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Comm. from J. A.
Harris objecting to
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Queentown Court
at old Mission Beach.

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Honorable Sirs:

Upon reporting various annoyances and disturbances of the peace to the police, I have been told by them that the area adjacent to the Life Saving Station at Queenstown Court at Old Mission Beach is recognized as a public playground. If such is the case, is it asking too much, that it be governed by proper rules and regulations and also supervised by a competent personnel. The youth seem to release all latent primitive instincts under the present lack of control. Windows are ruthlessly broken, I have had two broken already this season. Obscene language is used. Sand bags are thrown, also watermelon rind in season. An utter disregard of the safety of the passing children and women is shown. Beer is often drunk by juvenile boys and girls on the premises, both day and night. Most every Saturday and Sunday nights when respectable people like to sleep, whooping and howling is indulged in, many times past midnight.

There seems to be a lack of co-operation between the playground authorities and the police. The conduct described above would not be permitted in any other park or playground of the City, or in any other Beach town where I have been.

The Life Saving Station and the Playground, being together as they are, makes a bad situation. The station is primarily provided for the protection of women and children, and naturally the women with their youngsters like to lie on the Beach close to the Station under the protection of the guards. So much rough activity on each apparatus, and ball playing, not to mention the language which takes place, causes the women to be denied this privilege.

I believe for the best interest of all, the playground and station should be separate units.

Respectfully

J. A. Harris
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Mission Beach.

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