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## FLEA MARKET AT THE CLUBHOUSE — Saturday, July 5th at 2:00 P.M. FISHING DERBY AT THE PIER — Saturday, July 5th at 10:00 A.M.

### RECREATION NEWS

Because league fastball games and or practices are scheduled on Monday and Wednesday evenings, at the Sports ground, a different site will be necessary for the evening recreation program. Children should meet in front of the clubhouse at 7:00 p.m. on those days.

The hike to Sandy Beach begins from the clubhouse on Wednesday, July 9th at 10:30 a.m. Bring a lunch, swim suit and towel. Shoes are a must. Games and contests are played for fun and prizes!

*Saturday at 9:00 p.m. is the time for the teen dance. Excellent tape music by S.O.S. will entertain you. The soft drink canteen will be open too.*

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### FISHING DERBY

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### MEMBERSHIP BLITZ DAY

In spite of the damp but welcome (?) weather the 1980 Victoria Beach Club Blitz held on June 28th proved once again to be a financial success. Saturday morning 202-7th Avenue saw a succession of "soggy" area captains pick up their canvass "kits" (wrapped in good old plastic garbage bags!) for distribution to the approximately 60 volunteer canvassers.

Preliminary reports indicate funds collected should be sufficient to operate the V.B. Club for the 1980 season. To all captains, canvassers, donors, local residents, cottage owners and renters we say "Many Thanks". Your willing and cheerful co-operation has made it a pleasure for us to head up the membership campaign. More detailed results, next week.

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"*Tarzan — Ape Man*", based on Edgar Rice Burroughs famous novel about a man reared by apes with fantastic jungle skills, will be featured on Thursday at 8:30 p.m.



June 19, 1980  
352 Rita Street  
Winnipeg R3J 2Y4

Dear Mrs. Owen:

Back in the early 1940's I was fortunate to be invited to stay at Victoria Beach as a guest of the Reeve family at 309 Fourth Avenue. In those days it was the thrill of getting there by steam locomotion, and having once arrived at the cottage, of lighting coal oil or gas lamps to see by. In addition there was wood to chop, water to be pumped. Entertainment was usually provided by winding up an old Victorola gramophone and listening to the sound of Noel Coward or Nelson Eddie's voice amplified by a large sound horn on the top of the gramophone.

Well here it is 1980 some 37 or 38 years later and I am a guest of the Wildmans of 205 Fifth Avenue and although the sound of steam locomotives are fading in the memory as are the oil lamps — I found glorious old Victoria Beach still relatively unchanged and rustically beautiful. I was glad to see that this so called age of technology and progress hadn't changed the basic natural qualities of your beach.

I was overjoyed to run across a copy of last seasons Herald lying around the cottage. It seemed to me to still be the nice newsy little paper that I used to read many years ago. The format of the Herald is perfect — don't ever change it!

I was so enchanted with my re-visit of Victoria Beach that I wrote a poem about the natural beauty of the beach while my inspiration was at its highest.

I have enclosed a copy of my poem entitled "*Return to Enchantment*" which you may or may not consider worth publishing in your Herald.

Since I am not a cottage owner at your resort or any other resort in Manitoba I felt that my poem expresses an impartial view of your beach resort.

May the Herald continue to flourish and I hope that you and your staff of assistants have a wonderful and rewarding summer.

Most Sincerely,  
HAROLD E. LYON

**RETURN TO ENCHANTMENT**

*There's a place of enchantment if you should stop by  
Where pine, birch and poplar reach up to the sky  
And shaded footpaths speckled with sun  
Meander all over and eventually run  
To shimmering beaches of fine powdered sand  
Where nature and you may walk hand in hand  
The pine scented breeze wafis gently and free  
And flowers, birds and butterflies are pleasing to see  
Where ferns and hunch berries grow close to the ground  
An abundance of beauty is there to be found  
The rock sculptured shore line cradles the lake  
Where calm can prevail or furious waves break  
If at this place you sometime sojourn  
You always, will always, will want to return*

By: Harold E. Lyon  
June 11, 1980  
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- New coats of paint on the library and Moonlight Inn
- The Moonlight Inn's expanded menu — George is now offering steak and beef as well as pizza, chicken and ribs.



Well, I've done it again as I do every year at the end of June. I have moved to the beach for the summer. It will take me a week to regain my strength, and all this stuff is here to stay until after Labor Day, when I can drive up to my front door to load up the car for the return trip to the city.

On a stress scale of 10, getting ready for the summer holiday would rate a 9. The first stress factor is shopping for the lake. Even with the astronomical cost of groceries today, city supermarket prices are bargains compared to those at the beach. How many packages of bacon and wieners, tubs of margarine, tins of peanut butter and bags of cookies will we need to sustain us through the summer? To say nothing of meat, juice and fresh produce. I lug down as much as I can, leaving the freezer at home well stocked so that the members of the family who stay in town can replenish my supply here when they come for weekends.

The last week in June every year I have an affair with Shopper's Drug Mart as I stock up on such things as shampoo, deodorant, tooth paste, suntan lotion, paper products and cleaning supplies. Then everything goes into paper bags along with the groceries and the bags are lined up on the dining room table ready for evacuation day.

Then there are dental appointments, haircuts, last minute shopping for clothes, household goods and sports equipment. Do I have enough paint? Is the bicycle pump in working order? What about the tire repair kit? Trying to remember what is at the beach already and what condition it's in is a real wit-sharpener. Then at the last minute it's off to the library for a summer supply of reading material.

Finally, the big day arrives. All members of the family are recruited to rush back and forth from house to cars loading up. In goes the cooler full of frozen food, bags of groceries, tennis racquets and balls, tape recorder, guitar, books, typewriter, suitcases, the kids' yearbooks, the beagle and the canary. This year my son wanted to bring his aquarium and all his fish, but one has to draw the line somewhere.

Once at the beach, all this paraphernalia has to be unloaded from the cars into a taxi, then unloaded from the taxi and into the cottage. No wonder we suffer from stress. But our 1980 move is a memory now. "Everything has been

lugged, unpacked and put away, and ahead of us stretches a glorious summer of relaxation. No crowded stores, line-ups or traffic jams. No construction noises or whining airplanes. No hurrying, no worrying. Just peace and quiet, renewing old friendships and beginning new ones, soaking up the sun and recharging out batteries for the return to city life in September. A happy and peaceful summer to all of you.

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Left to right:  
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**BEACH PEOPLE**

Victoria Steward is a guest of Sarah Duff at 317 First Avenue for the week of June 28-July 6th.

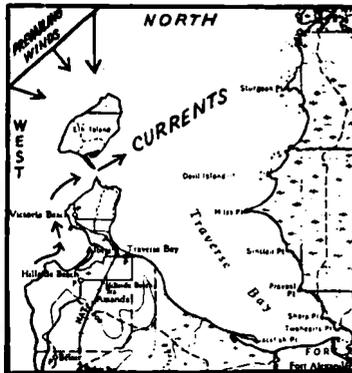
John and Margaret Harrison with daughters Andrea and Meredith have arrived from their home in Montreal to be guests of John's parents, Bill and Barbara at 409-6th Avenue until July 8th.


**SAFETY LIFE LINE (King Edward Beach)**

Over the years there have been many near drownings and unfortunately deaths from accidental drownings at Victoria Beach. A large percentage of these accidents have occurred at King Edward Beach where the shoreline forms a corner of the Victoria Beach lagoon. For years there has been a large sign warning bathers not to enter the water when it is rough. Nevertheless bathers have found themselves in difficulties and would be rescuers have exhausted themselves battling with the undertow when a combination of circumstances have conspired to make this beach unsafe. These circumstances usually begin with a prevailing North or Northwest wind which, playing on the surface of 400 miles of water stretching to the north, raises the level of the lake at this southern location. It then breaks the wind and protects the channel which separates it from Victoria Beach and provides an escape for the build-up of water and a current (running north-east) is created flowing out into the mouth of Traverse Bay. This current is fed by an undertow which swirls around the King Edward corner. The Safety Life Line is placed on the point to provide a means of coping with this current for those who venture in despite warnings on these exceptional days. Children should be taught not to tamper with the Nylon Safety Line.

**WATER SAFETY WISDOM FOR PARENTS**

1. Watch children whenever they are near water. Bathubs, wells and cesspools have caused fatalities when small children have been left alone for a few minutes.
2. Arrange for your children to enroll in classes to learn safe swimming. Make sure that you also know water safety procedures. Remember, young folk move quickly watch them at all times!
3. Plastic toys are fun but HAZARDOUS in the water. The slightest breeze can carry them into deep water.
4. Don't allow non-swimmers to use inner tubes or inflatable supports. False confidence in these supports may cost their lives.
5. Remember... raft building, rock climbing and "show off" activities bring many risks.
6. Even after small children learn to swim... they must still be supervised at all times.
7. Do not permit swimming in unfamiliar waters. A responsible adult should check a new area for drop-offs, currents, a safe firm bottom and water purity. Remember too, tidal waters can cut off your retreat.
8. Don't swim in the dark... it's VERY dangerous.
9. To go hunting or swimming alone is risky. A child or adult may panic when no help is near. Always have a "buddy" with you.
10. Never over-estimate swimming skills... your own or others.
11. Know and teach the use of simple and safe "reaching assists." Helping someone in trouble in the water is easy... lie flat, extend and arm, leg, paddle or clothing to reach the person in difficulty. Learn how to throw a buoyant support or rescue line.
12. Plan ahead to prevent boat accidents. Don't overload a boat... it's dangerous and unnecessary. If the boat capsizes, stay with the boat and "hang-on." A boat can be seen more easily than a swimmer.
13. Life jackets can only be effective in the water if they are securely tied in advance.
14. When overheated from excessive activity, stay out of the water. Cool down before you go in.
15. Know how to administer rescue breathing. Make sure every member of your family knows this simple method of resuscitation which has saved thousands of lives.



## GONE ARE THE DAYS

The old cottage is getting a face-lift. And I do mean old. For when Mr. Monsen was removing the shingles preparatory to putting on a new roof he found a paper dated July, 1921. As Victoria Beach opened officially around 1917, you can see that my cottage, if not myself, was one of the pioneer structures.

It was built when most of the camps and cottages were clustered near the railroad station of blessed memory. In those dear dead days beyond recall, the coming of the train was the supreme excitement. Now, of course, we have it so much better, with movies and dances and games and parking lots and wooden steps down to the beaches — so much better that I just don't know how we managed to enjoy ourselves before.

Except that the coming of the train, most of all the Daddy's train on Friday nights, brought everyone together and somehow everyone knew everyone else, though they all dispersed into the enveloping woods and were lost in a lovely privacy for a weekend until the next train. Then out came the wagons again for the luggage, up and down the platform people ran looking for guests, or clustered around the baggage train to see if the baby's cot had come, or the Coleman stove or the lumber which Sam Ateah would later bring around to the cottage.

Now, of course, it's all taxis and transfer companies — but no buses in September, which is a real hardship on those who like to stay down in the autumn and don't have cars. But then, we're a minority group, I suppose, and in these days of larger outlook, what chance has any minority group? None, is right.

However, not to be carping, let us go back to the cottage. Instead of lying snug and close to the ground, haven and host to a tribe of ground squirrels and, alas, skunks, their aromatic essence clinging to the wood even when out of residence, the cottage now stands firmly on cement blocks, a good foot and a half in the air.

The day the jacks went under and it started to rise, an indignant porcupine waddled out from beneath the house. He didn't hurry, he just waddled in injured dignity to the nearest pine tree. Up it he went, slowly and deliberately to a high branch where he spent the day watching operations in porcupine perplexity. Nor did he return to his former haunts. Instead, I hear, he is next door at Woodrows.

The work is progressing nicely and I now boast a big new kitchen. Instead of the tiny galley which passed for one before — a new kitchen with a real sink, a real electric stove, not a hot plate, and my old friend the kitchen range. For who would give up the old wood stove down here? None that I know of. How else could I dispose of the old shingles, the discarded boards which I hope to have chopped up into firewood by my friend Eddie from Fort Alexander?

And now the painting starts, and the gluing down of the tiles, the arranging of furniture, the stacking away of dishes — oh, my heavens, why did I ever decide to cosmetize the old cottage?

But — some people never know when to let well enough alone, do they?

DOROTHY GARBUTT

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## NATURE NOTE

When one's bedding plants have been completely devoured by ground squirrels and rabbits, it is a happy surprise to find the one "safe" hanging flower pot occupied by Mother Robin.

Lobelia, nasturtiums and baby robins should provide one of nature's delightful combinations!

BARBARA HARRISON  
409-6th

## THE JOKE BOX

WHEN it comes to giving, some people stop at nothing.

SYMPATHETIC FRIEND "You cough more easily this morning."

Man with a cold "And why not? I've been practicing all night."

A BOY handed his report card to his parents and said, "Look this over and see if I can sue for defamation of character."

OVERHEARD "There's no need for a farmer today to retire and move to the city. If he stays put, the city will soon come to him."

INASPIRATED FATHER "I tried telling my teenage son that his hair looks like a mop — but he asked me what a mop is!"

A FELLOW was going through the pockets of a pair of old pants and found a 20-year ticket from a shoe repair shop indicating he had left a pair of shoes there that long ago. On the chance he might reclaim them, he went to the shop and showed the claim check.

"But that was 20 years ago," the cobbler protested.

"I know, but would you look?" the man insisted. "They were black wing tips with rubber heels."

The cobbler looked, came up with a pair which answered the description and asked, "Are these yours?"

"They are indeed," the customer marveled.

"Good," said the cobbler. "They'll be ready next week."

## LOST — MAN'S WALLET

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