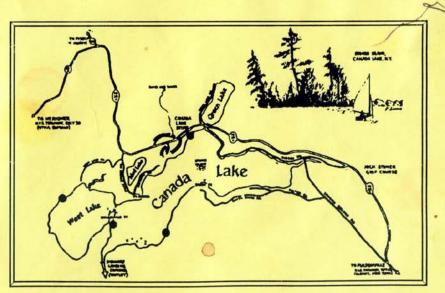
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When we arose this morning, the sun was sweeping its way across the lake, turning the white snow to gold...longer days are returning. Outside you can smell spring in the air. Even with our non-winter this year, spring is a very welcome harbinger of active summer days to come. We look forward to quiet morning canoe rides, afternoons in the water and sun, and, yes, a few flame broiled 'Boydburgers'.

I have discovered that the interests of the association do not end with the flare lighting in September.

In a key example, the Dept. of Transportation managed to forget their agreement with the CLPA and paved the widened section of the road between Canada and Green Lakes, encouraging rather than discouraging parking problems. In correspondence and meetings, neither the Town Board nor the DOT would agree to install parking control signs on the Green Lake side of the road.

At present, the owner of the lakeaccess along this section of road prefers to wait and see how serious the problem becomes in the summer. The CLPA must monitor the situation carefully and, assure that usage of the area is under control.

On a more positive note, last fall I was called to a couple of meetings of the local lake associations to develop proposals on what the town could do to support our environmental problems. I determined with some pride that, and to our great credit, we have taken care of most of ours with strong and continuing volunteer programs. Hopefully, our volunteerism will continue to be our

strength in the years to come. Some examples:

Volunteer efforts to improve Kane Mountain continue to be rewarded. The APA has selected Kane Mountain to be one of the steps in its Adirondack Challenge. I have been working with Dick LeFebvre with the support of the new Forest Ranger, John Ploss and Principal Jim Beardsley to recruit and train Wheelerville School Students to be 'Summit Stewards' They'll be making periodic inspections of the area and helping visitors to enjoy our mountain. Booklets with background information on the area will be available to visitors in the parking lot. We have asked for and received tentative approval to develop a nature trail up the mountain.

Another positive - our application to adopt Rte. 10 between South Kasson Drive and Point Breeze Road. Volunteers are very welcome! Of course, there are state mandated safety guidelines and we must wear high visibility vests, and the like. Dave Hoffman is organizing the project. Contact a director if you would like to help, we'll have monthly sweeps starting in April continuing to the early fall.

Dick LeFebvre will report separately on environmental issues, again, I understand the local news is good.

There'll be lots of local activity for your interest and participation:

The North Bush Church has its annual Roast Beef Supper on May 27... love those home made pies.

The Caroga Museum is offering a lively program of craft classes, exhibits, and evening entertainments. Check their schedule out as you make summer plans. The museum will hold its annual Bake Sale and Craft Show on Saturday July 29.

On the same day the Caroga Fire Auxiliary will hold its annual town wide garage sale, breakfast and Brooks Barbecue.

The CLPA Picnic, for obvious reasons, has been moved to July 22.

Your directors and I will continue to focus on keeping our lakes safe and en-

joyable. By sharing your talents and suggestions, the CLPA will continue to keep Canada Lake a special place.

If there is some way you'd like to help or any ideas to make lakelife better, please get in touch.

Phil Boyd



CANADA LAKE STORE NEWS

This past weekend Bret kept himself occupied sweeping and shoveling the dirt that was scattered by the Town's sand trucks in the parking lot over the winter. Also a flock of geese noisily honking overhead on their journey northward was observed on March 16th. These are only two of the signs that indicate we are anticipating an early spring at Canada Lake.

Thanks to a very hard working crew on Columbus Day weekend last fall, the old roof and some of the walls were removed from the story above the store. A remodeled roof line was constructed to replace the old structure giving the building a whole new look. Finishing the interior during the winter has been a major project for Bill and his workers.

Howard Dutcher, Tom Elmendorf, Joe Insogna and Chris Piehuta are getting boats and motors ready for our customers. Kim Ward assists us with both marina and store responsibilities all year round.

Our staff of Bret Fielding, Eric Fielding, Holly Insogna, Russell Insogna, Chad (Continued on Page 6)

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Mitchell, Jon Mitchell, Emily Redrick and Annemarie Poulos will be serving you in the store this summer. For your selection we have stocked some different items made in New York State.

Merryn will be completing her graduate school requirements at the University of Southern Illinois sometime this fall. Heather will be finishing her fourth year of college this May (the third and fourth year attending the University of Montana). Eric arrives home at the end of April for the summer after his first year at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Arizona. Bret has been enjoying ninth grade at Johnstown High School with more activities and new friends.

The contract station post office will be operating from June 17th - September 8th. For your convenience there are still several mail boxes available to rent.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the customers who support us each year in both the store and the marina. We wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer at the lakes.

Bill and Dorothy Fielding



RECYCLING

First and third Monday of each month - put out by 6 am. Pick up your Town of Caroga Directory at the Post Office or stores. Also available at the Town Clerk's office.

GARBAGE PICKUP

One day a week as follows:

Southern-most part of town - Monday. Northern-most part of town - Tuesday.

All garbage must be placed in clear plastic bags which may also be placed in a 20-gallon can with handle locks to keep animals out.

Strictly garbage - not to include any recyclables or trash of any kind which means diapers, kitty litter or yard debris. These items can be taken to the Transfer Station.

See Town of Caroga Directory for dump hours.

HOLDING TANK REGULATIONS

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 PRE-SENTED TO THE TOWN CLERK EACH AND EVERY TIME IT IS PUMPED AND NO LATER THAN AUGUST FIRST OF EACH YEAR.



LOONS: THE VOICE OF THE WILDERNESS

submitted by: Rosemary T. Lee,

The "call of the wild" is synonomous with the haunting cry of the common loon or Gavia immer, which is the latin name for our northern diving bird. The loon can fly up to 100 miles per hour and dive 200 feet deep. Loon music can be heard on our Adirondack lakes in the form of a variety of calls including the tremolo, yodel and the

long wail," aaaa-oooooo," which is used to summon a mate and as a location finder. Ancient peoples believed that the loon guided the soul of the dead to a new world, because of its ability to disappear beneath the water, while native peoples of North America created many legends one of which tells that the loon is calling for a lost loved one or friend. The Cree believed that the loon was the spirit of a warrier who was denied entry into heaven.

The earliest evidence of loons exists from fossils dating back 40 to 50 million years ago. Present day loons evolved about 10 million years ago and today there are five species of loons. The common loon's black and white plumage along with it's red eyes makes it a spectacular bird to watch as it dives for fish while remaining submerged for about 40 seconds.

The common loon is today on the New York State list of wildlife species which are of special concern. This means that it is a native species for which a welfare concern or risk of endangerment has been documented. A 1986 report entitled "Status of the Common Loon in New York State" was prepared by the Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Fish and Wildlife to determine if loon populations had declined in numbers since the previous survey in the mid- 70's. Some of the concerns outlined in the report included; loss of wilderness areas ;lakeshore development; intrusions, especially during nesting season by canoeists; nest predation; entanglement in fishing lines; chemical pollutants such as oil spills, pesticides, mercury and lead poisoning. In New York State, lake acidification can decrease loon productivity, as this also means a decline in fish and amphibian populations, which are sensitive to acid waters. The Adirondacks are the primary region for breeding loon populations in New York State. In 1963, 90 lakes were identified as containing 120 loon pairs while the total state breeding population was estimated to be about 240 pairs. Since that time, the total population of loons in northern New York is estimated at 804-1034 adults with only 216-270 breeding pairs. The loon is protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 as a non game bird which is necessary because of the loon's extensive seasonal movement patterns. In 1983, 2500 loons were lost on the Gulf Coast due to mercury poisoning.

Scientists report that the minimum lake size for nesting is about 12 acres, so that most loons will nest on larger lakes. As loons return to their territories in the spring, they are very aggressive in defending their nesting location by means of displays, and will signal danger or summon their mate using a variety of calls including wails, yodels and the tremolo, a sign of distress and fear which sounds like human laughter. Adults may live up to 30 years and each spring the same pair return to their territory. Mating and nesting take place on land and a nest is built close to the water's edge. The loon is very clumsy on land and has difficulty attaining flight requiring at least 1/4 mile distance over open water, also it reguires close proximity to deep water for diving. During this time, rising water levels can affect loon nesting abilities as can a variety of predators including raccoons, herring gulls and crows. The loon nest may contain up to two olive brown eggs and one adult is always on the nest from late May until June, when the chicks are hatched. This is a critical time period for the loons ability to produce chicks, and disturbances such as motor boats and canoes can cause a loon to be frightened off the nest. Tiny chicks covered in black down with a white belly are brought to a nursery area of the lake to be fed and protected. Food for growing chicks includes crayfish, frogs, salamanders, minnow, insects, leeches and aquatic plants.

Always avoid these areas when boating or waterskiing and admire the loons from a respectfull distance using binoculars. In addition to boating casualties, chicks may be lost to predation by birds, turtles and large fish. As an example of their relative survival odds, loons may only have one or two chicks a year, while the merganser has an (Continued on Page 8)

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average of ten ducklings, therefore maintaining safe breeding sites is critical to sustaining loon populations in New York State.

As the season continues, the loon family remains together during the summer, but by September, the first adults begin their migration to both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts as well as the Gulf and Florida. Juvenile loons migrate in the fall after their parents and some stay until November when lakes begin to freeze. Loons spend the winter months along both coasts of North America and the Great lakes feeding mainly in the ocean. Here they are very vulnerable to oil spills and fishing nets. About the end of March, just as many residents of Canada and West Lake are returning to their camps, loons begin to move up the coast as they fly in small flocks on their long journey northward and home.

As residents of Canada and West Lakes, we are privileged to be able to witness the presence of loons during their seasonal activities of migration, nesting, feeding and rearing chicks. It is my hope that we can continue to support and protect these beautiful birds by gaining a better understanding of their habitat requirements and respecting and admiring them from a distance. Residents of lakes in New Hampshire, for instance where loon populations have declined, have formed groups of volunteers called "Loon Rangers" who maintain a watchful eye on loons especially during the nesting season. Residents of Canada and West Lake who are interested in learning more about loons can find information from the following sources:

Loons by Roy Dennis, Voyageur Press, 1993 New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Fish and Wildlife, Wildlife Resources Center, Delmar, N.Y. 12054

National Audubon Society, 950 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022

The Loon: Voice of the Wilderness, Joan Dunning, Houghton-Mifflin Co., 1985

for the CAROGA HISTORICAL (ASSOCIATION) & MUSEUM

EXHIBITS:

July 1 - 14 — Adirondack Interpretation by Barbara McMartin. July 19 - 31 — Arrowhead Exhibit. August 9 - 20 — Fiber, Fabric and Art Show

EVENING PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS:

July 6 — 7:00 pm, Barbara McMartin, An Adirondack Interpretation. July 13 — 7:00 pm, Christopher Shaw, Concert.

July 27 — 8:00 pm, Meeting with speaker on Arrowheads.

August 2 — 7:00 pm, Jeannine Laverty & Dan Berggren, Concert "Ghosts, Guests and Grand People."

August 17 — 7:30 pm, Dulcimer Program, Silvestris.

WEDNESDAY MORNING PROGRAMS:

Please pre-register for these programs by calling Mary Cleland at 835-6335.

July 5 — 9:30 am to 12:00 pm, Dried Flower Wreaths

July 12 — 9:30 am to 12:00 pm, Language of Flowers

July 19 — 9:30 am to 12:00 pm, Woodcarving

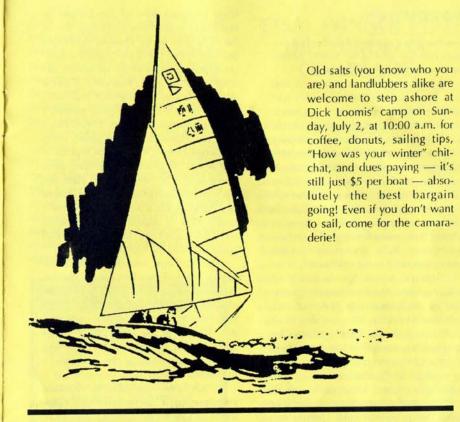
July 26 — 9:30 am to 12:00 pm, Basketry

August 2 — 9:30 am to 12:00 pm, Wood Stenciling

August 9 — 9:30 am to 12:00 pm, Weaving Weed Bags

August 16 — 9:30 am to 12:00 pm, Tin Punch Class

See centerfold calendar for other events.



ADIRONDACK COMMITTEE REPORT

by Dick LeFebvre

There is very little doubt that my report to the membership will be out of date within any given two week period. However, I will report as of the moment.

The November election continues to change the status quo of many issues within the Adirondack Park. Newly elected Governor George Pataki has proposed a state budget that has a number of implications. The reductions proposed include staff reductions within the Adirondack Park Agency as well as reductions within the Department of Environmental Conservation.

In addition to the above, Governor Pataki can, and has started, to change the membership on the Adirondack Park Agency. The first change was the selection of "Sandy" Treadwell as our new Secretary of State. Sandy resides in Essex County and will be very active in Adirondack issues. The new Commissioner of Environmental Conservation has also said that he will attend Agency meetings or will be sending a new designee.

The eight appointed commissioners continue to serve at our monthly meetings. It should be noted that five of the commissioners are serving expired terms and my term expires on June 30, 1995. One can quickly see that our new governor can substantially change the makeup of the Agency with many new appointments. Because of the mathematical possibilities it seems that every interest group has been lobbying for their candidates. The Appointments Office of the (Continued on Page 10)

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governor has indicated that the first announcements should be made public after the state budget is in place.

I would also like to report on two other issues namely Zebra Mussels and Eurasian Milfoil. The major problems with Milfoil are very will published in the Lake George area because of the severity of the problem and the size of the lake. The Agency continues to receive reports of very substantial growths in many other Adirondack waters. I have had the science staff from the Agency at Canada Lake in the fall and we found no Eurasian Milfoil. There were findings of a domestic milfoil that is native to the Adirondacks and poses no threat.

I will also report that we found no Zebra Mussels. There are major infestations on the eastern side of Adirondack Park and at Hinkley, thus, we should all be cautious. The Zebra Mussel can be transported on boats and canoes. Many private clubs are requiring that boats being brought to their waters be washed and/or quarantined. We must be vigilant as our beautiful waters are our greatest asset. The fishery in Lake Ontario has declined dramatically and it is thought to be the responsibility of the Zebra Mussel.

I am reminded daily of our good fortune in having these beautiful Canada lakes. I continue to have the privilege of visiting many parts of the Park and meeting with the Park's inhabitants and visitors. I continue to be convinced that our association can play an instrumental role in seeing that we can enjoy and preserve this beautiful spot.

> Respectfully, Dick

ON GUARD!

by David Hoffman

Our beautiful deep Adirondack Lakes are threatened by three invaders. A few stalks bearing purple - pink flowers in the

filled wetlands east of the Dolgeville Point boat house three years ago. This is the only area so far invaded by Purple Loosestrife that I have seen - but the flowers appeared again in the same area despite treatment with "Roundup". Only a single plant was identified last year some 20 feet or so from the original growth. I know of no other areas of purple loose strife at Canada Lake, but it grows freely at Caroga Lake in the area of Vroomans and across the street in a low lying area. There is also an area of front yard and ditch growth along the shore road in front of a camp and in a woodsy patch on the beach side. It appears that the plants were introduced with fill brought in from areas closer to the Mohawk Valley.

The problem introduced by these plants is that all the other natural grasses, flowers and other wetland growth are choked out destroying the normal wetland habitat. 'Those of us who have seen the changes in the Montezuma Refuge along the NY thruway to the West have seen the destruction of the wetlands by this weed.

It has been impossible to eliminate this weed but it can be controlled - aiming to reduce the number of plants by 70 - 80%. One plant produces 2,000,000 seeds per year and buried seeds can survive 4 - 15 years.

There is an excellent article in the August 1994 "The Conservationist" discussing the use of weevils and beetles in the control of purple loosestrife. "Round Up" spray was found to be an effective killer but "Rodeo" is preferred for use in marshy land or standing water. Some 13 states have designated purple loosestrife as a noxious or nuisance weed which is against the law to have on ones property.

Another invader of our lakes is Eurasian milfoil which is carried by boats, motors and trailers from a contaminated lake to a pure lake. Last year on Lake Catherine between NY and VT I saw a mechanized barge harvesting the network of milfoil strands like wet hay to

clear open sites for normal use and enjoyment of the lake. Attempts are made to clear early growth when the plants are small but large areas require harvesting and disposal by burning. Boats and trailers should be washed thoroughly after use in water contaminated with milfoil.

The third invader is the Zebra mussel - a small mollusk (a tiny clam with stripes), which has come up the Hudson, the St. Lawrence and now the barge canal. Again, thorough boat and trailer cleaning after use in contaminated water is necessary if we mean to keep our lakes free of these tenacious creatures which destroy the natural chain for normal fish nutrition and growth.

— ESSAY CONTEST -

Cash prizes will be given to the winners of best essays on the subject "My Most Memorable Experience at The Lake". This contest is in no way connected to, or sponsored by, the CLPA. It is the idea of an anonymous person who loves the lake and wants to know how you feel about it. This person will contribute the prize money and if this continues to be successful, the contest will be held again next year. The subject will be announced in the 1996 Echo.

The rules are:

The first category - no older than 12 years of age.

The second category - 13 to 18 years of

250 words or less.

Name, age, address and telephone on back of essay.

Essay due by July 10, 1995.

Send to Beverly Hoffman, Box 945, Canada Lake, NY 12032. She will give

them to the judges.

Winner's names will be posted on the bulletin board at the Canada Lake store on July 30, after the winners have been notified.

The prizes are:

First prize in each category: \$40.00 Second prize in each category: \$20.00

Anon. wishes you all GOOD LUCK!!

ESSAY WINNER 1994 THE COMFORT OF CANADA LAKE

by Jeff Ehmsen

Even as I sit here writing, the gentle raindrops are dancing on the rippling water, yet the sun is glowing orange and is casting a golden ribbon across the entire lake. I hear a trilling swallow praising the beauty also, and see tiny hummingbirds flitting to and fro with their glittering red throats flashing in the sunlight. When I look out across the lilting waves through the dew - kissed leaves of the trees that frame the lake from our porch, all of my worries seem so distant. The quiet waters seem to just wash away my cares. It amazes me how temperamental the lake can be, with each of its moods as unpredictable yet as awe- inspiring as the next. I remember some mornings when the water is like glass, with a fragile veil of mist swirling on top of the "mirror", and other times angry white caps and scattering froth. Living in California, I've never known anything more breathtaking in my life, and I can't dream of any place I would rather be. When I'm at home in California, just closing my eyes and thinking about the warmth of a soft, pastel colored sunset revives me, and in hard times reminds me of the beauty and blessings in life. Canada Lake has given me so much inspiration and love for nature. With so many quiet mornings there is time to relax, and with so much wilderness there is always something to enjoy whether it's listening to the mournful tremolos of Canada Lake's loons, watching a heron walking among the lily pads as though on stilts, or gazing into the endless sky of glittering stars. Besides the beauty of nature, I love being at Canada Lake to hike and explore the woods and feel the wind rushing against me while water skiing. It's hard to put into words my love for the lake the most beautiful words are by far those that the wind whispers to the trembling

1995 CLPA SUMMER CALENDAR 1995

JUNE

WELCOME TO THE LAKE!

— 24 —

CLPA Director's Meeting - Sat. 9:30 AM (at Phil Boyds)

JULY

-1-

Flare Lighting - Saturday 9:30 PM

-2-

Annual Membership Mtg. - 10 AM (Dick Loomis' Camp)

> — 3 — 4th of July Race

(Rain date July 4th)

— 6 — Program at Museum*

-8-

July Series Races 1, 2, 3 CLPA Annual Meeting - Saturday 8 PM (Town of Caroga Municipal Building)

> — 10 — Essay Deadline

> > -12-

Get Acquainted Luncheon & Card Party (Nick Stoner Inn - 12:00 noon -Wednesday)

> — 13 — Concert at Museum*

— 15 — July Series Races 4, 5, 6

— 22 —

7th Annual CLPA Picnic - Saturday (Rain date - Sunday, July 23) Details TBA July Series Races 7, 8, 9 *See Caroga Historical Assn. Schedule **— 29 —**

Caroga Fire Company Auxiliary
Annual Rummage Sale
Breakfast and Barbeque - Sat
Caroga Museum Annual Bake & Craft Sale

-30-

July Series Races 10, 11, 12 Essay Winners Announced

AUGUST

-5-

CLPA Director's Meeting - Saturday 9:30 AM
(at Boyd's Camp)
Wednesday Morning Programs start at Museum*
August Series Races 1, 2, 3
Pot Luck Dinner & July Awards
(Location TBA)

-10-

Annual Luncheon & Card Party (Location TBA - sponsored by Museum)

— 12 —

4th Annual Golf Tournament - Saturday August Series Races 4, 5, 6

-19-

August Series Races 7, 8, 9

-26-

August Series Races 10, 11, 12

SEPTEMBER

-2-

Season Ending Fun Race Finale August Awards (location TBA) Flare Lighting - Saturday 9 PM

FAREWELL CAMPERS, SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

BROWN BAG STORIES

by Karen Riley

What does a bagged lunch, the island and some good books equal? Brown Bag Stories on the Island - a CLPA youth activity. Children ages 5 - 12 are invited to bring their lunch to the island and be treated to 45 minutes of various children's stories. This year's tentative dates are Sunday, July 2, Saturday, July 15, and Saturday, August 5. The Brown Bag Stories are from 12 noon to 12:45 pm. The stories are read by Karen Riley, a primary teacher in the Gloversville school district. Check the store bulletin board for any additions and/or corrections to the dates and times. Some new and funny stories are waiting to be read this year! See you Sunday, July 2.



ECHOES

The ELBERFELDS proudly announce the engagements of their daughters: Anissa Joan to Scott Sullivan of Crestwood, N.J. They will be married on June, 8, 1996. And Mary Ann to Evan Denner of Hoboken, N.J. They will be married on November 19, 1995.

Guy Mills, Son-in-law of MARY WATSON, Canada Lake, will graduate from Maria School of Nursing in Albany in May with an R.N. degree. Guy and Judi, with their three children, spend as much time as possible at the family

camp, enjoying sailing, swimming and general relaxation.

Judy and Chris MORITZ report that son Mark, who has lived at the Lake since 1989, relocated to Ironwood, Michigan in April 1994 and then to San Francisco, CA. in September 1994. He shares an apartment in California with Parker Davis (Dolgeville Point).

Son Gregory (an Army Pilot) is getting married in October. He resides in Alexandria, Va. and is attending law school at George Mason University.

Jud and Barbara LINCOLN enjoyed a cruise in Oct. 1995 from Korea to Vladivostik, Russia, Japan, including Tobe before the earthquake, and Shanghai and Beijing, China including the Great Wall. Great Trip!

Their daughter and son-in-law Karen (Pantke) Herman and Chet Herman have opened their second restaurant "The Mayor's House 2" in Pamley's Island S.C.. They already have The Mayor's House" in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The Lincolns are looking forward to Canada Lake this summer.

Ilo M. BRENNEN writes that Jon Brennen and Dana Oakley were married last Sept 4th. A lovely reception followed at the Hyatt Regency in Old Greenwich Conn. They had a honeymoon in St. Lucia.

Dorothy and Charlie STERRET of Kasson Drive and Elmont NY celebrated SIXTY YEARS of marriage on Feb. 21st.

Marty MCLAREN and children, Kimberly Franz Moniz and Brian Franz, are celebrating their 30th summer at their South Shore camp. Spouses, Jeffrey and Kristen, Canada Lake converts, will be on hand for a special celebration with family and friends.

Lorraine Rose LEWIS born on Feb. 23 to Cheryl and Rudley Lewis.

Congratulations to Bonnie Yates BUCHNER for dancing her way to 2nd runner up in the "1994 National Senior Citizen Pageant" in Joliet, Illinois.

Amanda PARKHURST graduates May 28 from Mt. Holyoke College. Major Anthropology, minor - French. She plans eventually to go to graduate school, but hopes to spend part of next year visiting the families she lived with as an exchange student in Brazil.

Cameron PARKHURST will marry Shaun Faricy in Minneapolis on October 14.

Alison Fisher SMITH plans to marry Bruce Williamson on August 26 in the Caroga Lake Chapel.

Katie FISHER will enter Wesleyan University in Conn. this fall.

Kip OSBORN and Tracey Olson were married on Christmas Eve.

Mark HOFFMAN and Leslie Borrok plan to be married on August 26th.

News from the PETRIE - DAVIS camp: "Mom, Jane and Grandma, Millie visited Parker in San Francisco the end of March. Parker lives in the city and is a game designer for computer games. Hilary has moved back east from Utah and is job hunting in the Boston area. Tori has one more year at St Lawrence University. We're all looking forward to spending as much time as possible at the lake".

News from the **FENOY** camp: our youngest, 16 year old Andy, has experienced a rather successful senior year in high school, becoming the Suffolk County and New York State Federation Winter Track Shot Put Champion. Having been accepted to Princeton, Yale, U. Penn, Brown and John

Hopkins, Andy will most likely join his brother at Princeton, majoring in engineering with a pre - med option.

Our son, Al, about to begin his junior year, is certainly making the most of his college experience. While a member of the fencing team, sit orchestra and marching band, tutoring physics and volunteering in the Big Brother program in Trenton, he has maintained an A average in an engineering - pre - med program. He will join us at Canada Lake in August after spending June and July in California working with Dr. Charles Cobbs, a neurosurgeon, at the San Francisco General Hospital.

We are exhausted and are looking forward to the hot sun and cool waters of Canada Lake.

Gary Rice, husband of **Dorothy OSBORN - RICE** was killed in an accident in September.



KANE MOUNTAIN FIRE TOWER RESTORATION

by Phil Boyd

From a report by Lt. A.R. van Laer, NYS Dept of Conservation:

"Through an effort spearheaded by a group of volunteers, the State Fire Tower on Kane Mountain is in much better shape than it has been in the recent past. After months of planning and paperwork over sixty volunteers spent three Sunday mornings in August '94 picking up trash, (Continued on Page 16)

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replacing broken windows and removing a collapsed building from the summit of Kane Mountain. The group was made up of local residents, camp owners, friends and hikers who happened by and just pitched in to help. Department supervision for this effort was provided by N.Y.S. Forest Rangers.

Along with the work done on the tower, the old cabin was removed down to the floor, serving as a tent platform, and the newer cabin underwent repairs to the windows and doors. All the material used for this work was paid for by donations the group raised in the community. If vandalism does not discourage the group, next season could see the cabin housing educational displays and maybe a volunteer in the tower to answer the public's questions.

This tower is located on forest preserve lands near Green and Canada Lake in Fulton county."

An update beyond L. van Laer's report:

Kane Mt. has been selected as a visitation site in this year's Adirondack Challenge by the APA's Interpretive Center in Paul Smiths. This is a list of 11 hikes or adventures which can be achieved with moderate effort. Awards are given to those who finish 5.

Our local Encon Ranger, John Ploss, will post signs directing use of the Green Lake trail to reach the summit. He also is posting signs recognizing the volunteer effort to refurbish the tower. There will be a trail-use sign-in on the top of the mountain.

Encon has authorized an interpretive nature trail up the mountain. We are assembling pamphlets to support the nature trail and orient visitors. Prof. McLelland has written a section on local geology. Any contributions or suggestions are welcome.

Efforts are underway to build and reinstall the map and sighting bar used by the fire rangers.

Last fall an unthinking visitor built a campfire on the porch of the cabin, burning a hole through the floor. Fortunately, the rest of the cabin did not go up.

To help defend against senseless acts like this and to aid visitors in their use and understanding of the mountain, a group of young volunteers or 'summit stewards' have been recruited from The Wheelerville School along with the Girl and Cub Scouts. Groups of young people, backed by adult supervision, will patrol the mountain 2 or3 times a week, keeping the trail open, reporting on major problems, and answering any visitor questions on the mountain and local services.

All those who have volunteered to help in the restoration and care of the tower should take real pride in the success of their efforts.

THE REGISTER OF AN INN AND THE ANNALS OF A COTTAGE

by Eleanor Franz

He gave me the book in the summer of 1972, just before he moved to Florida. Skeet said, "It was fun once, but when we got older it wasn't so much fun in the winter", so he and Marie Sliter sold the store, packed up and left.

The first part of the big old ledger, about the size of a large cumbersome atlas, concerned 1872 until 1883, over 100 years ago, and then it skipped some pages until 1890 when it became the guest book of Heart's Content, the Faville Sliter cottage on Dolgeville Point.

The writing was a size to match the book, some in beautiful script never seen today. It was the register of the Canada Lake House, the first hotel on Canada Lake, built in 1868 where the motel is today on the north side. It burned in 1884.

Captain Frank Faville was one of the many managers of the hotel with a Mr. Kibbe, and he kept the ledger as Proprietor from June 5, 1873 until Nov. 26, 1873. Then he apparently moved out, taking the book with him.

The guests of the hotel were from near and far, places such as San Francisco, Omaha, Albany, Rockwood, Caroga, Nova Scotia, Brockett's Bridge, Gloversville and Fonda. After all it was the only large lodging house on Canada Lake. Some of the names have been familiar on the lake until today, such as Sammons, Hutchinson, Place, Argersinger, Loomis, Peck and Hays. Following some of the less well known names they used their own forms of registering, such as, "lady", or "Girls", "2 ladies", "wife", "2 horses". Three signed in as "Old Nick Stoner, Old Forster, Captain Kidd", all from "the North Woods" and noting they killed a bear.

Apparently by Nov. 26, Captain Faville had had enough so he left, taking the register and by 1890 it was back in business to record the house guests of the Faville cottage, just built. Now there were no room numbers, and one person signed for the whole party. Usually the best writer got the job.

Captain Faville was a prominent Brockett's Bridge citizen and Civil War veteran so many guests from the little village, now Dolgeville, were entertained. In June of 1890 35 guests appeared, among them Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Dolge and son Willie, August Dolge, and Frieda Wolf, a relative. From then on it was a steady stream of people, Favilles, Brocketts, J.B. Koetteritz, Breckwoldts, Helmers, Kamps, Henry I. Patrie from Livingstone (Later Senator Patrie who bought John Breckwoldt's camp). In 1891 A. Dolge and family again.

In 1892 they built an ice house and packed it with 180 cakes of ice in December and 4 loads of sawdust.

The guests came in droves By 1894 they wrote "callers too numerous to mention". On Oct. 19, 1894 Mr. Dolge and friends went up the lake and returned - evidently his last visit. In 1896 George W. Ward, a prominent lawyer

and a judge famous for his part in the novel <u>The American Tragedy</u> was a guest.

For a long time the approach to Canada Lake must have been tedious to the point of exhaustion through the woods from Stewart's Landing (famous dating back to the Revolutionary Times) and then by oars or launch up the outlet. Dolgeville Point became so named because many of the top men employed in the Dolge industries found their way to his timber and later his shoreline preserves. The Breckwoldts came in 1897 and later Charles Sullivan, Zaida Zoller, E.A. Stone, Bowman, Willis Maine and Irv and Tillie McGuire, among many noted in the book. By 1901 they came by way of the lake, by 1902 on wheels, probably around by Caroga. They drove to Fonda, then Johnstown, by trolley to Gloversville and thence to Caroga. The road from Stratford became a reality in 1929. It followed a corduroy road to Pleasant Lake, a trail through the woods to Pine Lake. All of this seemed to be worth the effort as they all noted in the book that they had a wonderful time.

In 1905 E.L. Sliter, a head salesman for the Dolgeville shoe company and his wife, Laura Faville, and their son, Lendol, visited and bought the camp. Laura continued the entertaining Frank Faville had started. William Spoar, Mrs. Hermine Giese, Paul and Lorenz Franz were guests by 1917 and many others arrived and had a good time! Paul's beautiful German script was outstanding. In 1919 there was no mention of going "to the store" but largely the guests brought in food or killed deer, ducks, and fished. They caught pickerel "all they could eat", "150 fish, 1 perch 16 inches". Stories of Lendol's love for little animals abound as written by his mother. In 1935 from Aug. 2-9 Lendol and Bill Thompson took a long distance hike, shot deer and lived on fish and venison. They stopped at French Louie's camp.

Lendol's mother died in 1926, and (Continued on Page 18)

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the camp was his. He had attended Princeton Prep and Cincinnati Aviation School to become a flyer. His avocation was working on boats, and in 1936 he opened a hunting lodge. He married Marie B. DeRoche in 1938. In 1939 the camp burned and was rebuilt. They had continued to entertain, and in 1941 there is a note that they moved coal over on a barge. In 1943 the annals of their day to day life ended, but Skeet kept on his journal of ice freezing and when the ice went out, very important when one lived on the Point, From 1964 he owned and ran the Canada Lake Store until 1973 when he moved to Florida.

There is a belief that when one can return to a place that hasn't changed it can renew one's youth. According to the annals the days were filled with hiking, golf, picnicing, hunting, boating and bridge, much as todays'. The beautiful scenery of the long lake with the graceful folds of its mountains still is spread before the Point. One note in the book mentions seeing two loons in 1922. In 1994 we saw five, so the changes are unusually gentle. The battered old book had recorded them for over 100 years.

LITTLE ALLEN INN

by Bill Ringle

Had you been floating in a canoe at the lake's east end 54 years ago the night breezes might have wafted some soaring sounds to you.

The source could have been the renowned soprano sax or clarinet of Sidney Bechet, the New Orleans pioneer who has a place in every serious jazz historian's pantheon of greats.

Or it could have the tenor sax of Pete Brown, a mountain of a black man whose melodic improvisations "jumped every note."

Both played at a raffish road house, the Little Allen Inn, on the north shore. Today the building that housed that nightclub is the thoroughly respectable Lakeside Motel.

The Little Allen Inn's appeal wasn't limited to jazz fans. It specialized in floor shows that were, in the language of those times, "risque" or "off color." "My mother wouldn't let me go to the Little Allen Inn," says Bonnie Yates Buchner, the present owner of the Lakeside Motel. But little, maybe nothing, in its shows would have been barred from today's PG movies or prime-time television.

Probably the most lurid feature that ever appeared on the Little Allen's bill was an actor (or maybe an actress) named Jean LaVerne who wore a costume that was half a white silk evening gown and half a tuxedo. It was his (of her) art, aided by some strategically placed spotlights, to portray a man seducing a woman on a park bench. In non-working hours, LaVerne didn't completely shed the stage persona. On one side of his (her) head the hair was long, blonde and coiffed Veronica Lake-style. The other side was topped in dark hair, cut short, male-style. This might not even provoke a second glance in a large city today, but it was regarded as highly bizarre in 1942.

You may wonder how a musician of Bechet's international stature (he was practically a national hero in France, where he died in 1959 at age 62) found his way to the Little Allen Inn.

One reason was that he had been in the area on and off for a couple of years. His first local stand was in September, 1939, in the Log Cabin at Yost, on Route 5 just east of Palatine Bridge, where he played most often. Today that empty building, forlorn and moldering, looks like an abandoned Klondike miners' dorm. His "Fonda Blues," among other records, memorializes that period. During that time he made some of the frenetic Victor records that still thrill listeners. He also played at Saxie Marshall's, on the Johnstown-Ft. Johnson road.

But what drew him from New York City to the Mohawk Valley in the first place remains a mystery. Young teenagers in Gloversville, Johnstown, Amsterdam, Dolgeville, Canajoharie and Little Falls then knew they loved "Sidney Bechet and his New Orleans Feetwarmers," but they were astonished in 1941 when "Life" magazine (which then wielded popular influence equivalent to today's NBC, ABC, CBS and CNN combined) dubbed him one of the all-time great jazz clarinetists.

Remember, this was an era when clarinetist Benny Goodman, "The King Of Swing," was a national icon, closely followed by Artie Shaw, not to mention a half-dozen other famous clarinetists.

Around that time, a columnist in "Downbeat" magazine, the musicians' bible, called him "the grand old man of American jazz." Indeed, he was called "Pops," and his local fans marveled at such vigor and passion in one so old. But another jazz authority wrote in to remind "Downbeat" that though Bechet was certainly grand, he wasn't old. He was then 431

Pete Brown, who succeeded Bechet on the Little Allen's bandstand, as he had earlier at the Log Cabin, is one of those musicians, sadly, who's most frequently described in jazz histories with such phrases as "unappreciated," "underrated," "too often overlooked" or "given insufficient attention." Before coming to the lake he'd been a mainstay of the popular John Kirby Orchestra (whose records have been reissued by the Library of Congress) and of a number of combos composed of highly-regarded musicians on New York's 52nd Street.

Possibly the reason top-flight musicians like Bechet and Brown worked at the Little Allen Inn was that the owner, Ruth Allen Kathan, was herself an accomplished pianist and appreciated their-talents. However, she seldom played piano herself, according to Art Gibbons of Gloversville, at that time a popular band leader in the Northeast. "She booked some great female vocalists in there," Gibbons said, "but I can't re-

member the names anymore."

The Depression, though waning, was probably another factor. Big bands were popular, but sustaining gigs for individuals and small combos were few and far between

The Little Allen occupied the site of the lake's first hotel, the Canada Lake House, built in 1868 and burned 14 years later. In 1893 the Auskerada House was erected there. It, too, was destroyed by fire in 1921. According to Lydon F. Maider, who has been coming to the lake since the 1920's, a popular dance hall operated there before the Little Allen opened its doors.

One reminder of the Little Allen days survives unseen at the Lakeside. Mrs. Buchner says that on a partly hidden wall is a painting depicting a Hawaiian beach scene, framed in palms. She's been told it used to be behind the bar at the night-club.

Bechet and Brown are now dead but their solos are preserved on records, tapes and CDs. So you still can hear why they captivated your grandfather or grandmother (assuming they'd been lucky enough to hear them) by listening to these:

Sidney Bechet, 1923-36. Classics CD # 583 (originally on Victor).

Frankie Newton, 1937-39. Classics CD # 643 (originally on Bluebird. Pete Brown was a mainstay of the Newton Orchestra).

WATCH FOR THIS!

DAVE HOFFMAN JR. reports, too late for inclusion in the Echo, that the CLPA application for the NEW YORK STATE "ADOPT A HIGHWAY" program has been approved. Details of instruction and pick up dates will be posted on the bulletin board of the CANADA LAKE Store.

A MEMORIAL FOR BILL DUNSTAN

by Mabel Kane

Last June, early in the morning, Bill's wife, Nettie, called to tell me that Bill had died suddenly that same morning of a heart attack. Sad news for me because he had been a lifelong friend. Memories began and continue to surface of a very special relationship and of a man who had contributed greatly to this lake community.

In July, 1931, my brother and I were walking down the Green Lake road, pails in hand, to a spring where we went for our drinking water. A little yellow roadster passed us, disappeared, then reappeared. The driver was Bill Dunstan, his passenger was Esther and they were on their honeymoon. Dr. Hoffman, grandfather of Emily Ann Langworthy, had met Bill the previous year while fishing at Yellowstone Lake and had extended an invitation to visit Camp Ruffit on Green Lake. His directions told them to drive past the Tryon club to a parking spot just off the road, and take the marked trail down a hill until they came to the camp sign. Bill and Esther had translated the "club" into "country club", packed appropriate clothes for that kind of atmosphere and set off on their first trip to the Adirondacks.

The Tryon Club was a rustic camp that belonged to the Hook and Ladder Company of Johnstown and a far cry from being a country club but we gave them directions and they drove off. Their honeymoon cottage turned out to be a tent on a raised platform and the suitcase of "appropriate" clothes stayed in the trunk of the car. Ardent and experienced campers, the newlyweds loved that holiday week and when my mother invited them to stay on with us at our camp "next door" (now the Aldinger home), they gladly agreed. Before the month was over, the Dunstans had fallen in love with the whole area, Dr. Hoffman had

secured a position in the Schenectady school system for Bill and agreed to sell the couple one lot of his property. Late in the Spring of 1932, Bill and Esther, her brother, mother and sister moved into the cabin at the rear of the Hoffman property and the building of their own camp began.

Everything—lumber, roofing, nails, doors and windows—came across the lake in a rowboat or was carried down that long trail. Trees were cut, the foundation placed, the house went up and by the end of August a pretty bare but quite livable camp was finished, and proud new owners moved in.

What wonderful neighbors the Dunstans were! Bill could and did "fix" anything for anyone who needed help. After all our years of carrying water, Bill devised a way to carry gravity water into our camp from the stream which ran through our property. He showed us where and how to lay pipes, how to cut and thread pipe, how to install a sink, a drain and how to dig and line a dry well. I am glad I don't have to do any of those jobs today but I've always been grateful for the knowledge and have put it to good use many times. Esther took us to the tennis courts which used to be on the Nick Stoner Golf Course and taught us how to play that game which became my favorite sport. She also gave us swimming lessons, often rowing to the Canada Lake beach because our shores were so rocky. There, my two small sisters could play on the sandy beach and my brother and I could have our swimming lessons. It was not always a one-way street of assistance for I remember a two day stretch of rowing heavy bundles of shingles from the Sponenberg dock to the Dunstan dock and later, helping to paint those shingles.

Some few years later, his own camp now in good order, Bill became interested in reviving a defunct CLPA. With the help of Paul Benjamin, Herb Steinkamp, Tony Beekman and others, the organization came to life again and Bill served as its first President. In only three years, the membership grew from none to two hundred members and it has stayed an active, involved group since that time.

Bill's friendship with Tracey Bogart ultimately led to the formation of the Sailing Club. Tracey had a Lightning sailboat moored in Canada Lake and Bill was his "crew" until he felt it was time to get a sailboat of his own. First, he made his own sail, attached it to his rowboat and practiced endlessly on Green Lake. Finally, he bought a Blue Jay, ventured into Canada Lake's rougher waters and began racing against Tracey and his Lightning. The two men decided this would be a good sport for the CLPA to promote and they offered to teach anyone who was interested. Before long, a Sailing Club emerged and Saturday sailing races were and still are a popular summer activity.

Both Bill and Esther were always eager to encourage activities for young people and since the Canada Lake Dance Hall was still available, they organized Saturday night square dances there. These affairs were very popular and attendance ran high. Sadly, the building went up for sale and what had been a wonderful part of summer fun, first with orchestras and ballroom dancing, later the square dances, simply ceased to exist. The Dunstans tried to persuade the CLPA to acquire the building as a club house for members and their children but despite their efforts and their more than generous offer of money, not enough support was forthcoming and the dance hall became the Lakeside Mo-

Bill's final community effort involved a road building project around the North Shore of Green Lake. A canvass of the property owners brought enthusiastic support and Bill went to the Town Planning Board for permission to extend the main road around the lake by crossing the rear of all the properties, thus relieving the town of any expense since the

owners would foot the bill. A snag developed over the Hamm property where Nancy Jung's camp is located today. The Hamm camp had burned years before, was never rebuilt and was currently for sale. The Town Board had specified that every camp owner must agree to the planned route or it could not cross that property. The Hamms understandably declined to join in the expense involved and to save the project, Bill and his wife bought the property. Each property owner specified where the road should cross their land and a route was laid out, town permit and approval granted. It was the group of seven campers, armed with their chainsaws, who cut down the trees and built the supports for the stream crossings. They hired a man to bulldoze the path they had made and the North Shore road became a reality. That was the end of the ceaseless rowing of both materials and people from various shore docks to their camps. The entire cost of the project was divided evenly among the property owners and the cost was minimal since they had done most of the hard labor themselves. In return, the Town had agreed to assume maintenance of the road. North Shore residents today might like to know the history of their road as they drive to their homes.

Personally, I feel the loss of a clear friend and my family shares that loss with me. The lake community remembers with gratitude the meaningful contributions Bill made, gladly and generously, because he loved this place so well. He was a special man.



911 IS NOW IN EFFECT

911 Numbers: The Caroga Lake Volunteer Fire Company has reflective numbers for use with the 911 system. 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.

CLPA PICNIC

The annual Canada Lake Picnic is held each year. 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 signup 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 1995. See calendar for date.

MOST FREQUENTLY VIOLATED BOATING REGULATIONS

- When pulling a waterskier, etc., there must be a 2nd person in the boat who is 10 years or older.
- No waterskiing after sunset.
- Children under 12 must wear a life jacket in any boat, canoe, etc.
- 5 mph within 100' of shore, dock, anchored boat, float, etc.

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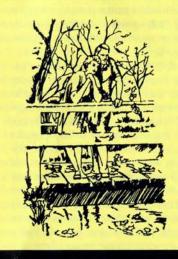
July thru Labor Day: Sing Along 10:45 AM Services 11:00 AM

ST. BARBARAS CHAPEL

Saturday only 5:30 PM

NORTH BUSH METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 11:00 AM



IN MEMORIUM

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

Bill Dunstan Anne Selke Michael Parkhurst Neale Parkhurst Hildegarde Schine Gary Rice Helen Steinkamp