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Library News

Our book sale was a tremendous success. Thank you to everyone who bought books. Now we have some room on our shelves for any books which you have enjoyed and feel other people would like to read, too. Thanks to the Cox's, the Urquharts, the Jaeger's and the Bennett's who have supported us by donating books this week. We really appreciate your contributions. During the book sale, we raffled off a beautiful log carrier. The winner was the Juzda's of 426-8th. Congratulations!

Announcing a new contest: **CREATE A BOOKMARK!** This contest will take place over the week of Aug. 7-11. Children ages 8 to 12 may pick up a blank bookmark from the library during regular hours: 11-noon Mon. to Fri. and 6:00-7:00 p.m. Mon.-Thur. The theme of the bookmark should reflect books (or a particular book), reading or libraries. The most artistic and the most appropriate to the theme bookmark for each age from 8 to 12 will win a library surprise package. Winners' names will be published in the Herald. Judges will be Georgina Mason and Clarice Matthews.

The last date for taking out books will be August 11. The library will be open for returns the week of Aug. 14-18. After Aug. 18 books may be returned through the opening in the door. Please put them in a plastic bag first.

There are 125 books overdue yet from 1988 and 61 from 1987. If you haven't recently checked your own book shelves for library books which may have accidentally been mixed in with your own collection, please take a few minutes to do so now. Books which are not returned must be replaced at ever-increasing prices, and this situation prevents us from expanding the collection. We will be attempting to get in touch with those people who have overdue books during the week of Aug. 14-18. Please make that job easier by returning your books now.

The library is fortunate to have some faithful, responsible volunteer helpers. Mia Guenther, Jennifer Leslie, Jennifer Hurlbert, Kelly Hockenbuhl, Karina Barretts, Shauna Sallans and Sonia Osadchy have been helping library assistant Megan Hodgson since we opened. Thank you all very much for a job well done!

Two large fans were installed by Mr. Storrie last week in order to make your library visits cooler. As anyone who has spent longer than two minutes looking for a book knows, the library must have been (pre-fans) the hottest building at the beach! Thank you, especially from the library workers.

Rec. News**Adult Tennis Round Robin Results**

Mon. July 24th 4 way tie for first
 4 wins and 1 loss

Dave Singleton & Ann Manning
 Debbie Osipov & Bryan Ducek
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 George Greengrass & Linda Suderman

Fri. July 28th

1st Place 5 Wins

Fred Donaldson & Jean Sweetland

Kids Day — Wednesday Aug. 9th

Pancake Breakfast at
 Clubhouse 9-10 a.m.
 Children 12 & Under

Penny Carnival 11 a.m.-noon
 on Sportsground

Ladies' Golf

The Ladies Golf Tournament was held Thursday, July 27. An increased number of entries managed to complete nine holes in record time. The winners were:

Winner: Fay Morrison (score 39)

Runner-up: Karen Purdy

2nd Flight: Gail Isaak

R.U.: Arroll Stewart

3rd Flight: Myrna Sawchuck

R.U.: Joy Rennie

4th Flight: Jackie Purdy

R.U.: Hilda Horne

5th Flight: Judy Stevens

R.U.: Eileen Little

6th Flight: Ruth Campbell

R.U.: Eleanor Clapham

7th Flight: Norma Garbutt

R.U.: Linda McMillan

Longest Drive #2: Carole Blackwell

Longest Drive #4: Karen Purdy

Closest to Pin #3: Pat Johnson

Most Honest Golfer: Marg Hersthield

The Golf Committee would like to thank the following for their generous donations: Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Dodie Dennehy, Traverse Bay Corner, M & M Ski Tours, Lund Boats, Saan Stores, Bernice Komar, Quinton Cleaners, Pinawa Florists, Vic's Fruit & Vegetable Market, McMahon Canada, Dave Dawes, Einfeld Bakery, Action Consulting Engineers, James Richardson & Sons, Pioneer Grain, Moonlight Inn, Georgia Purdy, Powell Equipment, Vulcan Equipment, Marrin Brothers Ltd., North American Life, Bank of Montreal, Great West Life, Compucentre, Dept. of Agriculture.

Bridge News

It was nice to be back again with all our bridge enthusiasts on July 24, which is about half way through the season, and I would like to thank Sheila and Bill Burland for standing in for me on July 17, while I was away in Toronto.

High score for the evening was Joan McMorris with 4650, and 2nd with 4360, Bill Greenway.

Once again I unhappily have to report the loss of another of our bridge friends, Mrs. Ruth Struthers, and express our condolences to her family.

See you Monday at 8:00.

GLADYS MILDREN

Victoria Beach and Traverse Bay Annual Bazaar

Tea and Draw

The Senior Citizens Club of Victoria Beach and Traverse Bay Inc., will hold their Annual Tea, Bazaar and Draw on Friday August 11th at 2 o'clock p.m. in the V.B. Sports Club on Pine Road.

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Beach Events Results

The rains held off long enough to allow over 200 children to enjoy a morning on Patricia Beach digging holes, counting freckles, exposing sunbats, swimming and creating sand structures. This years new event of group sand structures provided everyone with an opportunity to create. Soon the beach was covered with castles, turtles, mermaids, a Garfield and other creations. Our thanks go out to the many volunteers — Pat & Doug Finkbeiner, Sheila Grover, Greg & Mary Hanson, Bill & Theresa Mitchell, Jennifer Leslie, Marcie Tuckwell, Andy & Elsie Jackson, David & Noreen Henderson, Andy Wiswell, Barb Suderman - who stored the ice cream for us, and the swimming teacher, Charlene, Patricia and Kara. See you again next year.
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Group Sand Structures

Turtle Sara & Christopher Warrack; *Salamander* Colin Russell; *Canmore, Alberta* Kevin Tkachuk; *Captain Kennedy's Camelot*: Jennifer Harlburt, Karen Woolison, Sanya Osadchy; *Sonya the Mermaid* Kirsten Russell, Neil Russell; *A Mother of a Sand Castle* Matt Peeler, John Bolton, James Bolton, Jennifer Chlopek, Triver Chlopek, Kelly Hockenhuil, Megan Hodgson, Stephen Hodgson, Tamara Lockhart, Katie Bolton; *Garfield* Frances Woolison, James Woolison, Katelyn Woolison, Garth Woolison; *Splash the Mermaid* Nancy Wiswell, Kimberly Wiswell, Andy Leslie, Barb Leslie; *Ski Boat* Murray Gindall, Sam Adkins, Matthew Adkins, Michael Finkbeiner, John Finkbeiner; *Crickle Castle* Anna Penner-Baldwin, Laura Penner-Baldwin; *Grassy Castle* Peter Smith-Geisbrecht, David Smith-Geisbrecht, Joan Smith-Geisbrecht, James Smith-Geisbrecht; *Tiny Turtle* Sarah Leslie; *120 Condlava* Matthew Cibinee, Katie Cibinee, Andrea Cibinee, George Cibinee

Sunbat

Girls 4 & Under
1st Krystle McPetrie, Stephanie Friesen; 2nd Vanessa Johnson
3rd Jackie Gurah/Katie Legge

Boys 9 & 10
1st Michael Legge 2nd Chris Hurlbert/Stephen Robins; 3rd
Stephen Sweeney

Boys 5 & 6
1st Kent Jozefowicz; 2nd Derek McPetrie; 3rd Erik Ull-
ber/Danny Birley

Girls 9 & 10
1st Lindsay Filbey; 2nd Joanna Wieback 3rd Kristyn Ull-
berg/Jennifer Scott

Boys 4 & Under
1st Nicolas Benninger 2nd Bobbie Watson 3rd Brendan Black
Girls 5 & 6
1st Carley Care 2nd Katie Cibinel 3rd Victoria Maynard

Girls 7 & 8
1st Annick Benninger/Jenna-Rae Ullberg 2nd Mary Birlie 3rd
Sarah Leslie

Freckles
Boys 5 & 6
1st - Evan Otter, Andrew Boyce; 2nd - Peter Geisbrecht, Reid
Black, 3rd - Stephen Capelle, Chris Rutherford

Girls 9 & 10
1st - Lian Siron, 2nd - Meghan Watchorn, 3rd - Kathy Tinkler,
Joanna Manning

Boys 9 & 10
1st - Nick Wansbutter, 2nd - Jonathan Diggle, 3rd - Chris
Hurlbut

Boys 7 & 8
1st - Josh Peterson, 2nd - Daniel McElera, Cameron Blackwell,
3rd - Matthew Legge, Adam Hanson

Girls 5 & 6

1st - Laura Burr, 2nd, Maria Peacock, Kate Daniels, 3rd - Melissa
Friesen, Allison Moore

Girls 4 & Under

1st - Ashleigh Boyce, 2nd - Taryn Wilkenon, 3rd, Jocelyn Burr
Boys 4 & Under
1st - Brian Jozefowicz, Quentin Mitchell, 2nd Jeffrey Gural, 3rd,
Patrick Daniels, Brendan Black

Girls 7 & 8

1st - Jenny Butler, 2nd - Pamela Pruden, 3rd - Lindsay Otter
Sandcastle
Boys 4 & Under
1st - Lee McDermid, 2nd - Daniel Lamberti, 3rd - Andrew
McPherson

Boys 7 & 8

1st - James Woolison & Noah Regelous, 2nd - Jamie & David
Gibbs, 3rd - Matthew Legge

Girls 4 & Under

1st - Krystle McPetrie, 2nd - Diana Welsh, 3rd - Virginia Man-
ning, Alex Manning

Girls 7 & 8

1st - Ashley Thorvaldson, 2nd - Sarah Carter, Heather Hasa-
lis/Mary Birley, 3rd - Sandra Prudel/Sarah Leslie

Boys 5 & 6

1st - Matthew Hildebrand/Sean McDermid, 2nd - A.J. Tooley &
Garth Woolison/Derek McPetrie, 3rd - Chris Warrack/Peter
Arthwell

Boys 9 & 10

1st - Douglas & Sielpen Sweeney, 2nd Matthew Adkins/Chais
Ingram, 3rd - Stephen Robins & Michael Legge/Nick Wansbut-
ter & Jonathan Diggle

Girls 5 & 6

1st - Erica Timmerman, 2nd - Joanna Thorvaldson/Alexis Barr,
3rd - Laura Burr/Victoria Maynard

Girls 9 & 10

1st - Lian Siron, Sarah Strone, Lisa Hatch, 2nd - Britt Golf-
man, Lauren Gibbs, Kristyn Ullberg/Melissa Nemis, Marla Ne-
mis, Rachelle Dillon, 3rd - Kathy Tinkler, Jennifer Scott, Lauren
Welch/Tara Palmer, Morgan Sales, Lindsay Duke, Meghan
Watchorn/Kristin Maaven, Veronica Wardby, Jessica Wans-
butter.

Deepest Hole

Boys 4 & under
1st - Jeff Gural, 2nd - Brendan Black, Bobby Watson, 3rd - John
Sweeney

Girls 4 & under

1st - Krystle McPetrie, 2nd - Meghan McPherson, 3rd - Diana
Welch.

Swim Races

Boys 7 & 8
1st - Adam Hanson, 2nd - Josh Peterson

Girls 7 & 8

1st - Jenny Butler, 2nd - Lindsay Otter, 3rd - Jenna-Rae Ullberg
Girls 5 & 6
1st - Janine Hanson, 2nd - Allison Sweeney, 3rd - Deborah Hill

Boys 9 & 10

1st - Graham Barr, 2nd - Michael Taylor, 3rd - Fraser Wiswell

Boys 9 & 10

1st - Richard Wiebach, 2nd - Ryan Henderson, 3rd - Sielpen
Robins - Chris Hurlbut

Girls 9 & 10

1st - Sarah Strone, 2nd - Kristyn Ullberg, 3rd - Lauren Gibbs
2nd Heat
1st - Sarah Wilkinson, 2nd - Tara Palmer, 3rd - Maireen Kops

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Very Important Correction

On the back of the green Community Club calendar of events the phone number of the parking lot has been incorrectly listed. Anyone using this source has been inadvertently disturbing a senior at Grand Beach at all hours of the day or night. The correct number is 754-2383.

Please note the correction on your calendar.

**Would you like to buy a lot at
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Do it forty years ago! Bob Williams of 413 Fifth dropped off a copy of 106 vacant lots for sale by the municipality in 1947. Prices of the properties range from \$20 to \$105, but the average was \$40. Why didn't you pick up a couple of them?

Beach People

It was with regret that we learned of the death of Jack Beech last January. Until moving East a few years ago, Jack had spent all of his summers at Victoria Beach. As a teenager he was a member of the VB-ites, entertaining to raise funds for the war effort. And many of us were introduced to badminton through the lessons he organized at his cottage. He was active in the VB Club, being President in the early 50s, and was one of the originals in the Yacht Club.

In his memory, the partners of Touche Ross, in which firm Jack was a partner, have established a Manitoba Theatre Centre scholarship. Jack was President of MTC in 1963-64.

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Maxine and Harold Clark returned from Victoria, B.C. to Pine Grove cottage in June. After much agonizing last summer and this spring, they decided to sell the cottage with August 15 possession.

Randy and wife Debbie were down for a weekend in July after spending a month motoring in the States. Linda, Gerry, Scott and Cindi from Flin Flon enjoyed a week in July. Cindi stayed on as daughter Kathy, Bob and Barb Chalmers arrived, having luckily left Snow Lake before the evacuation. Elder daughter Laurie has moved to Vancouver to attend U of BC. Unfortunately their cockatiel, Angel, is still in their house being checked on by a friend.

Maxine and Harold plan to keep in touch with VB by hopefully renting a cottage in the future. Having been involved for nearly twenty-five years with the Club, VB will always be a very special place for them and their family — especially Randy.

Junior Golf Tournament

This year's tournament drew 90 children — 74 boys and 16 girls. It was great to see the big increase in the number of girls competing!

TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

Boys 16 & Under — Jason Sorenson 38 (Gee trophy and overall winner), Rob Butler 40, (Tie) Craig Godfrey 43 and Beau Lark 43
Girls 16 & Under — Susan Black 46 (Henderson trophy), Carla Creek 47, Lisa Boge 58

Boys 12 & Under — Matthew McCloy 39 (Patrick trophy), Ryan Brickley 42, Mark Sonnbeichler 43

Girls 12 & Under — Maureen Stewart 68 (Spinks trophy), Peggy Lawler 69, Stephanie Brown 72

Boys 10 & Under — Matthew Lee 47, (Tie) Adam Boge 48 and Adam McCloy 48, David Hill 54

Girls 10 & Under — Sarah Strome 71, Crisy Simmons 113, Jennifer Butler 119

Longest Drive — Richard Wiens (14 yrs.)
Most Honest Golfer — Leann Synychych (8 yrs.)

A big thank-you to Dave and the golf course staff for their encouragement and support in planning and putting on the event.

We would like to gratefully acknowledge all those who so generously donated prizes.

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Thanks again to Bernice Komar who must have spent many long hours knitting the six sets of golf club covers, to Al and Linda Jeffrey for the (hand-made by Al) putter awards to the best 10 and under player, and to Bill Watchorn of Federal Industries for donating our grand prize.

Finally a heartfelt round of applause to all the wonderful volunteers who so cheerfully gave up their day to walk the course in 34° heat with our future PGAs.

BARBARA WANSBUTTER

Bus Schedule Effective to Sept. 5/89**WEEK DAYS**

* 1v. VB 7:45 am — arr. Wpg 9:45 am
1v. Wpg 5:30 pm — arr. VB 7:25 pm
*except Aug. 7, Sept. 4

SATURDAYS

1v. VB 2:15 pm — arr. Wpg 4:00 pm
1v. Wpg 5:00 pm — arr. VB 6:55 pm
1v. VB 7:00 pm — arr. Wpg 8:45 pm

SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS

1v. Wpg 10:00 am — arr. VB 11:55 am

SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS

1v. VB 5:30 pm — arr. Wpg 7:45 pm
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Dear Editor

I wish to respond to J. Grant's letter in the June 30 Issue of
the Victoria Beach Herald.

I too enjoy to stroll along the beach and pathways of our
summer resort. There is nothing more peaceful for me and my
family than to spend time at Victoria Beach. I, on the other
hand, do not spend it with a dog.

With all due respect to Ms. Grant and the love she shares with
her pet, I must ask that she reciprocate by showing that same
respect to other cottage owners. The R.M.V.B. by-law banning
dogs from the beach is in effect for good reason. I ask you, have
you ever seen the look of sheer terror on a child's face when
approached by a charging dog? Perhaps you have not experi-
enced a step in a fresh "deposit" left in the sand. I don't have
to mention the stench. How about having been covered in a water
and sand mixture from a dog running by, or had your face
sniffed as you lie sunbathing? I have experienced these uncon-
genial incidents.

An additional municipal regulation requires your dog to be
on a leash at all times. What good does it do when the owner has
a leash in their hand while the dog walks/runs around at their
leisure? Dogs must laugh to see their masters on a leash. A "No
Dogs on the Beach" would not be "howling" for the rest of us
cottage owners.

As for dogs being a part of the family, I agree whole-heartedly.
However, so are cats, mice, hamsters, budgy birds and rabbits.
What sort of a beach would we have if their respective owners
allowed their loved ones to patrol the beach?

Thank-you very much for being considerate enough to carry
a plastic bag. It would certainly help keep the streets and walking
areas clean if all dog owners followed suit.

Let's respect the municipal by-laws, shall we?

I join you in silencing transistors to help prevent noise pol-
lution.

Sincerely
B. PIKE

Yacht Club News

by Fred Johnson

After 10 club races, the standings are as follows:

In the Monohull Division, Orest Dackow is in first place, Dave
McKibbin in second and, biting at their heels, is Barry Warrack
in third position. Didn't I warn you about Barry?

In the Catamaran Division, Paul Nagle is maintaining his firm
grip on first place, Tam Scott Sr. is back in second place, with
Tam Scott Jr. right behind in third.

Tam Sr. and Paul had a little run-in during one of the races.
Although there was no damage, it was apparently quite a hair-
raising experience, or is that hair-curling; you'll have to ask Paul.

Two of our sailors are presently out of action due to physical
ailments. We wish Harry Wall and Ron Riseema speedy recov-
eries and look forward to having them back in the line-up.

The marker buoys were not placed for the windsurfers last
weekend because of a lack of wind. They will be there this Sun-
day afternoon, should wind conditions be more favourable.

This is the weekend of the Sprague Cup Regatta. Five races
will be run, with two on Saturday, two on Sunday and one on
Monday. The action starts at 10:30 a.m. daily. Be there to support
your favourite-coloured sail.

Sorry to disappoint you, but the reason there are no other
boats near my invitation, during the races, is not because I am
way out in front.

Have a nice week.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

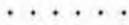
You can imagine my surprise and delight when reading in the
Herald of July 21, 1989, on page 3, that the Council were con-
sidering "Walter Debutures".

This conjured up all kinds of wonderful thoughts such as
"When do we get the money?" and "What will we do with it?"
Of course, upon reading the item further, the dream vanished.
Anyway, thanks for the mention.

"Walters Anonymous"

Dear Walter,

I think your dream will vanish when you realize that you have
the concept of a debenture backwards. This is a scheme by which
the council intends to overcome the fiscal shortfall by SELLING
a debenture to each Walter on the beach for \$450. The money
will be repaid in the form of federal tax credits sometime in the
future, maybe. Make your cheques payable to the editor.



Dear VBers,

On Sunday, July 23 at 2:30 a.m. a friend and I were walking
Scott Point and noticed sparks flying into the air from the beach.
We called out to see if anyone was there; nobody was. We walked
down to where the sparks were flying and put the logs into the
lake and put sand on the rest. The beach was covered in broken
beer bottles.

I have been coming here for 32 or 33 years. When I was ten
I started collecting bottles. It was not hard; the drinkers would
go and have their fun and then put the empties back in the box
and put them into the bush or trash can.

During that time and for years to come I did not see fires on
the beach unless it was very wet, and it was never on nice sand.
I thought the kids today were smarter, but I guess not. Maybe
we should send them up north to fight fires to show them what
it is like to be in a fire. This beach would go up so quickly you'd
think someone had put gas on it.

So PLEASE use a little common sense. I want to be coming
here for the next 100 years!

Yours truly,
"Just a Kid"

V.B. Mixed Volleyball Tournament

This is a reminder to all volleyball enthusiasts to get your team
entered at the addresses given below before Friday 9:00 p.m.
August 11. The tournament is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Sat. Aug.
12, with the rain date Aug. 13.

There is no entry fee. Each team must play with 6 players
consisting of 3 females and 3 males and with at least 4 VB Club
members on each team. For additional entry info see the July 28
issue of the Herald.

When submitting your entry, please include name of team;
name of team contact and beach address; names of VB club team
members and non-club members.

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Note of Thanks

We wish to convey our sincerest thanks to all who came to our assistance on June 23rd, 1989, including our police officer, Robert Jonsson, and Brad Potzer. A special thank you to "First Alert" Doris Stucky who drove the ambulance, and Jocelyn Mosen who attended to Bob. We are most fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers.

Thank you to our friends — Les and June Carter, Dunc and Bessie Campbell, Gil and Claire Rosie for all their help, and to Maureen Henderson and Zel Smith for watering our flowers.

Many phone calls and get-well cards have been received with gratitude.

Although Bob is still in the hospital, our hope is that we will be back to our beloved VB before the season ends.

Sincerely,

RENE AND BOB STRACHAN

Election Results

John Ateah, Jodie Dennehy, Diane Pennington and Noel Pritchard were elected as councillors. Sam McMorris was returned as reeve by acclamation.

Dog Show

Boys and girls, its time once again to beg, borrow or bring your own dog to the Annual V.B. Dog Show. We'll also be doing the **Stupid Pet Tricks** again this year so start training now! The dog show will be held on Saturday, August 19th at the sportsground at 7:00 p.m.

P.S. Don't forget your leash!

BARBARA RIESS

Attention:

Sailboarders, Windboarders, Surfsailors, Boardsailors, Windsurfers or whatever.

To quote a recent "Windrider" magazine article, "there is more to rigging than just pulling strings". Sails should be tuned for best performance.

Jim Leslie from Eurosports will provide a rigging clinic on King Edward Beach, Sunday August 6th at 2:00. Remember it doesn't matter how you rig it, as long as you rig it right.

311 First Avenue

Some Personal and Happy Memories
of Life at Victoria Beach, 1921 to 1960
James R. Mitchell

The Ateah Family -continued

Alfred was killed quite tragically in April of 1939 at the age of thirty-five when he slipped under a heavily loaded sleigh and suffered severe head injuries. He was flown to Winnipeg but his life could not be saved. He was so respected that a special train was laid on by the CNR to take his body and Winnipeg mourners to Victoria Beach for his funeral. I attended and found the experience very moving.

Sammy, the third son, was a great handyman and for many years kept an eye on the cottage after Alex Jonsson, one of the original builders, had retired (and later died). Alex was married to Freda Ateah and their son Robert has been the Victoria Beach policeman for some years. Sammy always has had a happy greeting for all of

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us. Last time I saw him was in Berne, Switzerland, enjoying the world curling competition. He is still to be found around the Beach area. Eddy and Johnny ran the taxi and fuel services in competition with John Anderson, an amiable but stoic man. There were many Andersons living about Victoria Beach and the Traverse Bay area. All the people born and brought up in this area had a sing-song lilt to their speech which was easy to recognize.

One cannot leave the Atchaf family without mentioning the parents, the original settlers. Mr. Atchaf was a gaunt man who walked quite awkwardly because, we were told, he had frozen his feet many years ago and had partial amputations. Mrs. Atchaf was a real business woman and a strict matriarch. In the earlier days she too had a vegetable cart. Their farm was always fun to visit. It was located a little south of the present highway as it runs west to the carpark. It is now a recognized museum.

One other permanent resident I should mention is Mrs. Falls. She had a large, low-ceilinged store in the summer store and station area and a smaller one in the permanent residents' area for winter use. She was a gruff old gal but was never mean and seemed to know just what the cottagers expected in a country store. She had a great supply of cheap candy and we would all go there to buy licorice sticks, gum balls and ice cream sodas. I found her to be a very fair person to deal with when I had the newspaper agency. There was a Mr. Falls also, but he kept in the background, usually acting as a handyman. The only telephone was in her store. It was the old fashioned wall type with a crank to ring the operator in Selkirk. It was in a very small booth which always had a sour musty smell. The smell encouraged short conversations.

The War Years

When the war began in 1939 I was in second year Medicine. We were encouraged to continue our studies as a need was foreseen for young medical officers in the services.

The summers at Victoria Beach continued in the same easy-going pace but as the war escalated more and more of the young people of the Beach joined the services. I gave up my summer jobs after the summer of 1940 to spend time doing electives (as they are called in medical college) and working without pay in the outpatient department of the Winnipeg General Hospital and at Vita Hospital in south-eastern Manitoba. Via, at that time, was quite isolated and a real Ukrainian community. My stint there in August of 1941 coincided with the first big outbreak of western encephalitis with two or three deaths at the little hospital. My visits to Victoria Beach were limited and the next summer I interned at the General Hospital. 1943 was the year I graduated and I was off to serve as a medical officer in Eastern Canada. In May of '44 Cathy Clubb and I were married and we were off to the east coast again for a short time before I proceeded overseas just after D-Day. I had a very eventful experience in England and Belgium. When the European conflict finished in '45 I signed up for the Pacific and returned home on disembarkation leave. VJ Day came in August while Cathy and I were having a great time back at Victoria Beach.

Immediately following our marriage we spent a few days at the Lake before heading east. This coincided with Arbor Day so my mother and father decided to come down for the day on the special train, leaving us to honeymoon at 311 First Avenue. However, the Victoria Beach Herald, the weekly newspaper published by that wonderful old masthead character, Mr. J.J. Conklin, announced to its readers that "Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell began their honeymoon at Victoria Beach accompanied by the groom's parents"!

Driving to Victoria Beach

After the war, it was possible, but slow and risky, to drive to Victoria Beach. The route was to Beauséjour, straight north to Gull Lake, west to Beaconsia, then north on a rocky road to Grand Marais.

A sandy trail around the marsh followed the shoreline to Hillside. Back east to the rail line, a marshy trail north to the Albert Beach station, then across the track to a trail laid out on the sand close to the tracks into the east end of the peninsula. There the road followed the present route to Eighth and Arthur. As more and more people began using this route, we began to find it quite easy, especially in the off-season when we were permitted to drive directly to the cottage. I never thought that the restrictive regulation for parking in the summer months would continue to the present but it has!

The first time we tried the old route (as compared to modern #59 highway) was in the mid thirties when Mum, Ede, Jean and I commandeered Dad's old '28 Packard. I think it took us five hours each way! After the war when our daughters, Susan and Sheila, were little, we could do the trip in two and a half hours. I do not recall using the train very much after the war, and it wasn't too long after that the railway track was taken up on completion of the new highway.

The Fifties

During the fifties I built a lean-to adjoining the "guest" cabin (built by my parents some years before) but used primarily for my use as an office and changing room after the old tent located there had become too leaky. I had never attempted anything like this before (Dad had absolutely no aptitude for carpentry despite his skill as a surgeon) but it turned out amazingly well as a good storage shed for bikes and tools.

In 1960 Cathy and I realized that Victoria Beach was not fulfilling our desires for a summer camp. We wanted to be closer to water, readily accessible by car to our cottage and to be able to provide more opportunities for all of us to enjoy deep water swimming, canoe trips and sailing. Edith had a growing family too and she wanted them to have a retreat. Mother and Dad, now both over eighty, found the trap too tiring (Mother never went swimming at Victoria Beach) but Jean loved to go down and have the place to herself and her friends on occasion. I persuaded Dad to sell 311 First Avenue to my sisters and Cathy and I bought a cottage close to the Bill Grays and the Ken Hursts at West Hawk Lake. Mary Hurst had been a member of my group in the teen days.

As this is written in the spring of 1989, Cathy and I will be celebrating our 28th anniversary at West Hawk and our 45th wedding anniversary.

Epilogue

Since the early fifties, Edith's family of Helen and Helmut Hesse with their four sons, Ross and Vicky McIntosh with their two daughters and Mary and Fred Johnson with their twin daughters, as well as Jean, have made full use of 311 First Avenue and have maintained the cottage in excellent condition. Appearances changed very little until the summer of 1988 when a disastrous wind storm struck Victoria Beach (it was a tornado on the west shore of the Lake) and the peak of its fury was to the point of land on First Avenue chosen by our parents back in the early twenties for its vantage point of both southern and western exposure, so that many of the lovely old spruce and pine trees in the front yard were uprooted. The Nagle property next door at 309 was also damaged. It will take many years before new growth replaces these trees, but fortunately the damage to the cottages was very slight.

I can foresee that 311 First Avenue will carry on as a Mitchell family retreat for several generations to come and we all bless the foresight of our parents, Ross and Della Mitchell, for realizing the potentials of the purchase of the lot and then the building of the cottage that has given us all so much pleasure.

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