



### BOAT SAFETY REMINDERS

Be sure that you have a boat cushion for each person on board at all times.

Use running lights after sunset.

The speed limit within 100' of shore, decks, rafts, floats, or anchored boats is 5 m.p.h.

The speed limit during the period from a half hour after sunset to a half-hour before sunrise is 15 m.p.h.

Beware of B.W.I. (Boating While Intoxicated)

Be on the look out for floating logs, boards, etc.

Waterskiing is prohibited from sunset to one hour after sunrise.

Remember to have an observer 10 years of age or older when touring a water skier.

PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS BY ABIDING BY BOAT SAFETY RULES.

PLEASE HAVE A SAFE SUMMER!

BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER

*of Your*

CANADA LAKES  
PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION



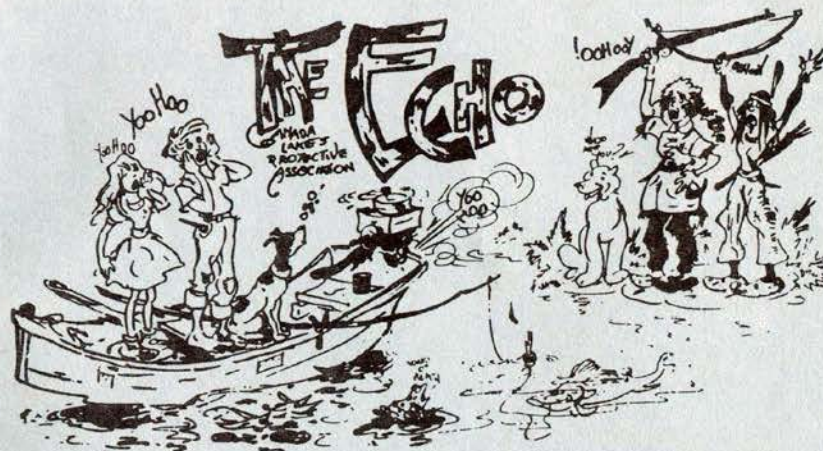
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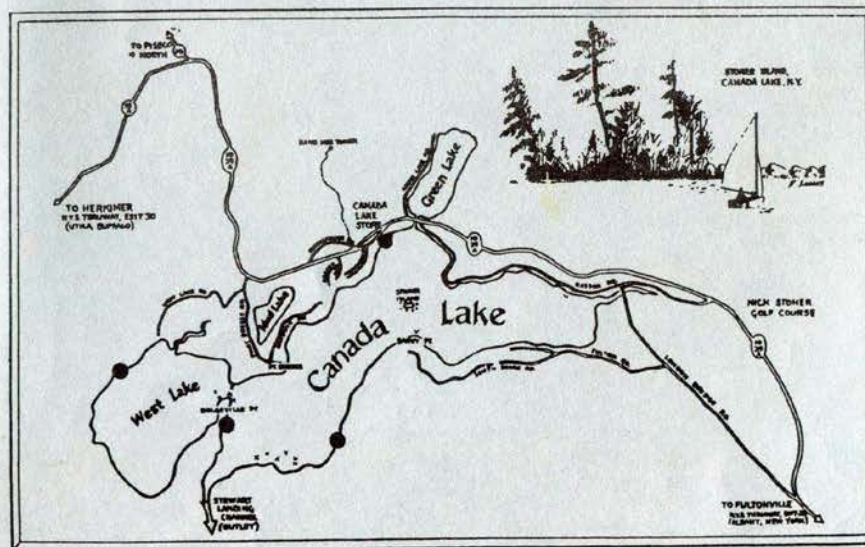
### IN MEMORIAM

During the past year we learned with deep sorrow of the deaths of:

*Dr. Harold Buckbee  
Al Lunden*



SUMMER 1989



x's on map indicate approximate location of rock hazards in lake.  
Caution is advised when boating in the vicinity of any indicated hazard.

●'s on map indicate location of fire pumps.



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Summer - 1989

|                  |   |           |
|------------------|---|-----------|
| <b>JUNE</b>      |   |           |
| 24               | CLPA Director's Meeting<br>White's Camp 9:30 a.m.   | 9:30 a.m. |
| <b>JULY</b>      |   |           |
| 1                | Flare Lighting (Saturday)                           | 9:30 p.m. |
| 8                | CLPA Annual Meeting<br>Wheelerville School          | 8:00 p.m. |
| 12               | Luncheon & Card Party<br>Nick Stoner Inn            | 12 noon   |
| <b>AUGUST</b>    |   |           |
| 5                | CLPA Director's Meeting<br>Location to be announced | 9:30 a.m. |
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b> |   |           |
| 2                | Flare Lighting (Saturday)                           | 9:00 p.m. |



### 1989 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

|                                     |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>President</b> .....              | Donald White       |
| <b>Lake Management VP</b> .....     | Lane Franz         |
| <b>Activities Coordinator</b> ..... | Diana Leaf Kessler |
| <b>Secretary</b> .....              | Michael Porter     |
| <b>Treasurer</b> .....              | Lois Miller        |
|                                     | Rink Fink          |

#### Directors and Terms: Terms Ending 1989

David Hoffman - 835-6056  
 Emily Langworthy - 835-2173  
 Dorothea Loomis - 835-3886  
 Lois Miller - 835-6703  
 Michael Porter - 835-8298  
 Donald White - 835-8430

#### Terms Ending 1990

Bill Fielding - 835-6069  
 Rick Fink - 835-6059/2479  
 Lane Franz - 835-6050  
 Brian McIntosh - 773-2737  
 Tim Mitchell - 835-6694  
 Alan Peck - .....  
 Bill Place - 835-4453

#### Terms Ending 1991

Jane Davis - 835-3707  
 Allen Farber - 835-3407  
 David A. Fisher, Jr. - 835-4404  
 Diana Leaf Kessler - 835-6454  
 Parks Landis - 835-6054  
 Dick LeFebvre - 835-3874  
 Bill Peck - 835-6879

## 1989 COMMITTEES

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Lake Management</b> .....               | Lane Franz   |
| <b>Safety</b> .....                        | Brian McIntosh<br>Paul Kukla<br>Parks Landis<br>Emily Langworthy<br>Harry McIntosh<br>Bill Fielding<br>Emily Langworthy<br>Tim Mitchell    |
| <b>Water Level</b> .....                   | Bob Petrie   |
| <b>Water Purity</b> .....                  | Bill Place<br>John Brower<br>Howaard Fiedler<br>Bud Osborn<br>Bill Peck  |
| <b>Environment and Ecology</b> .....       | Tim Mitchell<br>Lane Franz<br>Dick LeFebvre<br>Alan Peck<br>Mike Porter  |
| <b>Island Maintenance</b> .....            | Bill Fielding<br>Parker Davis<br>Rick Fink<br>Dave Fisher<br>Dorothea Loomis<br>Brian McIntosh<br>Alan Peck<br>Don White                   |
| <b>Water Acidity</b> .....                 | Tim Mitchell<br>Bill Fielding<br>Rick Fink<br>Parks Landis<br>Emily Langworthy<br>Harry McIntosh<br>Bill Peck<br>Don White                 |
| <b>Fishing</b> .....                       | Tim Mitchell<br>Clint Bachman<br>Jim Cannon<br>Bill Fielding<br>Parks Landis<br>Dorothea Loomis<br>Alan Peck<br>Mike Porter<br>Dan Yuenger |
| <b>Organization and Promotion</b>          |  |
| <b>Liaison To Assn. Outside CLPA</b> ..... | Emily Langworthy   |
| <b>Fire Department Coordinator</b> .....   | Bill Fielding  |
| <b>Fire Safety</b> .....                   | Bill Fielding<br>Rick Fink<br>Paul Franz<br>Emily Langworthy<br>Diana Leaf Kessler<br>Tim Mitchell<br>Alan Peck<br>Don White               |
| <b>Publicity</b> .....                     | Emily Langworthy<br>Allen Farber<br>Dave Fisher<br>Dorothea Loomis   |

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|                                     | Paul Franz<br>Emily Langworthy<br>Nancy Long Loomis<br>Tim Mitchell   |
| <b>Legal</b> .....                  | David Jung<br>Lowell Halverson<br>Diana Leaf Kessler<br>Lydon Maider  |
| <b>Membership</b> .....             | Doris McIntosh  |
| <b>Activities Coordinator</b> ..... | Jane Davis  |
| <b>Lake Activities</b> .....        | Jane Davis<br>Alan Farber<br>Rick Fink<br>Dave Fisher<br>Lane Franz<br>Lowell Halverson<br>Emily Langworthy<br>Michael Porter |
| <b>Flares</b> .....                 | Rick Fink<br>Diana Leaf Kessler   |
| <b>Echo</b> .....                   | Emily Langworthy  |
| <b>Sailing</b> .....                | Dave Fisher<br>Alan Farber<br>Lane Franz<br>Dick LeFebvre<br>Dick Loomis<br>Dorothea Loomis<br>Courtney Young, Jr.            |
| <b>Card Party</b> .....             | Emily Langworthy<br>Kate Farber<br>Lane Franz<br>Sue Mitchell<br>Dorothea Loomis<br>Mary Peck<br>Pauline Ryan<br>Nancy White  |
| <b>Winter Emergency</b> .....       | Bill Fielding<br>Dorothea Loomis<br>Brian McIntosh<br>Harry McIntosh<br>Tim Mitchell<br>Alan Peck                             |

Please drive cautiously and slowly when driving on the roads around Canada Lake this summer.



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As warm weather begins, our thoughts turn to summer activities at Canada Lake. I am happy to report that after much time and effort, ownership of Nick Stover Island passed from the C.L.P.A. to the State of New York on September 16, 1988. Lake residents will be able to enjoy the Island, however the C.L.P.A. will no longer be responsible for any liability related to Nick Stover Island.

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Your Directors will continue their active roles pertaining to summer activities and issues that arise. We encourage input from the membership regarding established activities and programs, as well as new ideas that could become new activities as interests are recognized. As your president, I would encourage all lake residents to ask: "What can I do to help keep our beautiful Canada Lakes the special place they are?" As important issues and activities are identified, volunteers are needed to implement programs addressing the needs of our Association.

Safety on our lakes is a topic that should be taken very seriously and stressed each season. Boating courtesy and good common sense, if practiced by all, will result in a fun, safe summer. Your association works closely with the Fulton County Sheriffs Department. If any dangerous or suspicious acts are observed either on or around the lakes, call the Sheriffs Department directly to report the problem.

Please attend the annual meeting Saturday, July 8th for information pertaining to various lake activities, such as sailing, relay races, etc. and important issues such as water Ph, boating safety and other new business.

Your Directors welcome any suggestions that will be helpful in carrying out our duties.

Have a happy and safe summer.

Dan White

**SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**  
**PHONE NUMBER**  
 762-3151

### CHANGES IN 1989 TOWN OF CAROGA DIRECTORY

**Dog Control Officer -**  
 Stephen Putman - 835-2099  
**Code Enforcement Officer -**  
 David Fonda - 835-4184  
**Sole Assessor -**  
 Richard Shell - 835-6060  
**Forest Ranger -**  
 Richard Van Lear - 1-315-429-3239



## CANADA LAKE STORE NEWS

The highlight of the winter of 1989 was a family vacation - the first lone one since we bought the store in 1973. We were able to get away in February on a ski vacation with the Mitchell family and friends.

This time together was especially important this year since Merryn, our oldest, is entering Binghamton State University in September. Heather will be a junior in Johnstown High School. Eric and Bret, who attend Wheelerville Union Free School, will be in eighth and fourth grades respectively.

We have enjoyed our winter break and are now shifting gears in preparation for summer. I might mention the "ice out" date for Canada Lake was April 29th. This late date crowds the work for Memorial Day into a few shorter weeks for the marina. Bill still has Howard Dutcher and Tom Elmendorf, two dedicated hard-working employees to assist him in service work and odd jobs.

It has been five years now that Robin Burakiewicz has worked for us in the store and marina year 'round. She has done an excellent job in all of her areas of responsibility.

This summer we have Hilary Davis, Jennifer Egan, Heather Fielding, Merryn Fielding, Erin Mitchell, Mike Mitchell and Kim Ward, an outstanding and energetic crew, to serve you in the store. In addition, Bret and Eric Fielding have various tasks related to the marina and store business which gives us a big helping hand.

The Post Office will continue to operate in the same manner as in previous years and will open from June 17th - September 8th. Your past and future support is always appreciated.

We look forward to greeting all of our friends as they return to the beautiful Canada Lakes and wish everyone a very healthy and happy summer.

Dorothy and Bill



## LOON LECTURE

The C.L.P.A. hopes to have as a guest speaker, Dr. Judith McIntyre, renowned loon expert and author of an April 1989 *National Geographic* article and a recently published book, "The Common Loon: Spirit of Northern Lakes". She is tentatively booked to present her program "Hello, I'm a Loon" on Saturday, August 5th at 8 p.m. However, her involvement in the Alaskan oil-spill clean up has prevented her from confirming this arrangement and may cause her to cancel. Further information will be posted on the C.L.P.A. Bulletin Board at the Canada Lake Store as available.

## ECHOES

Parks Landis announces that on May 12, 1988, he and Lucy Kells were married in Tavares, Florida.

He is also very happy to announce that his daughter, Nancy, and her husband, Gary Hochberger, had a son William, on March 7. This is Parks' first grandson, having a granddaughter, Brett Landis, by oldest son Frank, and his wife Penny. His son Bill is planning to get married soon to Kathy Reed. They are still in Schenectady.

From the Leafs: "The highlights of our year was definitely Diana's marriage to Bruce Kessler on September 24th. It was wonderful that so many of our lake friends could be with us on that joyous occasion.

Doug and I flew to Illinois to spend Thanksgiving with Cindy, Mark and their two daughters, ages 3 and 6. We look forward to having them with us at the lake this summer.

Doug and I spent almost two weeks at Caneel Bay, Virgin Islands, in March. We had a marvelous time enjoying beautiful beaches, swimming and endless sunshine.

Now, we're more than ready to return to Canada Lake for our 20th summer. Can't wait to see you all again!"

News items from the Brennan Family include the fact that Cathy and Greg Brennan are the proud parents of Alexandra Catherine, born July 31st, 1988. They also announce the engagement of Jon Brennan and Tara O'toole, and lastly but not least, the engagement of Timothy Brennan and Sheila McHugh.

## ECHOES

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Bill and Gerri Place plan to arrive on the South Shore about June 15th, after a tour of the Canary Islands, Spain, Morocco and Portugal with the Rev. and Mrs. Van Dyke of Caroga Lake Chapel farm as their leaders.

"We expect our grand-son Scott (17) to visit in early August before starting his college career at San Jose State.

See you all this summer, God willing."

Audrey and Leroy Smith have had a busy year. They celebrated Laurie and Michael's first anniversary with a wonderful vacation at their time-share condominium in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, with their family and Michaels - 11 of them.

"Laurie was overjoyed when her German Shepherd Brar, Kaiser V on Licten earned his championship in November.

Our daughter Jana became engaged on Valentine's Day and will be married St. Patrick's Day, 1990 to Tom Dykeman."

Daughter Sharon's wedding to Ensign Christopher Gustafson took place May 13th in Oneonta. They will be living in Graton, Conn., where he is the Supply Officer on the USS San Juan, the Navy's newest submarine.

After the wedding and Audrey's 3 dance recitals in June, they are all looking forward to their 17th season at beautiful Canada Lake.

Louis Nehr has been going to his camp on the South Shore since 1929. He will be ninety (90) years old in October and has been camping at beautiful Canada Lake for sixty (60) years! A record?

The Rohrs - Healey Family are celebrating their 70th year at the lake. Chris and Kathy Rohrs have a new daughter, Mary Grace. They make their home in Grasse Point Farms, Michigan.

Irene and Jon Healey's great grandchildren now number 22, and Joanne and George Rohrs' 14 - and they all spend a part of the summer at the lake.

The Langworthys of North Shore Green Lake are celebrating the 80th birthday of Camp Ruffit this year, founded by Elmer and Anna Hoffman, the maternal grandparents of Emily-Ann and Harry Wells Langworthy. The camp was run as a tent colony resort from 1909 to 1918. One of the present buildings incorporates the original cooking shed.

**Milestones figure largely for all these families, but it is with sadness that we include news of a milestone of a different sort:**

"Dear Friends,

It is with regrets that I am leaving the lake. I take with me, many fond memories. Hal was the center and the life of those happy days. Now he is gone, taking with him the joy and the challenge.

I am "retiring" to an adult community in Long Island, complete with medical care, recreation center, etc.

It is only our "au revoir" as I hope to come back for visits.

I will miss you all."

Georgette Buckbee



## CANADA LAKE SAILING CLUB NEWS

The sailing Club is looking forward to a fresh year of sailing on Canada Lake. Races will be the same schedule as last year:

Saturdays, 2 p.m. at "Franzport". Classes are A and B Sunfish and A and B Super Sunfish. We encourage new sailors, young and old, to join us. Help is available on rules, tactics, and rigging. We look forward to seeing you in our July and August series.

The Club meeting will be 10 a.m. Sunday, July 2nd, at Dave Fisher's camp, South Shore Road, and the 4th of July race at 2 p.m., the 2nd.

The Relay Race will be July 30th, at noon, rain or shine -- count on it. The gray tide needs youthful competition!

Hope to see you.

Sincerely,  
Dave Fisher  
Commandant





## GARBAGE COLLECTION

...is made on Monday on all public roads throughout the year and in addition on Fridays during the months of July-September. Garbage to be collected includes all table scraps and refuse and the cans and containers in which they came; it does not include trash, junk or loose garbage. Bag your garbage and put it in a well-secured can or suspend it out of reach of animals.

Dump permits now are required. They are obtainable from the Town Clerk for \$1 for cars and \$20 for pick-up trucks. Temporary permits for pick-up trucks are \$5.

Please note - changes in dump hours at Town of Caroga Landfill as set by the County of Fulton are as follows:

Monday - 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 Wednesday - 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
 Friday - 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 Saturday - 7 a.m. - 12 noon

No demolition or construction debris is allowed.

## FIRE TIPS

Have at least one fire extinguisher per building.

Have a hose, with nozzle, hooked up to an outside faucet.

Know where the nearest fire pump (red box) is located. (Sonnenburg's on West Lake, Warren Dennie's on S. Shore, Bob Petrie's on Dolgeville Point, and in Bill Fielding's work boat.)

Know how to operate these pumps or ask any Director for instructions.

Fire Department phone number: 762-4501 or dial OPERATOR and ask for "Enterprise Fire"

## TOWN OF CAROGA CHURCHES

### Caroga Chapel

Starting July 2 thru Labor Day -  
 Sing-along at ..... 10:45 A.M.  
 Services ..... 11:00 A.M.

### St. Barbara's Chapel

June: Saturdays only ..... 5:30 P.M.  
 July: Labor Day:  
 Saturday Mass ..... 5:50 P.M.  
 Sunday Mass ..... 9:00 A.M.  
 10:30 A.M.

After Labor Day - same as June thru Sept. 3  
 North Bush Methodist Church ..... 11:00 A.M.



## BOAT SAFETY QUIZ

1. Which is a power-driven vessel, for the purposes of New York State Boating regulations?

- A. an inboard/outboard motor boat
- B. a water bike
- C. a jet-ski
- D. all of the above

ANSWER: D

2. Which is **NOT** considered a vessel under power?

- A. Rett Boswell's Sunfish crossing the finish line
- B. Dave Fisher pulling Steve Smith behind the ski boat
- C. a fishing boat trolling with a 2 h.p. kicker
- D. the Mitchell Racing canoe in the Relay Races

ANSWER: D

*Boating laws distinguish between speed and power. Mechanically propelled (power) recreational vessels have some different responsibilities and restrictions from "people-powered" craft, regardless of speed.*

3. Any and all vessels under power (see 1 & 2) MUST:

- A. give way to vessels not under "command" (power)
- B. stay 100' from shore, dock, float or anchored boat if going more than 5 m/p/h/ (which is barely moving)
- C. have a "P.F.D." for all on board
- D. all of the above

ANSWER: D again!

*A further note: a stepper is responsible for damage caused by his wake.*

4. A "P.F.D." is a:

- A. pretty friendly driver
- B. personal flotation device
- C. positively frenzied duck
- D. none of the above

ANSWER: B

*The number and type of Personal Flotation Device required varies with the type of vessel. However, every recreational vessel (which includes sailboats, canoes, jet skis, paddleboats, etc.) must carry at least one U.S. Coast Guard approved "P.F.D." for each person on board AND BEING TOWED ON WATER SKIS, TUBES, ETC.*

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## BOAT SAFETY QUIZ

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5. A boat towing water skiers (tubes, etc.) must:
- A. have an observer on board who is at least 10 years old
  - B. stay 100' from shore, docks, moored boats, and floats except when leaving or returning to shore.
  - C. give right-of-way to all vessels not mechanically propelled
  - D. all of the above

ANSWER: D

*The 100' limit in B applies also to the skier. The safety of the skier and of swimmers is an important reason for following this rule.*

6. Water skiing and similar activities are restricted to the hours between:

- A. one hour after sunrise, and sunset
- B. half hour before sunrise and half hour after sunset
- C. sunrise and sunset
- D. half hour after sunrise and half hour before sunset

ANSWER: A

*Although it often seems to be "light enough" on the lake, it is VERY DANGEROUS for a fallen skier and for other boaters to not observe this rule. There is a definite contradiction, legally and logically, for a boat to have its running lights on while pulling a skier!*

7. Which of the following vessels require lights at night?

- A. I/Os and outboards
- B. canoes and rowboats
- C. sailboats
- D. all of the above

ANSWER: D

*Although the types of lights required vary, even canoes and rowboats need to be able to show a white light. Sailboats underway require the same white sternlight/red-green bow lights as boats under power.*

8. Who may operate a power boat?

- A. anyone over 16
- B. anyone over 10 who has passed the N.Y.S. Boating Course
- C. anyone under 10 with a driver over 16
- D. all of the above

ANSWER: D

*Any of the A's who have not received a nearly perfect score on this quiz or who do not know the rules of the nautical road should take the home-study New York State Basic Boating Course. Copies may be obtained by contacting the N.Y.S. Department of Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Marine and Recreational Vehicles - 1-800-336-BOAT.*

9. Anyone who has concerns or complaints about boat usage and safety first should contact:

- A. a neighbor
- B. the C.L.P.A. President
- C. the local marina owner
- D. the Sheriff's Department

ANSWER: D

*Robert Winchell is the Deputy Sheriff assigned to our lakes. He will be patrolling randomly day and night. A phone call to the Sheriff's Office will result in communication with him or the dispatching of a patrol car or a "boat sheriff" from another lake if need be. Deputy Winchell has expressed his desire and determination to help us make the Canada Lakes a safe place for all of us to enjoy our diverse interests and pastimes without endangering lives or property, or encroaching upon the rights and pleasures of others. Help him help us by being careful and considerate boaters and passengers.*

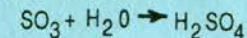
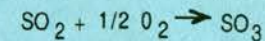


Sue Steinhauer of the Steinhauer/Caldwell Camp sent the following definition:

pH is measured on a scale from 0 to 14. A reading of 8 - 14 indicates a basic solution, higher the pH, the more basic the solution is. A reading of 0 - 6 indicates an acidic solution. The stronger the acid, the lower the pH. A neutral solution has a pH of 7.

The pH meter is actually measuring the negative log (symbolized by lower case p) of the amount of Hydrogen Ions (symbolized by capital H) in a solution.

Acid rain is formed when Sulfur Dioxide (from air pollutants) are converted to Sulfuric Acid by a 2 step chemical process.



and is precipitated with rain fall.

The dilute Sulfuric Acid in the rain fall dissociates in our rivers and lakes. This increases the amount of Hydrogen Ions. When the negative log is taken of the increased Hydrogen Ions a lower pH results.



## WATER LEVEL

At present writing, the State has postponed plans to repair the Stewart's Landing Dam due to budget cuts. However, the fall draw-down schedule would be altered if these plans are reactivated. Keep an eye on the C.L.P.A. Bulletin Board at the Store for any changes.

Comments, concerns or complaints about water levels should be made DIRECTLY to Rudy Peters or Wayne Blanchard (863-8216/4545), Department of Environmental Conservation, Northville.

It is important to note that although the dam may be open, the water level still may go up, not down, depending on the runoff into the lake, being greater than the runoff from the lake, due to physical restrictions in the channel to Stewart's Landing.



## VANISHING LANDMARKS

We all know that change is inevitable, but who would have guessed that our local landmarks worthy of preservation could disappear so quickly and so completely?

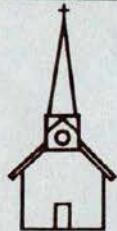
First, we lost the quaint elegance of the Nick Stoner Inn. Then, Sherman's became the implausible xeroids and away went the venerable Penny Arcade with its crazy mirror and the witchy, old lady who, for a coin, handed over your weight and your fortune. Now, we have lost our unique dump and worse, we have lost Joe who transformed that spot into a veritable museum.

There have been many dumps and as many caretakers in the last sixty years in the Town of Caroga. Until Joe came, they were all alike --odorous, fly-ridden, alive with vermin. Finally we had a place that was not only spotlessly clean but fun too. Visiting friends and relatives could be seen taking snapshots there; local people went to chat with Joe as well as out of necessity.

What has happened? The fun is gone and Joe is gone also. He was not fired; he left in rebellion over some new rules and regulations, concocted by the Solid Waste officials. He was to remove all those wonderful signs and decorations. They were a "safety hazard". He was to wear a hard hat because of his "hazardous" work. He was to confine himself to the garbage and metal disposal area, forbidden to go even to the brush-burning section. He could not go home for lunch and a wash-up despite the fact that there is no rest room or running water at the dump site.

Our loss, but whose gain? In exchange for ever-rising taxes which pay the salaries of people who made these petty and unnecessary rules, we have lost what was probably the most unique dump in New York State and our meticulous, genial, creative caretaker. Another vanished landmark? Not a fair bargain!!!

Mabel Kane



## The Church in the Dale

by Edgar E. Moore

When we moved to Canada Lake in 1950, our children were too young to enter school, but we did want them to enroll in Sunday School. The Chapel at Caroga Lake, the Catholic Church, and the Methodist Church at North Bush were open for services only during the summer months. One day, during a conversation with two other ladies, Mrs. Eva Hillock and Mrs. Emma Delahanty, my wife Lois, brought up the subject of the lack of a Sunday School in the community. Mrs. Delahanty mentioned the North Bush Methodist Church as a possibility and it was decided to contact the trustees, seeking permission for the use of the church. Suiting action to the words a meeting was held with the trustees, permission was given for use of the church. The first hurdle was over, and in 1951, for the first time in many years, the church doors would be open for year 'round religious services and for Sunday School. The word quickly spread through town, children coming from as far away as Pine Lake.

There was no central heating system, heat being supplied by a so called pot burner heatrola. In the winter months, Claude Burch would light the burner Saturday night, and neither were there modern facilities. The last of the "one holers" served as our relief station. Located some distance from the church, a "shoveling the path" detail was formed to clear the path for those seeking its facilities.

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We soon found, as all organizations do, that our income didn't meet our outgo, so our first money making venture was an ice cream social. The ice cream part was correctly named. Mrs. Wesley Foster donated the use of her front lawn, and a date was set. It was a wrong date and a wrong product. We should have served coffee. The day was cold and windy, and though we had many looks of sympathy the sales were practically nil. Fortunately, that was not an omen as the events of the past 32 years have proven.

Our first Christmas party was most successful. Some of the older residents remarked that they had not seen that church so filled with children and adults in many a year. The spirit of Christmas filled with children and adults in many a year. The spirit of Christmas filled the air, and it must have brought gladness to the timbers of that edifice as it did to the hearts and minds of those who organized and to those who took part in the exercises.

Attending the services set aside for children participation and often when listening to the adult choir as they take part in the morning service memories come back when I was a youngster growing up in Dolgeville. One Children's Day exercise, in which I took part, I would almost rather forget. The dress shoes for boys in those days were white, pointed toe, no straps nor shoe laces. Saturday we had gone shopping, and to go with my new clothes, a pair of shoes. Sunday, the morning of the childrens program, I paraded in front of my parents for their inspection. It was then discovered that what I had thought were good fitting shoes, were too long. I was given a severe lecture on "didn't I know, or couldn't I tell when a shoe fits"? No stores were open on Sunday, so there was nothing else to do but stuff paper in the toes and hope it would work. When my class started marching up the steps to the stage for our part in the program, one shoe came off. I don't recall much more, except it wasn't a good day. I do think though, I was marked for life as

every pair of new shoes bought since then don't seem to fit right. When our children took part in the North Bush church exercises, I hoped their shoes wouldn't come off, or they wouldn't trip over their shoe laces.

Then there was Fred Stone, one of our choir members. He was a tall, very distinguished looking gentleman with a "Smith Brothers" beard which seemed to go with his deep bass voice and when singing the chorus of 'The Church in the Wildwood' it made a lasting impression on me. Mr. Stone was one of the founders of Stones Foks Department Store. Along the front of one counter were folding stools. Here I would sit with my mother while she selected dress material, patterns, etc. Whenever I saw Mr. Stone, I probably stared at him, wondering if maybe he would sing. He never did.

When we visit the North Bush Methodist Church today - we marvel at the many improvements which have been made since its humble reopening in 1952. In the sanctuary, new chandeliers have been installed, new wall-to-wall carpeting, new pews (replacing the old-style folding theater chairs) and at the front entrance, new doors. A cellar was excavated making room for a modern kitchen, a heating plant and a large dining and social room. These improvements have come about by not only hard volunteer work, but also from monies received in honor of deceased members, and friends of the church. And last, but not least, modern indoor plumbing and facilities.

Money making events include the ice cream social which has grown in popularity, and two roast beef suppers, one in May and the other in October. The suppers have become so popular it was necessary to move to larger quarters, the Wheelerville School.

The growth of the church has been made possible through the guidance of Rev. Joseph Beatty who retired in 1987 after 30 years of devoted service. It continues to grow under the leadership of its new pastor, Rev. Wm. S. Rowe IV. Many of the church members are active in community affairs of both the town and



Caroga Lake.

I often think of the North Bush Church and how it was in those days of its beginning long ago. Surely the words of that old hymn, "The Church in the Wildwood", were applicable - it was the church in the wild wood, the church in the vale and it continues to serve the community today.

Edgar E. Moore

Canada Lake  
Summers End

I dedicate this poem to my father and my mother who have been patient and understanding through the years; who taught me to understand and appreciate the beauty of the Adirondacks (especially Canada Lake); and without whom the inspiration for this poem would never have been possible. This is also for Walt, Greg and Grampie, and all of my friends on "the point" and to all of the other families who are lucky enough to have shared our special home..... Canada Lake.

The slow steady splash  
of waves against the dock,  
the wake of a boat  
long gone by.

Reflection in the water  
of a little girl,  
bucked teeth, blonde hair  
and wonder in her big blue eyes.

The wild eerie call  
of the loon echo's  
searching for her mate -  
'Where aaare you, where aaare you?'

*A sunny (or not),  
dangling from a branch.  
A cool nipping breeze,  
reminiscent of the snow to come.*

*Slowly,  
the leaf floats down,  
hanging in the air  
as if for one last breath.*

*Tiny ripples  
break the stillness of the lake.  
Crimson shadow,  
mirrored a thousand times.*

*Mergansers,  
splashing by the float,  
diving for one least meal,  
before the long journey south.*

*Ominous grey clouds  
rolling in over Lilly Lake,  
veiling the colorful palate  
of the mountains, water and sky.*

*They bring with them  
a new cold breath of air,  
opening the door wide  
to a new season.*

*Seasons pass so quickly,  
and I may not always be able to share  
in them,  
but they will always be a part of me.  
The memories are forever, branded in  
my heart.*

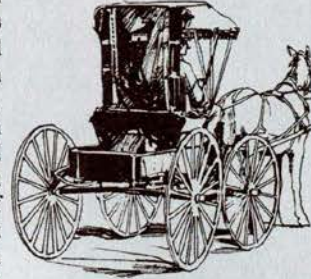


Amanda Young  
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ASSOCIATION & MUSEUM

"The Homestead"

After surviving a grim winter, we are all looking forward to a summer of sun and fun. The Caroga Historical Association and Museum is planning a series of events which will entertain you, enlighten you and make you proud of the fact that you live in such a beautiful and heritage filled area of the Adirondacks.



We are planning an exhibit in our Exhibit Barn featuring rustic Adirondack furniture. It appears that Adirondack furniture is being "rediscovered" by interior designers of our time. We hope to display all forms of twig furniture which those who live in the resort area have taken for granted all these years. We know that it is attractive and unique and deserves the attention it is receiving, so we hope our focus on it will be appreciated by visitors to the Museum. An added attraction to the Adirondack furniture will be photographs of Adirondack scenes by area photographers which, according to Dr. Barbara McMartin, will include nearly 40 of her black and white prints.

The "Caroga Wildlife of Yesterday and Today" exhibit has been such a hit with young and old alike, that we are making it a permanent display in the left of the Exhibit Barn. Don't discard your mounted animals around your camps - bring them to the Museum.

The collection of artifacts is an ongoing activity at the Museum; therefore, we are appealing to you to either loan or donate any artifacts you may have pertaining to the former leather tanning industry which existed in Caroga in the late 1800's which

would be pertinent to our collection efforts.

Museum Coordinator, Mrs. Inger McDaniel, will be available Tuesday through Friday during our open hours to accept any artifacts which will enhance our collection.

President Emma B. Krause would appreciate the continued cooperation of old volunteers and looks forward to new volunteers who can help continue to operate the Museum successfully.

Visit "The Homestead" this summer, participate in our special events and fund raisers and help us fulfill our motto: "Promote Caroga's Future by Taking a Step Into the Past."

Mary Tasheff  
Publicity Coordinator

Caroga Historical  
Association & Museum  
Summer 1989 Museum Schedule

"The Homestead":

- July 1 Formal Opening of the Museum
- July 1- July 31 Exhibit of Adirondack Furniture & Photographs
- July 29- July 30 Craft Fair & Museum Fest. Sat. & Sun.
- July & August Story - telling Hour and Lectures
- Aug. Dates to be announced

FUND RAISING EVENTS

- June 10 Annual Chicken & Biscuit Dinner, Wheelerville School
- July 29 Bake Sale at "The Homestead"
- Aug. 10 Annual Luncheon Card Party, Nick Stoner Inn

PERMANENT EXHIBITS

- Leather Tanning in Caroga area 1865 - 1890
- Vintage Farm Equipment
- Caroga Wildlife - Today & Yesterday

MUSEUM HOURS: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Tuesday - Sunday



The major problem with our present building is space - insufficient and improperly designed space. The people in the Wheelerville School District deserve a school facility designed to provide their children with an educational program that will meet their needs for the year 2000, which is only 11 years away!

### Educational Adequacy

| <u>Subject</u>     | <u>Existing Square Feet</u> | <u>State Requirements Square Feet</u> | <u>State Compliance</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Kindergarten       | 640                         | 900                                   | No                      |
| First Grade        | 625                         | 770                                   | No                      |
| Teacher Aid        | 50                          | ----                                  | ---                     |
| Second Grade       | 480                         | 770                                   | No                      |
| Third Grade        | 700                         | ----                                  | No                      |
| Speech Therapist   | 180                         | ----                                  | ---                     |
| Resource Area      | 120                         | ----                                  | ---                     |
| Fourth Grade       | 723                         | 770                                   | No                      |
| Locker Area        | 127                         | ----                                  | ---                     |
| Fifth Grade        | 430                         | 770                                   | No                      |
| Middle School      |                             |                                       |                         |
| Classroom          | 700                         | 770                                   | No                      |
| Classroom          | 1040                        | 770                                   | Yes                     |
| Science            | 1040                        | 770                                   | Yes                     |
| Special Programs   |                             |                                       |                         |
| Music              | 710                         | 770                                   | No                      |
| Art                | 670                         | 770                                   | No                      |
| PSEN/Reading       | 700                         | 770                                   | No                      |
| Special Education  | 320                         | 770                                   | No                      |
| Library            | 500                         | 1500                                  | No                      |
| Technology         | 480                         | 1800                                  | No                      |
| Home & Careers     | 700                         | 1200                                  | No                      |
| Physical Education | 2640                        | 3168                                  | No                      |
| <b>TOTALS</b>      | <b>14800</b>                | <b>18808</b>                          | <b>No</b>               |

Dear C.L.P.A. Members,

Rather than "reinvent the wheel" we have decided to share the bulk of the school referendum publicity with you verbatim. In this way, it is hoped that you will be able to understand the options considered and the reasons for the decisions made by the Board of Education and the majority of the voters to build a new K-8 Wheelerville Union Free School.

During the summer and fall, a Citizen's Advisory Committee met with Board members and school officials to become families with the options and proposals, and to provide an additional level of input and information dispersal. This committee consisted of Emma Krause, Emmeran Arnst, Bob Litz, Cathy Ferrara, Emily Langworthy, Harry Hayner and Ken Hulbert.

Public information meetings held on Nov. 14th and Nov. 29th, 1988 were very well-attended. Board members, Principal Jim Izzo, financial consultant Bernard Donegan, architect Edmund Luzine, as well as members of the Advisory Committee; fielded a full range of questions and responded to every comment and complaint voiced as thoroughly as possible.

We have heard comments to the effect that the Board kept its proposals under wraps until the summer people were gone, and scheduled the bond issue referendum for December for that same reason. In actual fact, such timing was part of a process that had begun several years ago and which was affected by external schedules. Much of the timing revolved around the feasibility studies which were not completed until early July; the rest of the timeline fell in place from that point.

We hope that you will find the attached material informative and that it will answer any questions you might have about what has transpired.

William J. Fielding  
School Board Member

Emily-Ann Langworthy  
Citizens Advisory Committee Member



### WHAT IS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ASKING?

On Tuesday, December 6, 1988, District voters will have the opportunity to pass or reject the proposal to build an entirely new K-B School building and bus garage on a new, 20 acre site, at a cost of as much as \$4,295,000. After a thorough exploration of its options, the Board is asking you to approve.

### WHY?

As you will note, on the attached Exhibit A, our existing building and our existing lot fall far below the minimum N.Y.S. Department of Education's requirements for a school of any size (Commissioner's Regulations, Section 155.1). One way or another, we must bring Wheelerville into compliance, preferably before the State issues costly "right-away" deadlines to us.

Not only can we not modify the existing structure on the existing lot -- minimum is + 13 usable acres, and we have 2.44 -- we have absolutely no further ability to accommodate increased enrollment, up 10% again this year.

In a nutshell: we can't stay here.

### WHAT ARE OUR OPTIONS?

The Board has preceded you in the examination of the following alternatives, and we have done so with two criteria in mind:

1. The welfare of our students, and
2. The cost to the District taxpayer.

A. Replace the existing structure, or at least its wooden parts, with a modern facility, on the same site. State Ed. has informed us flatly, and early on, that this is out. Not only is that lot too small, but also we cannot purchase land, at any price, to add to it which would produce a lot of the shape State Ed. would allow. In addition, the reorganization and expansion of what is salvageable of the existing building (not much), would undoubtedly cost more than going out into a bare field and starting all over again.

(Although not one of our criteria, we would also like to save, in the public's interest, a building of significant local historic interest.)

B. Merge. As long ago as 1958, New York State Education Department had scheduled Wheelerville for merger with the Gloversville District. Up until now, this Board never seriously considered old merger suggestions; lately it has been shown that generally mergers didn't work out as expected, both from an educational and a cost standpoint (Cornell University report, 1986). However, we took a good, long re-look at merger, and rejected it for three compelling reasons:

1. Cost: Wheelerville has one of the State's highest full value property assessments per pupil (\$153,345 compared to a State average of \$118,500, with Gloversville at \$66,446), and one of the State's lower debt burdens. A great many factors would impact the resultant "blended" tax rate after a merger, and it would be inaccurate and unfair to state that area taxes would simply increase 230%, or any other hastily calculated number. However, it is fair to assume that Wheelerville District area taxes would increase in an amount substantially higher, in the long run, through merger than that increase created by any other option.

2. Student Benefits: Because of their greater size surrounding districts are able to offer a longer list of academic and athletic choices to students in the upper grades. Our grades 9 through 12 currently have access to an excellent range of courses and sport electives at Johnstown; merger would simply subject small children to long bus rides and "large school disorientation", with no corresponding benefit to their education.

Although it has been proven that a small school environment and a family" atmosphere enhance a child's ability to learn, and interest in learning, this becomes one of the first sacrifices to a merger of the proposed work.

Worse yet, large schools today are subject to negative social influences and practices that, at this time, seen beyond their ability to control. Our district cannot guarantee that an attending student will not come into contact with drug users, drug sellers and carriers of social diseases. We can guarantee this: IT ISN'T TAKING PLACE IN OUR HALLS AND CLASSROOMS.

3. Control: Great changes are taking place in public education, largely as a result of a common perception that our nation's students have not been keeping pace with the learning of students in other developed nations. We hope that all these changes will produce a real improvement in American and New York State Education. Based on experience and logic, some will, some won't and some will prove worse than current practice.

Our District feels that it is important that we retain some degree of control over which of these we choose to implement, and how we choose to apply these changes to our children. Considering our size, this would be lost in any merger.

C. Bus to Johnstown, Grades 6, 7 and 8. Unfortunately, this would solve none of our problems; the status of the existing school still would be unacceptable in the eyes of the State, we still would be faced with building or merging, and the resultant loss in State Aid (for the missing students) would amount to \$109,279.

Worse yet, we'd have to pay \$76,500 in tuition in addition to the \$80,000 presently paid to Johnstown (assuming they don't again raise it).

We found absolutely no merit to this option.

D. Build. Building would help to resolve once and for all the future of the Wheelerville Union Free School District. The building plan proposes a way to provide the necessary facilities for learning for today and the future. It would allow us to meet the new requirements of the Regents Action Plan and Part 100 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. In doing so, the people of Wheelerville School District would be assured of maintaining local control over both fiscal and educational policies of their own school district.