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SPORTS DAY 1984 — Saturday, July 28 10:00 a.m. at the Sports Ground CHILDREN'S MASQUERADE — Saturday, July 28 7:00 p.m. Clubhouse

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This has become an annual event and this year will be held on September 10 at the Sports Centre on Pine Road.

Tickets will be available at a later date from Joyce and Des Cox, 422 First Ave., phone 754-8514.

As in previous years, meat will be supplied for the pot luck supper and we would appreciate donations of scalloped potatoes or other hot casseroles, cole slaw, jellied salads and desserts.

We would like donations of prizes, too, and if you can contribute, please contact Kathleen and Grant Murray, 420 7th Ave., phone 754-8487.

You will be kept posted, as to the availability of tickets. In the meantime, keep September 10th open and join in what has become a very sociable event.

Your committee,

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RUNNERS'

The local Lake Winnipeg South East Beaches Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a running event in Grand Beach Park Sunday, July 29 at 8:30 a.m. It is a run of 10 km. An expected 500 runners will compete. All runners are welcome. Phone Birchwood Hotel 754-2596.

ATTENTION ALL JUNIOR TENNIS PLAYERS!

The Junior Tennis Tournament is scheduled to take place August 8th and 9th. As always there will be prizes for all events. The fee is 50¢ per event.

Do sign up at the tennis courts this week. Entries close the evening of August 6th.

See you all on the 8th of August!

ANNE TUGSDIN

BICYCLES AND PEDESTRIANS

These Victoria Beach specials come in all sizes and shapes, from museum pieces to modern velocipedes. The riders come in all sizes too. The problem is the number of accidents and near accidents. Reported were several ladies traveling at high speeds. Question: have their museum pieces good brakes? And youngsters riding at break-neck speed down the hill to the bakery or past a group of pedestrians spread across the lane. Both cyclist and pedestrians have to cooperate to prevent a nasty collision. The pedestrians should stand still, the cyclist warn of his coming and slow down, then pick his place of passage.

And to repeat from last week: pedestrians should all move to the same side of the lane when a motor vehicle comes along. To split the group to both sides is to leave too little room for the vehicle.

A. WOLFE

SQUARE DANCING — Sunday — 7-9:00 p.m. — Clubhouse
MIXED BRIDGE — Monday — 8:00 p.m. — Clubhouse
RECREATION EVERYNIGHT — Monday-Friday — Sports Ground

LIBRARY NEWS

Twenty-five boys and girls traded their comic book east-tails for other's comic book treasures, on Thursday, July 19th. One adult remarked, "It's like the Bazaar at Marrakesh!" Hopefully a successful day for all!

Next week, starting Monday, July 30th, we will have our annual book sale. There will be children's books, westerns, science fiction, Harlequin romances and others - bargains galore!

See you at the library

ARCHER

BOOK SALE — STARTS JULY 30th
 11:00-12:00 a.m. Monday-Friday
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ADDITIONAL LIBRARY NEWS

A book report by Andrea Hesse aged 12
Alfred Hitchcock and the Three Investigators in the Mystery of the Green Ghost

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ARCHER

V.B. YACHT CLUB NEWS

With varying wind conditions last weekend excitement was plentiful during the three races held. The first race began in very light conditions, turned to heavy winds and then at the end lightened up. The second race Saturday was a "drifter" with some boats "packing it in" in favour of a beer break (H.S., H.G., B.G.). Sunday's conditions were ideal with medium to light winds prevailing.

In the Monohull Division the first race was won by Crest Daekow in his Laser, the second race was won by Barry Warrack in his Laser and the third race (Sunday) was won by Ron Smith.

In the Catamaran Division the first race Saturday was

won by Jeff Hughes and Bob Suderman in a Hobie 16 with the final two races of the weekend going to Paul Nagle and Tam Scott in a Hobie 18.

With 25 boats participating in Sunday's race the start line and windward mark were quite hectic with all boats vying for positions as they were rounding marks. It looked unreal from the pier!

At this point of the season, counting the sailors best 9 races in the Catamaran Division, Paul Nagle and Tam Scott are in first place with a Hobie 18 counting 12 points. Second place is being held by Jeff Hughes and Bob Suderman in their Hobie 16 with 42.7 points. Third place at the moment is held by Bruce & Bob Guest in a Solcat 18 with 47.8 points.

In the Monohull Division, counting their best 8 races Harry Wall is first in his Laser with 17.7 points, Andrew Bender-Samuel is second with 61.7 points and Barry Warrack is third with 82.4 points.

During this season races are scored as follows

1) Best 75% of races sailed will count, with a minimum of 11

2) Olympic scoring system used

Place	Points
1	0
2	3
3	5.7
4	8
5	10
6	11.7
7+	Place Plus 6

3) # Of Races	Counted
22	17
21	16
20	15
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18	14
17	13
16	12
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BEACH NEWS

Congratulations Nancy McGuire of 309 Sunset! Nancy, a lifelong summer resident of Victoria Beach has earned a place on the Canadian Track and Field Team participating in the Pan American Junior Games. Final training will take place in August in Miami, Florida, with the track meet to be held in Nassau, The Bahamas.

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AROUND AND ABOUT ALL KINDS OF THINGS

Still interested in the history of V. Beach? Called at Crown Land Registry on St. James Ave. asked the computer for land purchases under the names of Kennels, Vokes, Fontaine et al. A mystery quickly became apparent. No acquisition appeared under Charles Vokes yet we know he was involved with Kennedy in the founding of the Beach Co. and for himself built a cottage on Vokes Point, now Scott Park, above Patricia Beach. Can someone tell us about this man? And why would land acquisitions not be in his name?

Robert Jonsson stopped to show me a skink that had been trapped on Sunset. Anyone wanting to borrow a trap see Mr. Jonsson.

Attended the Council meeting July 17 along with some 40 others. Some of the requests and concerns raised were:

A Mr. Morrissette of the firm of Blind Fire & Safety spoke on fire safety and the use of fire extinguishers. If enough people let the Council members know they will arrange for Mr. Morrissette to park his van at the parking lot. To check on fire extinguishers, teach their use, and to sell the ABC 20-lb or 5-lb one they recommend. Extinguishers should be serviced yearly. If partially used they lose pressure and need to be re-charged.

A request for cleaning Sandy Beach. Mrs. Dennelly says a beach boy or girl will be hired.

Suggestion to purchase a beach cleaning machine such as the Provincial Park has at Grand Beach. Council had seen the newspaper coverage and had decided it was impractical for this beach.

Compliments were paid regarding the good water pressure now being enjoyed. The Reeve and Paul Thain spoke on the auxiliary pump soon to be installed at Teah Road and the Highway.

Concerns were raised regarding the condition of the shoreline and park at Wansing Beach. The approaches to the park will be cleared and the condition of the docks (private docks on a public beach, plus a fence crossing the public beach) will be appraised for danger to the public.

The approach to the water on Arthur, at Wansing will remain closed as it is against the law to take a vehicle onto the beach.

As a point of interest to all the Reeve pointed out that the shoreline is under the jurisdiction of the Provincial authorities. The RMBV seldom takes a hand in matters at the shoreline.

A request to move tracks on Cornought, however it can be done. John Ateah will be the job done when the water is low.

Paul Thain reported that calcium chloride has been spread on all roads to keep dust down. David Road, Gibson, 7th and Pine more than once. Albert Beach has been fogged twice. Doerksen Sub-division is raising a petition to get their area fogged. Council had voted last August not to fog in the Kennedy Area.

Bert Trainor raised the question of ambulance services. He spoke of the one from Pine Lally whose driver has instructions to bring the patient to Pine Lally regardless of the wishes of others. Council told of seeking to have an ambulance serve the beaches from below Grand Beach to V. Beach during the summer months. No luck yet. This issue will be pursued.

Concern about dogs - about a Great Dane especially. brought forth discussion on behalf of dogs as pets, and dogs as nuisances. Some people have found the Great Dane mild & mild and have never seen it otherwise. Others are frightened by it, having seen it provoked. Some would like all dogs on a leash at all times, others wish the dogs to be on a leash only on the beach. Suggests calls for dogs to be under control at all times.

Coffee and cookies were served. A good time had been had by all.

More on the store. One letter reads, "I used to spend from the first of May to the end of October at Victoria Beach. There is no way I could stay here in the off season - I don't drive, and couldn't walk to Albert Beach." Our stores in past were more like general stores.

Editor - There is no point in comparing our present store with past stores. This is a different era. Even the wholesalers deal differently by refusing to take back canned or bottled food. Transportation is different too. Our store today is a convenience store. Fred and Marian Gee will do their best for us and if requested bring in foods or goods they would not otherwise order. We do have recourse even in the off season to free delivery for orders over \$20 from Len's Fine Fare at Albert Beach. As this store remains open all year round so the selection of goods can be better. For those who don't drive it is still possible to spend from May to October comfortably, by using the telephone.

Someone suggested in one letter that Council hire a manager, a university student to run the store. By law the RMBV cannot become involved in a business. The councillors are doing their best when they find someone willing to take a chance on making a profit by running a store for such a short period. Council believes they have made a good choice.

Received a letter regarding our list of historical events see elsewhere. I thank Mr. Harry McFee for taking the time to write.

Met Randy Clark taking pictures of the Village Green. He has his own dark room and was shooting in black and white. Asked if I needed a shot or two, I suggested the Hillside

Maria. So the Vshots in the July 20 edition are courtesy of this very good photographer. You should see his shots of the squirrel playing golf.

Didn't see the event myself but got good reports from the family. Carla Oliphant, hall of our Program Direction team, had had an idea of a Penny Carnival activity for the very young. She and Craig worked up 9 events, and expected 40 or so youngsters. They bought two rolls of film believing 48 snapshots would suffice. But gremlins again. This week activity got headline news in the Herald and to behold the whole beach turned out. The clubhouse was crowded. There were line-ups of 20 and more at each event. And of course only two little films for pictures of faces showing through the cardboard doll. Such a success!

The Village Green is looking good. A closer look at Ivanoff's fountain shows some mindless vandalism has taken place. The fence has been ruptured to allow easy access to the fountain. Vandalism is the act of an undisciplined child, even though most vandals are 14, 15, 16 or 17 years of age. Despite the breaks in the fence parents should teach their young that fences mean no access.

Who has seen the bear? That's the quiz game of the week. At the time of writing it is still at large, that's 3 or 4 days. There are few berries and so this bear has become a garbage junkie. Mr. Jonsson has had a professional hunter out with him looking for the bear. The ideal moment for shooting the bear had come earlier he learned this afternoon. The bear was seen at six o'clock this morning (Sunday, July 22) up a tree at 7th and Patricia. A Provincial Parks official is delivering a second trap Monday morning.

Advice to anyone seeing a bear or coming upon a bear suddenly, is to keep quiet, stand still, give the bear time to turn away. If he does not then the next step is to back away slowly. If the bear is feeding at a garbage can do not attempt to frighten it away. Sudden action, sudden noise such as yelling at it will threaten the bear, and that's dangerous.

Bumped into (figuratively) Mr. Stanlet Knowles in the parking lot, Friday last. Despite my being a Liberal and despite his life long love affair with the socialists he shook my hand. I've always had a great deal of respect for that man even though he votes for that party.

Spied a garbage stand (newly made) full of garbage bags on Centre. This is the only garbage stand on any leafy lane in the Kennedy area. Now just imagine what our beach would look like if every cottage had its garbage stand out on the front street. What pleasure would we get from our daily walks. It is had enough that some cottage owners deposit building materials and brush on the roadsides during July and August knowing full well this type of debris will not be picked up. It should be widely known that the Reeve has asked repeatedly that this type of material be kept on private property until the summer season is over. Then again, the Reeve has stated several times the removal of building materials is the responsibility of the cottage owner. Let's try to maintain the beauty of our beach and the pleasure of our walks by co-operating.

FINDERS KEEPERS - LOSERS WEEPERS

Last weekend we welcomed the return of an old and valued family friend. She had gone 'missing' almost a year ago, August 7th, 1983 - just vanished. She was lying on the ground content among her contemporaries at Arthur Rd and Sunset when we last saw her.

Naturally we notified all the proper authorities when she first disappeared. We gave them her registered no. for their files and they promised to keep an eye open for her. All through the rest of the summer and on into the fall we searched for her, until the end of October when we reluctantly closed up the cottage and returned to the city for the winter. When the leaves turned color and fell to the ground we had expected to find her hiding in the bushes, or perhaps lurking in the Parking Lot, waiting for us. Alas, although we sought her high and low we did not find her.

July 7th, 1984 - 11 months to the day she turned up. We found her just lying there on the ground outside the Bake Shop - surely a good place to be found, for do not all roads at Victoria Beach lead to the Bake Shop? We picked her up and brought her home, seemingly none the worse for wear. She has been a member of our family for 20 years - a birthday girl to one of our daughters. She has no name, just a serial no. H171529 as belts a blue and white Ladies Speed Kick bicycle.

HI B

YACHT CLUB QUOTABLE QUOTES

As a 10 foot beam Tomando calamarian comes screaming across everyone else on start line "Starboard GIVE ME ROOM, I AM COMING THROUGH!" (Peter Duke)

As a very different type of a race course was set by a training rookie a competitor was heard saying "It's too bad I am, your son was not taught as much about course setting as the flower business."

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CHINESE WISDOM - Jan Wolfe

Never give away to anger otherwise in one day you could burn up the wood that you collected in many bitter weeks.

MENG ISE

TID-BITS OF HISTORY — Continued

- 1897 Dan Anderson (12) arrived with his father whose job it was to build an ice-house and buy fish for a Selkirk Co.
- 1907 First dock was built in the bay, half way between the present pier and Vincent's boathouse by Alex Anderson.
First cottager was Mr. Young.
- 1908 The S. S. Pilgrim carrying summer visitors and leaving Selkirk early in the morning in good weather would arrive at Little Tik Island (Victoria Beach) about 1:30 p.m.
- 1911 Michael and Sophie Aleah took up their homestead their house being the present museum.
- 1912 The Federal Gov't boat dock was built on its present site.
- 1916 After 2 years of slow progress the Canadian Northern rail line reached Victoria Beach. The culmination of much negotiating and persuading by the executive of the Victoria Beach Company.
- 1919 The establishment of the Air Base on the current Sports Grounds.
- 1921 The Victoria Beach Club was organized.
- 1925 The present Clubhouse was built and furnished at a cost of \$5,000, and all paid for that year by donations.

- 1926 The first edition of the Victoria Beach News (currently the Herald).
The threat of the all-powerful automobile to the leafy lanes of Victoria Beach was voiced in a letter to the editor.
The Air Base moved from Victoria Beach to Lac du Bonnet.
- 1927 Fees at the Golf Course, 20 tickets for \$3.00 for adults.
The Municipal Council discussed proceeding against cottagers who put up "For Let" signs on their cottages.
This activity and the operating of rooming houses (taking in boarders for the spare bedroom) were strictly forbidden by regulation under which permits to build were granted.

A WOLF

A READER ADDS TO OUR TID-BITS OF HISTORY

Dear Mr. Wolfe

The most recent edition of the Victoria Beach Herald cited brief history of Victoria Beach and surrounding area. In that history, you stated that the first CNR Station Agent was posted at Victoria Beach in 1918.

To add to the Canadian National Railway's history, I would like to inform you that my Grandfather, Harry Charles Melzer, was the engineer on the first train arriving in

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Victoria Beach. As this was a work train, my parents have informed me that the train arrived there earlier than 1918 probably between 1906 and 1910.

I telephoned their CNR offices for this information but was told that I will have to write a letter requesting this data.

My Grandfather was a fireman on the Intercolonial Railway in New Brunswick and arrived in Winnipeg in 1906. Then, he worked as a fireman - engineer for the CNR retiring in 1945. I recall prior to his retirement he took me on a number of occasions to the Y in the cab of his engine. As a young boy I was fascinated by the fire boy (or the large steam engine).

During the middle and late 1930's my Grandparents rented a cottage on 3rd Avenue and later, nearing retirement, they purchased a cottage in 1943 at the corner of 6th Ave. and Patricia from the Gee family. My Grandmother enjoyed her cottage until about 1980 when she could no longer manage independently. Dulcie Belle McFee died in August 1982 at the grand age of 97. The McFee family cottage remains in the family and is currently used by Robert J. McFee.

Darlene and I have purchased a cottage shell at Hillside Beach from Bruce Anderson and will probably remain there developing our own property.

Further to this story, I am informed that the engineer on the last train to Victoria Beach in 1962 was George Joyce. Apparently he has a cottage at Albert Beach. My sister informs me that his wife recently passed away.

I hope this information will be added to the data which you are compiling about our favourite vacation areas.

Yours very truly
HARRY J. McFEE

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As up and down the beach we flit
One little sandpiper and I

Above our heads the villen clouds
Seud black and swif across the sky,
Like silent ghosts in misty shrouds,
Stand out the white highhouses high
Almost as far as eye can reach.
I see the close-reed vessels fly,
As fast we flit along the beach
One little sandpiper and I
I watch him as he skims along,
Littering his sweet and mournful er,
He starts not at his titful song,
Or flash of fluttering drapery,
He has no thought of any wrong.
He scans me with a fearless eye
Starch trends are we, well tread and strong,
The little sandpiper, and I

Comrade, where wilt thou be tonight
When the lashed storm breaks furiously?
My driftwood fire will burn so bright?
To what warm shelter canst thou fly?
I do not fear for thee, though wroth
The tempest rushes through the sky,
For are we not God's children both,
Thou, little sandpiper, and I?

CELIA THAXTER

(From Lessons on Bird Protection - Cdn. National Parks)

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Local Portraits. (Third in a series of vignettes of summer residents presented by one of V.B.'s illustrators.)

Hippolitus Kondrak, ("Hypo" to his friends) rents a cottage each summer on Pine, only stitches away from the Doctor's Office. A trail-blazing man in his early thirties, he is nevertheless very active. He plays tennis daily, and runs three times a week, his nose protected from the sun by a thick layer of Novema, which makes him resemble a skinny and lugubrious Ronald McDonald. His special macrobiotic diet consists exclusively of nuts, raisins, honey, whole-wheat bread and gin. What makes him so unusual is that he holds the record in Guinness' book for medical consultations, he has been seen professionally by 127 specialists, 343 general practitioners, 756 interns and one veterinarian in over four hundred clinics from Algeria to Zaire. A definite diagnosis remains to be found, although 94 different possibilities have been suggested, ranging from beriberi to housemaid's knee. His medical records occupy 7.3 megabytes on the M.H.S.C. computer and his druggist has sent two sons and a nephew to Harvard on the profits from his prescriptions.

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H.B.S.

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