. Murray McKeag.

Girls: 7 & 8 - 1. Heather Drybrough, 2. Heather Copeland, 3. Maureen Hancock.

Boys: 7 & 8 - 1. Geoffrey Kerbyson, 2. Darren Bezte, 3. Rodney Clapham.

Girls: 9 & 10 - 1. Carey Vadehoncoeur and Jane Clark, 2. Kelly Rafter, 3. Nancy Fenwick.

Boys: 9 & 10 - 1. Shawn Houston, 2. Michael Mann, 3. Curtis Pentland.

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Boys: 5 & 6 - 1. Murray McCaig, 2. Dougie Pollard, 3. Andrew Gow.

Girls: 7 & 8 - 1. Jackie Sinclair, 2. Christine Borger, 3. Barbie Hansford.

Boys: 7 & 8 - 1. Rodney Clapham, 2. Harvey Cramp, 3. Darren Bezte.

Girls: 9 & 10 - 1. Patty Lamond, 2. Kathy Sinclair, 3. Nancy Fenwick.

Boys: 9 & 10 - 1. Daniel Bezte, 2. Peter Gow, 3. David Bielski.

200 YARD SWIM

Under a bright sky, 6 Boys and 7 Girls challenged the choppy waters in this annual event.

Anne Thain found the waves a little too much and withdrew during the first length.

The overall winners were as follows:

Girls - 1st, Diane Hansford; 2nd, Laura Hansford; 3rd, Tara Bezte.

Boys - 1st, Jeff Blanchard; 2nd, Dale Bezte; 3rd, Vic Ritchie.

Age Group results are as follows:

Girls 11 & 12 - 1st, Susan Oades, 13 & 14 - 1st, Laura Hansford; 2nd, Tara Bezte, 15 & Over - 1st, Diane Hansford.

Boys 10 & Under - Daniel Bezte, 11 & 12 - 1st, Daryl Bezte, 13 & 14 - 1st, Jeff Blanchard; 2nd, Vic Ritchie.

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ONE MILE SWIM

Conditions were near perfect for the annual Open One Mile Swim. This contest consists of 20 lengths of the pier and is one of the events where points can be earned towards the Grand Aggregate Trophy for overall sports excellence at Victoria Beach.

The race was featured by a very close match-up between the two leaders, David Parks and Ron Kowal. These two boys were never more than 10 feet apart for the entire race and were separated at the finish line by a stroke.

Following are the results:

Girls: Overall - 1. Diane Hansford, 2. Tara Bezte, 3. Carolynn Hill.

Boys: Overall - 1. David Parks, 2. Ron Kowal, 3. Jeff Blanchard.

Girls: 11 & 12 - 1. Carolynn Hill, 13 & 14 - 1. Tara Bezte, 15 & Over - 1. Diane Hansford; 2. Tammy Bezte, 3. Liz Gallie.

Boys: 13 & 14 - 1. David Parks, 2. Ron Kowal, 3. Jeff Blanchard, 15 & Over - 1. Dale Bezte, 2. Norm Carriere.

Many thanks to Lorna Swerhone, Christine Donovan, Toni Osadehy, Norm Carriere, Paul Thain and Elaine Archer for their assistance.

DICK ARCHER

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

There should be no glass left lying on the ground or else somebody will get cut badly. I have found broken beer bottles in the lake.

HARVEY CRAMP - 7 yrs. old

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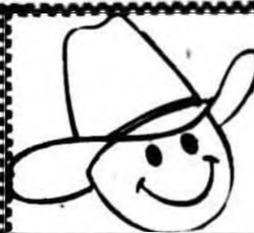
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The interior fixtures and stock, however, are owned and operated by Mr. W. A. (Al) Stewart, who has served the summer residents of this area since 1958. Consistent with the long established policy of operating Victoria Beach Grocery as a family enterprise, Al has assigned the task of overall management of the store to his daughter, Lynn Kulack, and her husband Bob, this summer. Lynn and Bob are both well known to store customers as they have been involved in the business, off and on, since 1958. Bob, a St. Boniface native and a graduate of the Norwood schools, who spent his first summer at Victoria Beach in 1951, teaches in Grand Forks, North Dakota, where he is also pursuing post-graduate studies at the University of North Dakota. One of his recent innovations was the introduction of magazines and books, with particular emphasis on Canadian authors, to the wide variety of goods stocked in the store.

One new face this season will be that of our new butcher Cece Jenkinson. Cece is widely known and respected in the Selkirk area where he has operated Jenkinson's Tom Boy for many years.

Al Stewart kindly agreed to handling the 50 Year History Book for the Victoria Beach Club free of charge. Up to date he has taken 220 books. Many thanks to him, Lynn, Bob & Staff!

BRIDGE

A bumper turn-out of bridge enthusiasts saw 9 tables of activity on Monday July 12th. Top scorers for the evening were: 1st Jean Bushuk with 6010, 2nd Bill Wallbridge with 5900. There were a number of new players with us, so why not come out and make some new friends. See you, Monday at 8:00.

GLADYS MILDREN

BIKE RACE

On Sunday, July 25 at 9:00 a.m. the bike race will be held starting from the Clubhouse. All ages are invited to ride the circuit!

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BEACH PEOPLE

Who is this E. A. BACKHOUSE of 3rd Ave. who felt cheated because he didn't hear about the Cross Country Race in time to enter? After demanding a re-run with red ribbon winner BILL LANGIDON, he quickly left for Montreal.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. C. D. (Charlie) O'Connell who is spending his 60th summer at his cottage, Lakeview, Lot 3, Bayview. Charlie, who is 90 years old, first came to Victoria Beach in 1916. He still enjoys the natural beauty and wildlife at Victoria Beach, and can be seen on his bicycle at the stores. All his friends and neighbours in Bayview wish him an enjoyable 60th summer here!

Muriel and Gordon Martin, Calgary, Alberta are spending the month of July at their cottage, the Chipmunk, 310-4th Ave. With them this year are daughters, Leah and Joy, and granddaughter Laurie.

HIGHWAY DANGER

While there is the danger of animals on the road at all times, drivers are particularly warned to watch out for deer and moose on PTH No. 59 between Gull Lake and the Pine Falls cut-off. There have been several accidents and near accidents between these points during the past two months. In one recent accident in this area, a car was struck by two moose, resulting in the tragic death of a 14-year old passenger. In another area accident a truck was struck by two deer. Deer and moose populations are multiplying rapidly in the area and with continued restrictive hunting, the road hazard will increase proportionately. Please report any 'near' accidents to our Police department.

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Many thanks to the two girls and young man, who prevented what could have been a double tragedy when they rescued our daughter Joy and granddaughter Laurie, when they found themselves in trouble at Patricia Beach on Wednesday afternoon, July 14.

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