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★ Superstars of the Week ★

In his second year as the 40+ Tennis Tournament Convenor, we find Nick Beaton has "MASTERed" the job! Thank you, Nick, for running the tournament this weekend. Your experience, dependability and love of the game are very much appreciated.

With a stroke of luck, the water will be calm dockside on Saturday morning as the swim instructors and convenor Pat MacRae bring us the 200 Metre Open Swim. This is the first big swim event of the summer and there are always many competitors up for the challenge. Thanks go to Pat and instructors Andrika Tittenberger, Jenny Butler, Lindsay Otter and Mary Birley.

The Victoria Beach Club is very grateful to Barb Pritchard for taking on one of the most challenging volunteer jobs for the Club..... the Adult Dance this Saturday night! I've heard she's barely "Stayin' Alive" through the planning process, and that John Travolta has been spotted on 4th Avenue! Barb, you work miracles! Thank you for your hard work and your fun, new, and innovative ideas ... not only for the dance, but for other aspects of the VB Club as well.

"Volunteers are all Heart"

Melanie Tooley



Masters (40 +) Tennis Tournament
Sat., Sun., July 11 & 12 - Tennis Courts

200 Metre Swim
Sat., July 11, 11:00 a.m. - at the Pier

Adult Dance
Sat., July 11, 9:00 p.m. - Clubhouse

Sports Day
Sat., July 18, 10:00 a.m. - Sports Ground

Fishing Derby
Sun., July 19, 9:00 a.m. - Noon - Pier



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Swim Courses Offered



The VB Swim Club would like to run several specialized courses this summer, in co-ordination with Fluid Motion of Winnipeg.

CPR Courses

- Adult, one rescuer Wednesday, July 15, 6-10 p.m.
- Infant and Child Friday, July 17, 6-10 p.m.

Both will be held at the Clubhouse. Cost will be determined according to numbers, and should be in the neighbourhood of \$10 - 15 each. Bring the whole family, and do both.

Water Safety Instructors Course

This is an intensive, 45 hour course, to teach the Red Cross Water Safety Program. Candidates must have Aquaquest 12 or white, Aqualeaders, and be at least 16 years of age.

This course will be run over two weekends, July 25 & 26; and July 31, Aug 1, 2, 3. The cost will be assessed according to numbers and should be around \$200 (compared to \$250 - 300+ in Winnipeg.) Registration for both will be held from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m., Monday to Friday at the swim docks. Or, contact Andrika at 756-2413 (after 5 p.m.) for further information.

Several lifejackets and flutterboards were purchased at the Fleamarket for the swim program. Unfortunately, they have now gone missing. Their return, as well as any donations of equipment would be greatly appreciated. Thanks!

Andrika Tittenberger
Head Swim Instructor

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Swim Program News

The swim program for 1998 is now under way, but don't forget that it's never too late to register. However, if you have not yet registered, please note this correction: The ongoing swim registration hours at the swimming dock are: 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. each lesson day. (This corrects the hours previously indicated in the first Herald.) Andrika will be on the swim dock (at the Clubhouse only in very rainy weather) to take registrations at this time. I apologize for the inconvenience that this error caused to several people on July 2.

Please ensure that you have your membership cards with you when you register, as well as your chequebook or cash to pay the \$10.00 per class fee. Remember that it is not really fair to expect the instructors to have to follow-up with you on these points. Their job is to teach, not to hound people over incomplete registrations. (If you are one of that minority of people whose registration is incomplete, this is an obviously not-so-polite reminder to get a move on and complete it!) The instructors inform me that they would like some assistance in collecting a few items for the swim program. Any 4-litre milk or bleach bottles that you empty this summer would be much appreciated to help us construct artificial respiration dummies. As well, we are having to replace a lot of lifejackets, and the Club would appreciate donations if you have extra ones kicking around. If you can help us with any of these items, please leave them with one of the instructors before or after lesson time. Thank you!

200 Metre Swim on Saturday

Join the swim instructors on Saturday morning at 11:00 for the annual 200 Metre Open Swim Race. Don't be shy about participating if you're new to the event. It is an "open" event, but we also run age group classifications (junior and veteran!), and by no means are all participants trained racers. The 200 is a great race for "getting your feet wet." A reminder to last year's Open winners, Sarah Wilkinson and Derek McPetrie, to please bring the trophies to the race or return them ahead of time to 339-3rd Avenue.

Registration will commence 15 minutes before race time, on the Pier. Note that in the face of dangerous weather conditions at the Pier we will re-schedule the race for the next day, Sunday, at 1:00 p.m. (not 11:00). If this should occur, the instructors will make the call at race time on Saturday. Ride down to find out if you're not sure. Here's to ideal race conditions!

Pat MacRae



The Canadian Red Cross Society

Library News



The Library got off to a wet, but good start this year. A big thanks goes to our many volunteers who help out at the Library and who donated their time to run the Book Sale. Thank you to everyone who came to the Book Sale to support the Library. I would like to thank the Victoria Beach Parking Lot for supplying a cab to transport books from the Library to the Clubhouse. You saved a lot of backs!

As for library news, we will be holding story time for children on Wednesdays at 11:00 am outside the library. We have also received several new adult and children's books, purchased by the Victoria Beach Club. I invite everyone to come and check out the great selection.

Laura Burr
Librarian

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The Sailing Schools Are Full!

There are no spots open for the Sailing School enthusiasts who have not registered as yet. Please do not call Harry as we even have a waiting list and those on that list probably will not be able to sail.

On the racing side...what races!! The wind was so light last weekend that the five races scheduled all had to be postponed. That means for the summer series we are already behind five races with a lot of catching up to do.

The draw for the members who paid their annual VBVC Registration before June 1st was won by Ken Taylor. Ken took home two glass beer mugs donated by "The Ensuite/Western Supplies."

A special note for all VBVC members. Don't forget to pick up your new keys for the Compound and Yacht Club this weekend. We are changing all the locks on Sunday, July 12. If you come down and pick them up after the races on Saturday and Sunday call Ken or myself.

Chris Aldridge
Commodore

Can We Still Join The VB Club?

You certainly can! If you missed the membership drive, or if you're renting at the beach and want you and your kids to enjoy the many activities — you can still buy your VB Club Membership throughout the summer at the following locations:

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Bicycle Rodeo

We had a wonderful turnout for the Bike Rodeo on Sunday. Thanks so much to Judy, Aynsley, Jeremy and Brian Walker, Lauren, Lindsey and Lee Stevens, Steven, Axworthy, John and Nicole Isbister, Tom

(for shopping for environmentally safe paint), Jessica, Peter, Brad and Steven Rathwell. Thanks also to Lauren Johnstone for selling VB memberships and to Constable Will for teaching safety rules and giving out treats.

Volunteers make it happen!!

Trish Rathwell

Bits and Pieces from the Editor



* *The Herald* is always receptive to suggestions and ideas, so thanks to Bob Lawler for suggesting a *Herald* "Centerfold." Have a look inside. (That is the kind of "Centerfold" you had in mind, isn't it, Bob?)

* Anyone making a submission to *The Herald* is urged if possible to submit by e-mail in text, or by computer disk in text. Now, of course, I realize that for the most part, out here at the lake, that's hardly a likely scenario..... it being "the beach" and all. But, e-mail and disk text completely eliminates the editor's considerable typing burden and you'd be amazed at how many people are now stocking their cottages with computers and related Internet wizardry. (True, the traditional hand-written notes on assorted scraps of paper have far more character, but are not quite as electronically flexible and editor-friendly!)

And speaking of "typing burden" (he cleverly segued) — if you have a careful, fast, and accurate typist at your cottage who wants to earn some money typing *The Herald* on Sundays from 4 p.m. on — please contact "hunt and peck" Willoughby for more information (756-8264).

In view of our limited "staff" budget — Sheila Grover, my *Herald* business manager partner/genius suggests that *The Herald* would also accept a volunteer typist. (I tried to explain to her that the chances of that are about the same as winning the lottery but she wisely persists in guarding the ever-shrinking *Herald* budget.) "Sheila.... can I have another pencil..... please?"

• **Reminder:** It's a local Election year. The municipal election is Friday, July 24.

- Candidates, please note: If you wish to advertise in *The Herald*, the two available issues are July 17 and July 24, and the sooner you arrange for your ad — the better — space-wise. (Only paid political ads from candidates will be published.)
- Polls will be located at the Seniors Scene (just off the highway at Ateah Road); the VB Clubhouse; and the municipal office in Winnipeg. Voting hours: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- (Advance poll) - Wednesday, July 22 at the Seniors Scene and the municipal office in Winnipeg. Advance poll voting hours: 5-9 p.m.)

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Beach People



 Watch out! The Dennehy Clan is gathering at 321 1st Ave. First came Auntie Kelly, the perfect guest. She paints and cleans windows! Then from Vancouver #5 son Clancy and his beautiful soul mate Lucy Jenaga. Next week #4 son Regan, wife Kym and children Keara and Nicholas from Melbourne, Australia and then recently moved to Calgary — #3 son Timothy, Liz, and Katie and Connor. That's all for July but August will gather in the stragglers. Stay tuned.

Dodie Dennehy

 The Canada Day long weekend was the perfect occasion for the "Steel Wheels Magnolia Tour" to roll into Victoria Beach. Tour guide Dorothy Dangerfield was joined by her old (really old) ex-roommates Connie Fabro, Gerrie Fargey, Kathy Menary, and Camie Warner. The ladies power-ate, drank, reminisced, and napped for three days and nights. It was tough for them to have to return to their day jobs. Spice Girls..... look out..... these "Magnificent Mommas" are a force to be reckoned with!

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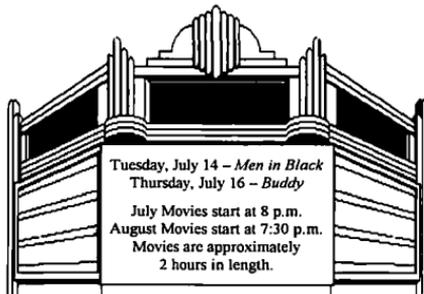
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Membership

Thank you again to all the volunteers who canvassed during the membership drive. Missing from last week's list were Shannon Macfarlane, Mona Yvon-Moreau, Carol Dueck and Trish Rathwell.

Lauren Johnstone

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News from the Rec Director

Thank you to all residents of the Victoria Beach community for making our first week very enjoyable. You have been sincerely warm and welcoming. We thank you for that! We have been introduced to numerous people, kids and adults alike, so please forgive us if we cannot remember your name and need to ask you once again.

Tennis Results

Thanks to all the participants in the Round Robin for coming out to play. It appeared to me that everyone had a good time — and that's what it's all about, right? Here are the results for the Adult Round Robin; a total of 13 teams for 6 rounds giving each player 24 games:

- 1st Place - Clarice Matthews and John Heppenstall with 19 wins and 5 losses
2nd Place - Eleanor Jaeger and Gale Petreny with 17 wins and 7 losses
3rd Place - Hedy Wiktorowicz and Alex McCuaig with 14 wins and 10 losses

Congratulations to all 11-18 year old "die hard" players who came out to play; Tamara Ansons, Louis Soufi, Diana Welch and Siobhan Holland. You all played very well.

Children's Hikes

Please note that we will be going on a Bike Hike on Wednesday, July 16th and July 23rd. On the 16th we'll be going to Albert Beach and on the 23rd out to Sandy Bay. Please have your child meet us at the Clubhouse with their bike, helmet, lunch, bathing suit and towel on both these dates. The Hikes are from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Family Rec Night

Our first Family Rec Night was a success with approximately 80 children and teens participating in Soccer, Touch Football and Low Organized Games. Congrats go out to our rec. assistants Ike and Anders who managed to upset Monique's team 15-12. Oh well, better luck next time.

Upcoming new activities on Family Rec Night include: Monday, July 13th - Cricket; Wednesday, July 15th - Balloon Animal Sculpting (in the Clubhouse rain or shine); Friday, July 17th - Juggling Please feel free to join in on the activities!

Teen Dance

Calling all teens! Please keep Friday, July 17th open as this will be our first Teen Dance for the summer. For more details, see the posters advertised at the Moonlight Inn, the Clubhouse and on the bulletin boards. Hope to see you there.

Jaret Ditter

"Best Spot on the Lot" Raffle



I would like to thank everyone who supported "The Best Spot in the Lot" during the Flea Market hours.

The money is used for special equipment and supplies for the doctor's office such as a sterilizer and emergency kit purchased with the proceeds from previous ticket sales.

Dr. Peter Duke is the committee advisor and purchases supplies for the doctor's office with the money from this fundraiser.

Again, thank you for your wonderful support last Saturday! And remember — if you don't have tickets yet — they are available for \$2 each at the parking lot; police information office; Moonlight Inn; and VB Grocery store

The draw is August 16th.

Sheila Quinton



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As you know, Victoria Beach is a bird and animal sanctuary; which means — "a place of refuge or protection." How can animals and birds be safe if cats are running around unbelled and unsupervised?

Thank you ever so much..... and have a great summer!

Chelsea Laycock

Kindnesses and niceties at Victoria Beach come in all sizes. Here's an example of a small gesture that was very much appreciated:

My wife was in the Bakery buying a couple of tea-biscuits (which she treasures as a special treat). She found herself short on cash by 16¢ to buy two of them, so decided that she would just buy one. The customer beside her kindly offered the 16¢. My wife, of course, graciously refused, but the lady insisted.

Nice, eh? Not a big deal, but a typical example of the friendly, helpful attitude that makes Victoria Beach such a pleasant place to be!

Allen Willoughby

(Editors note: CONSTRUCTIVE submissions for this column are welcome. If you have a "beach" beef or bouquet — share it with the rest of us.)

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Golf News

It was a "Double Miracle" at the VB Golf Course on Saturday, July 4, when 2 hole-in-ones were made on the 3rd hole.



- Paul Saltel – witnessed by Paul Saltel Jr. and Art Sawotini
- Paul Chaytor – witnessed by Steve and Mike Chaytor.

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• Children 12 & under may not tee-off Saturday, Sunday or holidays until after 10:00 a.m. and must be accompanied by an adult.			

Sun Country Arts and Crafts is now 10 years old!

Of the original 14 members, those still active include Mar Desmet, Ken Sorenson, Bill Eisler, and Willa Gilchrist. Another artist, Harold Balla, has joined our group. Our crafts people are Barbara Park, Nick Kush, Elaine Saliga, Terry Roberts, Pam Gaskall, Donna Bradley, Tricia Skura, Margaret Willoughby, and Marion Eisler.

The members come from Winnipeg, Pine Falls, Selkirk, and also include Traverse Bay, Victoria Beach, and Lester Beach. We have two indoor sales each summer. The majority of our exhibitions are held in the field opposite the Country Mile mercantile Store in Belair. We lease this land each summer and our President, Bill Eisler, has been trying for years to have a building constructed in the Belair/Lester Beach area for the clubs use. Each year we take one more step toward this goal.

Our meetings are held in member's homes, where spouses are included. Sometimes noisy, but always friendly, we enjoy being together, sharing ideas and talents. Lee, Helen, and Rene lend a helping hand whenever and wherever needed, setting up tables or manning them. The majority of our membership is retired, but we welcome new members of all ages.

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Exhibitions and Sales in the field opposite the Country Mile Mercantile Store, Belair, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. includes a Flea Market July 11 - Victoria Beach Sports Center, Victoria Beach, 10 a.m. - 3 a.m.
August 1 - Senior's Scene Building, Victoria Beach, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The indoor sales include a Silent Auction
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ART AT THE CLUBHOUSE

August 8 and 9 Show and sale featuring the work of Terry Lacoste. Watercolours and limited editions.

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Place: Victoria Beach Sports Club (accessible by car for this event)

Dates: Thursdays regular class; Saturdays beginners class

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$35.00 per workshop

Registration: Call Nancy-Lou to register at (204) 756-3447 or Voice mail/fax (204) 756-2404

Art materials: Bring your own or the instructor can supply

Wood Carving Workshops - Song and Water Bird, Suitable for teens and adults

Place: Victoria Beach Sports Club

Dates: July 16 - Carve and paint a chickadee

July 23 & 30 - Carve and paint a shore bird

August 6 & 13 - Carve and paint a chickadee (repeat)

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Post Office Location and Hours

The Victoria Beach Post Office no longer has a summer location at the Parking Lot. It now operates year-round from the permanent location at Lot 9, Ateah Road (Pine Greenhouse).

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Please note: No mail is RECEIVED at the P.O. on Saturday.

Council Corner

Municipal Election

1998 is a Municipal Election year in Manitoba, and July 24th is the date for voting in Victoria Beach.

Reeve Bill McDonald is unopposed and will serve a second term by acclamation. Incumbent councillors Kathy Brydon, Kevin Ateah, and Ron Pratt are seeking re-election. Also nominated are Frank Kuerten, Noel Pritchard, Gordon Kaye, and Thomas Farrell. There are four councillor positions to be filled.

Currently, Council positions are for a three-year term. However, this is likely to be changed to four years by the provincial legislature before the October general elections, and will apply retroactively to the three resort municipalities which have elections in July.

Polls will be open at the Clubhouse and the Seniors' Scene at the beach, and at the Municipal office at 303 - 960 Portage Avenue in Winnipeg, on Friday, July 24th, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Remember to get out and support the four candidates you feel will best represent your interests. Only registered property owners are on the voters' list.

Garbage

Dumped garbage continues to be a problem on some streets, but there may be a solution for such articles not inadvertently picked up for the Flea Market! Harvey Cramp (756-8177) and Norm Kroeken (756-2096) are private contractors who may be hired to remove articles not eligible for weekly garbage pickup, or who you cannot handle yourself.

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A Mini-History of Victoria Beach

(Continued)

- 1913 - Edgar Ransom was commissioned to take photographs to advertise the lots for sale. Mr. Ransom arrived by way of Gimli, after a rough lake passage.
- 1916 - Work began on the clearing of timbers on Sunset Blvd. and Arthur Road.
 - After two years of negotiation and persuasion by Victoria Beach Company executives, the CNR (at that time Canadian Northern Railway) reached Victoria Beach. The engineer on the first "work" train to reach the beach was Harry McFee.
 - The first "passenger" train to the beach arrived on June 11, 1916, with three coaches filled to capacity. The first arrivals by train where people who had purchased lots earlier in the year and who were coming down to see their properties. The train trip took three or four hours.
 - The conductor on that first train was W.E. Empey. The stops along the way were Paddington Junction; Transcona; Water Tank; Parkmount; Gonor; East Selkirk; Semple; Libau; Scanterbury; Balsam Bay; Grand Marias; Belair; and finally ...Victoria Beach.
 - The luxurious Pinehurst Inn was constructed on the point near the pier. (It was later called The Victoria Beach Inn.) (Breakfast was 50¢ - dinner was a dollar or less.)
 - The only cottages at the beach in 1916 were those of F. C. N. Kennedy and Charles Vokes. The Pinehurst Inn was occupied by Charles Kennedy and his family; Dr. N. J. McLean and his family; and Dr. and Mrs. Webster.

(To be continued in future issues, as space permits)

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Bridge News

Clubhouse Bridge started the 1998 season with a good crowd - seven tables of regular players and three tables of casual players. It was good to see familiar faces back for the summer. Jim Peebles and his wife drove from Montreal. Ann Manning was back from New York and won second high score with 5300. Phyllis Harland took top honours with 5460.

We were happy to have newcomers Pat and Joe Kaspar and visitors Dorothy Morlock and Helen Dennehy join us for the evening.

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"Herald Flashbacks"

From The Herald - July, 1959

(Current editor's note - I guess it wasn't fashionable in '59 to put the name of the editor on the Herald masthead, but I think it was Mrs. J. J. Smith, and although it was unsigned, I believe this nostalgic item was written by her.)

In Retrospect

Thirty happy, carefree, relaxing summers at our cherished Victoria Beach brings back memories of many interesting events and focuses attention on the great changes that have taken place.

Third and fourth generations of summer residents enjoy its advantages and newcomers are attracted by the white sandy beaches and the shady avenues under the silver birches. Safe and sane holidays for all ages without the ballyhoo of commercialized amusements has always been the policy of our unique and envied resort.

Over twenty new cottages have been erected this year bringing the total to about 700 which is double that of a few years ago. The forty foot water tower makes running water always available throughout the subdivision. This has been supplemented by several new deep wells. There are some seven miles of water pipes in the subdivision.

The recurring problem of washed out roads along the lakeshore to Albert Beach has been relieved by the construction of the new

paved government road to the parking lot where cars are left during summer months thus leaving the streets safe for the children. There are often 500 cars in the lot on a weekend. The long mooted electrification of the beach has finally materialized. It is largely patronized and the old oil lamps are being discarded.

The government pier has been reinforced and rebuilt and is utilized by the S.S. Keenora, lake tugs, fishing boats, and pleasure craft. Remember "The Valtannis".... the boat that provided many pleasant lake trips to Black River, Pine Falls, etc.?

One misses the cheery greetings and chats with friends enroute on the train, since motor cars now bring most people to the beach. Also missed are the throngs on the station platform when wives and children met the "Daddy Special" on Friday evenings.

Times change our habits somewhat, but let us hope that it doesn't change the attractiveness of our enchanting beach. The main regret is that there are not more long weekends to enjoy it.

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Why is it called "Walter Whyte" School?

As seasonal cottage owners, we are not always aware of the passing of Victoria Beach permanent residents. Being mostly "summer" dwellers, we may not know all the people who call Victoria Beach "home" for the entire year. The loss of a community member is always very sad. But, if we have no special connection with them — personal or business — the event passes pretty much without notice among seasonal cottage owners.

Such is perhaps the case with the unfortunate death, in May, of Walter Whyte. The only difference in Walter's case was that we summer visitors have driven by the school named after him a million times. If your family is like ours, you've probably always wondered who Walter Whyte was and why that school by the highway bears his name.

It was only in the past year that I met Walter and found out a little bit about him. The first thing I noticed was what a nice fellow he was — a real gentleman. At 79, he seemed in wonderful shape — a tribute perhaps to a healthful life at Victoria Beach! It was sad to find out that he had lost his wife of 56 years just about a year ago. Anyway, I found it interesting to meet the fellow whose name appears on the school we drive by so often.

After you learn a little about Walter, you can understand why they named the school after him — he deserved the honour. Here are a few excerpts from Walter Whyte's obituary:

"Walter died peacefully in his sleep at his home in Victoria Beach on Saturday, May 2, at the age of 79. He was born in Hamiota, Manitoba in 1919, where he spent his first 20 years. He joined the Canadian Army, Fort Garry Horse regiment in 1939, where he rose to the rank of Sgt. Major, serving two years overseas, until 1946. He was a talented hockey player, playing overseas with the Canadian Army team.

Upon returning to Canada, he started a successful fur-ranching business from which he retired because of a heart condition. He was a very active community worker, participating in provincial politics, and serving as a trustee of the Lord Selkirk School Division for an amazing 33 years! (1959 - 1992). He also served as secretary of Victoria Beach's St. Michael's Church; participated in curling; and coached local hockey. He was a model of hard work, determination and integrity and was very proud of the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren. Walter Whyte had a vision of a better education for the young people of this community and he worked with determination to improve the educational standards and facilities to achieve this. The legacy of his vision is Walter Whyte School."

Walter will surely be missed by those who knew him down through the years. The same applies to those of us who only had the pleasure of knowing him for a short time.

Allen Willoughby

Whimsy!

Points To Ponder

- Why is it that when you can't spell a word you are told to look it up, when in order to look it up you must be able to spell it?
- Why are nursery rhymes that are meant to put children to sleep so often about wicked witches plotting to lure little boys and girls to a gruesome end?
- Why is it that when you take something by car it's called a "shipment" but by boat it's "cargo"?
- Why is it called rush hour when everything moves so slowly?
- Why do some drive-thru banks have Braille on the keypads? Is it for people who can see well enough to drive but not well enough to see ten buttons?
- If corn oil comes from corn and fish oil comes from fish, where does baby oil come from?
- What do they use to ship Styrofoam?
- How do you know that it's new and improved dog food?

Lisa Down

(If you have a joke, riddle, or funny thought to share - let's have it. Submissions are always welcome.)



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The Matter of Lake Winnipeg's Erosion

(Editor's note -- The following is a re-print of a Manitoba Hydro article (May 1998) which I thought Lake Winnipeg cottage owners would find interesting.)

A windstorm on Lake Winnipeg in November 1997, in addition to bringing three foot high waves propelled by 60 km-per-hour winds, exacted its toll on unprotected shoreline properties around the south basin of the lake. It was reminiscent of the fall windstorm in 1993. During both storms, the wind-eliminated level of the lake stood at virtually the same level of 714.4 feet.

Each time these fall windstorms occur, there are calls to lower Manitoba Hydro's upper operating range of the lake, or to provide assistance for the shoreline damage. These views come mainly from south basin property owners who have not yet adequately protected their shorelines from erosion. Most shoreline property owners have already protected their shorelines or their buildings are not yet threatened by erosion.

Manitoba Hydro regulates the outflow from the lake for power production purposes when the wind-eliminated level of the lake is between 711 and 715 feet above sea level. When the water level is above 715 feet, Manitoba Hydro uses the additional channels -- added at the north end of the lake when Lake Winnipeg Regulation was put in place -- to provide up to 40 to 50 per cent additional outflow capacity, for flood reduction purposes. When the water level is below elevation 711 feet, Manitoba Hydro's license specifies that the utility must operate according to instructions from the Minister of Natural Resources.

One example of how Manitoba Hydro has used the additional outflow channels to provide flood reduction to property owners around the lake was evident last year during the Flood of the

Century. As a result of the flood flows on the Red River and the Winnipeg River, maximum outflows from lake Winnipeg were maintained from November 1996 until the beginning of August 1997.

Since Manitoba Hydro began regulating the lake for power production purposes in 1976, the average water level has remained virtually the same as the average level prior to regulation at 713.4 feet.

By narrowing the range of water levels, Manitoba Hydro has eliminated the extreme high water levels (to 718 feet) seen in the past, and during drought years has kept the water higher than would otherwise have been the case, benefiting recreational and other users of the lake.

There is a perception that Manitoba Hydro keeps water levels in the fall months higher than would be the case in an unregulated state, thereby creating higher water levels at the worst time of year for the erosive effects of the fall storms. A look at daily historical water levels, however, indicates that while the range of water levels has been reduced, the average water levels on any given day after 1976 are the same as the average fall levels prior to regulation.

Erosion along the shores of the south basin of Lake Winnipeg, however, continues. It has existed long before the lake was regulated for hydroelectric purposes. In fact, it is this natural geological process that has contributed to the outstanding beaches around Lake Winnipeg by providing a continuous supply of sand.

There is no doubt that the erosion issue continues to be a challenging one for all users of the lake. Lake Winnipeg Regulation has benefited the various users of this inland sea, but the issue of erosion continues to carve its own historic path.

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