

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.

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

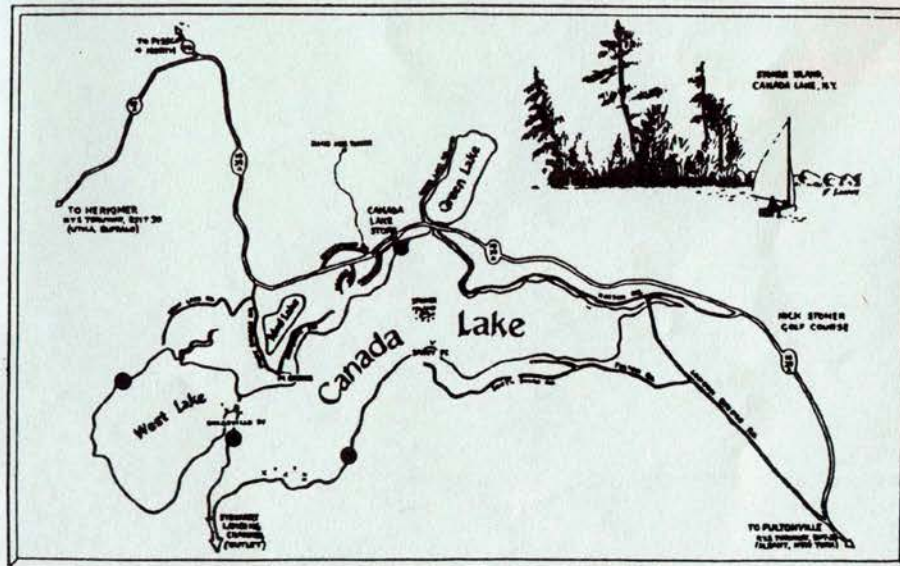
Help

MAKE IT HELP YOU!!

ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE ECHO MAY
BE PURCHASED FROM HARRY MCINTOSH.



SUMMER 1990



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 1990

JUNE:

24 CLPA Directors Meeting 9:30 am
Lefebvre's Camp

30 Flare Lighting (Saturday) 9:30 pm

JULY:

7 CLPA Annual Meeting 8:00 pm
Wheelerville School

11 Luncheon & Card Party 12 noon
The Outlet

28 Relay Race & 2nd Annual CLPA Picnic

AUGUST:

11 CLPA Director's Meeting 9:30 am
Location to be announced

SEPTEMBER:

1 Flare Lighting (Saturday) 9:00 pm

*The following is the slate of officers
for the 1990 season.*

President Dick Lefebvre
Lake Management VP Lane Franz
Activities Coordinators
..... Diana Leaf Kessler
..... Michael Porter
Secretary Lois Miller
Treasurer Rink Fink

Directors:

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 835-3894
Bill Peck 835-6879

Terms Ending 1992:

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

1990 COMMITTEES:

Lake Management Lane Franz
Safety Dick Lefebvre
..... Brian McIntosh
..... Paul Kukla
..... Parks Landis

..... Emily Langworthy
..... Harry McIntosh
Water Level Bill Place
..... Emily Langworthy
..... Tim Mitchell
..... Bob Petrie

Water Purity Bill Place
..... John Brower
..... Howard Fielder
..... Bill Fielding
..... Rick Fink
..... Parks Landis
..... Emily Langworthy
..... Harry McIntosh
..... Bud Osborn
..... Alan Peck
..... Bill Peck
..... Don White

Environment & Ecology David Hoffman
..... Bill Fielding
..... Rick Fink
..... Lane Franz
..... Dick Lefebvre
..... Tim Mitchell
..... Alan Peck
..... Mike Porter
..... Don White

Island Maintenance Bill Fielding
..... Tori Davis
..... Rick Fink
..... Dave Fisher
..... Dorothea Loomis
..... Brian McIntosh
..... Alan Peck
..... Don White

Fishing Tim Mitchell
..... Clint Bachman
..... Jim Cannon
..... Bill Fielding
..... Parks Landis
..... Dorothea Loomis
..... Alan Peck
..... Mike Porter
..... Dan Yuenger

Organization & Promotion
Liaison to Assn. Outside CLPA
..... Emily Langworthy
Fire Department Coordinator
..... Bill Fielding

Fire Safety Bill Fielding
..... Rick Fink
..... Paul Franz

Emily Langworthy
Diana Leaf Kessler
Tim Mitchell
Alan Peck
Don White

Publicity Emily Langworthy
..... Allen Farber
..... Dave Fisher
..... Dorothea Loomis

Nominating Alan Peck
..... Paul Franz
..... Emily Langworthy
..... Nancy Long Loomis
..... Tim Mitchell

Legal Diana Leaf Kessler
..... David Jung
..... Lowell Halverson
..... Lydon Maider

Membership Doris McIntosh
Activities Coordinator Jane Davis
Lake Activities Jane Davis
..... Allen Farber
..... Rick Fink
..... Dave Fisher
..... Lane Franz
..... Diana Leaf Kessler
..... Emily Langworthy
..... Lois Miller
..... Michael Porter

Flares Rick Fink
..... Diana Leaf Kessler
..... Fritz Aldinger
..... Jennifer Egan
..... Heather Fielding
..... Merryn Fielding
..... Erin Mitchell
..... Michael Mitchell
..... Kim Ward
..... Luke Yuenger

Echo Emily Langworthy
Sailing Dave Fisher
..... Alan Farber
..... Lane Franz
..... Dick Lefebvre
..... Dick Loomis
..... Dorothea Loomis
..... Courtney Young, Jr.

Card Party Emily Langworthy
..... Kate Farber
..... Lane Franz
..... Gay Lefebvre
..... Sue Mitchell
..... Dorothea Loomis

Winter Emergency Bill Fielding
..... Dorothea Loomis
..... Brian McIntosh
..... Harry McIntosh
..... Tim Mitchell
..... Alan Peck

**PLEASE DRIVE CAUTIOUSLY &
SLOWLY WHEN DRIVING ON THE
ROADS AROUND CANADA LAKE
THIS SUMMER.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have waited until the last possible moment to write my message for this season's ECHO in the hopes that I would be able to tell you that the work on our dam has been, or is nearing completion. To date, I can inform you that my latest conversations with the State engineer tell us that the dam will close on June 8 and that we should have water - depending on the variables of rain and the amount of water in our lake when the dam is closed - by June 15. My own personal investigation would lead me to believe that there are possibilities that these dates could change. I have requested of the State engineer that we converse weekly, and I will post on the association's bulletin board at the store a weekly progress and targeted dates for closing of the dam. There have also been rumors that perhaps the water will go down early again in the fall so that they could complete the restoration project on our dam. I have pleaded with the State to be up front and honest with us so that we could inform the membership of their plans. You have my assurances that we will continue to work to keep you fully apprised as to what is happening at Stewart's Landing.

I look forward to the coming season and working with the Directors as we plan activities for your lake. I would hope that you become active in the association's business. We have tasks from last summer that are ongoing and will need work. I speak specifically of water purity, investigation of spraying and also planning our activities of the season. Water safety is always an issue and I would encourage that we all review the water and boating safety rules of our lake, as well as help to instruct visitors to our lake of the safety rules we feel are most appropriately imposed on our lake. It is the association's intent to work closely with the sanitation officer of Caroga Lake as well as the Sheriff of Fulton County to see all that we have here remains in its most beautiful condition.

Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your directors. You will see that we continue with our usual schedule of having our director's meeting preceding our annual meeting. I would encourage that all

members attend the annual meeting so that we can keep abreast of what is happening at our lake and we can also in a unified way find a way to best solve our problems. So that the message to you doesn't sound only of the political or business issues, please be assured that the association's leadership and directors will work equally as hard with recreational items such as sailing, card parties, flare lighting and other activities that the association would desire.

Your directors and leadership offer to you a welcome back, coupled with a sincere wish that you have a healthy and happy summer.

Sincerely,
Dick Lefebvre

EDITORIAL NOTE

Due to the fact that the firm which had previously printed the ECHO closed this spring we have had to find a new printer. This situation has enabled us to bring the C.L.P.A.'s business to a local company, a move which we feel is appropriate. The good news/bad news effects of these unscheduled changes are that we can bring you an update on the dam situation, but that is possible only because the ECHO is coming to you unavoidably late.

Pres. Lefebvre reported that as of June 10th the Field Engineers and D.E.C. officials were hopeful that the lower gate would be reassembled and the dam closed by June 22nd. They also were hopeful that we would have water at summer level by July 4th.

Don't get your hopes up any higher than the present water level; keep an eye on the bulletin board at the store.

Furthermore - D.E.C. has notified us that they will have to draw down early this fall, and they are looking at a date SHORTLY AFTER LABOR DAY. Plan accordingly!

THE ADIRONDACK PARK NOW AND IN THE 21st CENTURY

The report of the Commission on the Adirondacks in the 21st Century has generated much controversy and concern. We urge you to familiarize yourself with the proposals and to voice your opinions to your New York State lawmakers and to

Governor Cuomo. Whether you are a New York State resident or not, you pay taxes on your Adirondack property and should be heard when it comes to matters of how those taxes will be spent and what regulations may affect your property. The N.Y.S. Senator for our area is Hugh Farley and the Representative is Glenn Harris. Mail to Farley should be addressed to N.Y.S. Senate, Albany 12247; mail to Harris at the N.Y.S. Assembly, Albany 12248; and to Governor Cuomo at the Executive Chambers, Capitol Building, Albany 12224.

Copies of the Commission report can be obtained from the Adirondack Commission, 2 City Square, Albany 12207 or call (518) 426-0661. Copies of the summary have been made available at the Canada Lake Store and other locations and can be obtained in quantity from the commission named above.

HOLDING TANK REGULATION - Local Law No. 1 for 1989 requires owners of holding tanks to have them emptied at least once a year and/or when it becomes 75% full or except on appeal to the Sanitary Inspector. **PROOF OF PUMPING MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE TOWN CLERK EACH AND EVERY TIME IT IS PUMPED AND NO LATER THAN AUGUST FIRST OF EACH YEAR.**

The Caroga Transfer Station, "The Dump" will be open Monday - 7:00am - 4:00pm, Wednesday - 8:00am - 6:00pm, Friday - 7:00am - 4:00pm, Saturday - 7:00am - 12noon. The town must observe all legal holidays observed by Fulton County as our transfer station is owned by the county; therefore garbage collection and transfer station hours will follow county schedule of holidays.

CANADA LAKE STORE & MARINE NEWS

With the help of a 90° day the ice left Canada Lake on Saturday, April 28th. We all thought it would be early May since the ice had been nearly 3 feet thick during the winter.

In between boat shows this past winter, the Fielding family enjoyed a week of skiing at Steamboat with relatives and friends.

Merryn is finishing a challenging freshmen year at S.U.N.Y Binghamton. She missed the ski vacation with us this winter but college life kept her extremely busy. Heather, who will be a senior at Johnstown High School this fall, intends to participate on both the volleyball and ski teams and to continue her interest in art. The Canada Lake island glassware in the gift shop are Heather's design. Eric, who will be in the 9th grade, is eager to join in the activities of Johnstown High School both in academics and sports. Our youngest, Bret, who will be in the 5th grade at Wheelerville School, plans on obtaining his boating license this summer and will be helping us with various tasks in the store and marina.

In the marina two very dedicated men, Howard Dutcher and Thomas Elmendorf will be working for us in service work. Three hard working boys, Eric Fielding, Erik Johnson and Jon Mitchell, also will be assisting Bill with marina work and odd jobs. They also will be helping us with a new service to our customers: We will be initiating a delivery service for groceries on the lake this summer. Details of this service will be available in the store. In the store this summer we are very fortunate to have Robin Burakiewicz, Jennifer Egan, Alexandra Evans, Heather Fielding, Merryn Fielding, Erin Mitchell, Michael Mitchell and Kim Ward working for us. Robin and Kim are our full-time employees throughout the year in the store.

As you may have already noticed, the DOT has constructed a median along Rt. 29 in front of the store. For your safety please exercise caution as you enter and exit the parking area.

The post office at Canada Lake will be open from June 16th - September 7th. We appreciate the support this contract unit has received from you since 1974.

As always we wish you all a very relaxing, refreshing summer with your family and friends at the beautiful Canada Lake.

Dorothy & Bill Fielding

ECHOES

From the Sammons clan,

The girls have graduated!! Lauren received her M.A. from Alfred University while Becky completed the Bachelor of Science program at West Point Military Academy.

A word of warning to those who will be participating in this year's relay race; the entire Sammons clan may be competing. It's hoped that Victor's ship will dock in time. Presently he is on maneuvers with the Merchant Marines in the Atlantic Ocean. Vic Sr. is in charge of team practice which has already begun!

Marion Carnwright wrote to tell us of the death of her husband John, who with his father built their cottage on Kasson Drive. He was a May-Sept. resident for at least 50 years and loved Canada Lake and his cabin very much. In his younger years he built an ice boat and sailed it on the lake with much thrills and fun.

Christine Sutton wrote to tell of the passing of her husband, Tom, who was a long-time summer resident of Dolgeville Point. Tom's family, including 7 grandchildren who are the 5th generation of Suttons to vacation at Canada Lake, is looking forward to returning to camp this summer.

The death was also noted of Carl Wurzbacher of South Shore and Little Falls, who had been a CLPA member since 1937.

The Davis Family news includes Parkers graduation from the University of Pennsylvania in May and Hillarys completion of her freshmen year there. *Tori was a top racer on her ski team this past winter and will be spending weekends at the lake as will Tony and Jane. Hillary and Parker will also be there some of the time. Mrs. Petrie will be there the entire summer and hopes to have many weekday guests.*

Jim and Cathy McLelland and Tom and Ilo Brennan are proud to announce the engagement of their children, Cindy and Chip. The families have been coming to the lakes for some time and it is here that Cindy and Chip met and began dating. An August 1991 wedding is being planned.

This year the **Vosburgh/ Halverson** camp on Dolgeville Point is 100 years old. It was built in 1890 by Julius Breckwoldt, whose brother John built the camp at the end of the Point at the same time. They used wood milled in Dolgeville at Julius' sawmill. All that wood was rowed up the channel from Stewarts Landing.

Julius' mother (a widow whose husband, a Danish seacaptain, died after running the Yankee blockade of New Orleans) came to the camp many summers as an old lady. Counting her, and up to the present owners, six generations of the family have lived in the camp. They were: Julius' daughter, Edna Ward; her daughter, Margeret Vosburgh and her husband, Ed Vosburgh who was an early member of the CLPA. Ed, Skeet Sliter and Bob Wilbur, Sr. met at Picnic Rock, in the Lily Lake Channel, to clean up the garbage. Until then, campers regularly dumped their garbage at that rock. It was this activity, and others stemming from it, that formed the nucleus of the first CLPA.

Margeret and her daughter, Diane; Diane's husband, Lowell Halverson; and their children, Liana and Ward, currently spend as much of the summer as possible at the lake. Liana is a senior at Wellesley and Ward is a junior at Hamilton. Lowell and Diane live in Seattle, Washington.

Here's some news of the **Hoffman Family**: Michael and Kathryn Hoffman had a baby girl, Elizabeth Anne, on September 1, 1989.

Peter and Becky's son Harrison, will be returning to the lake this summer to try to beat his record of 103 fish caught in less than 2 weeks last year. His sister, Leslie, will be found at "Posted Beach".

David Jr. and Deb's children, David III and Jonathan, enjoyed sliding at Nick Stoner golf course this winter in mid February when their grandparents were visiting from Minnesota.

Bev and Dave "Doc" will be at the lake in early July after returning home from a trip to Greece and Italy.

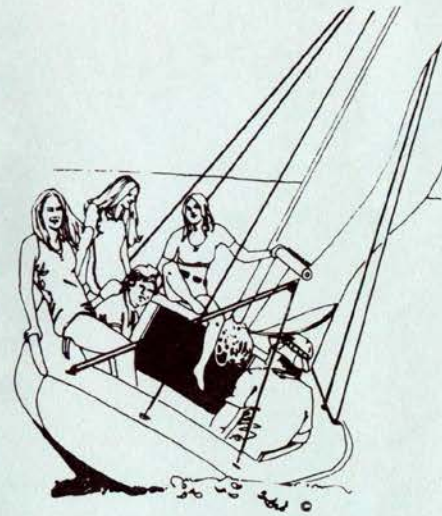
Canada Lake has meant alot to the Fisher Family. Allen and Drena saw two generations grow up there.

Allen knew Canada Lake as a teen. As a family the Fishers stayed in the Dudley Moore camp in the 1940's. In 1950 they moved from the south shore across the lake to "Fishers Folly, about 1/2 mile from London Bridge. Allen had the camp moved across the road, turned 90°,

and attached to the bathhouse roof with a deck. Sometimes referred to as "Kon-Tiki", the camp has been owned by several other lake residents. In 1953 the Fishers moved back to the South Shore Bay to the Presbyterian church Camp.

The families of Linda Fisher Smith and David A. Fisher, Jr. shared the camp with Drena and Allen in recent years. Allen was an early Director of the CLPA. He enjoyed his early morning swims and putting around in his 1939 Chris Craft. The many friends at Canada Lake will keep alive the happy memories of pancake breakfasts on the porch, daytime waterfront activities and singing and dancing into the night until the windows rattled. Drena quietlt enjoyed it all.

An update on the Fisher/Smith families finds Alison Smith graduating from Williams College in June and Steven Smith returning to Dickenson College as a junior this fall. Hub and Linda Smith reside in Amherst, Mass. David, Carole and Katie Fisher live in Canton Conn. where Katie will be an 8th grader at Canton High School.



SAIL WITH US

Another season, another chance for gold and glory. See old friends, meet new friends, party, capsizes, collide with other sunfish, collect colorful, little plastic awards - where else could you have this kind of fun? Only with the Canada Lake Sailing Club. Come to our general membership meeting, July 7, 10am at the Fisher camp. Bring \$5.00 fee for each boat to be raced. Coffee, donuts and a review of the new, revised sailing rules will be offered. Be there or be square.

The 4th of July races will be held the Saturday prior, June 30. Look for the '89 season results in the preview issue of "Telltale" available in the Canada Lake Store. And watch the C.L.S.C. bulletin board for late breaking news and special notices.

Come sail with Lois, Court, Dave, Lane, Nancy, Geoff, Walter, Linda, Alan, Paul, Dorothea, Mike, Dick, etc.

**SHERIFF DEPARTMENT
PHONE NUMBER
762-3151/4501**

GARBAGE COLLECTION

...is made on Monday on all public roads throughout the year and in addition on Fridays during the months of July-Sept. 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. No demolition or construction debris is allowed.

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.

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

July thru Labor Day -

Sing-Along at 10:45 am

Services 11:00 am

St Barbara's Chapel

June: Saturdays only 5:30 pm

July - Labor Day:

Saturday Mass 5:50 pm

Sunday Mass 9:00 am

10:30 am

North Bush Methodist Church

..... 11:00 am



THOUGHTS ON A LAKE TOUR

The way that wind is a hootin' and a blowin' we may as well figure on a stayin' put tomorrow and not try ice fishin'. You know there's somethin' about a round oak stove and the heat it puts out brings the story tellin' outa me. Ain't been around the lake in several years until last fall when my son Bronson rented a boat from the store and we took a ride. Say, listen to that wind and the snow pelterin' against the windows. Don't know too many people around here any more, and I reckon there ain't too many here who knows me. Well I've missed bein around and seein my old friends, though there ain't too many 'round anymore.

Over on West Lake rode by Bernie Auerbach's camp, known him and his good wife Margaret for, well, ain't givin' away no years. Not entirely. But afore he was married he was teachin' school in Dolgeville, which is where he met Margaret. Along about '31-'32 the Alfred Dolge Hose Co. got up a basketball team. They had everythin' ceptin' a coach, so they says to Bernie, would you consider a coachin' us? There be a lot of teams around here which is all fired up to beat us, and we want to put that fire out. "Sure", says Bernie, "We'll hose them right off the court." I got to be manager which was a fancy name for bookin' games, and arrangin' rides. Bernie did a right good job. Don't recollect the figures but wound up the season a winnin' more then a losin'. I got to tell you about the night we played a team in Old Forge, "The Lumberjacks", which is what they called themselves. We hired a 7 passenger taxi for the team and Bernie and me went in my Model A Ford coupe. 25 below zero when we left Dolgeville around 5 in the afternoon. Say, we cut down them "Lumber Jacks" jest like they cut down trees. But whilest we was doin' that, the weather man was a cuttin' down on the temperature. We mighta been warm afore we come outdoors, but that thermometer was a

teeterin' twixt 40 and 45 below. We agreed to stick together in case of trouble. But George-thet was George Service whose taxi we had, started out ahead. We got held back for a minute, and George must have had his eye and mind on a gettin' home, 'cause we never did see him again. We were lucky, no trouble, but just as we drove in my driveway the lights went out and the car quit right there. Quit cold you might say. Battery went dead. In them days, you see, cars didn't have heaters, and to keep the frost off the windshield the defroster was a few wires enclosed in a glass "cage" 'bout 1 foot by 6 or 8 inches. Fairly effective, but current users, and we had had it on the whole trip, and along with the lights it had been too much. About the heat- we did get some off the manifold, but the old overcoat felt mighty comfortable. Bernie and me was both tired and it seems the battery was too. I hope Bernie don't get too displeased with this, but you know we like to froze to death that night, and when ever I see Bernie, that night pops to mind.

Thet next to last camp on the West Lake side of Dolgeville Point, the one with the flag stone fire place, we owned once, and you know the story back of that fire place - let me tell you. Them flag stones come from my grandfathers grist mill in Salisbury Ct'r. They was hauled from the creekside to the road by horses and stone boat. What's a stone boat? Well, they was planks nailed together and about 3 foot wide, with a slight curve on one end so they wouldn't drag into the ground. Unloaded from the stone boat to the truck, hauled by truck to the Canada Lake boat house, dumped, loaded on to "Skeet" Sliter's barge, taken to the shore by the camp, unloaded and wheeled up to the spot of the fire place, and there put up by a Dolgeville mason. He only did it as a favor to me as he was water shy, and always covered his eyes on the trip over and back. On the room side of the fire place he placed a large arrow shaped stone. Yep, we got caught out on West Lake in the fog one night. Circled round and round, gettin nowhere until we thought about callin our dog "Gypper". He come to the rescue by runnin up and down the shore a barkin' his head off. Instead of a fog horn we had a barkin' dog. Winters was great fun. We'd get the ole fire place roarin and put out 2 or 3 tip ups, and put up the poker table. Course we'd keep one eye on the tip ups, and draw cards to see who would go out. Out of the six players no one had to go many times.

Most everybody around knew "Skeet" Sliter and where he lived on the point. He was almost as much a part of the lake as the lake itself. He was a Dolgeville boy, and well known for his friendliness, ready wit and someone you would like to have with you in an emergency. Kind of a cut-up, he was too. Years ago, close to 60 probably, unbeknownst to his father he took up flying lessons. One afternoon, folks around town, hearin' a plane circlin' looked up - that was somethin' you didn't see much of, especially that low down and doin' all that swoopin' and fancy stuff. By and by he begun to sort of close in and circle 'round in one place. Who do you suppose it was? Yes sir, it was "Skeet" goin' around the fire place chimney on his fathers house.

One time when there was a water shortage folks next door ran out of water. They got kind of mystified since they both used the same well and they saw Marie washin' dishes. Bein' curious people they asked "Skeet" how come? Well it seems they had been away and water in the well was runnin' low, so "Skeet", the ole cut up, put an extra piece on his line. The problem was solved. The neighbors put an extra length of pipe on their line and all was even. They was good neighbors after that. Most everyone knew "Skeet" and Marie - friendly and sociable, and in times of trouble it was, call "Skeet". When they reached the age and found boating between their house and the mainland in summer, and walkin' the ice in winter had gotten to be work and not fun, they sold their property and bought the store. Wern't long when they sold that and moved to Florida. They both died in Florida 10 years ago.

You might say that mother nature has more wind than I do - sounds like she out lasted my story tellin', fire is a gettin' low too, so we'll just put a couple of chunks in the stove, cut down the draft and all get a good nights sleep.

Edgar E. Moore
RD 2 Box 183
Broadalbin, NY 12025



I hope that we agree that this 8th grade writing assignment deserves an A.

THE LEVEL OF FASCINATION

Canada Lake is located in the southwestern tier of a six-million acre expanse of wilderness, the Adirondack Park. The lake is about five miles long, with a depth of 180 feet. It is connected to two other lakes, West Lake and Green Lake. At one end of Canada Lake is a very long, narrow three-mile outlet with beautiful scenery similiar to a stream in the Canadian Northwest; bare trees and marshy shores line the outlet, while lillypads dot the water. On the opposite there is a much wider waterway, but before long it leads to a dead end.

In the middle of the lake, near one of its points and area of greatest depth, is a single island about the size of a house, having a few trees and a cluster of rocks. It is named after the legendary Revolutionary War hero Nick Stoner. Off of another point parallel to the island is a small cove. At the end of the cove is our lakehouse, an aerly twentieth-century house built in the style of an Adirondack camp. It is situated on over an acre of land at the base of Sheely Mountain. A great number of deer and bear inhabit the mountain, and I was surprised to learn that they were so near. Of course, I have often seen deer on the road going around the lake, but I was very interested to learn of bear so nearby.

Another landmark on the north shore is Kane Mountain. On the top there is an observation tower used to spot fires by local park rangers and is opened to the public a few days a week. Having climbed the tower on a clear, sunny day, you can survey the beauty of Canada Lake and its beautiful surroundings and can see the distant Mohawk River Valley. While looking at it all, you get the sensation you're in a glider overlooking the world with nothing stopping you, and that you can touch each of these places with a sweep of the hand.

Another feature to this glorious expanse of wilderness is not a landmark at all, but just a feeling of being free. This feeling comes alive around mid-afternoon while leisurely strolling on the dirt road encircling half the lake. At that time, the sun just filters through the foilage and makes you wonder whether the experience is just a dream of peacefully walking through these majestic woods with all your irksome tasks completed, or realizing you're actually there looking at the simple but wondrous spectacle.