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## AWARDS NIGHT—Sunday, August 22nd, 7:00 p.m., Club House — There will NOT be a Monster Bingo Aug 22 - Sorry!

### ADULT DANCE

On August 14 at the Clubhouse about 200 adults had a really great time to the versatile music of the music man — Dick Law from Garry Robertson Music Services Ltd. He played a fine selection of tunes and many requests. From the dancers from 18 to 60 everyone seemed happy. In fact, he was asked to stay over till 1:30 a.m. and the crowd seemed ready to dance all night. It was a terrific party because so many did their bit to help from selling tickets, to bar duty, to filling food plates, and clean up after. Three spot dances were held and the prizes were copies of "Looking Back 50 years with the V.B. Herald." The lovely decorative posters from Cooks were given away at the end.

Approximately \$500.00 profit was turned over to the Club.

Many thanks to Stewart's Store for their lovely selection of meats etc. and donation of snack foods, Mrs. David for the use of her table cloths, the sports centre for extra tables and the Beach Boys for their help. Lets hope we have started a trend of music tapes for V.B. Dances and that '77 will be another great summer with more adult dances!

### VICTORIA BEACH 50 YEAR HISTORY

Printing costs have now been met and any proceeds from sales are now direct profit to Club. The Victoria Beach Grocery has been responsible for 380 of those sales. Many thanks to management and staff!

As the season is drawing to a close, be sure you pick up copies for gifts while they are available. If demand indicates a reprint it will be considered but this cannot be taken for granted.

### BRIDGE

By the time this notice is in print, there will be only one more opportunity this season to join your fellow enthusiasts in a friendly game of bridge. It has been a very enjoyable season, and many have looked forward to our Monday night sessions. High scorer on Monday, August 9th was Jim Peebles, 1st with 5760, and our J. D. Lees, 2nd with 5010.

GLADYS MILDREN

### READING AND THINKING AT VICTORIA BEACH

My thanks go to the Editor of the Victoria Beach Herald for lending me her copy of *Cedars of Lebanon*, by Laela Ateah-Lester. (I owned the book years ago but wanted to refresh my experience of reading it). It has the charm of something which was written to catch the spirit of adventure and romance in a family which dared to undertake a new way of life on this peninsula, and yet give due homage to its origins as set forth in the title, *Cedars of Lebanon*.

If Victoria Beach has called forth this kind of devotion, as evinced again in the recently compiled *Looking Back Fifty Years with the Victoria Beach Herald*, one suggests Winnipeg has too much to recall in the minds writers. Queenston House, named for the street on which it is situated, publishes this kind of material under the editorship of a husband and wife team, John and Joan Parr. *Winnipeg Stories* is a tidy book, the product of Winnipeggers past and present, containing fifteen stories in all. One reads with enjoyment, then asks, Why was that story written? Turn to the back and find a brief history of the author. It is difficult to single out which to mention; the last story, "White Land Blue Toe", by John Parr, made me laugh aloud... From the introduction by David Arnason, through the list of contributors, one finds many teaching English at the university and college level and it is good to know they are also creative writers.

A second book by Queenston House, *Speaking of Winnipeg*, contains material first made public by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in 1974, and has a similar format to *Winnipeg Stories*. It deals with thirteen Winnipeg personages from Grace MacInnes born in 1905 to Pete Stenkowski, a professional hockey player. Again, a good read, on the beach or on a plane. A real pocket-book produced by skilled interviewers and responsive people representing political involvement, theatre, the media, and writers, all endeavouring to play fair with what they recall about Winnipeg.

Is it not worth while to recall the past, especially if one was there in person?

HOPE WILMOT  
Victoria Beach  
Friday, August 13th, 1976

**Pick up your Copy of the Victoria Beach 50 Year History available  
at the Victoria Beach Grocery, members of the V.B. Club or  
Saffie's at Albert Beach**

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

### DEATH OF A GIANT

In June, 1913, the Victoria Beach Company Limited was incorporated . . . 30,000 common shares at \$100 each. Three million dollars was a lot of money a year before the outbreak of the First World War.

Sixteen years later, April, 1929 the Company, through application to the Province, wound-down to a capitalization of \$200,000 (1,600 common shares at \$100, and a similar number of preferred shares at \$25).

A further 29 years later the Vincents (Art and Pat) had established their family at the Beach through the purchase of a cottage formerly owned by Charles W. N. Kennedy (an originating Director of the Company), and they also purchased the next door cottage then owned by the Quinns, and after winterizing the latter building were close to becoming year-round residents of the municipality.

They, together with most cottagers, were concerned over the growing deterioration of the V.B. Company's assets. The major building of the Company's V.B. Inn (then situated on Pier Point) had burned in 1953, resulting in the closing of the hotel, and its surrounding buildings and land were left to decay. Previously, in 1945, the major Company store, operated by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Falls, had burned to the ground, and what was supposed to be a temporary store was opened in the office of the Company's then lumber-yard (thanks to the Hugh Stewarts). The Company golf course, together with other Company assets . . . Barrager's (later Hood's) Store, the Bake Shop, the Butcher Shop, the Barber Shop, the Rental office, the Tennis Courts, and the Moonlight Inn, were all deteriorating.

Art Vincent purchased one common share of the Company and was elected as a Director. His other three Directors had no personal interests at the Beach. As of January, 1958, there were 1,047 common shares (one vote each) and 950 preferred shares outstanding. As preferred shares carried one vote per four shares owned, Mr. Vincent at this time (1958) had but one vote out of 1,285.

Commencing about this time, friends of Vincent quietly began taking-up Company shares at varying prices until, as at October, 1966, they owned 1,033 of the common stock and 773 of the preferred. As 553 common and 650 preferred shares remained unissued, only 14 common and 177 preferred remained outstanding, excepting for the Vincent's holdings.

They then paid off all preferred shareholders and in August, 1967, offered the Municipality the opportunity of purchasing their 1,033 common stock at \$75 per share, which was gladly accepted.

The job of gaining control of the Company responsible for the development of our Municipality, was no mean task. The Vincents kindly made available to me their files containing many hundreds of enquiring and meaningful letters. Many of the original owners of V.B. Company stock were deceased by the time the Vincents started their quest for shares. Their stock certificates had been passed to beneficiaries, or were involved in Estate proceedings, or in some cases could not be found. The search for shares necessarily spread far afield and included such places as New York, Victoria, Toronto, White Rock, Minnesota, Cincinnati, and Ottawa.

While some of the far-off shareholders had no previous association with Victoria Beach excepting for their financial interest in the Company, for others, parting with their shares meant severing their last ties with the place they remembered so fondly.

It was fitting that Mr. Vincent, from his office in the Grain Exchange, should have been the one to bring about the eventual demise of the Company. The ties between the Beach and the Grain Exchange have been long lasting. Two of those responsible for original development, Charles W. N. Kennedy and Charles Vokes, were both Brokers, and they together with William Webster and Frederick C. N. Kennedy, were the first Directors of the Company. Later, when the Municipality was formed, many Grain Exchange people served terms on Council and in fact it has only been for the last few years that at least one, and sometimes more members of Council, have not had connections with the Exchange, as did two past Reeves, John W. Beech and James T. Irving.

To effect the sale of Company assets to the Municipality, it was necessary to form a syndicate of interested Beach people to purchase the shares, and they in turn sold the assets to the municipality for their net purchase cost. While the share purchase theoretically involved \$77,475 (1,033 shares at \$75), the actual cost to the taxpayer was only \$58,745. This was due to the fact that there were considerable liquid assets owned by the Company at the time of its purchase.

To effect the purchase, the Municipality, in 1968, sold a \$70,000 Debenture issue, 15 years @ 8 percent. After paying the purchase amount noted above, the balance was placed in a special interest bearing account for the payment of legal fees consequent upon the purchase of Company assets and the transfer of lands into the name of the Municipality. As the amount so deposited exceeded the need, our auditor has each year permitted the interest, plus a portion of the capital, to be transferred to General Revenue.

The Debentures issued by the Municipality were largely purchased by individuals interested in seeing the assets of the Company fall into Municipal ownership. In all there were 304 purchasers. Each year the taxpayer is charged \$8,177 (roughly 4 mills) for the annual principal and interest payments re-

quired for their eventual redemption, so with only seven years left, we have passed the half-way mark.

To those who have acted as members of the share purchase syndicate and to those who purchased debentures, go our thanks. Likewise our thanks must go to all past Directors and shareholders of the Company. While doubtless the Company saw some profitable years, there were also very lean years. This was particularly true during the post Second World War period. Having perused many of its Annual Financial statements, it surprises me that it survived as long as it did. But no matter how sparse was the return, or how great the annual loss, the Company never veered from a course that was to benefit all of us at the Beach. The lands, some 750 acres that are now publicly-owned, could well have been sold to subdividers many years ago. The fact that they were not, deserves our gratitude.

But our main thanks should be reserved for the Vincents. While many were aware of the disaster that might well have descended upon us in the event of the control of the Company falling into the wrong hands, it was the Vincents who acted. And it was not a pleasurable task for them to save the Beach as we know it. I'm sure the complaints received from cottagers grew with every share purchased, and that a well-beaten path to their door was trampled by those who enquired as to why the price of eggs was so high in the Company store . . . why the cup had been moved on the Third green of the golf course . . . why the tennis net sagged . . . and why the soda fountain had run out of chocolate syrup. It was also common gossip among some, as it had been in the past, of the profits to be reaped from such diversified endeavours.

Well Vincents, it pleases us that you are now able to enjoy your lovely home and garden in the knowledge that you have contributed so outstandingly to the security of all we hold dear in these parts.

### EDITOR'S NOTE

It is most unfortunate that the Reeve reacted as he did to the Guest Editorial that appeared in the August 6th issue of the Herald. I found nothing at the time of accepting the article or in re-reading it to indicate anything but praise of Councils past and present. Although it has been pointed out by the Reeve in the August 13th issue that the writer was misinformed regarding other matters referred to in the article, in my opinion this gave the Reeve an excellent opportunity to straighten out any misunderstandings on the part of the writer and others that I have personally heard making similar statements.

As a Guest Editorial it was not anonymous. The writer handed me that article in person requesting that his name be withheld. I exercised what I believed was my right as an editor to accept the article as a guest editorial for publication. As you will no doubt understand I receive many articles in the Victoria Beach box not signed and can only use my own discretion as to what I feel is worthy of print — whether informative, controversial or humorous. If I have misjudged causing anyone any embarrassment by printing this articles, I sincerely offer my apologies.

### EDITORIAL NOTE

It has been brought to my attention that cigarette butts have been noted carelessly dropped around the avenues and the Golf Course. With the dry season we have been experiencing this is of particular concern to cottagers.

Many thanks to the person who returned the round bicycle lock to the police office. It is very much appreciated.

PETRA REIMANN

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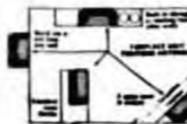
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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

I have no hesitation in identifying myself as the writer of the Guest Editorial that appeared in the Herald August 6, 1976. Very few papers identify the writers of editorials and it is my opinion that the Herald had every right to publish the Guest Editorial as it did. An editorial is not a letter to the editor.

I am extremely gratified that Council takes its job as seriously as it does. The discontinuance of providing "preventive patrol" outside our municipality is in direct agreement with my editorial.

The information concerning "preventive patrol" outside our municipality came from the minutes of the June Council Meeting. These minutes were publicly posted in the Post Office.

The fact that the article did not appear until August 6 was due partly because of lack of space in the Herald and partly because I had hoped that the Reeve would have some explanation about "preventive patrol" outside our Municipality in his article on Protective Services printed July 16.

In conclusion, I would like to compliment our Council for some of the excellent "decisions" they have made in the past and I anticipate that we will be blessed with their prudent "decisions" in the future.

PAUL THAIN

## DOG SHOW RESULTS

The Annual Victoria Beach Dog Show was held on Sunday evening, August 15th, 1976 in the sports ground. As always there was a good turnout.

This popular event, where pedigree and ancestry are disregarded, gives every dog the chance to put its best paw, ear, tail, etc., forward and be judged for his or her own particular merits.

Thanks go to the following Judges - Lynne & Herb Sage, Norm Carriere and Jacqui Blanchard. Name recorders - Margie Plaxton and Bev Fletcher and to Jeff and Robert Blanchard for passing out the prizes.

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## RESULTS:

**Largest Dog** - Bonnie, Brent, Bruce & Maureen Hancock. **Largest Dog with smallest boy** - Newf, David Sage. **Largest Dog with smallest girl** - Dewey, Carrie Fletcher. **Longest Big Dog** - Mandey, Cameron McIntyre. **Shortest Big Dog** - Nikki, Susan Johnson. **Dog with largest chest** - Blue, Cheryl Henderson. **Largest Poodle** - Cleo, Susan Johnson. **Smallest Dog** - Cuddles, Andrew Stelmack. **Smallest Dog with smallest boy** - Buffy, Garth Andrew Nicolas. **Reddest Dog** - Scruffles, Chris Woods. **Brownest Dog** - Schenley, Suzanne Wiebe. **Whitest Dog** - Bobby, Daiji Zeglinski. **Blondeest Dog** - Taffy, Janet Williams. **Goldenest Dog** - Goldie, Sandra Lillie. **Grayest Dog** - Chico, Andrew Bendor-Samuel. **Blackest Dog** - Amy, Janet Dirks. **Best Dog on 3 Legs** - Logan, Tracy Anderson. **Boy with the "Chief Judge"** - Tinker, Bruce Plaxton. **Dog most like a wolf** - Scamp, Rob Squire. **Youngest Dog** - Carlie, Cathy Zeglinski. **Most unusual Dog** - Dongo, Gabor Jakob. **Most intelligent looking Dog** - Percy, Janet Gillies. **Most distinguished looking Dog** - Tippy, Bell Cameron. **Dog with smilingest face** - Susie, Kathy Pentland. **Best dressed Dog** - Missy, Debra McMillan. **Dog most like Snoopy** - Maggie, Leah Mitchell. **Dog with biggest spots** - Patches, Pat & Mike Wiley. **Dog with softest coat** - Rikka, Cathy Sonya. **Dog with curliest fur** - Casey, Todd McGreevy. **Fluffiest Dog** - Fred, David Little. **Dog with best hair cut** - Cody, Jim Anderson. **Most widely travelled Dog** - Cleopatra, Tanya Moore. **Bounciest Dog** - Nipper, Adam Peeler. **Friskiest Dog** - Rags, Joanne Singleton. **Most rambunctious Dog** - Napoleon, Jo-Anne

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Trophy for "Luckiest Dog" went to Maggie with owner Leah Mitchell.

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We in the 3rd and 4th Avenue area between Alexandra and King Edward have really been subjected to this sort of annoyance lately. It seems to me a dog owner must accept the responsibility for his dog's actions and if he has any consideration at all for the neighbors, will somehow or other take steps to keep his pet "reasonably" quiet at all times - by proper training, muzzling if need be, or simply taking Fido along when leaving the cottage for any length of time!

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All of Al Stewart's many friends will be interested to know that Al has been confined to hospital with a very sore foot. We wish you a speedy recovery Al, and look forward to seeing you soon.

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## ANOTHER EXPLANATION

I was a little taken aback by the intensity of the Reeve's reply to the Guest Editorial in the August 6th issue of the Herald. My personal conviction is that it is preferable for published articles to bear some form of identification of their author. For that reason I signed my initials to my whimsical satire of the gravel situation. If everyone had a name as long as mine they would use their initials more often as well. Nevertheless the Herald follows a perfectly acceptable editorial practice in publishing articles without attribution, providing that the Editor knows the identity of the author. For many years, for example, our illustrious cousin of journalism, the Winnipeg Tribune, published a daily column entitled "Moss I Gather" which was purported to have been written by one Graham N. Smith, which, in fact, was not a person at all, but the Winnipeg address of the Newspaper. There are many other examples of anonymous and pseudoanonymous articles in virtually every newspaper on this continent. The Herald, in all its humility, is in good and illustrious company in this regard. I am therefore compelled to deny the accusation of irresponsibility made by the Reeve, and to declare that situations may well exist where unsigned articles deserve publication. Unlike the Reeve, I am not expert in law, but my commonsense, which of course in matters of law could be entirely misleading, tells me that there is little likelihood of the Community Club losing its assets in settlement of a libel suit, providing of course that a mature and responsible person, in the form of the Editor, reads and approves all articles before they are published.

Brian Leslie Bendor-Samuel,  
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## BEACH PEOPLE

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Tuesday August 24 — 20,000 Leagues Under The Sea.  
Thursday — August 26 — Beneath the Planet of the Apes.

## Victoria Beach Grocery

Check our shelves for end-of-season specials on groceries, cleaning supplies and frozen foods.

Prices on the following items effective August 20th.

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