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CANADA LAKES
PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION



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SUMMER 1963



An old Canada Lake steamboat leaving from landing in vicinity of Stony Point.



The Auskerada Hotel was located at the site of the present Lake Aire Motel.

### ANNUAL MEETING

It will be held at 8:00 P.M., July 6, at the Wheelerville School. In case of bad weather it will be shifted to July 13.

Each of you is urged to attend, and bring your suggestions with you for the betterment of the "Association." How about the fishing, boating safety, activities for young people, etc. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

# FIRE-WORKS DISPLAY

The display is set for the night of July 5, or in case of bad weather July 6th.

This has become an annual event that draws hundreds to the lakes.

## CAROGA LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY BAZAAR

The annual Bazaar sponsored by the ladies auxiliary will be held Friday, July 19th from 5:00 P.M. and Saturday, July 20th from 12:00 noon. We hope that Association members and friends will attend the Bazaar and support this fine organization.

#### GREETINGS!

Your Association officers and board members welcome you back to the lakes for another season of rest, relaxation and good fun. It is our hope that through the Association more of the summer residents will take part in the many group activities sponsored by C.L.P.A. With this in mind we are mailing this edition of the Echo to all property holders on the Canada Lakes and Green Lake. If you are not already a member of the Association and would like to join, you will have an opportunity to do so when Herb Steinkamp and his membership committee call on you in the near future.

#### Directors

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# PREXY'S COLUMN

Our season will begin with the fireworks display from Nick Stoner island, and the annual meeting will follow Saturday evening the sixth of July at the Wheelerville School, unless bad weather forces us to hold the fireworks until Saturday. In that event our meeting will be held on July 13th.

As Bill Dunstan's sailing report states, we expect to expand the sailing program this year. If the group is in favor of purchasing a boat kit, Bill is willing to supervise the project of constructing such

The dance committee arranged a successful dance last August at the Pine Lake Dance Hall. The Lord family have again made the generous offer of the hall for Association dances this summer. Two family dances are scheduled, and more can be arranged.

Lillian Watkins and her committee held several large card parties last year and will have as many luncheon-bridge affairs as members wish this year. These parties have been well attended in recent years. The committee wishes to point out that "all cards" are played at the card

In addition to a fishing derby for the youngsters we hope to plan a few hikes and picnics on Nick Stoner. The sailing committee is eager to offer instruction to would-be sailors. This year we would like to see more of the young people take part in activities such as contacting members for contributions, making signs and helping with the work of printing and mailing notices.

Paul Montgomery and Karl House's fine work in maintaining and setting out the navigation bouys is a good example of one area where the work is well organized and very satisfactorily performed. However, we have a long way to go in some other directions such as boat safety regulations, zoning and preservation of Nick Stoner Island. The boat safety rules cards so well prepared by Lydon Maider several years ago are in need of revision. The last zoning attempt died with the presentation of a petition to the Town Board. Very little has been done to rebuild the island which must be maintained if we are to hold title to the property. All these projects call for enthusiastic committee chairmen and volunteers to serve on the committees. The probtackled.

The committee on tax study was formed last summer with Gerry Theisen as chairman. Several meetings were held with the East Caroga Lake Association officers attending. The chairman will make a progress report to the membership at the July meeting. It is the feeling of the tax study committee that property assessments are an individual matter rather than Association business. Nevertheless it should be noted that the local Board of Assessors is headed by Emmeron M. Baker of Stoner Lake. The other members are Lendol Sliter and Clifton Westover. The assesment roll will be available for examination for two weeks prior to Grievance Day - the second Tuesday in July (July 9th). Any person believing himself aggrieved may appear before the Board of Assessors at the Supervisor's Office located in the Wheelerville golf house and state his case.

Last Season's parade of the boats was a great success. It should be held again this year. Fleet Admiral Arden Zipp has suggested a Labor Day weekend flotilla with lighting of flares on individual docks in the evening to mark the end of another season.

Reward cards are available at the Canada Lake store for all members. These are distributed as a protection for members' property, and they represent another valuable aid received through membership in the Association.

We report with sadness the passing of Herbert Asbury, Mrs. Martin Gohn, Mrs. George Hackney and John Komdat.

The Canada Lakes Protective Association has a fine record of achievement thanks to the efforts of its many members who have cooperated so well among themselves and with local officials to find solutions for many problems over the years. Much has been accomplished, and much remains to be done. As a group acting through the Association we can attack any problem more effectively. We urge all who enjoy the lakes each year to support the Association and take an active part in its affairs by becoming members, attending the meetings and entering into the discussions. Don't miss the annual meeting in July.

Norris E. Osborn President FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Our Caroga Lake Town Officials are: Charles Putman, Town Supervisor Roy Stock, Highway Superintendent Clayton Shutts, Jr., Town Clerk Floyd Sherman, Councilman Emmeron Arnst, Councilman Richard Sweet, Justice of the Peace Michael Schmutz, Justice of the Peace

Wheelerville School Officials are:
School Board Members William Morris, President
Robert Kane
Claude Burch
Supervising Principal John A. Weiss, Jr.
Clerk of the Board Franklin Winsman
Treasurer of the Board Eugene Groshans

Tax Collectors are:
Richard Groshans, General Tax
(January)
Catherine Putman, School Tax
(September)

Navigation Inspectors are: Ted Cramer Clarence Riley

Note: Boat operators under age fourteen must obtain an Operators Certificate. See the Navigation Inspectors for information about this and also about boat registration and equipment required by law.

Our State Ranger is Holton Seely who lives on the Gloversville Road across from Unger House.

Mark Putnam is State Game Protector.

The fire tower on Kane Mountain is open to the public and affords a good view of the area. A ranger is on duty each day at the tower.

Fishing licenses may be obtained from Clayton Shutts, Jr., Town Clerk, at his home.

Garbage collection is on Monday and Friday mornings during July, August and September. All garbage should be left in a metal pail with the lid anchored securely.

Laundry may be left at the Canada Lake Store for collection Tuesday and Friday.

#### **ECHOES**

"Ken" Ormiston took his grandson, Douglas, to see the sights in New York. He says that "a good time was had by all."

Ralph Weir of St. Johnsville (newspaperman) fractured his leg on Labor Day at his camp. He writes that he is still lugging around a hip-length cast and hobbling on crutches. Fortunately, he is able to go to his office every day.

Late April there was a fire in Yates Store and the beauty shop. The Caroga Lake Volunteer Fire Department had it soon under control. The damage was largely from smoke and water.

The Schenectady Union-Star had a feature article, January 2, 1963, about the Royal Mountain Ski area, located about nine miles northwest of Johnstown. The author, Sally McMullen, said, "There's a warm, friendly feeling at Royal, reminiscent of skiing in days gone by."

Jane Petrie, daughter of the Arnold Petries, will return to St. Lawrence University in the fall as a junior. She was voted the most outstanding girl in the sophomore class. Another daughter, Nancy, plans to enter St. Lawrence in the fall as a freshman.

Arnold is a past-president of the Canada Lake Protective Association. He writes that he has boat pennants for sale for only \$1.00.

Bernard Auerbach of Canada Lake and Dolgeville has retired from teaching and is now associated with D. C. Heath and Co.

Son, Robert, plans to enter Syracuse University in the fall. A daughter, Nancy, is married and living in Rochester.

Wellington VanDeWalker has returned to his camp on West Lake, and will be organizing his Adirondack Canoe tours again this year.

Dr. David Hoffman, a specialist on the staff of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., plans to spend his vacation with his family on Canada Lake. His cousin, Dr. Craig Benjamin of Buffalo, will also be at the Lake.

Carol Menge of Dolgeville graduated from Gettysburg College in June with a B. S. Degree in Biology. She will be employed at the National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Md. Her sister Johanna will return to graduate work at University of Texas in September after attending summer school in Greece.

Philip Scriven was married in May at Richfield Springs.

The former Herbert Asbury camp has been bought by Alex and Lee Kull of Sea Ford, Long Island. They will spend the summer at the lake with their three sons. Mr. Kull is in the wholesale meat business.

D. Allen Fisher of Schenectady has been appointed associate-manager of the Albany office of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Co. He is a former secretary of the Association.

"Discover Dolgeville" is a fascinating leaflet about that village. A wide variety of products are manufactured there, including "Comfy" slippers, baseball bats, bowling pins and textiles.

The President of the "Association,"

Bud" Osborn has accepted a position with Florida Atlantic University at Boca Raton, Florida, September 1. He has done a great job as president and will be sorely missed. We all wish you the very best in your new venture, Bud.

Mrs. Paul Branson died this past year. The Bransons alternated between the Lakes and Jackson Hole, Wyo.

David De Luca has been the sparkplug of the Brown University football team.

Robert T. Wilbur of Dolgeville (son of the former Association President) has been at Princeton Theological Seminary. He is a graduate of Syracuse University.

Diane Vosburgh, an undergraduate at Wellesley College, will study at the University in Oslo this summer. owners of the camp formerly owned by Clarence and Ethel Wood.

A camper writes enthusiastically of discovering Empies Nursery, just south of Johnstown, and suggests visits there.

Harold "Chip" Blake spent a summer in Turkey as a participant in the American Field Service. His grandfather is Leon Cross.

Dr. George Steeter of Cleveland writes that they miss the "Lake" very much. They have been spending recent vacations in the "Rockies."

Dr. Bernard Feldstein of St. Johnsville is an inveterate hiker. He loves the wood trails and can be seen with his cane striding back country.

Carl House and his buddy Paul Montgomery have done an excellent job of charting and placing the buoys marking the dangerous rocks and shoals around the lake.

Michael Kane entered Yale Law School last fall. He graduated from Yale University, June 1962.

Barbara Yuenger was married to Charles Michaels of Cooperstown Dec. 29. Arthur Yuenger, after five years of architecture at the University of Illinois entered the Army Reserve for six months. He is looking for a position in an architect's office for three more years of apprenticeship in order to get his architect's license. Dan Yuenger has completed 14 years of forestry at Paul Smith's College. Mrs. Yuenger won the Estelle Musett trophy for winning the most blue ribbons during the past year in flower arrangements.

Alan Steinkamp and Rita Pompea were married September 23, 1962 in Bronxville.

Note: Please keep the Echos coming. Direct all news items to Paul Benjamin, publications chairman, Canada Lake Post Office or 34 Union Avenue, Schenectady 8, N. Y.



Picture of Nick Stoner Island taken during sail boat race on Labor Day 1962

#### THE SAILBOAT RACE

The one and only sailboat race of the season last year was held on Labor Day, after being postponed on one or two previous occasions. Since the boats entered in this race were not all of the same class, the two-mile race was run on handicap ratings established by the North American Yacht Racing Union. On corrected time, the order of finish was:

1. Dunstan — Blue Jay
2. Ryan — Lightening
3. Sutton — Comet
4. Loomis\* — Sunfish

Bates — Snipe
 Bachman — Robin

7. Yeunger — Sunfish D N F

(\*The youngest sailor in the race)

Paul Benjamin and Paul Montgomery were the starters. Dick Parkhurst, a non-sailing sailor, used his "liner" as the Committee boat and located the buoys and the wet-end of the finish line for the sailors.

A regular racing schedule will be arranged for the 1963 season.

"Bill" Dunstan

From fall to spring! The cycle is nearly completed - a light off here - a light off there, until the shore line of Canada and Green Lake is wrapped in darkness (except for the eight residents: The Platners, Jeff Reid, Howard Kimmey, The Conlins, Moores, and Yateses). Way over on Dolgeville Point is the Sliter beacon and on Green Lake The Clarence Rileys have a light shining.

But what transpires around the lakes between the shuttering and unshuttering of the cottages? How are the winters? This is a question that has been raised off and on during the vacation season, and so your committee set about learning "what keeps the ticking between the tocking?"

In middle October when the last golfers paused for that lingering look over the Nick Stoner golf course, and the ground crew managed by George Holliday began the task of taking down the flags, disconnecting the water, removing the benches, summer was officially over. At this time too the Nick Stoner Inn closed its doors for the season. Even the hardier of the rugged were forced to admit that summer had left and the lovely fall weather was ending. One of the last to concede to the weather was the Clay O'Dells as they headed south. Florida was beckoning.

December started off at a disarming pace, but wait — December 31 the thermometer registered a minus 20 and the ground was well-protected under a 20 inch blanket of snow. This was the kind of weather that brought the smile of joy to the operators of Ski Royal, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Saunders. Ward Nixon had his free-skating rink in operation and so to them who depend on the snow and cold for public acceptance of their project, winter was off to an auspicious start.

By now too, the plows had been out, and the snow-plow crews, under the direction of highway superintendent, Roy Stock, had the approximate thirty miles (forty miles summer maintenance) of town roads well under control. All sanding of state highways between Gloversville, Stoner Lake, and Stratford are handled by the golf course crew, so now we see the boys, headed by George Holliday and Clinton Lane, who have so

dilligently applied themselves during the summer keeping the greens "slicked" up, are now keeping the white highways "unslicked."

In January, Skeet and Marie Sliter made a simultaneous announcement: they were the new owners of the Canada Lake Store, and also leaving the chills of winter behind and heading for the Mason Dixon Line.

The focal point, where all the local gossip is discussed and digested, is at Bruce Bush Coffee Shop and Variety Store at Caroga Lake. Here one morning over a cup of coffee, we learned of another business transfer - Mr, and Mrs. Ward Nixon of Vroomans had sold their interest in that establishment.

The anticipated customary January thaw failed to materialize as the weather man continued his operation, "deep freeze" producing his coldest charge on the 16th when the reading was a minus twenty, but on February the 27th he took us on a real toboggan ride and we slid down to the 28 below zero line. On March 2, Canada Lake set a N. Y. State record - a nine inch fall of snow which no other community was able to match! The snow was deep and heavy with a water content of over five inches. A cottage at Caroga Lake and at Canada Lake caved in. The ice, only about fourteen inches thick because of the heavy snow coverage, started breaking up on the morning of April 20, and on the afternoon of the 22nd Canada Lake was open for the boaters.

So thus endeth the cycle — now why not meet your friends at the Annual Meeting and swap your winter experiences! How goes it with you neighbor?

Edgar Moore

# THE CALL OF THE WILD

While fishing in Lily Lake, Paul Montgomery discovered a small deer swimming about one hundred and fifty yards from the boat. He gave a gentle call of "baabaa". The deer turned and began coming directly to the boat.

When it had reached the side, Paul carefully lifted the small, wet creature into the boat beside him. He held his arm gently around it, it snuggled close for a few minutes.

Just then a large pickeral which had been napping in a pail of water, proceeded to jump about. Paul's companion caught the fish with a flying tackle.

Then the baby deer went into action with its small feet flying in all directions. Paul lifted it back into the water. It swam for shore where mama was no doubt waiting, with a sharp reprimand upon the evils of getting into boats with strange men - (especially Paul).

Lizetta Montgomery

### Alfred Dennison

Alfred E. Dennison was one of the chief architects of the Association. Not only had he been active in the earlier association, but he was also a leader in the reorganization which took place a few years ago. As the attorney for Mr. Durey, he played a major role in the development of our Swiss-like area, one of the most beautiful in the Adirondacks. His legal acumen and his wise counsel were generously given to the officers and the board. As churchmen (and also member of the board of the Chapel-in-the Woods) and community leader he deserves the accolade of a good citizen.

His wife was a member of a distinguished family. One brother became the U. S. Senator from Maryland and another (for years a resident on the south shore of Canada Lake) a renowned member of the bar and a college professor.

His children and grandchildren are carrying on the fine traditions of the family.

P. L. B.

#### CHAPELS

The Caroga Lake Chapel will open July 7. During that month The Rev. Maurice D. Robertson of Cumberland, Md. will be the preacher.

During August, Dr. Albert H. Van Dyke of Dumont, N. J. will be the pastor.

Mrs. Florence M. Rogers of Gloversville will be in charge of the music.

Kenneth Ormiston of Gloversville is the moving spirit of the chapel.

St. Barbara's Roman Catholic Chapel has opened at Caroga Lake for the summer. Rev. Paul J. Keeshan, pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church, which sponsors the chapel, said that during June one Mass will be said at 9 a.m.

During July and August there will be Masses at 8, 9, 10 and 11 each Sunday morning.

Services will be held through the last Sunday in October.