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WHERE'S THAT OLD-TIME PEP?

The general meeting on the evening of Friday, the 20th, was a decidedly damp affair. The rainy season seems to have taken the starch of many of the islanders. At any rate, the competitive spirit has been conspicuous by its absence. However, it turned out that there was one nomination for every office, which is tantamount to election by acclamation. Strange that there are not more people that are ready and anxious to take hold of the work of the Ward's Island Association and have the honor and privilege of helping to make it one of the best summer resorts in the country.

Many people seem to have the idea that our Island activities run themselves automatically. They get a real kick out of watching the baseball games, but they never think that our little league required careful organization at the outset and still requires constant, efficient management. Likewise with the tennis and the bowling, they do enjoy a game, but it never enters their minds that if someone wasn't on the job in connection with both these sports they would soon go to pieces. The masquerades, entertainments, and so forth, are also very much appre-

ciated, but of course it is assumed that these things "just happen."

And no doubt the arrangement of the boys' and girls' activities likewise is presumed to be automatic.

We would like to disillusion those who are laboring under these mistaken ideas. The reason our machinery runs so efficiently is because there are good mechanics on the job all the time. However, they are neither paid nor permanent.

INTER-ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

This afternoon at Centre Island the second game of the series will be played. Should we win it will be settled, but if Centre should pull off a win another game will be necessary and the location will be settled by the toss of a coin. Here's hoping that a third game will not be necessary.

W. I. A. DOUBLES

The weather interfered very badly with this event and owing to a very wet forenoon it was impossible to make a start before 5 o'clock. In consequence only two rounds were played. The remaining games will be played to-day, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

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Yes! We have a hunch there'll be things stirring on the Island next year, and even before this season is over, and we have folded up the old tent, we're looking ahead, past the winter, to a jolly good time in the summer of 1927. Here's the health of the new executive!

BOWLING NOTES

George Counter, by defeating George Tolley in the final of the Association singles, has proved himself to be our best bowler for the season of 1926. In order to achieve this honor George succeeded in overcoming six of our best bowlers, against any of whom it is an accomplishment to win. His victims in order of playing were: E. Ball, B. Tupper, F. Hanger, J. D. Lee, Jack Swain, and George Tolley.

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BASEBALL FINALS

The first game of the three in five series for the championship of Ward's was played on Tuesday night. Centre Islanders have been agitating for a resident physician, but if there are any more games like this one the residents of Ward's will need the services of fifty heart specialists. The final score was three to two in favor of Fat Miller's Otazels, but the game was on the ragged edge of uncertainty until the last man was out. In the first half of the ninth with two out and the bases full Wes Lackey had the satisfaction of striking out Capt. Harry King, much to Harry's disgust, but the Otazellers surely heaved a sigh of relief, for Harry is a dangerous batter at any time.

The game was full of features and breaks, both sides being convinced that the other fellow got them. Chuck Christman had the makings of a home run but slipped at second base and it held him to three bags. Jim Sockett had a home run in his mit, but much to the disgust of his fellow-players he missed second base and had to come back to it, and that was as far as he got. As a matter of fact, he has not touched first base yet, but his opponents did not notice it, so he escaped the penalty. Alex. Fleming had a narrow escape in the ninth when he tried to steal home from third with the pitcher standing in the box with the ball in his hand. Fortunately for him the third base umps did not understand the rule and Chuck's protest was in vain. Fred Clinckett pitched a splendid game for the losers and it will be a wonder if he does not have several scalps on his belt before this appears in print. Some game and some finish.

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WHAT THE W. I. A. DOES FOR YOU

On Ward's Island there are two hundred non-members of the Ward's Island Association. Scarcely credible, is it?

Surely it is worth the fees merely to see the baseball games, if it were nothing else. If it were not for the Association, there would be none—or none such as we now witness daily—and you sure would miss your evening's entertainment would you not?

Then you have enjoyed the entertainments at the Shelter, haven't you? Sure you have!

Well, there would probably be neither Shelter nor entertainments if it were not for the W. I. A.

Maybe you don't play tennis or bowl, and maybe you do. Well, you must recognize that organization of these sports is entirely due to the Association.

Then look at what the kids get out of it. For a fee of twenty-five cents they get into the organized juvenile activities, which afford them all kinds of fun and mental and physical benefits, not to speak of the opportunity of carrying off prizes. Yet there are lots of youngsters enjoying these advantages whose parents have not thought it worth while to come forward and pay their dues.

Some, perhaps, have been waiting for the Secretary to call upon them. That surely is thoughtless. The Secretary is a voluntary worker and he can't spend all his spare time rushing around the Island in search of dues. It will only take you a few minutes to locate the Secretary—ask at the Clubhouse—while it would take him hours, days, to round up all those who have not joined the Association.

It seems that there are many people who do not realize that here on Ward's Island they have a cheaper holiday, possibly, than anywhere else in Canada where similar facilities for recreation and enjoyment are provided and that those facilities are provided, largely, through the work of the W. I. A. Once this is realized by all the Islanders, a non-member will surely be a rara avis.

Fat Miller to Mr. and Mrs. Stuart, by postcard from the U. S. A.: "I have been at a lot of summer resorts so far, and believe me they are all dumps to Ward's Island.—Fat."

JUNIOR BOYS

Owing to the unfriendliness of the weatherman, our desire to declare the winning tribe last Saturday was frustrated and it will be 5.30 next Saturday afternoon after the track and field events before the winner is known. Standing on Tuesday evening was:

Blue	943
White	883
Green	863
Red	823

Badges and bars were presented Thursday at the junior entertainment and since as follows:

Attendance out of a possible 103.

Blue—Sid Heyes 99, Bruce Vale 90, B. Cooper 98, Bob Atkins 97.

White—Grant Pestell 98, Os. Boddy 91, Jack Shields 98, Ross Mortimer 100.

Green—C. Blaver 100, Bud Downs 92.

Red—F. Clinkett 97, Geo. Baker 91, Bob Cooper 95, Jack Amos 101.

F stands for Track and Field Badge; S, Swimming Badge; B, Baseball; T, Tennis; P, Proficiency.

Blue—Bob Atkins, F-B; Ben Swaine, F-B; R. Roy, F-B; F. Mottram, F-S-B-P; S. Heyes, F-B; C. Pocklington, F-B; B. Vale, S; G. Lee, S.

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Reds—F. Clinkett, F-S-B-P; J. Amos, F; W. Sheath, S.

CHURCH NOTICE

Sunday School—10 a.m.

Church Service—11 a.m.

Last Sunday morning the Shelter was well filled, being Girls' Day. Duets were rendered by Misses Effie Warden and Dorothy Wright, Miss Pestell and Miss Erskine, and were much appreciated.

Rev. Mr. Bartlett gave a splendid address, his subject being "The House Beautiful."

Next Sunday, Aug. 29th, Rev. Mr. Bartlett's address will be for men and women. Don't miss it. Solo by Mr. H. Baines.

The Sunday School picnic held last Wednesday was a very enjoyable affair. The weather man was very kind, for once, and over 140 youngsters had a thoroughly good time. The committee wishes to extend its hearty thanks to all those who contributed to the success of the event by providing eats and by their practical assistance in the activities of the day.

"Hullo, old man; why are you in black?"

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The final in the ladies' doubles provided another battle of three rounds before Flossie Mottram and Violetta Saywell could be called the champion team of 1926.

In the first two sets there was little to choose between the two teams, but the winners demonstrated their ability to win in the final set. Flossie showed her class by hard placement shots that went for points, while Violetta was steady and sure, depending on her opponents to make the errors.

Helen Sanderson and Emily Mottram played splendidly and were always in the game. They made the winners go the limit in a 6—3 set for the first and then won a hard second set at 9—7, but lost the third 6—3.

The ladies are to be congratulated upon the good tennis played this season and the fine interest shown in declaring winners at such an early date. Undoubtedly the fittest survived and the moral for the defeated is to try again in greater efforts next season.

Verney Forbes qualified for the finals in singles on Tuesday when he defeated Jake Booth in a hard 6—4 set. Verney is going strong and will be hard to beat in the finals.

A tennis cover and eye shield were left on the courts. If any of

these belong to you, see the Tennis Chairman.

Tennis is a game calling for as liberal an ingredient of brains in its successful formula as of strokes and court position. There are many players who have excellent strokes and understand the essentials of court position, yet they are often beaten by players merely their equal or inferior in these regards.

Such players will only arrive in the championship class by injecting more brainwork in proportion to their knowledge of strokes.

You should bear in mind that the object of a stroke is not to hit the player with the ball—but to “hit 'em where they ain't.”

Always strive to be in a position so that you can advance on the ball. Never retreat unless at a disadvantage; in fact, a desperate advance is much better than a hopeless retreat.

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The second game of the baseball series was played on Wednesday night and resulted in a win for Harry King by a score of 9 to 7. Harry's aggregation grabbed off seven runs in the first two innings and the game looked like a walk-over, especially when Wes Lackey got hurt sliding into third. Ab. Henderson relieved him and by hard plugging put a few runs across and at the seventh innings it was anybody's game. With the bases full there was a chance to put over a win, but Cam failed to come across and the series is even at the time of writing.

The final game for the second bowling series was played Wednesday between Frank Corin and Alec Sinclair. Alec scored one in the first end and Frank eight in the second, three in the third and one in the fourth. Score, 12 to 1. Then for nine ends Alec scored and had the count 18 to 12 in his favor. Frank got four in the next and tied it up with two in the fifteenth. On the extra end Frank lay shot until Alec came down and with his last bowl and took the shot and the game. Chris tried to make a record in the second end. He had counted 8 and Jack Williams started to kick out the bowls when Chris stoped him while he looked for the ninth. Needless to say he did not find it, but he did raise a laugh from the gallery. The final game will be played Monday night between Alec Sinclair and John Wilson rinks.

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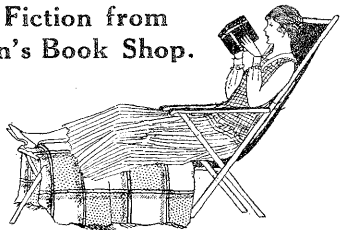
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