

## CLPA ACTIVITIES

The annual **Canada Lake Picnic** is held each year the last Saturday in July as a follow-up to the team relay races. All members are invited to attend and are asked to bring a covered dish, and also plates and utensils for their own use. The CLPA provides soda, beer, hamburgers and hotdogs. Volleyball and games for teenagers and younger children are provided. The sign-up for the covered dishes and number attending will be at the store. This has proven to be an entertaining event for all generations attending and we urge all members and their families to join us in 1992.



The CLPA's float in the 4th of July Parade last year was very well-received. Our thanks to the decorators, to "Uncle Sam" Fisher and his retinue, to Bill Fielding for the loan of the "float" and tow vehicle (That pristine truck was his!), and to the driving forces—behind the wheel and otherwise.

## CAROGA HISTORICAL MUSEUM "The Homestead"

London Bridge Road  
Caroga Lake, N.Y.

### 1992 - SUMMER SCHEDULE

- July**  
**1** Formal Opening  
**11** Eleventh Annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale  
**20-31** Adirondack Centennial Photo Exhibit of Prize Winning Photos
- August**  
**6** Luncheon Card Party  
 White Holland House  
 Noon-4 pm

**Museum Open July & August**  
 1 pm - 5 pm Wednesday thru Sunday  
 (Closed Monday & Tuesday)

Phone (518) 835-4400

### Free Admission

With the continued growth in membership and the cooperation of many volunteers the Caroga Historical Museum remains a popular tourist attraction in our area. Events for this summer are listed in the Summer Schedule and on the card enclosed.

In addition to being a tourist attraction the existence of the Museum serves another purpose—it preserves and presents, through exhibits, a glimpse of Caroga's history in homelife, resort life and local industry.

The popular "Hemlock, Hides and History" exhibit depicts the former leather tanning industry which existed in Caroga in the late-1880's and interprets Caroga's history and its place in the heritage of New York State at the time of the industrial revolution. If you have artifacts pertaining to the former leather tanning industry which would be pertinent to the collection effort please contact the Museum.

The "Caroga Wildlife of Yesterday and Today" continues to be popular with young and old alike, so—if you have any mounted animals around your camps which are indigenous to the Caroga area please drop them off at the Museum.

The Caroga Museum will participate in the celebration of the Adirondack Mountain Centennial by hosting a traveling exhibit of prize-winning photographs of the Adirondacks during July 20 through July 31.

The Museum belongs to you and its continued success will depend on your interest, memberships, donations and volunteer services. In this regard an appeal is made for new volunteers to carry on the work of the old-timers who would appreciate any and all help and ideas.

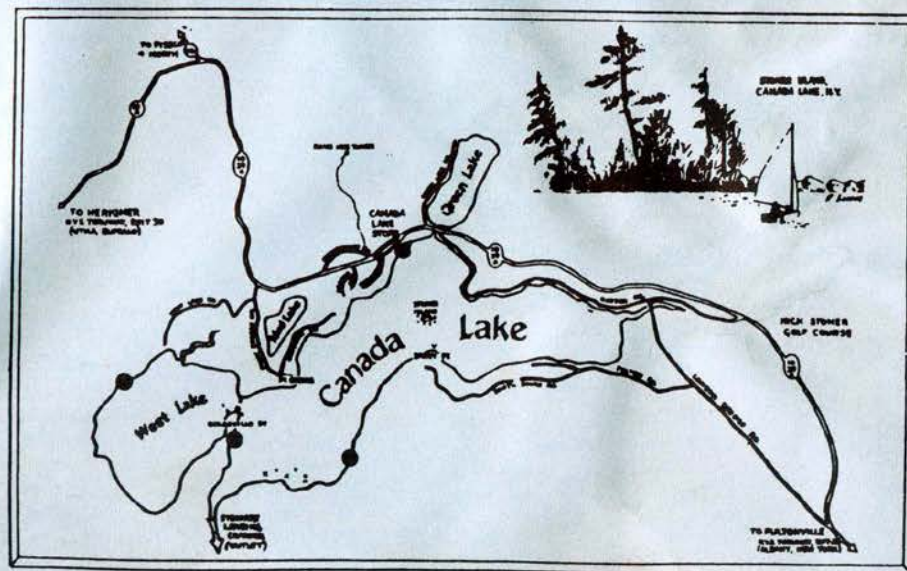
Museum Coordinator Inger McDaniel will be available only part of the season and please note that we will be closed both Mondays and Tuesdays this year.

Visit "The Homestead" this summer, participate in our events and fund raisers and help us fulfill our motto:

"Promote Caroga's Future by Taking a Step Into the Past".



## SUMMER 1992



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

- JULY:**  
 4 Flare Lighting (Saturday) 9:30 pm  
 15 Luncheon & Card Party 12 noon: TBA  
 18 CLPA Annual Meeting 8:00 pm  
 Wheelerville School ("Old")  
 25 Relay Race & 4th Annual CLPA Picnic  
 (Rain Date: Sunday, July 26)

- AUGUST:**  
 1 CLPA Director's Meeting TBA  
 8 1st Annual Golf Tournament  
 (Rain Date: August 15)

- SEPTEMBER:**  
 5 Flare Lighting 9:00 pm

*The following is the slate of Officers  
for the 1992 season.*

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

### Directors and Terms:

#### Terms Ending 1992:

David Hoffman ..... 835-6056  
 Emily Langworthy ..... 835-2173  
 Dorothea Loomis ..... 835-3886  
 Mabel Kane ..... 835-2037  
 Michael Manning ..... 835-2797  
 Lois Miller ..... 835-6703  
 Michael Porter ..... 835-8298

#### Terms Ending 1993:

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 1994:

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

## 1992 COMMITTEES

*The following is a list of the 1992 Committees.*

Lake Management ..... Lane Franz  
 Safety ..... Dick LeFebvre  
 Brian McIntosh  
 Paul Kukla  
 Parks Landis  
 Emily Langworthy  
 Harry McIntosh

Water Level ..... Bill Fielding  
 Emily Langworthy  
 Tim Mitchell  
 Bob Petrie  
 Water Purity ..... Bill Place  
 John Brower  
 Howard Fiedler  
 Bill Fielding  
 Parks Landis  
 Harry McIntosh  
 Bud Osborn  
 Environment & Ecology ..... David Hoffman  
 Bill Fielding  
 Rick Fink  
 Lane Franz  
 Dick LeFebvre  
 Tim Mitchell  
 Alan Peck  
 Mike Porter  
 Island Maintenance ..... Bill Fielding  
 Dave Fisher  
 Dorothea Loomis  
 Brian McIntosh  
 Alan Peck  
 Fishing ..... Tim Mitchell  
 Jim Cannon  
 Bill Fielding  
 Parks Landis  
 Dorothea Loomis  
 Michael Manning  
 Alan Peck  
 Mike Porter  
 Dan Yuenger

### Organization & Promotion

#### Liaison to Assn. Outside CLPA

Emily Langworthy  
 Fire Dept. Coordinator ..... Bill Fielding  
 Fire Safety ..... Bill Fielding  
 Rick Fink  
 Paul Franz  
 Emily Langworthy  
 Diana Leaf Kessler  
 Brian McIntosh  
 Tim Mitchell  
 Alan Peck

#### Publicity ..... Emily Langworthy

Allen Farber  
 Dave Fisher  
 Dorothea Loomis  
 Nominating ..... Alan Peck  
 Paul Franz  
 Emily Langworthy  
 Dick LeFebvre  
 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  
 Lowell Halverson  
 Diana Leaf Kessler  
 Emily Langworthy  
 Lois Miller  
 Michael Porter  
 Youth Activities ..... Sue Martin  
 Nancy Porter  
 Flares ..... Rick Fink  
 Diana Leaf Kessler  
 Erin Mitchell  
 Michael Mitchell  
 Kim Ward  
 Echo ..... Emily Langworthy  
 Sailing ..... Dave Fisher  
 Allen Farber  
 Lane Franz  
 Dick LeFebvre  
 Dick Loomis  
 Dorothea Loomis  
 Courtney Young, Jr.  
 Card Party ..... Michael Porter  
 Kate Farber  
 Lane Franz  
 Dorothea Loomis  
 Lois Miller  
 Nancy Porter  
 Nancy White  
 Winter Emergency ..... Bill Fielding  
 Dick LeFebvre  
 Dorothea Loomis  
 Brian McIntosh  
 Harry McIntosh  
 Tim Mitchell  
 Alan Peck  
 Directory Committee ..... Bill Peck  
 Allan Farber  
 Jack Fielding  
 Lane Franz  
 Emily Langworthy  
 Dorothea Loomis  
 Brian McIntosh  
 Lois Miller  
 Adirondack Committee ..... Dick LeFebvre  
 Bill Fielding  
 Mabel Kane  
 Emily Langworthy  
 Brian McIntosh  
 Tim Mitchell  
 By-Laws Committee ..... Mabel Kane  
 Allen Farber  
 Dick LeFebvre  
 Michael Porter

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Each year the winter's cold air seems to linger through what used to be spring and attacks before our defenses are in place. Many of the CLPA residents could enjoy snowmobiling, or skiing at Royal Mountain, but nature's snowy gift was absent as in the "days of old".

However, most of us are here for the escape of the everyday hassles we encounter in our own worlds from September 'til June. We form a common bond and escape to one of the most beautiful lakes in the Adirondacks for some "fun & sun" (and fishing)!

Fortunately within our organization and township we have concerned people helping to maintain this environment, checking "unwanted" intervention. It has been concluded that state intervention and interest groups are a factor we will be dealing with in the years to come. The CLPA will act in the best interest of the people and address issues as they effect our immediate area.

We have a "great summer" planned. Again, we need the help of mother nature. Along with our regular scheduled events, we are having the 1st annual CLPA golfing tournament at Nick Stoner on August 8th. More details to follow; check the Store bulletin board.

Start planning for the relay race. If you're like us, there is a big scramble the day of the race. Last year saw 7 teams competing; this year we're shooting for 10. There has been mentioned the possibility of a junior event preceding this event. Any suggestions are welcome and again, more details will be furnished at a later date.

Flare night will be July 4th, and the annual meeting on July 18th. Please invite any new friends or neighbors to attend.

The directors of the CLPA are open to suggestions you may have for Lake activities, environmental issues, promoting safety or other concerns to maintain the beauty of our Lakes and surrounding area.

Have an enjoyable summer.

The Porter Family

## EDITORIAL NOTE

The "old" Wheelerville School is now the home of the Town Offices, including the Town Clerk. Please see local bulletin boards for hours.

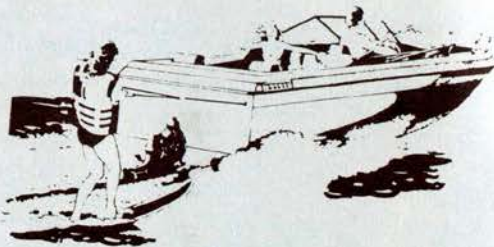
A warning about an "attractive nuisance" that soon will be visible; purple loosestrife—the tall, flowering spikes that proliferate along the roadsides and in damp fields and swamps—should NOT be brought into our area in any way, shape or manner. It encroaches on precariously balanced ecosystems, for example killing cattails and altering their environment in ways that in turn affect the bird and other wildlife populations. Dr. David Hoffman noted at the last Director's meeting that there's a herbicide developed to eliminate this insidious plant. Contact him for any additional information.

**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.**

### GARBAGE COLLECTION/"DUMP" USE

"The Dump" hours have changed and are posted at the Town Clerk's Office on Kasson Drive. They also will be put on the bulletin board at the store. Permits are available from Diane MacGregor, the Town Clerk. Recycling of cardboard, bundled newspapers and magazines, and plastic bottles is underway at "The Dump", with glass and cans in the future.

Roadside Collection has changed as of January 1st, 1992, in the following manner: the town is divided with the separation point being the bridge at Sherman's Pickup for the Northern part of town (the CLPA region) is Thursday, year 'round. Garbage is to be curbside by 7:00 am. Schedule changes due to holidays will be in the *Leader-Herald*. "Garbage" includes table and kitchen refuse and cans or containers in which food and beverage came. It does not include "trash of any kind, including newspaper, magazines, diapers, kitty litter, yard debris (leaves, grass clippings, etc.), etc. These things can be taken to the transfer station as usual."



### CANADA LAKE STORE NEWS

The ice went out from the lake on April 28th, after a long winter without much snow and a cold spring. We particularly appreciated the perfect ice skating conditions on New Year's Day with family and friends on Green Lake. How often can one skate on a winter day without a hat and coat and be comfortable?

Now it's time to think of summer and plan for all the increased activity it brings to the Canada Lake Store family. This year there is something new that meets the eye when you're browsing around back by the fishing gear and the water toys. Bill is in the process of paneling the walls and ceiling with shiplap nature pine; the back half of the store is completed. (Both Grandmas say it looks great and they love that new-wood smell!)

Working in the store this summer will be Bret Fielding, Eric Fielding, Heather Fielding, Amy Ford, Jodi Insogna, Erin Mitchell, Jon Mitchell, Chris Morrison, and Kim Ward. The post office will open June 13th and close for the season on Sept. 11th. Howard Dutcher, Tom Elmendorf and Chris Piehuta will be assisting Bill providing service in the Marine department and camp maintenance.

Fielding family notes: Dorothy and Bill got away in March for a week's skiing at Big Sky, Montana. Merryn will again this summer be doing geology research in the Adirondacks through both Binghamton University and Colgate. She will be a senior at Binghamton in the fall. Heather just completed her first year studying art at Munson Williams Proctor Institute in Utica and enjoyed it very much. Eric, as a sophomore at Johnstown High School, was kept busy with his academic work, football, ski team, and baseball. Bret got out on his skis whenever he could and enjoyed his first year in the new Wheelerville School.

We're all looking forward to greeting you as you return to the beautiful Canada Lakes.



## ECHOES

LOUISE and HENRY STEUBER wrote that since the last ECHO

Susan Steuber, Carl and Kathy's daughter was married in July in Johnstown to John Carr with the reception at the Outlet, Caroga Lake. She was their fourth granddaughter to be married.

On June 30th, Heather Higgins was born to Dana and Michael, and on December 8th, Alex Alden Stivale was born to Michele and Duane, also parents of Nicole Stivale, 2 years old. On March 30th, 1992, David Massaro was born to Paula and Randy, making the fourth great-grandchild of Louise and Henry Steuber. All will be enjoying Canada Lake this summer.

### News from the DAVIS-PETRIE camp:

Parker is working for Ascii Computer Co. near San Francisco, CA. Hilary will be a senior at U Penn and has an internship at a Philadelphia radio station in the fall. She's spending the summer with Kristen Yuenger in Burlington, VT. Tori made the Eastern Ski Championship again this year and will enter St. Lawrence University in the fall. She follows Arnold '30, Bob '40, Jane '65, and Nancy '67. Jane, Tony and Millie will be spending intermittent time at the lake because of busy schedules.

The VOSBURGH-HALVERSON family announce the impending marriage on July 25th of Liana Halverson and Tom Montague, from Oregon.

Chris Rohrs wrote with news of the ROHRS-HEALEY family which unfortunately is sad, as he was reporting the deaths last fall of his father, George Rohrs, and his uncle, Lou Healey:

"George Rohrs was 80 when he died on Oct. 19, 1991. He had spent much of each of his summer at Canada Lake since 1919. He was the son of Henry C. Rohrs who built the present Rohrs/Healey camp on Kasson Drive in 1930.

"Lou Healey was married to Irene Rohrs Healey, Henry's daughter, and came to the Lake each summer since 1925. Since 1965, when Lou retired, he and Irene spent the entire summer at Canada Lake. Lou was 92 when he died Nov. 26th.

"These were the two finest men I've ever known and their presence at Canada Lake helped make it the special place it is for generations of Rohrs and Healey children.

"Jeanne Rohrs and Irene Healey plan to spend much of this summer at the Lake."

Steve and Sandy SHEEDY have once again returned to Canada Lake as permanent residents. After the trauma of selling the Johnstown home in February, 1991, they relocated to Kasson Drive, Canada Lake.

Spring of 1991 brought two months of upheaval with the renovation of the second floor. Son Steve provided many of his skills in renovation, also assisted by David.

With a new summer season approaching, Steve and Sandy will also enjoy two new grandsons. Sue and Burt Kasson became proud parents of Neil Michael Kasson on November 5th. He was 7 lbs, 3 oz. and 19 inches with blue eyes and reddish hair. Steve and Margaret also blessed them with a grandson, Michael Patrick Sheedy on February 29th. He was 7 lbs, 7 oz. and 19½ inches with blue eyes and dark hair.

The Sheedys are looking forward to enjoying a most pleasant summer with many of our Adirondack friends and family.

Fred and Jean JUER, along with their three children, Rick (now in California), Rob (in North Carolina), and Julie (in Arkansas), have resided in Tullahoma, TN for 22 years, and are now excited about spending summers in the camp of sister, Beulah Gillert, on Hutchison Road.

Fred and Jean are looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

The PARKHURSTS will be well represented this summer by Susan and Alex from Denver, Cameron from St. Paul, Amanda from her year as a Rotary Scholar in Brazil prior to her sophomore year at Mt. Holyoke, and David from N. Belmore Long Island. In addition related families like Ferguson, Jordan and Ille from New York City, Amsterdam and Northville remain active at camp. Neale and Dick will be in Gloversville where Neale is at home, and keeping busy and in touch with family and friends by phone calls and visits.

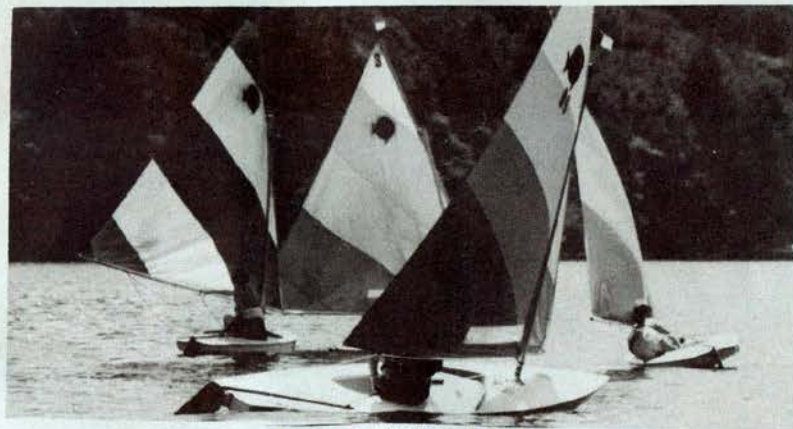
#### An update on the ORMISTON-BROWN Camp

Jean Brown Holloway will be returning from Fripp Island, SC, for her 55th summer at Canada Lake. Liz and Bill Weidner also live on Fripp Island and just started a small retail business. They also are still busy with their art gallery, Fripp Arts. Scott Brown and wife Carole are still living in Maine; Margie Brown Butler and husband Scott moved back to Tucson, Arizona, last August. Margie writes that Tucson has become a great winter retreat for Canada Lakes. The Butlers expect to be at camp for the month of July with two of their children, Hannah and Elizabeth; Andy will remain in Tucson for football camp.

Margin and three other women from the Adirondacks have started a small business with items carrying the design:



*Adirondack Women...Forever Wild*



ANNUAL RELAY RACE, 1991

## SAILING CLUB NEWS

### 1991 Sailing Club Results:

Six teams vied for honors in the Annual Relay Race with the Absolut Racing Team (Yueuger/Michaels) taking first place in 49:54, followed closely by the Steamboat Stormers in 50:27, the Mike-A-Thons in 51 flat, the Blueberry Grunters in 51:19, Not Hardly in 51:38 and the Martin Eeks in 59:03.

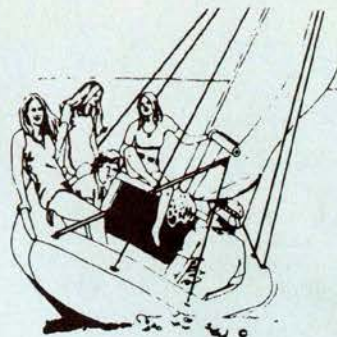
Lois Miller beat out six other Sunfish sailors in the 4th of July Race and Court Young took Super Sunfish honors.

The regular season results:

July - Sunfish "A" Division: 1—Nancy Long, 2—Allen Farber, 3—Lois Miller; "B" Division: 1—Tracy Goodemote, 2—Linda Smith, 3—David Robinson. Super Sunfish "A": 1—Paul Franz, 2—Dick Loomis, 3—Geoff Clifford; "B" Division: 1—Lane Franz, 2—Dave Fisher.

August - Sunfish "A": 1—Nancy Long, 2—Lane Franz, 3—Allen Farber; "B" Division: 1—David Robinson. Super Sunfish "A": 1—Court Young, 2—Geoff Clifford, 3—Paul Franz.

Join the fun this season - Sail and party with the Canada Lake Sailing Club. Get the low-down at our Annual Meeting, July 4th, 10 am at Dick Loomis' camp and sign up for our Sailing Clinic with Court Young.



### LEARN TO SAIL CLINIC: July 6 - July 10

If you want to learn to sail, to race, or just to sail better, take part in the CLSC's 5-day sailing clinic. Court Young will show you the ropes ("lines" in sailing lingo) — from hoisting your sail, sail trim, tacking and gybing, capsizing drills and short course racing. No videos or books, this is first hand, on-the-water experience. Just \$25 for five days of sailing with one of America's best small boat sailors.

You can sign up for our Sailing Clinic at the Annual CLSC Meeting, July 4th, 10 am at Dick Loomis' camp. Join us for coffee, juice and donuts. And you'll also receive a "totally awesome" sailing club T-shirt in really "rad" colors!

So consider joining Court Young, July 6-10, and learn more about sailing—it will be a breeze!

### CANADA LAKE SAILING CLUB 1992 SCHEDULE

- July 4 CLSC Brunch/Annual Meeting
- July 4 4th of July Fun Races
- July 6-10 SAILING CLINIC (\$20.00 per sailor)  
10 am-4 pm each day
- July 11 Series Races 1, 2, 3
- July 18 Series Races 4, 5, 6
- July 25 RELAY RACE/CLPA Picnic
- July 26 Series Races 7, 8, 9
- Aug. 1 Series Races 10, 11, 12
- Aug. 1 Pot Luck Dinner/July Awards
- Aug. 8 Series Races 1, 2, 3
- Aug. 15 REGATTA & Series Races 4, 5, 6
- Aug. 22 Series Races 7, 8, 9
- Aug. 29 Series Races 10, 11, 12
- Aug. 29 August Awards Party

All Races begin at 2 pm from Franzport.  
LIFE JACKETS MUST BE WORN  
DURING RACES!

## CANADA LAKES SAILING: The Early Years

as recollected by Bill Dunstan  
and forwarded by Dick Loomis

I built my camp on Green Lake in 1932. At that time, to the best of my knowledge, there were two "Elto Hot Shot" motor boats owned by Kenny Richmond and Tony Beekman and two sailboats, Trace Bogart's Lightning and Tony Beekman's Cat Boat. The other boats were rowboats and canoes.

My first sailboat was a converted rowboat with leeboards and a lateen sail. Later I had a Robin and then a Blue Jay. We sailed mostly in Green Lake, going out to Canada Lake on weekends. When I bought my 17' Robin and Trace got his 18' Lightning, we had to anchor them in G.L. Bay in C.L. because they were too large to go under the G.L. bridge.

Usually we sailed around C.L. enjoying ourselves. Of course there were other sailors on C.L.: Lydon Maider had a Star. Brad Dean and Dick Parkhurst had 15' boats — I don't know the class names. At first there were only about three or four regulars. Naturally, competition sprang up and we would "pick on each other, stealing the wind and picking off". More and more boats began to appear and we organized a few do-it-yourself races, using the island and the patch of lily pads in front of Skeet Sliter's camp as course markers. (Once motor boats and water skiers appeared the lily pads did not last long.) We lined up and started ourselves and raced once or twice around the course.

Eventually, we had a meeting at our camp and organized the Canada Lake Sailing Club in 1955. I was asked to take charge of the races, records, etc. For markers, we used inner tubes with white flags. Later, Monty Mason secured styrofoam typewriter cases and we used these for course markers.

More and more boats appeared, but not of the same class, so boats had to be handicapped. Monty got a copy of SORC and we used their handicap system. Then trophies came along and there were quite a few who sponsored them — even merchants from Gloversville.

This brings us up to when we left Green Lake for Florida in the spring of 1972. By then, I had been Commodore of the CLSC for 16 years. The number of racing sailboats grew from 3 or 4 to 45-50 with two groups of boats: the "one-of-a-kind" and the "Sunfish". (The latter the more numerous.)

## Church in the Wildwood



When we moved to Canada Lake in 1951, our children were too young to enter grade school, but we did want them to attend Sunday School. We learned that though there was a Catholic Church in the community, and a non-denominational chapel, also a Methodist Church at North Bush, none of these were open during the fall and winter months.

One night at a parent-teacher meeting at the Wheelerville school, my wife, Lois, entered in a conversation with Eva Hillock, Christine Burch and Emma Delahanty. The subject of Sunday school was brought up and it was noted that there was no year round Sunday school or church in the community. Christine spoke of the North Bush Church and the possibility we might rent it and open it for a year-long Sunday School and church.

Suiting action to the words, a meeting was arranged with the trustees, Tunis and Stephen Lane. After setting up rules and regulations, permission was given for use of the church. The first hurdle was over and the church would once again be open year round.

The word quickly spread through town and the attendance and interest cheered the organizers — their efforts had not been in vain. To help the cause, Clara Oches appointed herself to provide transportation to any youngster who needed

a ride. Her offer was accepted and every Sunday morning she could be seen driving up with a car load of youngsters. It was noted that for many of these, it was their first attendance at Sunday school.

Shirley Diemar heard of our new beginning and volunteered her services and assistance to our group.

The first teachers in Sunday school were Christine Burch, Clara Oakes, Inez Mowery, Shirley Diemar and Lois Moore, who also was pianist. Later, Mrs. Wesley Foster joined our group and was appointed Sunday school superintendent. We received a great boost from the Gloversville First United Methodist Church when they supplied our pulpit their their assistant pastor.

Our heat was supplied by a pot burner oil stove. In the winter months Claude Burch would go down each Saturday night and light it. Since the tank held only two gallons he would go down in the morning and fill the tank. No one had to worry about being too warm and on very cold mornings, the most popular seat was the one nearest the stove.

There was no indoor plumbing. The facility, probably among the last of the two holer, was located some distance from the church. During winter months I became the official path opener. That was the winter I put out a plea for light and infrequent snow falls.

Several spoke of a church choir and asked Lois if she would direct and play for it. Soon the choir became part of the morning service.

We soon found, as all organizations do, that making extra money was necessary for survival. We decided our first venture would be an ice cream social. The Wesley Fosters donated the use of their front lawn and a date was set. That morning we found we had selected

the wrong product and the wrong date. The day was cold and windy, the traffic was light and those who did go by only gave us looks of sympathy. The sales were practically nil. Fortunately that was not an omen as the events of our past 30 years have proven.

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

One Sunday morning as the choir was singing "The Church in the Wildwood," my mind drifted back to the days of my youth and attending church in Dolgeville. I especially remember one of the choir members, Fred Stone, founder of Stones Folks dry good store. He was a tall, distinguished looking gentleman with a Smith Brothers beard. He sang bass and when he sang the chorus of "The Church in the Wildwood" I still hear him, "Oh come, come to the church in the Wildwood," with his deep resonant making me feel I should really go to the church. Perhaps that's what prompted me to write this about the North Bush Church, days of my childhood memories catching up with me.

I often accompanied my mother when she went shopping at his store for a pattern or cloth for some garment she might be making. I often saw Mr. Stone and though I hoped he might sing me a chorus of "my song" he never volunteered.

Children's day exercises bring back the memory of one exercise in which I took part, a day which I would rather forget.

We went shopping Saturday for new clothes and shoes for the children's day exercise which were to be held the following day. The dress shoes for boys were white, pointed toe with no straps or laces. Sunday, the morning of the exercises, I paraded in front of my parents for their inspection before starting for church. It was then discovered that what I had thought were good fitting shoes were too long. I was given a severe lecture and questioned several times, "didn't I know when a shoe fitted or didn't fit?" No stores were open Sunday, so there was nothing that could be done, aside from shoving wads of paper in the toes and hope it would work. When it came time for my class to march up the steps of 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, that I was marked for life as every pair of new shoes bought since then don't seem to fit right. That incident came to mind as our children took part in children's day exercises at the North Bush Church, and if the shoes didn't fit the shoe laces or straps would hold.

Though we transferred our church membership when we moved to Broadalbin, we often visit the North Bush Church. As memories have come back of those earlier days and the improvements which have been made it is almost unbelievable. In 1957, the Troy Conference appointed the Rev. Joseph Beatty as full-time pastor, and though the church had started to grown and improvements had been made, it was under his guidance that membership increased and "the new look" began to take form. A cellar has been dug out and there socials and Sunday school classes are held. There is also a

kitchen and boiler room. For a few years, the annual ice cream social was held there, but the public attendance at the event increased to the point where the event had to be held at the Wheelerville School. With a modern oil burning furnace the heating problem is solved and modern facilities have replaced the old two holer which had gone the way of many of its predecessors.

In addition to the ice cream social previously mentioned, the church sponsors two roast beef suppers, one in May and the other in October. They too have grown in popularity and are now held in the Wheelerville School. Harry Hayner and his "crew" deserve the many plaudits they receive.

As one of the community projects, the church works in conjunction with the local Boy Scout troop in supplying the food basket at Thanksgiving time.

Beatty retired in 1987 after having served the church as pastor for 30 years. A party was given in his honor and many good wishes extended him were a tribute to his service to the church and community of which he had become almost a part.

He was replaced by the Rev. William S. Rowe III, retired pastor of Gloversville Methodist Church, and later his son, the Rev. William S. Rowe IV.

I often think of the North Bush Church — its beginning and its years of service. It must have been a proud and happy day on that morning in 1898 as members and friends of the church, riding in their horse and buggies, made their way to the church for its opening and first day of service. They were listening to the ringing of the church bell as they neared it seemed to ring out "welcome to the Church in the Dale," their church in the Wildwood.

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### "The Church in The Dale"

by Edgar E Moore

appeared in the Leader Herald two years ago but was sent along by Edgar Moore for the benefit of summer residents who might have missed it. The Editor would like to remind all of you who enjoy the North Bush Church's fund-raising dinners to keep an eye on the various bulletin boards in town for time and place if the dinners are not at the "old school".

**911 NUMBERS:** The Caroga Lake Volunteer Fire Company has reflective numbers for use with the 911 system that Fulton County is in the process of implementing. These numbers are available from the fire company at a cost of \$1.00 per digit.

The Caroga Lake Volunteer Fire Company also has a listing of most of the properties in the Town of Caroga showing the proper number.

911 IS NOT YET IN EFFECT.  
YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO USE

FIRE ..... 762-4501  
SHERIFF ..... 762-3151  
STATE POLICE ..... 725-3034  
AMBULANCE ..... 725-1122



### IN MEMORIAM

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

Charlie Christensen  
George Rohrs  
Lou Healey  
Charlie Putman  
(Former Town Supervisor)

### GONE FISHING

by Andy Fenoy (age 13)

When one thinks of fishing in a family sense, one would think of a father and his son, the elder teaching the novice how to cast the rod and bait the hook. For some, fishing is almost a family tradition, based on the love and desire felt for the sport. The benefits of fishing include watching a young person thrilled by a first catch, and the pride and satisfaction felt floating along peaceful waters in the early dawn.

On the anticipated day when the father and the son venture off fishing, there are mixed emotions. The parent, dressed in jeans, flannel shirt, and sweater, recalls when his father instilled in him the desire to fish. The child, who cannot quite comprehend the reason he had to get up at two o'clock in the morning, eventually feels the same excitement. As the car heads toward the dock there is a silence in the car. Upon reaching the boat, they empty their abundant equipment (freshly dug worms, minnows, lures, twenty pound test line, and brand new rods) and vast supplies of food into their Boston Whaler and begin their quest. About an hour later, they choose their position and lower their bait into the cold water.

The father lights a cigarette (to keep the bugs away), and leans back to enjoy memories of when his father taught him how to fish.

It was in the year of 1920. A whipping breeze rocked the small twelve foot boat. There were two men, one in his forties, and a young teenager who matured under his father's supervision. They were in the Adirondack Park, on Canada Lake. As the two men talked, the sun rose and brought the burnt autumn colors on the mountains to life. The call of the loon echoed through the valley, an innocent deer grazed on the lake shore, and two lures soundlessly dropped into the water and sank to the deep blue waters. After a minute, the elder reeled in his bait and instructed his son to do the same. As the boy reeled in, he felt a large shock on his rod, and the line started to whip out of his reel. In a split second, the boat was following the line, the boy dumbfoundedly stared at his line-torn, blood-stained hands, and the man reached to adjust his son's drag. With a sudden snap, the line broke while the boat crashed into a sandbar. For the next three hours, they sat on the remains of a totalled boat.

While the boy slept, the father doused his cigarette and checked the lines. All the bait was gone and the chum had disappeared. In the distance, he could see and hear seagulls in the moonlight, diving for a large silver mass heading toward the boat. When he woke his son up, the boy was astounded, for the school of bunker was much closer. The boy gasped. The huge bone-crushing jaws of the blues were visible, and popped to the surface. A rod cast into the white foaming waters was immediately seized upon with an enormous surge of power. Another followed suit as seagulls, one by one, dove daringly into the water, some emerging with fish, some not coming out at all.

The father instructed his son to hold on tight and brace himself. A sudden thrust on his bait sent him hurling through the air and into the inside edge of the boat. With screams of pain, he held onto the rod and set the drag. The father reeled in his line, disregarding the possibility of catching a trophy size fish. The boy let the fish take some line, then reeled in, without his father's instructions.

It had taken the inexperienced fisherman an hour to reel in a twenty-pound, fiery-eyed, vicious bluefish. The boy, thrilled over his accomplishment, felt an enormous sense of pride when his father congratulated him. For this young man, his father's pride in him was bigger and better than any other award possible of achievement.

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

This year we will have youth activities for ages 8-17 on the lake. All activities will be posted on the bulletin board at the store.

If you have any ideas or would like to help call Nancy Porter at 835-8298 or Sue Martin 835-8715.

### CAROGA TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE

Saturday, August 1st, 10 am to 4 pm (rain or shine) to benefit the Caroga Lake Volunteer Fire Department will be held in the parking lot opposite Lakeaire. Crafters are welcome. 12' x 12' spaces will cost \$10 and should be reserved in advance with Libby Palcovic (835-4331). Any remaining spaces will be available on a first-come basis on August 1st. There will be an OLD CAR SHOW in the lot next to the Laundromat and BROOKS BAR-B-Q will be serving in Sherman's parking lot from Noon-4 pm. For further information, call Valerie Scribner at 835-4091.