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MEMBERSHIP BUZZ UPDATE

Once again on June 30 and July 1 volunteer canvassers called on all cottages in the restricted area for memberships and donations to the Victoria Beach Club. Complete results of the canvass will be published next week. Meanwhile, very many thanks to all Captains and Canvassers and those who supported the Club with memberships and donations.

If you were missed in the initial canvass, you may obtain a membership or make a donation at

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RECREATION NEWS

The summer is off to a great start with the beautiful weather of the long weekend. We can see some people have already had a head start on their tans, while we've only just begun.

The square dancing on Sunday night was a big success. There was a turnout of at least ten couples. Our caller is Richard Mann. We hope to see more of you out next Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Bring your dancing shoes and learn how to doe-si-doe.

After square dancing we hurried off to the less than spectacular fireworks. On the way there we met everyone coming back which was a good opportunity to meet everyone again. Now it feels like we're back at the beach.

This summer we welcome three new assistants to our recreation team: Pam Whicker, Donna Mathieson and Jamie Hugel. We're off to a busy and exciting summer.

CARLA OLIPHANT

YACHT CLUB NEWS

Did you know there is a yacht club at Victoria Beach? Did you know there are sailing races on Saturdays and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. every weekend? The best view to see these races is from our illustrious pier where the race committee is situated throughout each race. Last weekend was a special regatta consisting of a four race series called the "Red Eye Cup" (so named after all the red eyes on race mornings on the July 1st weekend). Paul Nagler (Hangover) and crew Tom Scott Jr. (Hangout) took the weekend series winning this prestigious trophy. Second went to Bruce Guest and his Brother Doug and third was won by Jeff Hughes and Bob Suderman.

Season yacht club racing at V.B. consists of two races each weekend and 4 on long weekends with all races counting towards a season dinghy winner and catamaran winner. All sailboats are hand capped because of different sizes and sails with much then left to helmsman and crew ability as to final placing in each race.

We have a mobile sailing school — July 23rd to July 27th. Weekend quotable quotes: "I missed going around that flag due to the aging process" (J.S.). "Where is my cabbage patch doll for good luck" (P.D.).

Next Week: Race course and starting sequence descriptions and sailing school information.

CHRIS ALDRIDGE

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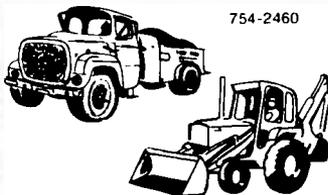
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HE TRADED HIS FURS AT FORT GARRY

Reprinted from a *U.B. Herald* of a different era. For those relatively new to Victoria Beach, Henry Hampton's homestead is now the Hampton subdivision and *Hamptons* still live in the house.

Henry (Hank) Hampton, reported to be our first white settler who stayed, was born in the United States, of Irish parents. He lived at Courland, Ont. for a while. He took up land on the North Shore of what is now Victoria Beach (Fort Uk Island) two and a half miles from what is now Eighth Avenue. That was some 78 years ago. Hank refused, later, to sell his land to the Victoria Beach Co.

Hampton was of proper stuff for an adventuring pioneer. He started west to earn his living and discovered Winnipeg a watery midhole. Main Street could be walked if you wore hip-high rubber boots. Wild ducks swam near the C.P.R. station. He headed for the less-crowded more sure-footed north. When Henry came to this virgin, well-treed little island, he left it a sanctuary. He wouldn't budge an inch further. Here was a perfect place to live and rear a family.

Hunting was the first love of Hank's life. He stalked the deer, the moose — all here aptly just for the shooting. He could cure the meat for winter. He could trap wild musk, red and cross fox, marten. Hadn't he all the swamps, between Victoria Beach and Big Uk Island? He'd all the swamp where the C.N.R. later put down their track. Muskeg, perfect for trapping! He then used a boat to get from Victoria Beach to the mainland. He had all this to himself and for quite awhile! His furs were traded at Fort Garry now the Quete County Club.

There were not many dull summertime moments for Hank. Boats sailing North and South on Lake Winnipeg's water, the only means of travel, put in at Victoria Beach Port. He rowed to Winnipeg for the winter's flour, sugar, butter and lard, stopping, only, for food and rest. His huskies were tethered in the woods near his home, and the minute the lake was solidly frozen he took his annual trip by dog-sled to Selkirk!

Mr. Hampton married Annie McLenan of Selkirk. There was plenty of natural food here for his family. Lake Winnipeg was filled with fish of all kinds. They smoked sturgeon and whitefish for winter. Look it as food that would keep, with their tents, on the long journeys they had to make. Balsam Bay, their nearest Post Office, was 20 miles off.

Mr. Hampton reared his large family here. They were good company for each other during the winter. With time the resort grew popular. People came. Wild creatures left. There were few to trap for trade. Fewer to shoot for food. Fish grew scarce. Henry tried farming. His land would not grow grain. He raised cattle, chickens, pigs. But this land is not like proper farming territory.

Henry Hampton died at 84 years of age, having lived the colorful life of the trapper, hunter and trader. Two of his three surviving sons are still on the home place. Two daughters survive. Mrs. Elizabeth Joseph, who lives nearby, and Mrs. Bert Martin, who lives at Albert Beach.

MEMBERSHIP FEES & DONATIONS

Membership fees and donations to the Victoria Beach Club may be obtained at the following locations:

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Fees	Month	Season
Family	\$20	\$25
Couple	\$15	\$20
Single	\$10	\$15

BEACH NEWS

Wendy Williamson of 305 Sunset is competing in Austria this week in a Junior Masters Rhythmic Gymnastics competition. She was one of three Canadians to qualify. **GOOD LUCK WENDY!**

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- Palm Springs Pie
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ADULT DANCES

I would like to return comment on an article in the August 19 Herald of 1983. The article, a write up of the V.B. Club General Summer meeting, makes comment towards the annual Adult Dances. I feel my comments should be noted as I was the convenor of:

- Western Night, 1981
- Gala Night, 1982
- 50's Night, 1982
- Beerfest '83

At the first Western Night, the people were easy to get along with and we were able to get a trimmed 314 ticket holders in. In years prior the numbers had been 350 to 450. As the dances have increased in popularity there is a need for uniformed officers, one at each door. A number of people sneak in during the course of the evening and we do not have proper control over in's and out's. The main problem of course is the outside washroom facilities to which Nature pays the people.

There are 3,140 licensible square feet in the hall (Bar, stage, side rooms excluded) which when divided by 10 square feet per person is 314. We have been selling 280 tickets in the store and keeping 34 tickets for last minute sales. In other words with 314 people in attendance we are perfectly legal, but the extras that sneak in make the party illegal and uncomfortable.

Smoking at these dances is a pleasure for some and a displeasure for others. If a restriction was placed on the hall our problem with the ashtrays within than thrown into the dry tubbers outside. A cigarette fire takes much time to stoke itself in which time our fire extinguishers (recharged yearly) could solve the problem should it arise.

My last note is in regards to underage drinking. At the four dances I controlled the bartenders tried to avoid the people under 18, some of whom they turned away. However it is legal for people 18 and under to attend a social but the onus is placed on adults in attendance to see they do not drink. An adult purchasing 6 drinks for example is expected to give them only to those 18 and over. If you see someone with a drink that you know is underage, *Take it Away From Them*.

In summary, in the future, there is a need for uniformed door monitors (2) adult and mature thinking with liquor better ventilation (perhaps rooftop, restaurant type, motor driven exhaust fans) presentation of identification at the door to earn admittance (over 18 only) possibly 2 more fire extinguishers placed on the stage, or north side of the hall.

RANDALL CLARK

SEMIER PORTRAITS

The second in a series of vignettes of summer residents presented by one of V.B.'s illustrators.

Next to Sebastian Inept, on Second Ave., lives Ellie Inane, who admits to being something of a controversial figure and "quite a guy". An ardent anti-nuclear, pro-choice, environmental professionalist, she has had frequent brushes with various segments of the establishment. The most notable of these occurred when she organized an army of forty-seven nursing mothers, not counting two bitches and eleven puppies, who protested a municipal decision to log for mosquitos by openly feeding their young on the steps of City Hall during the noon-hour, causing an enormous traffic jam, three minor accidents, ninety-four sunburnt bottoms and a case of suspected eye encephalitis in one of the puppies.

An accomplished musician, Ms. Inane uses familiar figure at protest rallies across North America and in Europe. She's frequently seen leading protest songs of her own composition, sitting in a small cart, towed by a St. Bernard dog, who wags his tail in time to the music of her bought green double bass.

Ms. Inane, who has only recently starting coming to V.B. plans to attend all future Council Meetings, and has several imaginative ideas for protesting any decision with which she may happen to disagree.

B.B.S.

Flea Market

There will be a flea market on July 7 at 2:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Leave articles by the lane ways by 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

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HUMOUR!

News Brief

A computer analysis of demographic distribution has shown that 27 3/4% of the summer residents of Victoria Beach have their permanent residence in the Winnipeg South riding. An official in the Winnipeg Office of the Minister of Transport has confirmed that this fact could be considered as having definite potential implications for including Victoria Beach in the North of Portage development. One of the possibilities apparently under consideration is the construction of a 26,000 seat arena on Federal Government property to the south of the pier.

BBS

BEACH PEOPLE

Mrs Laurel Mollison, (311-7th) welcomed Mrs. Terry Garner and "progeny", Sassy and Andy, as well as Ms Linda Duffly, all first time visitors to Victoria Beach.

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MINK RANCHING AT V.B.

In the first 3 decades of the century the mainstay of those people who had settled here was logging and fishing. Pulpwood and firewood was cut here on Little Elk Island with the firewood being shipped by rail to Winnipeg.

Alfred Ateah earned his living cutting wood and later, died accidentally when a heavy log fell on him. For several years before his accident Alfred had sought an industry for the area, one that would give all the settlers a second or third source of income. He was still unmarried in the late 1920's when he came across a mink nest while out telling trees. He dug down to the nest, finding five pups, then caught the mother when she returned to her warren. With this brood safely penned at home he began to look into the possibility of raising mink. He attended a conference in Winnipeg (or Brandon), learned all he could about raising mink, then paid \$500 for a prize male. And so began his mink ranch. In the next few years he helped others begin by giving each one a pregnant female. Soon every family in the area was into producing mink. At one point in time according to buyers of mink more were being raised at Victoria Beach than in any other area of the same size in Canada. Alfred's dream of a second industry for the area became its prime industry setting up many of the families financially.

Mink ranching was not an easy life. Though the lake offered some of the feed for the mink, the mink needed blood, red meat, and grain to be healthy. There were always the problems of distemper and a drop in prices to make the business a high risk one. Today there are but three mink ranchers in the area, the others dropped out as the cost of feed rose and prices for skins fell with the advent of lake hurs and competition from elsewhere. Lake Winnipeg does not provide enough fish and that meant purchasing from as far away as Saskatchewan.

Story courtesy Freda Jonsson, August, 1983

A. WOLFE

CHINESE WISDOM Ian Wolfe

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Found a wooden bench on the beach at the foot of the approach to Clubhouse Beach. Thanks Mrs. Denney. It is being used.

As I cycle past street signs Arthur, Alexandra, Connaught, Patricia, all names related to Queen Victoria, I wonder whose idea it was to focus the naming on the Royal Family. A good idea anyway.

Sat watching a hummingbird busy at a feeder. Began wondering about the food we offer. Sugar and water plus red food dye. We humans are gradually learning that additives, including food dyes, are not good for us and that sugar is carbobhydrate and nothing more. So a hummingbird stays around the feeder drinking his fill of sugar water every 10 minutes, is this diet good for him? Does the nectar in the flowers provide him with a better diet? Do we have a knowledgeable Victoria Beacher to advise us?

John Atch says he has never known a busier Saturday (June 30). At times cars were lined up double, waiting to pay admission, and all waiting taxis. On the other hand, Friday afternoon and evening had unusually lighter traffic.

Although not sick or maimed, I called at the doctor's office. Dr. Chris and Mrs. Bourque are pleased to be with us again. They told the Beach People so friendly. Everyone is asked to note a correction in office hours. 10 a.m. till 12 noon daily and 5 p.m. till 7 p.m. except Sundays and holidays. Now let's all not rush. And the good doctor says "For heaven's sake watch the small ones in the water."

Was I ever feeling proud? I was riding around and every where was so neat and tidy. No paper wrappers, no soft drink cans, nor serviettes to mar the scene. And the beach boys and girls, though biased and ready, really haven't got under us doing their clean up job, though we wish they wouldn't have to pick up at all. I've said it before and I'll say it again, find a child or adolescent litterbug and behind them, you'll find a negligent parent. It's what parenthood is all about — raising the next civilized generation.

Met a newcomer family Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gilch (pronounced glue-ki), drove to survey several beaches before deciding this one had all the qualities they were looking for. Paul is principal of River West Park School in Fort Garry. Their summer home is now 135 Arthur.

Now the store. I see two problems, both with a sting. How inconvenient we would find the situation were we to be without a store. On the other hand how would any of us like to take on the proprietorship of the store for the three months of the year? Of course there must be the promise of a profit, but how can one make a profit on milk controlled by a marketing board and that is the main item sold. Some of us can be blamed for cleaning out the freezer and fridge when we leave the city or for making our purchases in the city, on weekend trips in and out that occur anyway. So Fred Gu has a problem and without a Fred Gu we would have a problem.

What is needed is some collective thinking and I hope to find many letters to the editor helping with the solution. Perhaps Mr. Gu is carrying the wrong stock. I know we buy little because we avoid canned vegetables and fruits, and we eat no processed cereals because there is so little food value in them. We would like to buy frozen cod, etc., but we avoid cold packaged meats because of the preservatives. What we would like to see is more fresh fruit and vegetables. Is the store poorly set up to handle the foodstuffs we all would like to see? Please take time to write. If requested, confidentiality will be the order of the day. Only the advice will be forwarded. I hope to hear from the many who aren't buying. What can be done to improve the store?

Called to speak with our policeman, Robert Jonsson. Another special summer constable has been hired. Warren Morloft. He drives a black Blazer. His duties include patrolling all beaches on weekends and long weekends. He is particularly interested in dogs, liquor, loud music. He will also watch for unwelcome vehicles in the Kennedy area and the illegal parking of vehicles outside the restricted area.

Mr. Jonsson says that in the last ten days the amount of liquor seized is double that confiscated all last summer.

Stood on the pier at 9:30 p.m. last Sunday. A good crowd had assembled. People around us were wondering what effect the brisk wind would have on the fireworks. The major problem turned out to be the great distance from the sandpit to the pier. The fireworks appeared puny over that distance. As the sky grew darker the fireworks did show up much better, especially the colored fireballs.

Disappointing yes, but still a good idea and experience does teach. The Sportsman's Club are to be congratulated for their efforts. Not all was lost — the bringing together of so many people meant much socializing and that is a definite plus. We are told there were great numbers of people on the highway, on Hillside Beach and at the marina. Now that the problems are recognized there will be solutions. We hope to see this event become a tradition.

Didn't get to the square dancing — two left feet and an abundance of shyness. Heard those who attended had a good time. It all began with Richard Mann (Erasere Bay) phoning Barbara Duke with the proposal to call. Barbara gave him a tag and Carla's phone number. Richard pursued his idea week after week wanting to look over the Clubhouse and try out the P.A. Thanks to our Craig and Carla, their tape deck and time spent and to Richard we now have a new activity — next Sunday at 7 p.m.

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