

Official Opening Canoe Club Saturday

Steady Progress Follows Acquisition of Ideally Located Property and Erection of Club House, Boat-House and Docks

The Kildonan Canoe club was formed in the early part of 1937 through the initiative of Corbert A. Sheppard, for many years a member of the Winnipeg Canoe club. Believing that there was ample field for the establishing of another club north of the city Mr. Sheppard found a ready response from a number of young people and in a short time the Kildonan Canoe club came into being. Dock privileges and the use of a small building as a club-house on the property of the late Mr. D. A. Ross were secured and the members proceeded to erect a boat-house sufficiently large for the club needs.

The present property, located at Lot 51, Henderson Highway, was acquired this spring. Its purchase followed a well organized and enthusiastic drive which enabled the club to raise sufficient money to buy the site outright. Thus the Kildonan Canoe club became possessed of what is probably the best site for the purpose along the Red River either north or south of Winnipeg.

The purchase of the property added greater impetus to the steadily growing membership and as a result the club has been able to erect a 37 x 60-foot club-house, a boat-house and docks, floats and diving stand. A volley-ball court has been widely utilised and a tennis court is now under construction. The diligent work of the members will in time develop the natural beauty of the property to make the grounds a real beauty spot.

Saturday, August 13th, has been chosen for the official club opening and a splendid regatta program has been lined up and will be run off between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., followed by a dance in the club-house in the evening.

The present slate of club officers under Commodore Jim Barrable is Corb. Sheppard, Tom Whellams, Stan. Lovelace, Bud dePencier, Dave Robertson, Ion Snider, Henry Allan and Harold Matheson, with Kay Snider holding the office of lady governor.

The ladies' section of the club has completed plans for the regatta Saturday. Under the capable leadership of Bert Orr of the Winnipeg Canoe club they are working hard and are confident presenting stiff competition in all races, including the war canoe, singles and tandems.