

**The Boss Finds The Best  
Fishin' Hole**  
(By "Ack" in the Cleveland  
News of October 11, 1925)

This here expertin' gets to be the real thing when you gotta send your boss on a trip. You c'n pass out a certain amt. of baloney to most of the gang, and get away with it- whether they ketch anything or not, taint so with the boss.

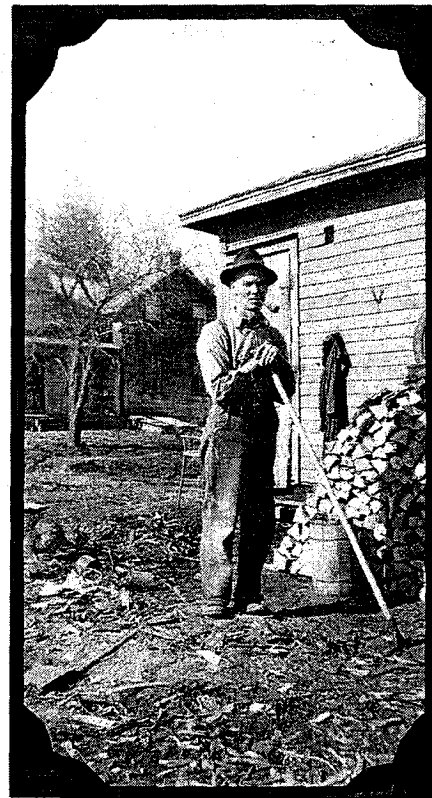
"Listen here, son" sez he to me, "I'm a wantin a fishing trip. Got two days and a couple part days to do it in. Gimme the best or I'll sack you." So I sent T. A. Robertson and his fishin' companion, J. S. Grant, up to Crowe Lake in Ontario. "An kid," sez he to me, "you keep your job. We got our limit of bass in an hour on four tries. The 32 fish weighed 91 pounds. The biggest was 5 ½ pounds, and on top of that we landed seven muskies." Just missed a wild running street car filled with rails, and now my job is safe forever. Hot cats!

Robertson and Grant give all credit for their remarkable success to Walter Revoy and William Leonard, their guides. "The best guides we ever had and they certainly know their business." Posies were also handed out by the anglers of the treatment accorded them by the Marmora Booster Club and by manager Neal, of the Royal Hotel.

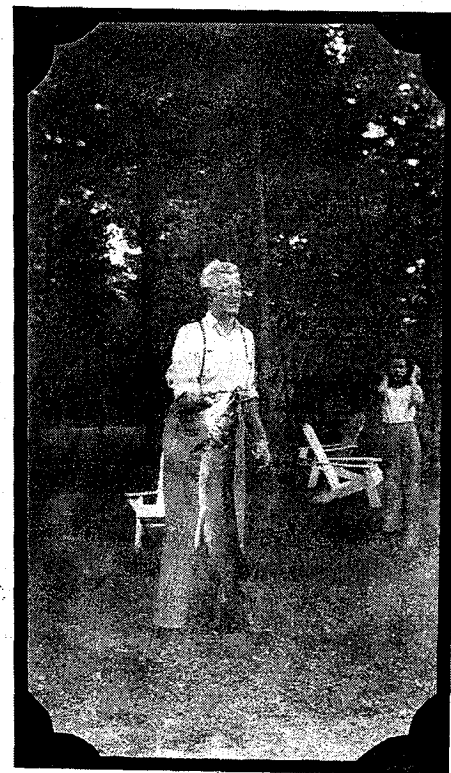
A bass luncheon of bass caught by T. A. and Mr. Grant was served the first of the week at the Statler round table. Seated at the festive board were Joseph Laronge, Ed. Bang, Max Rosenblum, Dr. W. H. Perry, Ernest Bang, former Govenor Harry L. Davis, Louis and Sam Deutsh, Manager Russell Keith of the Statler, T. A. Robertson and J. S. Grant.

"And" chimes in J. S. Grant, "I who's claimin' to be a expert at fishin', am here to say that words fail me in describin' this now Crowe lake trip."

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William Leonard



Percy Cooper

**W.J. Keyes, of Toronto, Wins the Star's Black Bass Rod and Line**

The twenty-fifth Toronto Star prize rod, reel and line is won this year by W. J. Keyes, of 117 Evelyn Crescent, Toronto, for the best small mouth black bass caught with rod and line in Ontario.

His fish, caught in Crowe Lake, at Marmora, on August 20<sup>th</sup> was as follows:

Weight	6 lbs. 9 ozs.
Length	22 ½ inches
Girth	18 ¼ inches

The three judges in the contest had a difficult problem to solve this year. There were four fish so close, not so much in weight and length and girth, as in the inter-relation of all these three factors, that to select the "best" bass, as the contest calls for, called upon the whole experience and knowledge of the three judges who are every one old-time bass fishermen.

These judges were: Jos. T. Clark, editor of the Star and originator of the contest back in 1901; Ozark Ripley (John B. Thompson), the famous American authority on fish and fishing, and an officer in the Izaak Walton League, and John Mossop, managing director of Allcock, Laight and Westwood, fishing tackle manufacturers.

Crowe Lake, near Marmora, has figured in the Star contest in past years with some very splendid bass, though never anything quite so fine as this winner of Mr. Keyes.

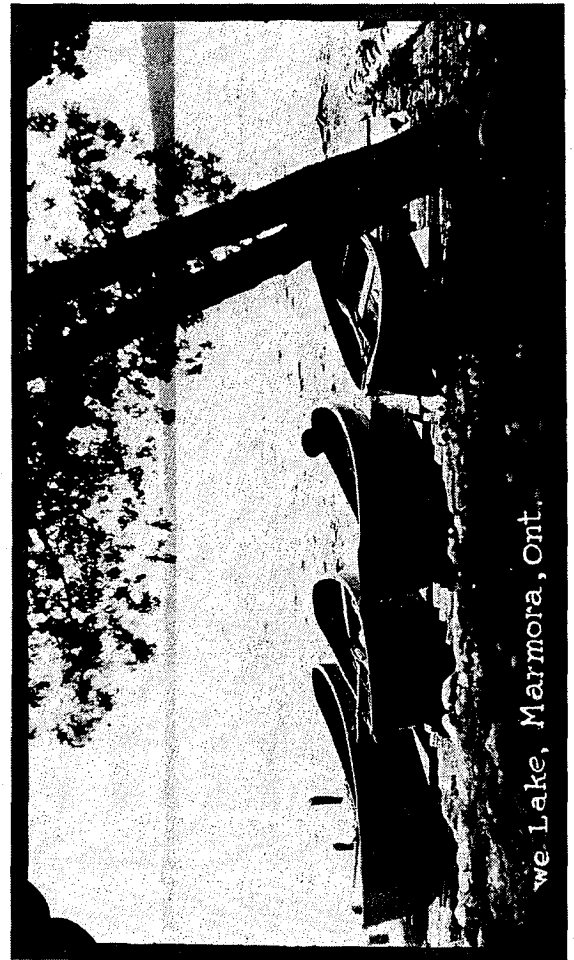
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October 22, 1925



Hilda Reynolds, Marion Mumby, Ethel Mumby, Ken Mumby, Jack Reynolds

Miss Dorothy Keys and Miss Mills, both of Malone who are camping at Crowe Lake made a thrilling rescue when the canoe in which Dr. and Mrs. Logan, of Cambridge, Penn., capsized throwing them both in the lake. Hearing their cries for help the girls paddled out and with great presence of mind succeeded in getting Mrs. Logan to cling to the end of their canoe. After they reached the shore with Mrs. Logan they returned for the Doctor. Their actions of bravery was doubtless the saving of two lives.

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**Crowds Throng Crowe  
Lake on Sunday**

Crowe Lake was an attractive spot on Sunday and the village was almost deserted. If the intense heat continues, summer homes will be opened earlier than usual. Crowe Lake is fast becoming a popular summer resort and is attracting tourists. Excellent fishing, good bathing beaches, and the new park on the south shore purchased by Marmora Booster Club, make it an ideal spot.

Several beautiful homes have been built on the island as well as the mainland. Every week the secretary of the Booster Club is receiving letters of inquiry re cottages and boats, and it is through their efforts that Crowe Lake summer resort is what it is today, an ideal place to spend the summer.

**Marmora Herald  
June 11, 1925**

On Monday night, Marble Cliff Pavilion, Crowe Lake, was totally destroyed by fire. Flames were noticed issuing from the roof about 9:30 and an alarm was given but too late to save the building. The building was valued at ten thousand dollars and was a substantial structure, containing dancing area, dining room and other rooms. The building was partly covered by insurance. We understand it is Mr. Neal's intention to rebuild. It was one of the drawing attractions at the Lake.

**Marmora Herald  
January 8, 1925**

Mr. Hughes & Cuddles in the boat with  
Doug Marrett cottage in background.



Sunset, 1932

## C. A. C. MEMBERS ENJOY CROWE LAKE

by Morris Ackerman

The May issue of the Cleveland Athletic Club Journal contains the following splendid tribute to Crowe Lake and District as a fishing and hunting resort.

A good thing to remember

And better thing to do

Is work with the construction gang

Not with the wrecking crew

It was some eight or ten years ago that Edwin G. Becker, "the father of Old Crowe," observed the above lines. They were written by an enthusiastic member of the Marmora Booster Club, sponsors of the piscatorial perfection of Crowe Lake musky and bass fishing.

Becker not only joined the "construction gang" but had little difficulty interesting J. B. Lynn, Bayard Wright, Frank Maurer, Ben McCausland, Ira Farley, Tom Potts, Alex Wolf, L. W. Davis, C. J. Boldt, Dr. H. L. Spracking, Charles Dunn, Tom Batt, Harry Gresham, and his boyhood friend and business associate, Roger T. Peckinpaugh. All of these C.A.C. members have fished at Crowe Lake, not once but many times. Any one of them will tell you that for fish, fun, feathers and fur this Ontario land of joy is the last word in an outdoorsman's book of knowledge.

Crowe Lake not only offers the best of musky and large and small mouth bass fishing but is easily reached by motor or rail as well. It is only 157 miles east of Toronto and about forty miles east of Peterborough, on good motor road from that point. You can drive easily and quickly from Cleveland to the shore of the lake. The Canadian Pacific takes you over from Toronto to Bonarlaw. A taxi meets trains and runs you the eight miles to the lake in a jiffy.

The musky area of Ontario is comparatively well defined. It is bordered on the south by the St. Lawrence, and extends north to Algonquin Park, west to Georgian Bay and due south from there to Lake Erie. The next jump is hundreds of miles west - in the Lake of the Woods district.

Crowe Lake stacks up with any musky ground in the eastern area. Roger Peckinpaugh landed one there that weighed 23 pounds. Beck caught a 19 pounder. Bill Schardt, the baseball pitcher, holds the Crowe Lake record - 28 pounds. Under the Ontario law the season opens June 16<sup>th</sup> and one is permitted to take four 'lunge per day.

As for bass fishing. This lake is in a class by itself. I know of two Clevelanders who went up there last fall and caught their limit of eight bass per day in one hour on each of their two days there. The 32 fish weighed a total of 93 pounds. That's as good bass fishing as the world has to offer. On the way in and out, seven muskies were also landed. Another catch made there that stacks up with any eastern Ontario 'lunge waters was made last season by the guide, "Phony" Shannon. In the short space of sixty minutes he hooked and landed three of these fresh water tigers that weighed 15, 19 and 21 pounds respectively. There's a little mark for the C.A.C. crowd to shoot at.

Becker stands in the Crowe Lake position where another C.A.C. member R. B. Newcomb, does in the "making" of Tamogami. One put the southern Ontario grounds into the "Cleveland headquarters" group, the other the vast Northern Ontario forest reserve. "Beck" and "Peck" were the first to build cottages at "Old Crowe." Since then Bayard Wright, J. B. Lynn and others have followed their lead. All winter Becker has been coaching the fishing tyros of the Outlaws bowling team on the gentle art of playing the battling bass and mighty musky. The members are all het up and rarin' to go. They leave Cleveland on June 14<sup>th</sup> by motor. In the group will be O.C. Wehe, Phil Arnold, E.J. Andrews, George W. Reese, Fred Appleton and the genial instructor and host. None of the guests have ever wet a line before. As a result of this Outlaw trip it's a sure bet that the Crowe Lake boosters will jump rapidly in number this season and it is quite likely that new cottages will shortly grace the shore line and islands of the beautiful lake.

Not only is the fishing far above the average but the wilderness contiguous to the lake abounds in game - ducks, geese, shore birds, grouse, deer, bear and furred game. It is a matter of record that the district stands out as the best black bear area known, at the present time, in eastern North America.

The C.A.C. bear hunters go up there year after year and invariably return with the well known "bacon." Roger Peckinpaugh was up several years ago with Aaron Ward. Each of them bagged a bruin. That was the beginning of the bear hunting. Since then Bayard Wright, J. B. Lynn and several other club members have been piloted over the hard wood ridges and blueberry patches by those intrepid guides

Sanford Lawrence and "Wild Bill" Thompson, with uniform success. The boys swear there are no better brace of guides in all of Canada.

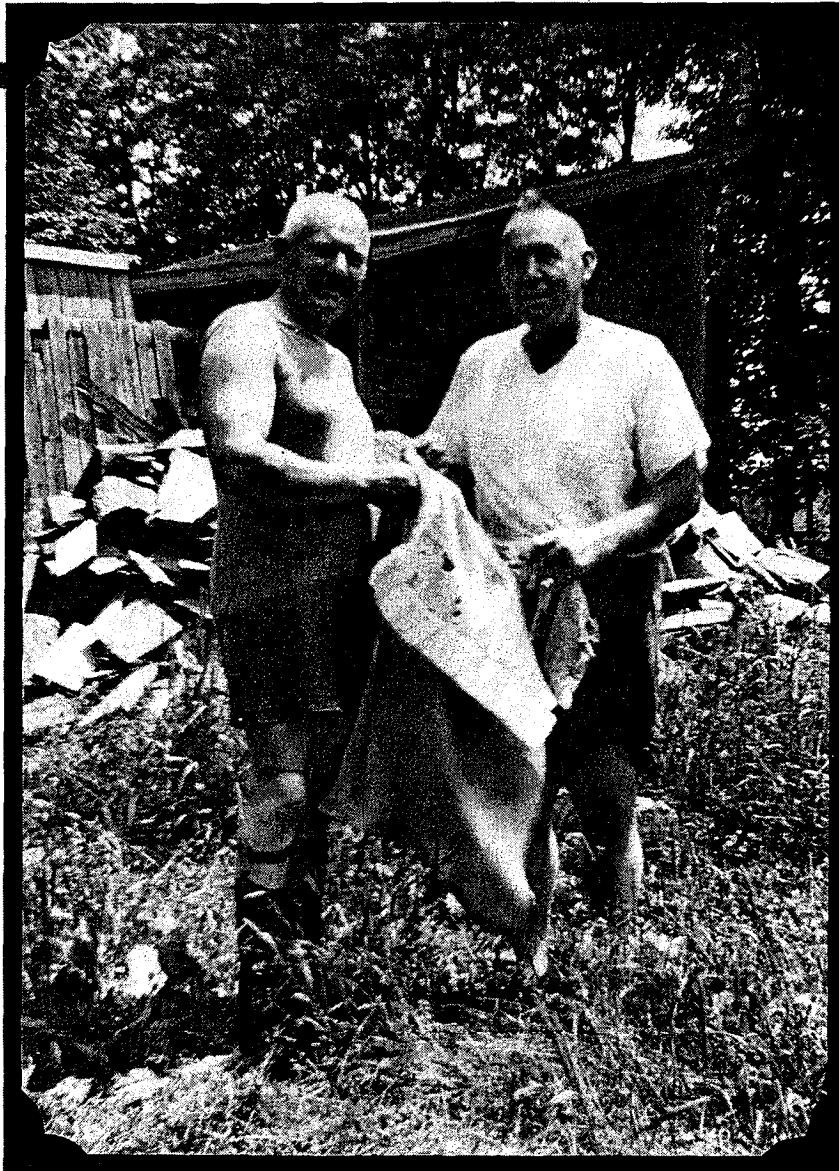
The Crowe Lake area provides almost any kind and style of fishing one may desire. Rocky and sandy shores, with boulders forming stony islands in many places make the ideal home for the small-mouth. Casting, trolling or still-fishing is equally successful. Even the lover of fly fishing has an excellent opportunity here. There are many bays and quiet waters where the weeds, rushes, cat tails and water lilies grow and there is the avowed home of the large-mouth. It is not unusual to snake out a five-pounder when casting the off shore of these native heaths of the green brother.

Around the islands and in numerous beds of the lake the 'lunge weed runs riot. On the outer edges of these matted carpets the cast or troll tempts the slashing warriors to smash the very daylights out of your painted pet. This is the home of the musky; in the best lake for these fish in the whole musky belt.

Flowing into the lake are numerous creeks and rivers. In these running streams the bass and musky may be battled by those who have mastered the art of placing a casting lure where they live. There is no better bet in the north country than these.

It's no wonder that Crowe Lake becomes more popular each Summer and Fall with C.A.C. members. That country has been recommended as the fishing and hunting district, par excellence, by men who know. It's all of that- and more.

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WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:  
1. PICK UP YOUR HAT.  
2. GRAB YOUR COAT.  
3. LEAVE YOUR WORRIES ON THE  
DOORSTEP  
4. DIRECT YOUR FEET TO THE  
SUNNY SIDE OF THE STREET. ♡

Clarence Gladney & Tom Reid

## MANY SUMMER VISITORS

The tourist and holiday season is about over for another year and comparatively few are left of the many who have visited Crowe Lake this season. The number enjoying a holiday at Marmora's popular resort this season, both from the United States and various parts of Canada, was far larger than in any previous year. Nearly all who have come have been delighted with our beautiful lake and the surrounding district. Fishermen, as a rule, have also been very enthusiastic over the sport they have had while here, and will help advertise Crowe Lake as one of the outstanding fishing resorts of Ontario. For beautiful scenery, healthy climate, and good fishing this district can hardly be surpassed. The one drawback has been lack of sufficient accommodation for visitors. With a larger number of cottages available and hotel accommodation at the lake for a greater number, the summer visitors to Crowe Lake could easily be doubled. Very frequently during the past season enquiries sent to Marmora Booster Club for accommodation for various parties had to be answered that the desired accommodation was not available.

There is no question that the summer visitors at Crowe Lake have meant a good deal to the merchants of Marmora. It is equally true that the growing popularity of Crowe Lake is largely due to the efforts of Marmora Booster Club. The surprising thing is that some of the merchants, who have benefited to the greatest extent by the increased business, are apparently unwilling to assist in any way in carrying on the work of The Booster Club, or helping it to finance the advertising which it does, or the improvements made at Crowe Lake. Whether the Booster Club is able to carry on its work for Marmora and vicinity or not will depend entirely on the support which it receives.

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September 2, 1926

## An Asset to Marmora

The Marmora Booster Club is certainly a splendid asset to Marmora village. Since its organization the Booster Club has been responsible for advancing the interests of Marmora more than all the Boards of Trade or Chamber of Commerce put together could possibly do. The aims of the Club are briefly: To make Marmora and district attractive to tourists and travellers; to improve fishing and hunting and protect fish and game; to pay for a community park and free camping ground and to beautify and in various ways advertise Marmora and district as a summer playground. And the Marmora Booster Club is succeeding in all its aims. Last week it carried a page advt. In the Marmora Herald outlining the desirability of membership. It secured the services of Rand McNally, special writer of the Toronto Star, to visit Crowe Lake and write up its attractions. It has purchased a park and Free Motor Camp at Crowe Lake. It has obtained a game reservation from the Government. It has reared pheasants and placed them in a protected area at Crowe Lake, and it is a central bureau for advising intending tourists where and at what expense accommodation may be secured. It is accomplishing great things for Marmora and is a wonderful asset to that village. \_ Havelock Standard.

Marmora Herald  
July 22, 1926



Taut-line Hitch

## A CRUISE ON CROW LAKE FOR BASS

The following by William Payne is copied from "Hunting and Fishing" published at Mount Morris, Ill.

The purpose of this story is to let brother fishermen know of my experience with artificial bait and to explain just what particular bait that I used and what was the result. I have in my tackle box seventy-two different lures and have used them all. I do not want to say that some, which appear to be very attractive are not good or will not catch fish, nor is my story to be one that will praise a certain bait. The lures with which I caught my fish are the ones which will be mentioned.

It has been my good fortune to be able to go to Canada for the past two years to a wonderful lake in Ontario, Crow Lake. This year my two partners were Florence and Gene and no one could ask for better companions. We left Buffalo on Friday evening, August 24<sup>th</sup> at six o'clock and started on a journey that was very long. Passing through Niagara Falls we proceeded to Hamilton from there to Toronto where we arrived at 12:30. Here we stopped and had something to eat and continued on through a miserable rain storm to Port Hope. From there to Rice Lake where we took out our Canadian license. We arrived here about an hour after day break. We had breakfast at Peterborough which was our next stop and started on the last lap of the journey passing through Guerin, Havelock and Marmora, which is just two miles from Crow Lake. We arrived at the Tipperary House, where we generally stay, at nine thirty on Saturday morning and it was sure a great relief to know that we were again in God's out-of-doors, free for two weeks.

After dinner we could not resist the temptation and although very tired from our long trip we tried casting in the river just below the lumber dam. The water here is quite swift and ideal for casting. I used a Shannon twin spinner to start with and my efforts were rewarded with two small bass, one about a pound and the other too small to keep.

Following the river about a hundred yards or so I continued to cast using the same bait but having no luck, I changed to Al Foss Shimmy Wiggler and had several strikes landing four bass, two of which were big enough to keep. On my last cast my Shimmy Wiggler was snagged and I lost it along with ten feet of line so we returned to the hotel, Gene with three and I with four, Florence being score keeper, and I Shimmy Wigglerless.

The day was a sunny one. You can rest assured that it took no rocking to put us to sleep that night for we sure did sleep. The next day being Sunday, we rested with the exception of rowing over to the guide's house which was three miles away to get him to guide us the next day. Much to our sorrow we found that he would be busy all week, but would give us two days next week. We took it easy all week, not starting to fish until 9:30 and quitting about noon, starting out after dinner at 2 o'clock and coming home about six. During the week we landed many bass which were taken on the Pokie Minnow, Shannon twin spinner, Pork Rind minnow with a white tail made by the South Bend people. The name of this minnow I have forgotten. The largest bass of three and a half pounds was taken on Bill Boeller twin spinner. All these days with the exception on one were bright and plenty of sun.

Thursday was a dull day and ideal for muskie so off we started in quest of a 'lunge. Gene and I were trolling with Florence at the oars. We had rowed about three hundred yards when Gene yelled that he had a 'lunge. After fifteen minutes of real sport I finally succeeded in landing the gaff hook and a nine pounder was ours. The spoon that caught the 'lunge was a Key Ad single spoon that tapered and was about two and a half inches long. That was the only muskie that day and it was well along toward dinner.

I will now skip over a few days and come to the day when we had Walter with us and how we got our limit. I will take a few minutes to describe our guide as he is the main character of this story. Walter Revoir is one of the best guides that I have ever had the pleasure of fishing with and a guide that actually gets the limit for you and yet gives you the real thrill of fishing. I have as yet to fish with this guide and not obtain the limit for the day in bass. I have caught 'lunge, but July and August are not the best months of the year at Crow Lake for 'lunge. It is not until fall when the herring come up into the lake that the 'lunge bite consistently as this I am sure is one of the best baits for 'lunge. I am enclosing a picture of our guide and if any of the readers of this wonderful magazine ever happen to fish at Crow Lake and get Walter to guide them they will find him everything I have tried to describe him as. You will also find him a perfect gentleman and a guide that will work for his money. Just to show you, he asks five dollars per day and here's what you get for it. He will take two in a boat, that is two and a half per man. He supplies the live bait, will cook your noon day meal (you have to supply the food), does all the rowing and gets your limit. Cheap is no word for it. While fishing he handles the oars and the landing net. He does not give you a mouthful of advice while you are playing your fish but only when you ask it.

Marmora Herald, May 19, 1927

Considerable interest was aroused in the village shortly before noon on Saturday when Col. Lindbergh passed over in his monoplane "The Spirit of St. Louis." He was accompanied by a squadron of eleven United States Army planes. As the planes flew quite low over the village it was a thrilling sight and added to the celebration spirit which was quite in evidence on all sides. Col. Lindbergh's machine appeared to be much faster than the others and he was able to circle around or outdistance them at will. It was learned with regret that one of his escort had been killed as a result of a collision with another machine while preparing to land in Ottawa.

Marmora Herald  
July 7, 1927

The number of visitors to Crowe Lake and Booster Club Park this year is larger than in any previous year in spite of the fact that July has had nearly four times the average rainfall for the month. The Park has had fifteen or twenty camping parties in it at one time and every cottage has been occupied. Tipperary House has also been filled to capacity and the Royal Hotel, Marmora, has had to turn away quite a number of prospective guests, owing to lack of accommodation. The demand for cottages for August has been considerably larger than it was for July and the Booster Club has had to reply in several cases that no cottages were available. Mr. Jesse Barlow's cottage probably holds the record for accommodating the largest party this year, seventeen persons occupying it for a week or more.

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July 28, 1927

Mr. M. Stearns, of Cleveland, who has been a guest at the Royal Hotel for the past three weeks, and Mr. Julian Bedore, have been proving that there are lots of good lunge down the river as well as at Crowe Lake. They have caught several nice ones, weighing up to about 12 ½ lbs. During his stay here Mr. Stearns has been a constant source of interest because of his wide experience and philosophy of life, and he apparently has had an enjoyable time, and no doubt added to his knowledge of the human equation.

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July 28, 1927

#### Save the Fish

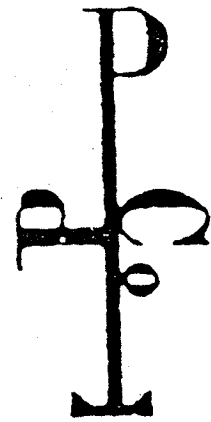
The camping and tourist season for 1927 is about over. This year Crowe Lake has attracted more visitors than ever before and if there had been more accommodation at the lake for tourists there would have been many more at various times. One of the greatest attractions at the lake is the fishing. Early in the season many splendid catches were reported, but recently many fishing parties have been disappointed. Some blame the weather and others think the number of fish in the lake is becoming depleted. It is quite probable that fishing and trolling from motor-boats is largely responsible for the fact fishing has not been good lately. It has been the experience in nearly every body of water where motor boats are used for fishing. If the people who value Crowe Lake as a fishing resort wish to retain it as such, the question of whether it would be advisable to secure regulations prohibiting fishing from motor boats or not should receive careful consideration. If Crowe Lake and Crowe River are to maintain their fine reputation some action will have to be taken.

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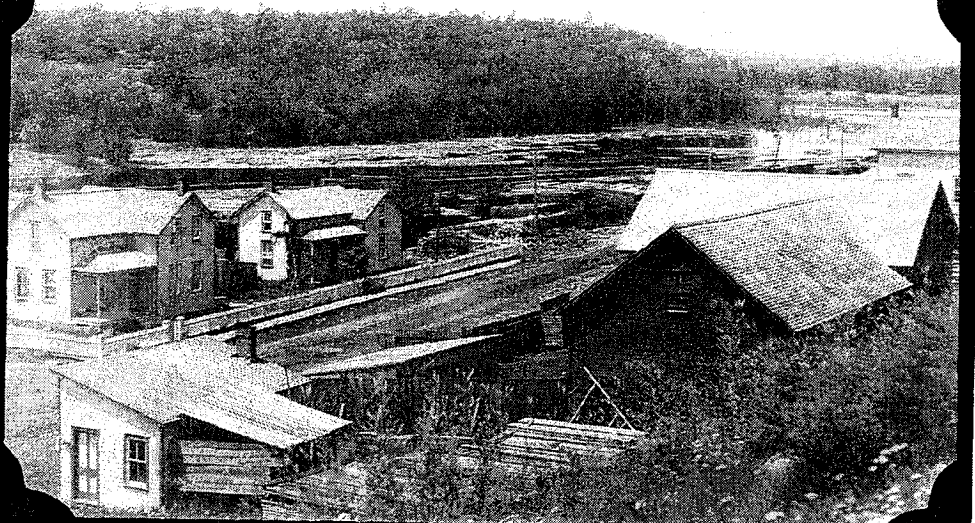
It is many years since the water has been as high in Crowe River and Beaver Creek as it is this year. Some places it is about a foot over the flumes in the Pearce Company's mill yards and in several places it has run over the roads and created new channels. East of the bridge on Matthew Street the water ran over the road about a foot deep and a lot of debris was carried onto the road. A considerable stretch of railway track, south of the freight sheds is under a couple of feet of water and freight trains are unable to run into the village. Beaver Creek has also overflowed the road north of the village to a considerable depth. It was perhaps fortunate that it turned cold on Sunday and Monday or the melting snow farther north in the county might have made the flood much worse than it was.

Marmora Herald  
April 12, 1928

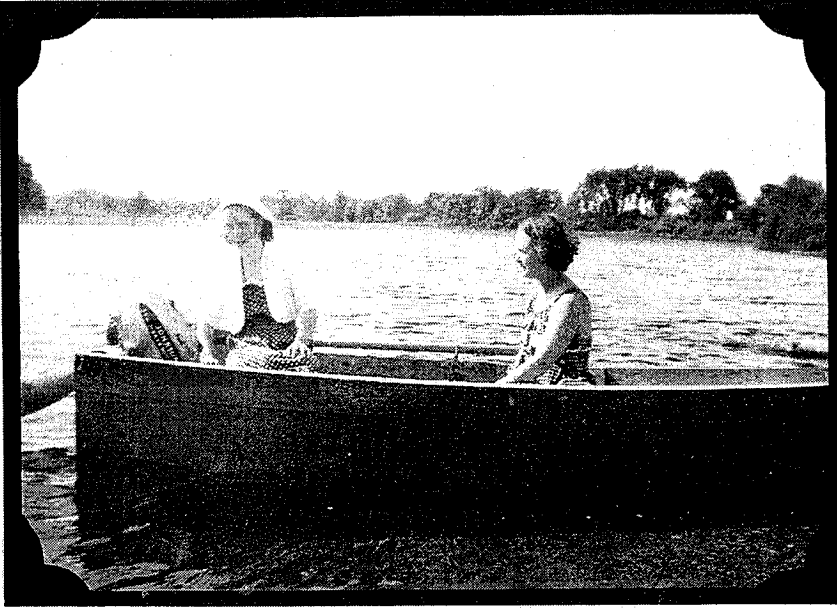


Logs on their way to Pearce Mill

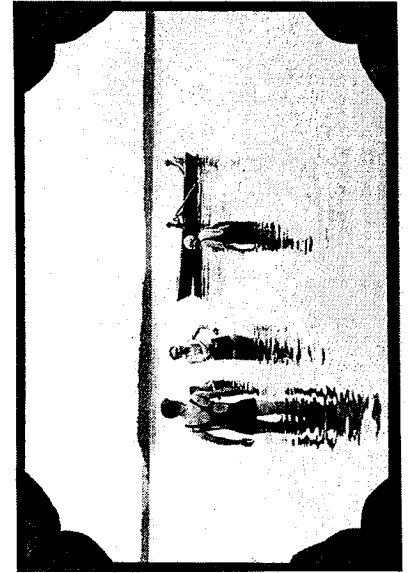
Pearce Lumber Co. lumber stamp



Bridge Over Crowe River  
(241) Marmora, Ontario



Vera Bonter, Bernice Bonter Sanderson



Bathing in the lake, 1939

### CITIZENS MUST DECIDE

The question as to whether Marmora Booster Club is to continue to carry on and particularly as to whether Booster Club Park is to be retained for the use and benefit of the public generally is to be decided at a public meeting to be held in the Council Chamber on Friday evening, June 29<sup>th</sup>.

During the past couple of years the park has been used by a considerable number of tourists and there is reason to expect the number will increase from year to year. There is a probability that in the near future a provincial highway will be built from Peterboro to Smith Falls and Ottawa, running through Marmora. With the road to Belleville already taken over as a provincial highway, that would make Marmora a junction point for tourist traffic. It is doubtful whether there is another lake in Ontario, as close to a main highway, that offers as fine fishing and as many other attractions as Crowe Lake. For that reason there is an opportunity to secure an increasing amount of tourist traffic from year to year, and every business man should be interested in helping to develop that business.

Taking the other side of it, Booster Club Park is the only land surrounding Crowe Lake that is not private property. As the lake grows in popularity and new cottages are erected the shore is going to be less and less available to the general public and may be shut off at any time. If Booster Club Park is retained, and the debt paid off, there will always be a delightful spot available for holidaying or picnicing on the shores of the lake.

However, unless the public generally show a greater interest, the park will be sold and the Booster Club cease to exist. It is unreasonable to expect a few to take all the responsibility and do all the work in connection with carrying on such an organisation. One more year of activity and support such as was given the Club for the first year or two would free the grounds of debt and put them in first class condition.

Come out on Friday evening and at least show your interest. If you have any questions or any fault to find the meeting is the place to express it. Do not take a chance on the village losing such an asset, especially when the prospects are that it will be of increasing benefit and value from year to year.

Marmora Herald  
June 28, 1928

### Booster Club Meeting

A meeting of Marmora Booster Club was held in the Council Chamber last Friday evening. Although it had not been advertised as such it was carried on as the Annual Meeting. The minutes of the last annual meeting and subsequent meetings were approved as read and officers elected for the ensuing year. Following the election of officers the question of changing the name of the organization came up and a heated discussion followed. Owing to the many differences of opinion advanced it was decided to postpone the meeting until Friday of this week and a committee was appointed to recommend names at the next meeting.

Four representatives of the Women's Memorial League were present of offer co-operation of their organization in putting on a big Regatta at Crowe Lake during the coming summer. Because of the success of the Memorial League and the hope that if the women joined the Booster Club it would put new life in it, Mrs. Hamilton Crawford was nominated as 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President and Mrs. C. A. Bleecker, Mrs. F. S. Pearce and Miss M. Sullivan as Directors of the Booster Club.

Following the meeting of the Booster Club some of the members have been so unfair and ungallant as to blame the ladies for the trouble which arose. That, of course, was only an excuse used by some who wished to stir up trouble. The real trouble was personal ill will and grievences among some of the members. Last year the question of changing the name came up and for some time many of the people of the village have been opposed to the name of Booster Club.

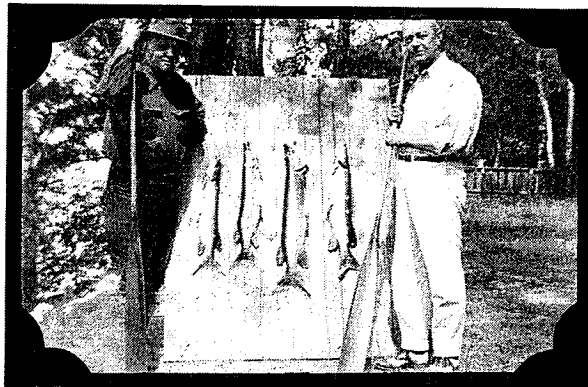
Marmora Herald  
May 16, 1929

### Caught Big Bass

Last Friday Mr. Walter Revoy, the popular fisherman's guide, caught one of the largest small mouthed black bass taken from Crowe Lake in recent years. He was fishing with rod and line and live minnow along the north shore of the lake, near his home, when he caught the fish. It was 20 inches in length, measured 16 inches in girth, and weighed 6 pounds some hours after being taken from the water. The fish put up a game fight and Walter had an interesting time for a while before he landed it. It has been entered for the Star Rod, offered by the Toronto Daily Star for the largest small mouthed black bass caught in Ontario waters during the season.

The editor of the Herald was fortunate enough to have the fish presented to him, and found it fully as good as it looked.

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August 1, 1929



Walter Revoy & Judge James Parker, circa 1932



Dougald & Magee Sanderson, July 1933

"The highlight of my childhood was making my brother laugh so hard that food came out his nose."

♥ Harrison Kellor

## 50 SUMMERS AT CROWE LAKE

Crowe Lake's oldest camper quietly celebrated her ninety-second birthday on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. This delightful personality whom one can scarcely believe is a nonagenarian, is Mrs. Ann E. Boldrick, widow of James Boldrick, long a resident of Stirling. Since her husband's death about twelve years ago, Mrs. Boldrick has been residing with her daughter, Mrs. L. E. Halliwell. It is seven years since mother and daughter moved from Stirling to Toronto. Mrs. Boldrick, whose maiden name was Bygott, was born on August 21, 1840, at Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire, England. In 1857 she came with her parents to Canada and resided at Belleville but a few weeks before, settling at Stirling, which was to become a more permanent abode.

Steamships had only been in vogue a short time before the Bygott's made their voyage across the Atlantic. Once only has Mrs. Boldrick returned to her beloved motherland since then, and that was in 1866, the year of the Fenian Raid.

The Boldrick cottage is the second oldest to grace the shores of Crowe Lake, having been erected over half a century ago, following closely the erection of the late A.W. Carscallen's cottage. Summer after summer for over fifty years has Mrs. Boldrick witnessed the advent and departure of lakesiders, so that from all over the American continent she has eventually made acquaintances. The warmth of her handshake today causes one to grasp the fact that she must be held dear in the memories of hundreds who have been privileged to experience her friendship. Of her long active life, she desires least publicity. One tribute to her life cannot be silenced. She is a lady of deep religious convictions, and in her, the Anglican Church possesses one of its most loyal members. Recovering from a recent bad fall, she was cheered by calls of friends, congratulatory letters and tokens by mail.

Marmora Herald  
September 1, 1932

Mr. W. J. Mills, of Toronto, and son, Mr. W. J. P. Mills, of the Collegiate staff, Sudbury, made a visit to their cottage at Crowe Lake last Friday and Saturday. The weather has been so unseasonably cold recently that it is hard to realize that it is only a few weeks before the camping season will start, but cottage owners are anxious to know how their property came through the winter.

Marmora Herald  
April 7, 1939

Mr. Verner Caverly, of Oshawa, who purchased a large tract of land along the northeast and east ends of Crowe Lake last summer is setting out three or four thousand Norway pine seedlings this spring. Mr. Caverly erected a small cottage and an ice house last fall and is planning to improve the property during the coming summer. A number of building lots have been sold, but whether cottages will be erected this year or not is not yet known.

Marmora Herald  
May 11, 1939

### Booster Club Re-Organized

At a meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday evening Marmora Booster Club was re-organized.

The following officers were elected:

President – J. P. Marrin

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Pres. – W. A. Sanderson

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Pres. – W. R. Linn

Secretary – H. R. Pearce

Treasurer – C. W. Gladney

Directors – Thos. E. Potts, J. S. Jones,

Dan Shannon, G. B. Airhart, C. A.

Lummiss, R. E. Lumsden and the

officers.

It was decided to continue to carry on under the name "Booster Club", as the name is widely known and a record of achievement is associated with it, which has received much favorable comment not only in this part of Ontario but also from various places in the United States.

It was decided to have membership tickets printed and as many members secured as possible, but the membership fee was left open, each one to contribute the amount they feel they can afford.

The deed of Booster Park from Marmora Booster Club to the municipalities of Marmora Village and Marmora and Lake was presented ready for signing by the trustees also the form for the discharge of the mortgage. The property will be presented to the municipalities free of debt.

The Booster Club plans to carry on actively during the coming fall and winter. Two things particularly will receive attention. The first will be the raising of funds for relief purposes during the coming winter. The work will be carried on in co-operation with the Village Council in order to receive assistance from the Provincial and Federal governments.

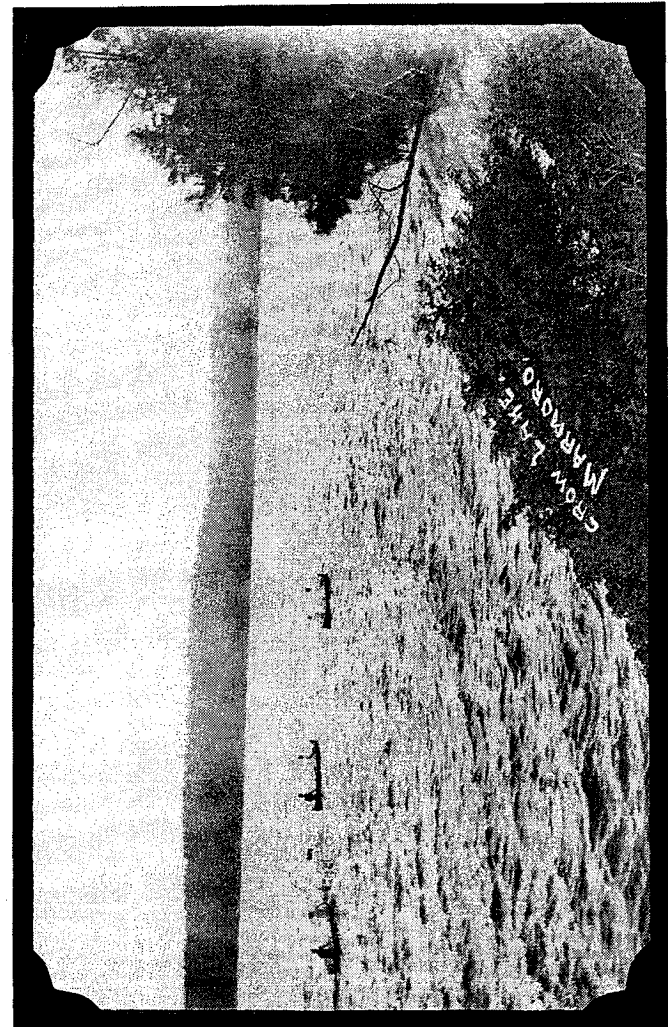
The other object will be to advertise Marmora so that the village and Crowe Lake will receive a fair share of the tourist business next year. With No. 7 Highway now open there will be a very large amount of tourist traffic through Marmora next year.

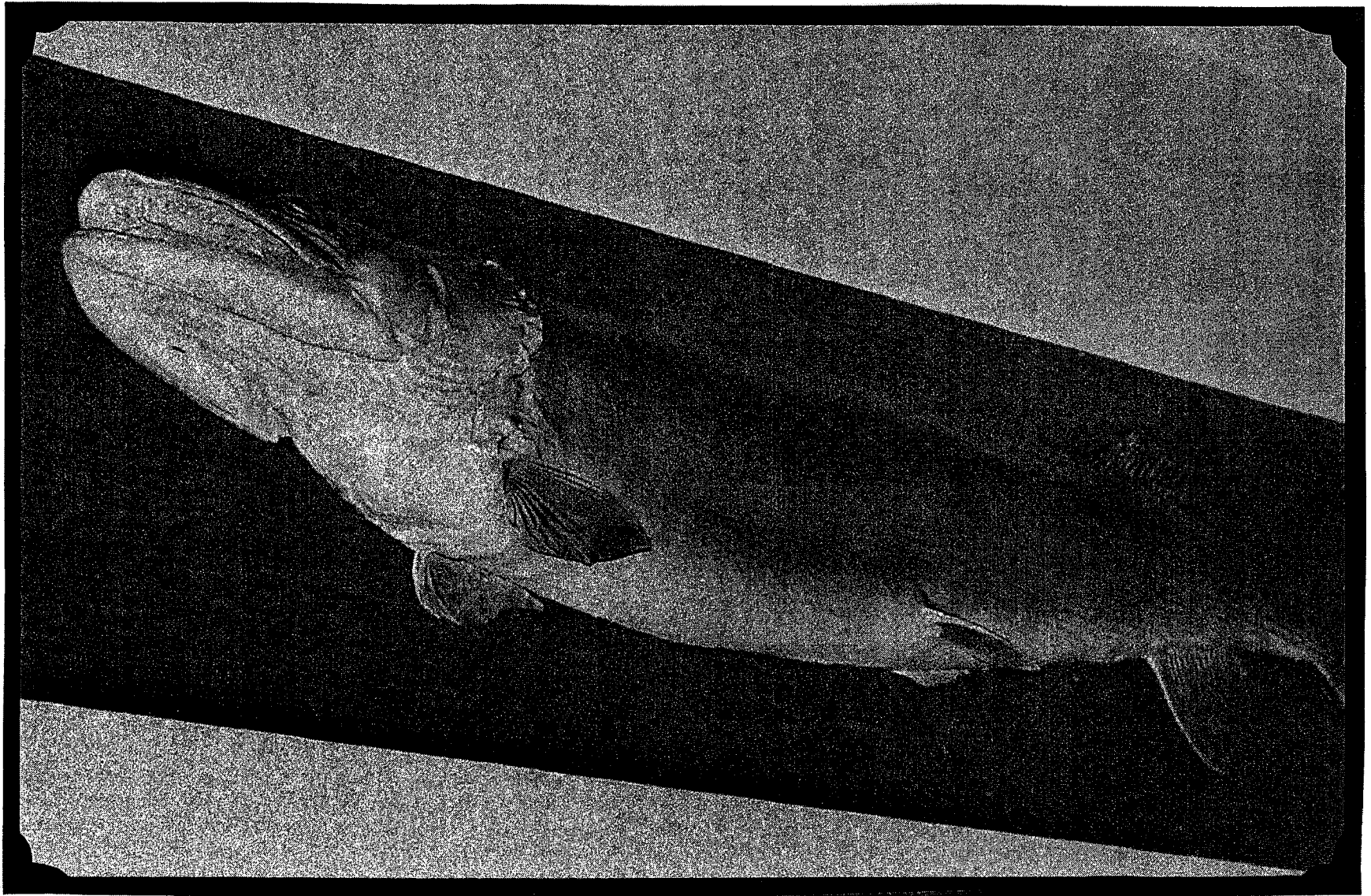
A few years ago the Booster Club

advertised extensively and remarkable results were secured. With the new dam the attractiveness of Crowe Lake is wonderfully increased and the new Highway puts Marmora on the map in a way that was not dreamed of at that time.

With the co-operation of citizens generally, as was the case with the street and field carnival on August 29<sup>th</sup>, the efforts of the Booster Club are sure to meet with success.

Marmora Herald  
September 29, 1932





The fish that brought all the Ohio families to Crowe Lake

THIS INDENTURE MADE IN DUPLICATE THE Twenty Sixth day of  
September A.D. One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-two.

IN PURSUANCE OF THE SHORT FORMS OF CONVEYANCES ACT:

B E T W E E N .

HAMILTON CRAWFORD, Physician, JAMES  
MARRIN, Druggist, and CHARLES A. BLECKER  
Insurance Agent, all of the Village of  
Marmora in the County of Hastings, Trustees  
hereinafter called the Grantors

OF THE FIRST PART

and

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MARMORA  
and THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
MARMORA hereinafter called the Grantees

OF THE SECOND PART

Whereas the grantors have held the lands and premises  
hereinafter described upon certain trusts which now permit the  
sale and conveyance thereof in the manner and upon the terms  
set out in this indenture.

And Whereas the grantors have agreed to convey the said  
lands and premises to the grantees who have agreed to accept a  
conveyance of same upon and subject to the conditions herein  
set forth.

And Whereas it is understood and agreed by the grantors and  
grantees as a condition of this conveyance that the said lands  
and premises and water rights and privileges appurtenant thereto  
shall at all times be preserved and maintained by the said grant-  
ees in perpetuity as a free, public park, tourist park and camp  
grounds with the buildings, erections, equipment, facilities and  
conveniences such as are at present existing there, open and  
available at all times to all persons properly conducting  
themselves therein

Witnesseth that in consideration of the premises and the  
sum of One Dollar of lawful money of Canada now paid by the said



Grantees to the said Grantors the receipt whereof is hereby by them acknowledged, they the said Grantors DO GRANT unto the said Grantees in fee simple subject to the conditions herein contained or mentioned ALL AND SINGULAR those certain parcels or tracts of lands and premises situate, lying and being in the Township of Marmora in the County of Hastings and being Lots Numbers 1-A and 2-B according to a plan of subdivision of part of Lot Number Seven in the Second Concession of the said Township of Marmora made by Fraser Aylesworth, O.L.S. and duly registered.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto the said Grantees, <sup>AND</sup> their successors to and for their sole and only use forever.

SUBJECT nevertheless to the reservations, limitations, provisos and conditions expressed in the Original Grant thereof from the Crown AND SUBJECT ALSO to the conditions herein contained or mentioned.

THE GRANTORS covenant with the said Grantees that they have done no act to encumber the said lands.

AND THE SAID Grantors release to the said Grantees all their claims upon the said lands, subject to the conditions herein contained or mentioned.

THE GRANTEES however shall have the right to make such additional improvements and additions to the present buildings, equipment, facilities and conveniences as they may deem advisable from time to time for the better enjoyment or use of the said premises and lands by the general public or for the preservation thereof but so as not to destroy or restrict the free use and enjoyment of the said lands and premises by the general public as intended by this conveyance.

THE GRANTEES shall have the further right to maintain law and order and proper decorum in the said lands and premises and shall do so, and may regulate the use of the lands and premises for the proper enjoyment of the benefits, use and privileges of same by the general public, free of all charges.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said Grantors have hereunto set their hands and seals.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered  
In the Presence of

*Thomas Le Potts*

*Hamilton Crawford*  
*James Harvill*  
*Harold A. Blucher*

H. 7006 (2)

CANADA

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

COUNTY OF HASTINGS

} I *Thomas Ephraim Potts*  
} of the Village of Marmora in the  
} County of Hastings, *Hotel Keeper*

TO WIT:

make oath and say;-

1. That I was personally present and did see the within instrument and duplicate thereof duly signed, sealed and executed by Hamilton Crawford, James Marris and Charles A. Bleecker three of the parties thereto.
2. That the said instrument and duplicate thereof were so executed by the said parties at the Village of Marmora in the County of Hastings.
3. That I know the said parties.
4. That I am a subscribing witness to the said instrument and duplicate.

Sworn before me at the Village )

of Marmora in the County of )

Hastings this 27<sup>th</sup> day of )

*September* A.D. 1932. )

*J. N. Marshall J.R.*

A Commissioner &c.

Marmorata Booster Club is making application for a number of pheasant eggs and also of Hungarian partridge eggs from the Game and Fisheries Department of the Ontario Government, with the hope of increasing the number of these fine game birds in the district. In order to have the applications granted it is necessary to have the names of a number of persons who will undertake to set the eggs and look after the young birds after hatching in accordance with certain conditions made by the department. It is necessary for each one willing to assist in this work to send in a separate application with his or her signature. Anyone willing to assist by placing the eggs under hens and taking care of them is requested to communicate with Mr. H. R. Pearce, secretary of Marmorata Booster Club, when full information will be given. It is hoped all who possibly can will assist in this good work. Endeavours such as this and the taking of fish spawn will be a benefit to Crowe Lake and the surrounding area and bring more tourists and sportsmen.

Marmorata Herald  
January 19, 1933

A few of the cottages have been opened at Crowe Lake for the season, but the mosquitoes are so numerous just now that it takes much of the pleasure out of living there. The mosquitoes are unusually numerous and bothersome this year in many parts of Ontario.

Marmorata Herald  
June 8, 1933

#### CROWE LAKE PAVILION

Marble Cliff Pavilion at Crowe Lake will open for the season tomorrow evening. The Commodores Orchestra, of Belleville, which has been engaged for the season, will provide music for dancing. Prizes will be given for best waltzers. There will be another dance on the evening of May 24<sup>th</sup>, and each Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening after that.

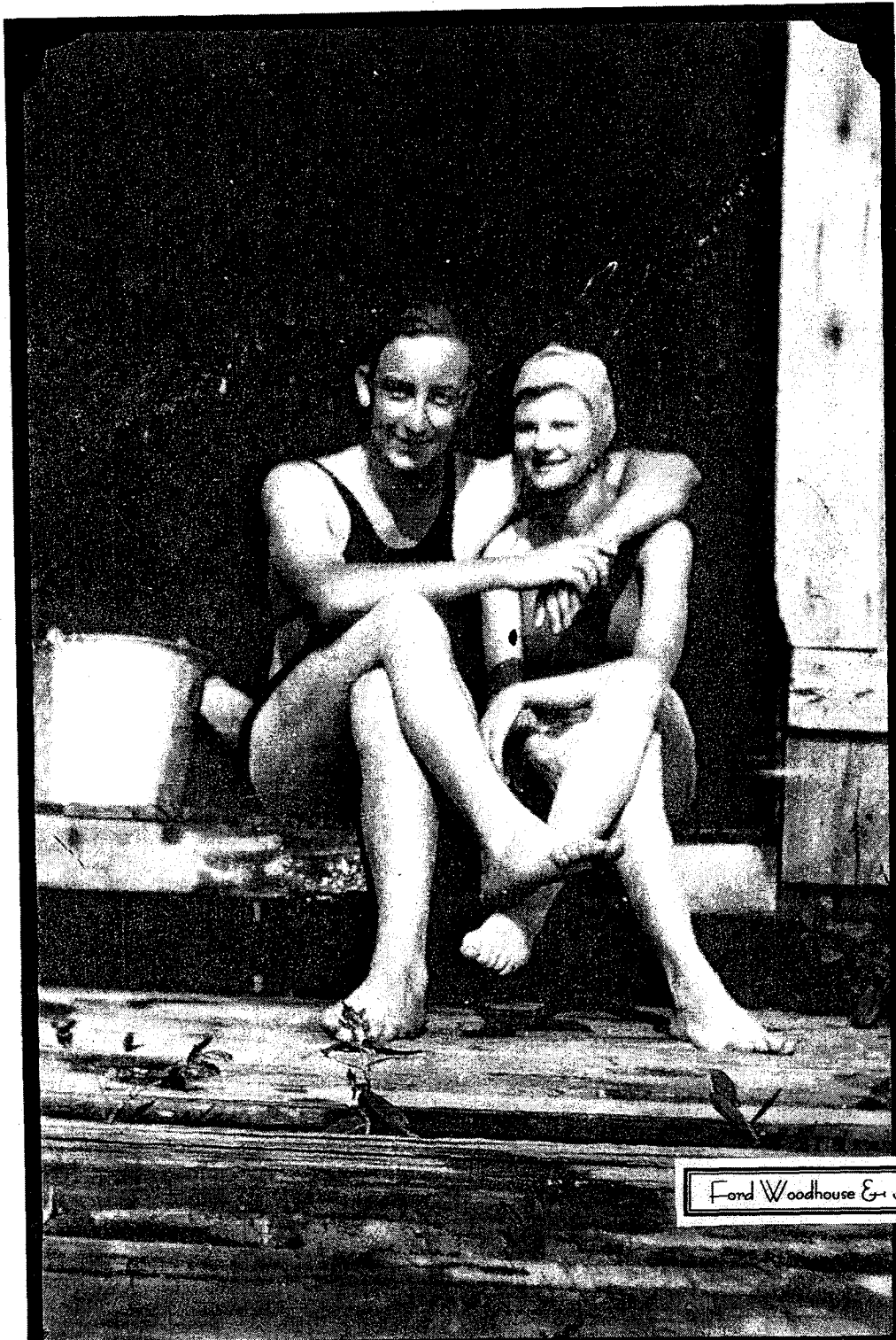
The interior of the pavilion has been very attractively re-decorated and various other improvements have been made. The ground in connection with the Pavilion has also been improved. The underbrush has been cleared away and some of the smaller trees thinned out and the ground in places levelled some. The results adds considerable to the appearance of the property.

Mr. and Mrs. Sills now have their cottages and dining room ready for guests. A busy season is expected at the Lake.

Marmorata Herald  
May 18, 1933

On Thursday of last week about 5000 bass fry were placed in Crowe River in the village near the bridge and another 5000 were placed in Crowe Lake. It is said there is an unusual number of bass and lunge fry in Beaver Creek this spring so if conditions are favorable for their growth the fishing should improve a good deal in the next few years. Prospects are reported to be excellent for lots of fish this year.

Marmorata Herald  
June 15, 1933



Ford Woodhouse & Jean Gladney, circa 1939

“A simple porch that stands alone,  
plain & shy-looking but full of romance...”

Marcel Breuer ♥

## **Ontario's Sporting Waters Worth More Than Mines**

For several years a number of the members of Marmora Booster Club have been trying to interest the Department of Games and Fisheries in the possibility of establishing a successful hatchery for lunge or bass in this locality and also of the need for greater protection for these fine game fish, especially during the early spring and the spawning season. They have also been trying to make the people of the district realize the value of these fish to the community so that each one will take an interest in their conservation. If the law is observed these fish will increase from year to year no matter how many may fish during the open season.

The Department of Game and Fisheries is aroused to the importance of the propagation of game fish and the restocking of waters where they will thrive. Mr. F. C. Marshall, of the Fish and Game Department of the Ontario Government was in Marmora a few days ago completing the arrangements with Mr. Oaks for the taking of lunge spawn. If a sufficient quantity of spawn can be secured and hatched the young fry will be used to restock the waters in this district and a lunge hatchery may be started in or near Marmora next year.

Mr. Marshall also discussed with representatives of the Booster Club details of the closing of Beaver Creek for fishing and making of it a preserve for lunge.

**Marmora Herald  
April 26, 1934**

## **Road Building Costs Lower This Year**

The cost to local municipalities and counties of road building and maintenance in the rural districts of Ontario, including Hastings County, will be materially relieved this summer as a result of the announcement by Hon. Leopold Macaulay, Minister of Highways, that the Provincial and Federal Governments will absorb two-thirds of the direct labour costs of all jobs on all county and township road projects. This is one phase of the recently announced public works construction program and these grants are by way of an addition to the regular subsidies of 50 per cent and 40 per cent, respectively, it will mean the cutting in half of the road costs for townships and counties. In addition the Government will absorb 260 miles of county roads into the King's Highway system this year.

Marmora and Lake Council should take advantage of these grants to build a new road along the concession line into Crowe Lake this summer. The cost to the township would be low and it would provide work for a number of township men and teams. It would also cut the cost of maintenance of the lake road in future years down very greatly. It is impossible to keep the present narrow winding road in condition with the heavy traffic over it during the summer months.

**Marmora Herald  
May 3, 1934**

### To Protect Game Fish

A man named Saunders, who resides near the head of Crowe Lake, appeared before Magistrate Casement on Monday on a charge of having a fish spear in his possession for the evident purpose of spearing lunge. The charge was laid by Inspector Marshall, district Game Warden. The accused was fined \$10.00 and costs and was given a severe warning. For a second conviction of having a fish spear in his possession the fine will be \$20.00 and costs and if he is found with a lunge in his possession illegally the fine will be \$50.00. Charges were laid in Peterborough against two other men by Inspector Marshall. A number of men have been keeping a watch of the waters of Crowe Lake, Beaver Creek and other spawning grounds in this district and a strong effort is being made to stamp out the illegal fishing which has gone on in this district for years. Anyone found guilty of spearing, netting or otherwise taking fish illegally will be severely punished.

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May 3, 1934

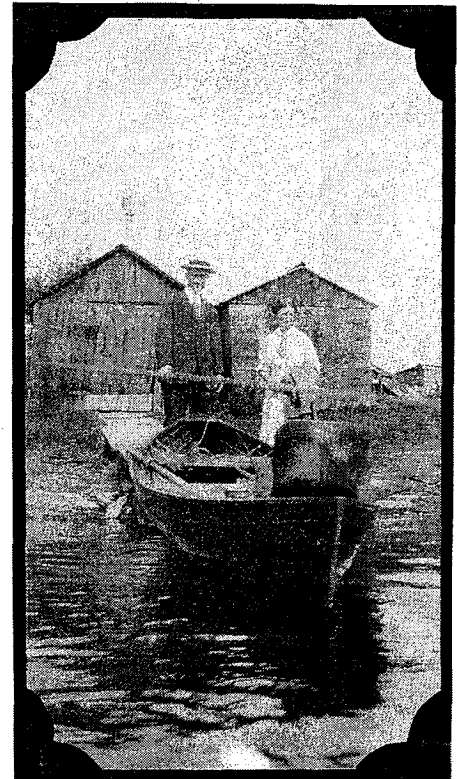
50,000 lunge fry were placed in Crowe Lake this forenoon and 50,000 will be placed in Beaver Creek this afternoon. They came from the hatchery at Ome-mee. Next week 50,000 lunge fry will be brought from Belleville hatchery and placed in the Twin Lakes and other waters in Marmora township. If these baby fish are given a chance to mature it will make a wonderful difference in the lunge fishing in water in this district again. The large number of fry secured is due to the united efforts of The Fish and Game Committee of the Booster Club and the Municipal Councils of the village and township in cooperation with representatives of the Ontario Department of Game and Fisheries. All citizens are urged to help protect the game fish in the water in this district as they are one of the greatest assets to the community. The lunge and bass will never be depleted by legal fishing, if they are protected at spawning time and during the closed season.

Marmora Herald  
May 17, 1934

### Extensive Road Improvement

Work is now under way on a new road to Crowe Lake. The road will branch off No. 7 Highway, west of Robert Harris residence, and run along the concession line which had not formerly been opened up. A gang of men under Wm. McCoy, foreman, have started work from the point where the road will connect with the present lake road and are working south. They are making good headway. The new road will shorten the distance to the lake considerably and should be much easier to keep up.

Marmora Herald  
June 7, 1934



Bleeker's boat

**Part of Beaver Creek  
Closed to Fishermen**

Toronto, June 23, 1934

H. R. Pearce, Esq.,  
Secretary, Marmora Booster Club,  
Marmora, Ontario.

Sir:

I wish to advise that by order of the Honourable Minister that a portion of the waters of Beaver Creek from Fidler's Rapids to its outlet into Crow River have been closed to all fishing until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1937. A supply of linen notices for posting along the banks of the stream has been ordered, and in the meantime instructions have been issued to the local Overseer to erect temporary typewritten notices along this stream in order that the General Public might be aware of the fact that the waters have been closed as above set forth.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,  
J. N. Simington  
Assistant to Deputy Minister

Marmora Herald  
June 28, 1934

The holiday season has about ended at Crowe Lake and most of the summer residents have moved back to their homes. Crowe Lake has proved to be a very popular resort this year. Nearly all the cottages have been filled most of the summer and Tipperary Hotel has had a large number of guests, especially considering the fact Mr. Potts took possession after most people had planned their annual holiday. Over Labor Day Mr. Potts had over 40 guest and on various other occasions the hotel was filled to capacity. Marble Cliff Pavilion was also better patronized than for several years previous. During a considerable part of the season fishing was particularly good, although there were some days when fish would not take any kind of bait. Sometimes for two or three days fishermen would be almost discouraged and then perhaps the next day they would have great luck. Judge and Mrs. Jas. Parker were among the most successful in securing fine lunge and the Judge and Mr. W. Bowen landed the largest lunge taken out of the lake in a good many years, the fish weighing about 30 lbs.

Marmora Herald  
September 13, 1934



Crowe Lake  
Marmora, Ont.

Farm home of Otto & Fanny Mikkola

### Visitors at Tipperary Hotel

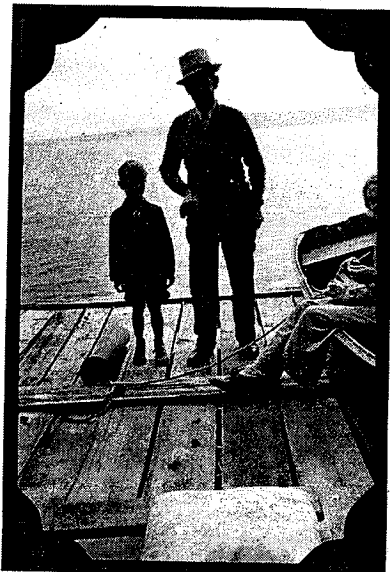
Tipperary Hotel, Crowe Lake is thronged with visitors these days and Mr. and Mrs. Potts are finding it difficult to accommodate all who are being attracted to this popular summer resort. About forty are stopping at the hotel and as one party goes another arrives. Yesterday an application was received for accommodation for a party of twenty for part of August. Among the guests this week were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. P. Millions and Miss Leona Yonker, of Glenwillow, N. Y., Dr. Hart, Miss Mary Hart, Gordon Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Adams and Miss Betty Adams, of Canton, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Ferguson and Fred Hickey, of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Mate and three sons of Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. James W. Dickson, of Montreal; Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Huber, of Parina, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Butts, N. Tonawanda, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Alger, Canton, Ohio; Mr. H. Gibbons, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Sayler, Canton, Ohio; Mr. J. R. Richards, Belleville; Mr. John Quinn, Ridgewood, N. J.

Marmora Herald  
July 25, 1935

### Want Fish Spawn Taken Again

The Ontario Department of Game and Fisheries is being urged to again arrange to secure a quantity of muskie spawn from Beaver Creek or other waters adjacent to Marmora. Last year by the use of nets a considerable number of lunge were caught and the spawn taken from them. The fish were not injured in any way and were again freed in Beaver Creek. The spawn was taken to one of the Government Fish Hatcheries and hatched under the most favourable conditions, after which several thousand of the young fry were placed in Beaver Creek, Crowe Lake and other waters in the Vicinity. Particularly if the spawn is secured from different areas and the fry mixed it should be a great benefit. New blood will be introduced in the various waters which will help produce larger and healthier fish. Every encouragement should be given to the Department to carry on and enlarge this useful work. It is claimed that tourists are as big an asset to Ontario as its gold mines, and good fishing, especially of bass and lunge, is one of the greatest attractions to summer visitors from the United States.

Marmora Herald  
April 4, 1935



Charles Blecker & Dougald, 1944



Betty Goodall, Isabel and Mary Anderson & Bongo



## A WISE DECISION

Mr. J. Frank Kelly, Provincial member for Muskoka-Ontario has announced that the Ontario Government has decided not to collect the proposed rental on lots facing on lakes and streams in Ontario. Under the law the Government claims ownership of all lakes and streams in the Province, including the shores up to high water mark, and for some years the statutes have authorized the collection of rental on all such frontage, especially where there are wharfs or boat houses. The amount of rental varies from a minimum of \$5.00 on a frontage of 80 feet or less up to quite a large rental where there is several hundred feet along the water.

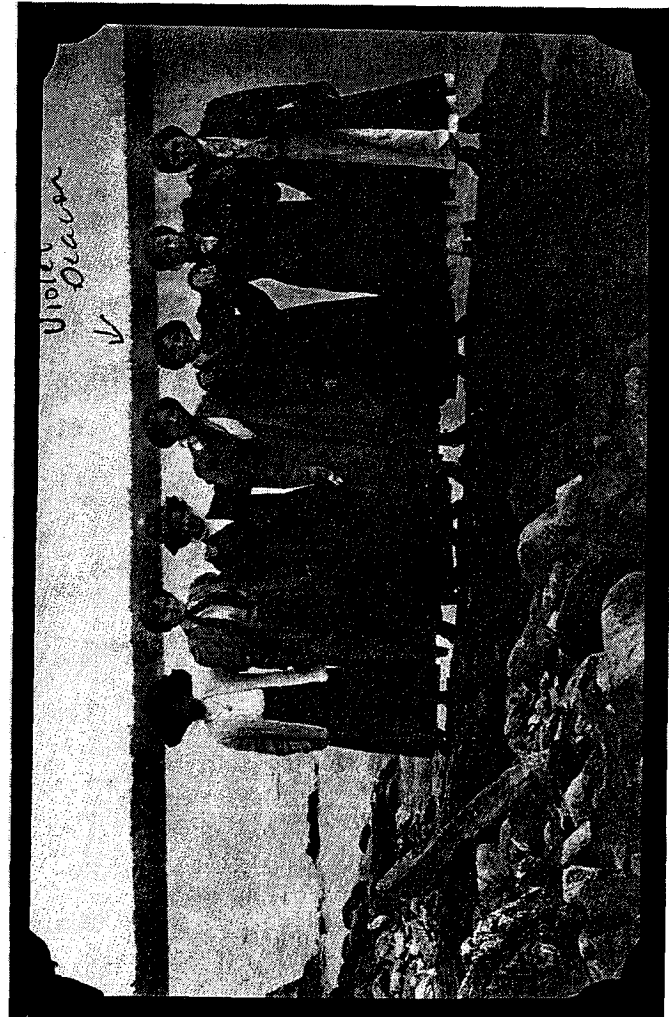
While the law has authorized such rental it has never been put into effect. However in the search for new sources of rental someone got the idea of collecting the tax this year, and announcements had been made that the law would be put into effect. There has been such a storm of protest that in this case public sentiment has won out.

There is no doubt it would have meant a lot of new money for the Provincial treasury. In the case of Crowe Lake and Crowe River the rentals would have run from \$500. to \$1000. and when the whole Province is considered it is hard to estimate what the total would be, but it would be a large sum. On the other hand it would have been a heavy blow to summer resorts and would have meant a lot fewer boat houses throughout the Province and loss of business in boat building and various other ways.

The most serious effect would have been on the tourist business. Many from the United States have purchased lots bordering on Ontario lakes or rivers and erected summer homes, boat houses, etc. At present they have to pay a \$5.00 fishing license and if a waterfront rental had been collected by the Government it might have stopped others from coming and created ill-feeling. It is estimated that tourists and summer visitors spent \$70,000,000.

in Ontario last year and it is predicted the sum will reach \$100,000,000 this year if care is taken by the Government, Municipalities and the public generally to create a feeling of good will.

Marmora Herald  
May 23, 1936



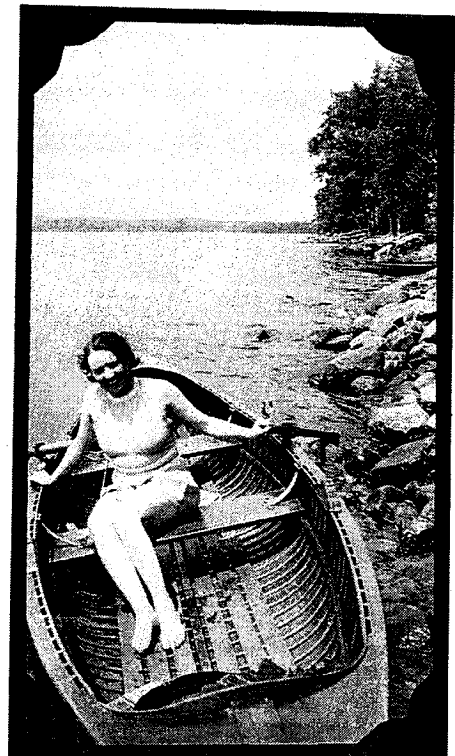
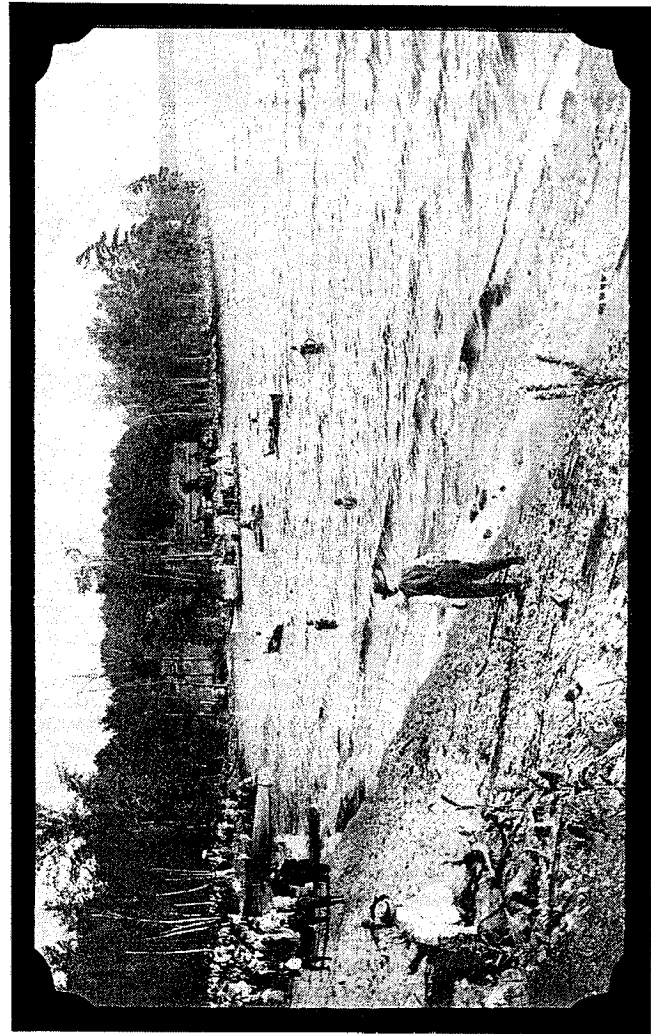
### Is Beach Public or Private?

The decision of Mr. Dymond who recently purchased what was formerly known as Marble Cliff Pavilion, Crowe Lake, to shut off the grounds and beach to the general public has not proved at all popular. The beach, particularly, has been open to the public so many years that few ever thought of what it would mean if the privilege of using it was ended. It is the only part of the lake, which can be conveniently reached, that is safe for young children to bathe in and on hot Sundays hundreds used to flock to it. There were few evenings during the summer that quite a number did not visit the bathing beach at that point.

When it was first mentioned the beach was to be closed to the general public many protests were heard, but it was felt the new owner had the right to reserve it for the use of his guests or those paying for the privilege of bathing if he so desired and also that it might make it more popular with summer visitors renting the cottages.

A new angle has developed in connection with the question. It is claimed that when Marmora and Lake Council consented to build and maintain the road in to Marble Cliff the Municipality was granted a right of way to the water's edge. The shore line to high water mark is Government property so that it may mean that the southern end of the beach is a public highway and the lake itself is open to the public, so it may be possible to use the beach provided persons do not trespass on the part of the shore which is private property. The question should be decided soon.

Marmora Herald  
June 25, 1936



Anne Gaffney, 1929

## MARBLE POINT LODGE

The above is the new name for what was formerly called "Marble Cliff Pavilion", and in future the conducting of dances will be altogether secondary to providing lodging and service for guests particularly during the holiday months. Many changes and improvements have already been made, but it will take most of the season to complete the improvements now under way, although the Lodge will be opened for guests on Saturday.

Most of the improvements to the Pavilion, or main building, are being left until work on the cottages is completed, but some important changes have already been made. Perhaps the most noticeable change is to the dining room. It has been enlarged, remodelled and decorated in a very attractive manner. Four windows overlook the lake or marble cliff, with a view hard to surpass in any country. Table accommodation is provided for thirty-two at one time and more could be taken care of on special occasions. Electric lights have been installed with a very pleasing indirect lighting system.

The kitchen has also been fixed over and will have hard and soft water supplied by an up-to-date pressure system. A new sink, new lighting system and modern equipment will make it much easier to provide meals for guests or other visitors and the dining room is to be specially featured at Marble Point Lodge.

Sleeping accommodation will be provided for about 36 guests. All the cottages and main building will be sided with British Columbia shingles and eventually painted white. Some of the buildings are already shingled. The four room cottages, as well as the others, will each have separate steps and entrance, a screened in porch and in most cases a rear door as well. The partitions are installed so they can be taken out for parties using two, three or four rooms so they can go from one room to the other without going off the porch. The rooms are well ventilated, comfortable furnished, lighted by electricity, and have a wonderful view of the lake. The beds have spring mattresses as well as modern woven springs.

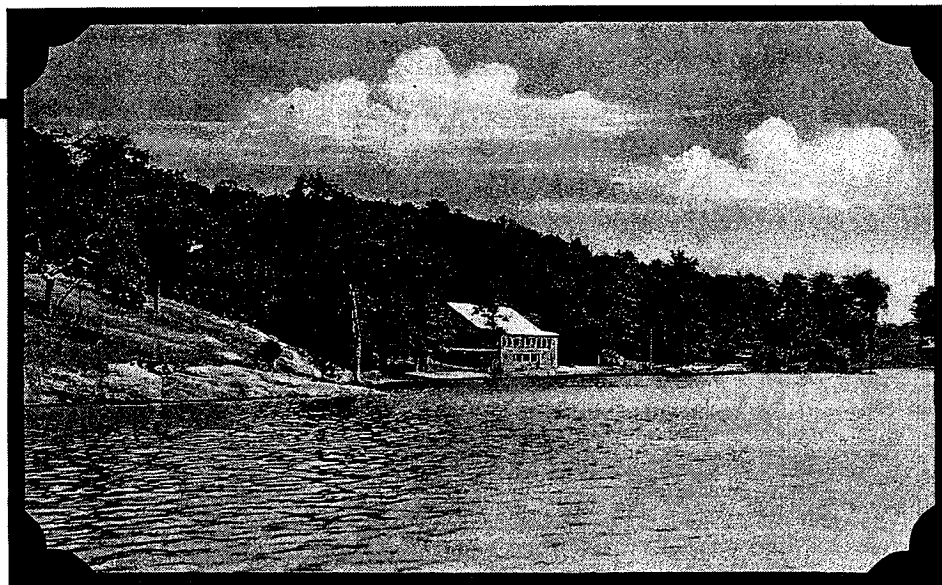
The cottages are separated so as to give quiet and privacy to guests and the log cottage on the very top of the cliff is ideal for a couple seeking a quiet restful holiday with delightful surroundings. The grounds are cleared of brush and a comparatively easy path leads to the main building and dining hall.

Two of the newest type chemical toilets have been placed in the Pavilion and two others will be placed convenient to the cottages. They will be odourless and sanitary in every respect. When the changes are completed The Lodge should prove highly popular with tourists. This season at least a special effort will be made to attract Toronto and other Ontario guests.

While dances may be held once or twice some weeks the Pavilion will be a place of entertainment or amusement for guest. A piano and radio will furnish music and ping pong and other games may be installed so that if the weather is unfavourable or in the evening guests may have some place to put in time.

While the grounds and beach will not be open to the public as formerly they may be used either by the season or day on payment of a set fee. It costs a lot to run a summer resort and past experience has shown, unfortunately, that providing free picnic and bathing facilities does not pay the bills.

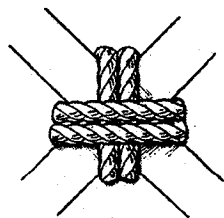
Marmora Herald  
July 9, 1936



There is a thief operating at Crowe Lake with a peculiar bias for shoes. Last summer quite a number of cottages were entered and ladies' shoes taken. A skeleton key, or some other contrivance, was used to open the doors and in the majority of cases nothing was disturbed except the shoes. In a number of cases the shoes were returned in as mysterious a manner as they were taken, but showing considerable wear. The same thief apparently has started in again this year and already a pair of shoes has disappeared from Marble Point Lodge.

Among those who are holidaying at Crowe Lake, or have been during the past week, are the following: Misses B. and H. O'Donnell, of Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. Geo. Wilkie, of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Lambert and daughter, Corinne, of Toronto, at Tipperary Hotel, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hovorko, of Cleveland, in Mr. T. J. Byrnes' cottage, Mr. and Mrs. Ezzse and children, of Cleveland, in Miss M. Sullivan's cottage. Messrs. J. M. Gray, H. Z. Pethtel, of Painsville, Ohio, in W. R. Bonter's cottage, Mr. and Mrs. Clark, of Cleveland, in Roger Peckinpaugh's cottage. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Little, of Lorraine, Ohio, in their own cottage on the Big Island, Mr. and Mrs. Snooks and family, of Akron, Ohio, camping at Parker's Cove. Mr. and Mrs. Shea, of Cleveland, in G. R. Hartley's cottage.

Marmora Herald  
July 9, 1936



Diagonal Lashing

### Prefer the Name "Crowe" Lake

While the number of ballots returned does not show any great interest in the name of our beautiful lake and river, those returned are almost unanimously in favor of retaining the present name. Ballots returned are from Toronto, Hamilton, Peterborough and other places and also a number from residents of the township. Only one ballot returned to date voted in favor of changing the name. Doubtless there are arguments on both sides, but some different way of winning public sentiment in favor of a change should have been adopted by those suggesting a change if they wanted to get support for the proposed change.

Marmora Herald  
January 28, 1937

### Who Asked For Change?

Mr. H. R. Pearce has received a letter from the secretary of the Geographic Board of Canada in regard to the proposed change in the name of Crowe or Crow Lake. The letter enquired if there was to be any further representations in regard to the changing of the name and also asked that the public be informed that the proposal to change the name did not originate with the Board. The following is a copy of part of the letter.

"In order to dispel a misapprehension which has apparently arisen in the minds of the people in the locality around Crowe Lake I am to advise you that the proposal to change the name of the lake and river did not originate with the Board. I would appreciate it if you would have this fact made public."

Marmora Herald  
February 11, 1937

Dear Editor:

Regarding your editorial of January 7, 1937, re the changing of the name of Crowe Lake and River I was interested to read the way in which the Geographic Board has stated the case for the change - they omitted Crow Landing.

Your reasons for not changing the name were doubly interesting as they all seem to justify the proposed need of a change. Speaking of the strong objection in the district, I wonder on what grounds such a statement can be made. Were those most directly interested in any change for the clarification of the location of this tourist district consulted. Is there an old moth eaten idea still prevailing in this district that changes that may cause temporary or imaginary inconvenience to those now living, should not be made?

May I be so humble as to suggest that when it comes to a decision of this kind that the broader aspect be taken. Consider the confusion in the district if the five places bearing the name "Crow" should all prosper as tourist locations. I personally believe that Number Seven Highway will do a lot to bring this desired condition about.

As for spending money on advertising a name, that does not exist officially - such as Crowe - the less said the better. Those interested in advertising the district might be well advised to follow the example of the more successful - so near at hand in this province.

Form a body that would advertise Marmora as a holiday centre, such a body similar to that as exists in Midland. Midland does not advertise Shallow Lake or Georgian Bay, but they talk Midland - a place where people can readily find on all maps. I am not overstating the case when I say the whole district benefits.

Huntsville - another example. They do not stress Lake of Bays but they pull people to the centre of the district and they are not ashamed to have the district's activities linked with the town name.

You mentioned losing the value of money already spent on advertising I believe it has been stated by many recognized advertising authorities that the only time that advertising value is lost is when the product or service is other than represented. Last year's increased tourist business is solely the result of better business conditions throughout the world. Marmora district received less than it otherwise would have owing to the counter attractions of the Dionne Quints.

Regarding adding an "E" to Crow, I do not see how that would help in the least as the phonetic sound would be the same. Most tourist places are talked about rather than written. I certainly would like to hear how the objectionists would handle the word "Crow" and "Crowe" on a radio programme.

I think the parties who blamed the Indians for this name should humbly apologize to them. The kind of Indians that still fly around there in the early hours of the morning with large black wings had more to do with the naming of the lake. The common English translation for the Indian tribe you speak of is certainly not at all flattering. I believe the correct English translation of the name is still used in the North, where some day there will be another flock of the name "Crow".

If you can start a real publicity programme, on sound lines for the district, I will certainly give it something more tangible than moral support.

I sincerely regret that Marmora and district people for whom you speak as against a change, did not consider the name of Marmora as good enough for such a beautiful lake and prefer Crow. The Marmora Lake mentioned in your editorial apparently is not shown on any map that I can locate. Probably you are aware that Marmora Township is very backward in regards to proper mapping. Probably some local enthusiasm could be worked up in this regards to bring this township up to the standard of the township to the South- Rawdon. This is something that would not cost the taxpayer of Marmora and district a cent.

Some correspondence I have from Marmora District distinctly show a misunderstanding of what tourist business can mean to a district. My idea is that the more outside money that can be brought in the Marmora district, the better for those that have to live there throughout the year. How those in the district spend their holidays or money is up to them. It benefits the district no matter how or where they spend it. They can't help themselves in this regard.

I would be pleased to receive any letters supporting the above outlined views, especially from hotel keepers, garage men, restaurant proprietors and business men and those who rent cottages in the Marmora district.

## TO CROW OR NOT TO CROWE?

Postmaster James W. Hickey of Marmora and a number of postmasters in the district have received a communication from the Geographic Board of Canada proposing the changing of the name "Crow" lake and river to "Marmora" lake and river.

The letter went on to state that "it may perhaps be of interest to you and to the local residents to know that an original plan in the Patents Office, Toronto, two features in question are shown as Marmora Lake and Marmora River; it would therefore appear as though the name Marmora was the original name for these two features. I would appreciate it very much if you would consider this matter as urgent and let me hear from you without any unnecessary delays." Taken from the Jan. 7, 1937 edition.

In the Jan. 14, 1937 edition, the editor for the Marmora Herald writes, "In Marmora and district there was a very strong objection to the changing of the name for a number of reasons:

- a) in order to help distinguish between the Crow Lake in Hastings County and the one in Frontenac the name has been spelt "Crowe" in much of the advertising in recent years. Hundreds of dollars have been spent advertising "Crowe" Lake and river in the United States and Canada; last year the results of such advertising was clearly shown.
- b) While it is claimed the name was derived from the Crow Indians, which frequented this district, the name "Crowe" of white settlers is also found among the early records.
- c) Some also claim the river and lake was named after a Crow Indian trapper and medicine man, whose name was Crowe. This Indian's grandson, known as Professor Crowe, travelled for years with one of the Indian Medicine Companies. His five daughters were gifted musicians and singers and quite a number of residents of the village can still remember their visits to Marmora. Prof. Crowe made the statement on numerous occasions that the lake and river was named after his grandfather and apparently the statement was never disputed.

"The Booster Club has circulated a number of petitions against changing of the name. The Herald is inserting a question form in this issue and would appreciate expressions of opinion either for or against a change" The following letters appeared in the Jan. 21, 1937 edition of the Marmora Herald:

May I be so humble as to suggest that when it comes to a decision of this kind that the broader aspect be taken. Consider the confusion in the district if all five places bearing the name "Crow" should all prosper as tourist locations. I sincerely regret that Marmora and district people for whom you speak as against the change, did not consider the name of Marmora as good enough for such a beautiful lake and prefer "Crow". Probably you are aware that Marmora Township is very backward in regard to proper mapping.

W. C. Dymond, Toronto, Ontario

No doubt the argument will arise that the Booster Club has spent quite a little in advertising Crowe Lake and River. As one of its former officers I think I can say that we have spent little lately, and if we are to continue to derive the nice business which Marmora has had for years we will have to keep on advertising, and if so, why not Marmora instead of Crowe?

Clarence Gladney, Marmora, Ontario

That there is absolutely no foundation for the supposition locally that there is any historical or family significance to the name Crow. That the "Professor Crow" mentioned by the editor apparently was recognized by the Department of Indian Affairs as an Ojibway (Chippawa) as the family was granted land on the Ojibway Reserve located on the Saugeen River at Southampton. That it is the usual practice to name the largest lake in the Township after that Township and it is a very good reason why Crow could be changed to Marmora in an endeavour to end confusion, with places of a similar name. That the local history of the District certainly needs brushing up as the above authoritative information was easily obtained.

W. C. Dymond, Toronto, Ontario

Marmora Herald  
January 21, 1937

## Second Open Letter Regarding the Renaming of Crow Lake To the Editor of "The Herald"

Some authoritative facts well worth keeping in mind when considering the possible renaming of Crow Lake to end confusion regarding the many places named Crow.

There are seven Crow Lakes in Ontario. Six of them will eventually be changed. There are several Crow rivers and the duplication here will eventually be remedied.

That the suggested new name is far from being new as it is shown as the name of this Lake and River on the Crown Patent Map of 1843. That the Canada Atlas of 1879 shows the Lake as named Marmora and the River named Crow. That there is absolutely no foundation for the supposition locally that there is any historical or family significance to the name of Crow.

The "Professor Crow" mentioned by the Editor last week apparently was recognised by the Department of Indian Affairs as an Ojibway (Chippawa) as the family was granted land on the Ojibway Reserve located on the Saugeen River at Southampton. If the remarks attributed to this Indian were made by him it showed he had a highly developed sense of humour, apparently not reciprocated by his listeners in the District.

That it is the usual practice to name the largest Lake in a Township after that Township and it is a very good reason why Crow could be changed to Marmora in an endeavour to end confusion, with places of a similar name. That the local history of the District certainly needs brushing up as the above authoritative information was easily obtained.

The important reason for changing the name seems to have been overlooked. That is the confusion existing outside of Marmora District owing to the multiplicity of places named Crow.

That the name Crowe is already in use and established officially and recognized by the Department responsible for this recognition as a name of another place in Ontario, and cannot be used again in Ontario to name a lake.

That the placing of an "E" on the end of the correct name of Crow Lake by those who do so in Marmora is a plain case of uninformed, misdirection and misrepresentation and a practice that should be discontinued immediately and something more sensible, of a constructive nature substituted, such as the opportunity put forward by the Geographic Board of Ottawa.

That if the broader view had been taken, the Ballot might well have been addressed; "To those of you who live away from us and are perplexed by the many places named Crow." THE QUESTION; "Would you like us to give our beautiful Crow Lake its old original and distinctive name Marmora" - a name which so adequately links this water with the vacation centre of Marmora.

YES or NO?

W. C. Dymond,  
144 Cowan Avenue  
Toronto, Ontario.

P.S. My experience has been that Marmora folks do not use the name "Crow" or "Crowe" locally at any time. The water is known to them as "The Lake".

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"ONE YEAR MY HUSBAND AND I RENTED A LAKE COTTAGE -  
A RUSTIC CABIN SET IN A PINE GROVE JUST A STROLL FROM  
THE LAKE. WITH THIS COTTAGE CAME A WAR CANOE AND A  
SCREENED-IN PORCH. THE MOTTO OF THE OWNERS SEEMED TO  
HAVE BEEN 'IT'S BROKEN! LET'S TAKE IT TO THE LAKE!'"  
♥ Laurie Colwin

Belleville, Jan. 16, 1937

The Herald Editor and Marmora Citizens

Dear Friends,

While in Marmora last weekend I could not help but note severe criticism as to the government's proposal to change the name of our lake and river.

I had the privilege, as no doubt several citizens did, of seeing the original letter which the government sent. This was a very nice letter stating that as there were three places named Crow or Crowe it was proposed to change the name of our locality to Marmora Lake and Marmora River and asking that an expression of feeling be procured. The letter was much different than some of our citizens would have us think, as they give the impression that the new names are being forced – this latter is not so.

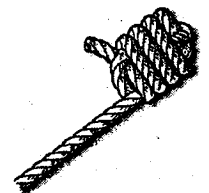
We, as citizens of the village and township should be very pleased to get "Marmora" advertised. What tourist (who has ever been here) when he thinks of Crowe Lake doesn't think of Marmora, and if he thinks of Crowe River, Marmora or Campbellford enters his mind. To the new tourist he has to learn and Marmora Lake should be easier for him to find than Crowe Lake, due to the Village and Township bearing the same name. How would we feel if the government should notify us that they are going to name these waters Hastings Lake and River which would be perfectly proper names as they lie mostly in Hastings County – or any similar name?

No doubt the argument will arise that the Booster Club has spent quite a bit in advertising Crowe Lake and River. As one of its former officers I think I can say that we have spent little lately, and if we are to continue to derive the nice business which Marmora has had for years we well have to keep on advertising and if so why not Marmora instead of Crowe?

Would it not be a good plan to get the combined councils or the Booster Club to call a meeting in the town hall and after discussions of not too many speakers take a vote from all present as to what they want. We as citizens want all the business we can get for Marmora and vicinity, and when our government offers to give us two very suitable names, the same as we have for our municipality – without charging us for them, why not consider this offer very seriously – instead of hanging onto the old idea – Crowe they are and Crowe they are going to stay.

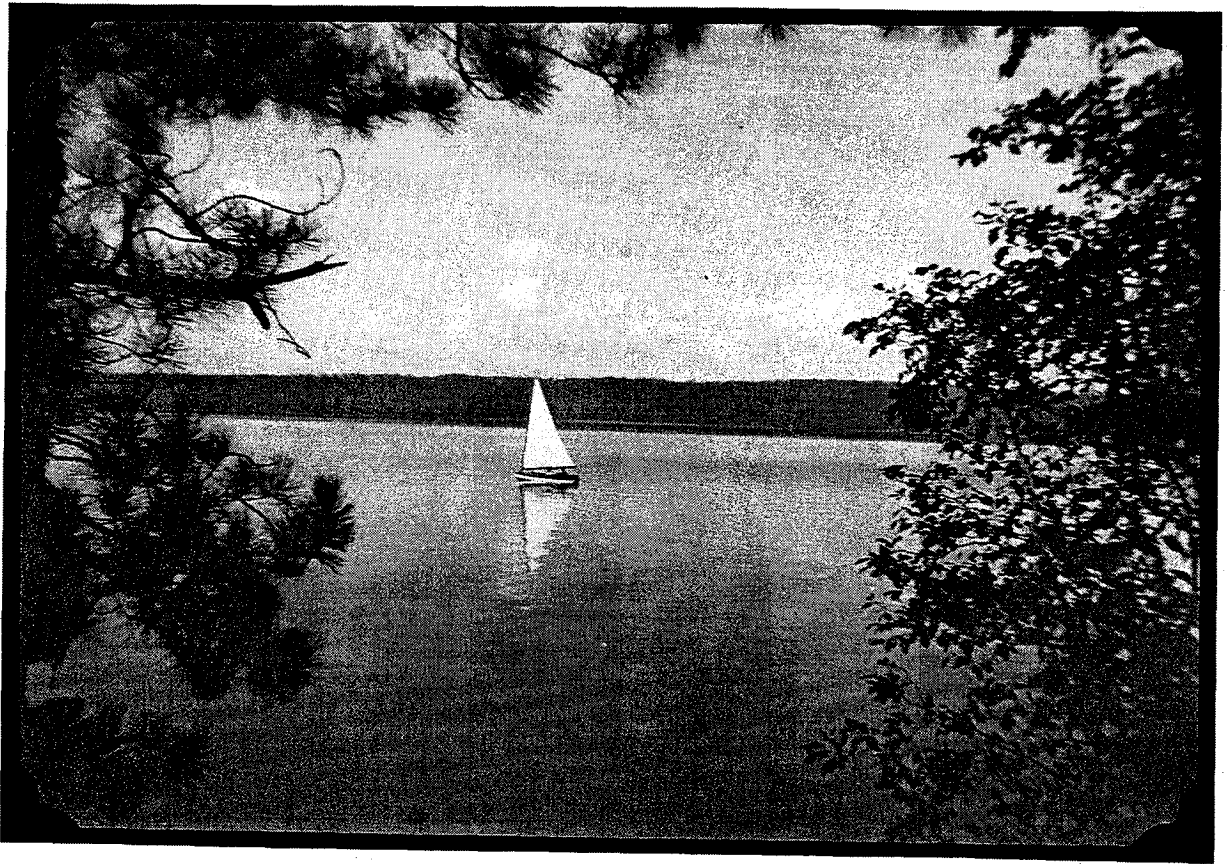
As a Booster Club member and a citizen I ask you, are we going to look back at the money we raised and spent to advertise this locality or are we going to get together again and try to figure just how much more "Marmora" we can get put on that map of Ontario?

Sincerely  
Clarence Gladney



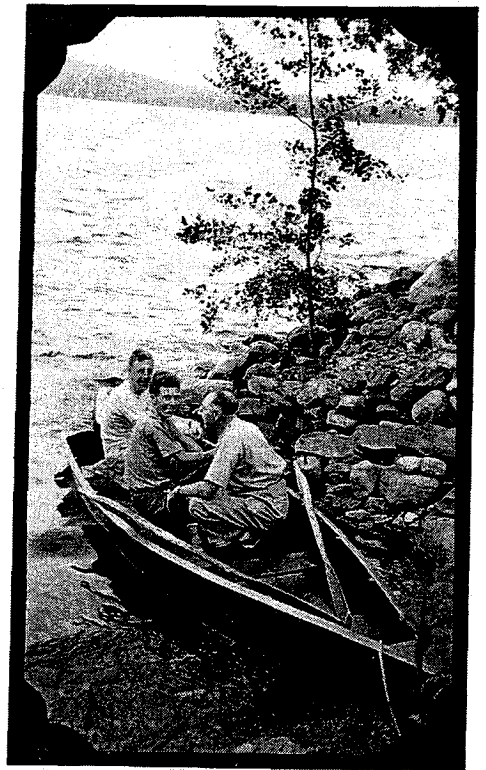
Heaving Knot





**The finest lunge caught in Crowe River so far this season was landed by Mr. Julian Bedore on Tuesday morning. He had just been out a few minutes and was trolling with a star and buffalo bait, when he got the strike. The fish put up a great fight for a short time but was safely landed. It weighed about 15 lbs. Not only was it large but it was long and smooth, a beautiful specimen. It was caught near the old sawdust burner. Many called to admire it.**

**Marmora Herald  
August 19, 1937**



Don Marett at motor  
Jim Marett in middle

Lunge are beginning to bite at Crowe Lake and several have been secured during the past week. One party, with Willie Revoy as guide, caught a 11 ½ lb. lunge and the legal take of bass may be secured almost any day ranging from 3 to 5 lbs. A lady guest at Tipperary Hotel landed a 15 lb. lunge after an exciting struggle. It was her first experience with a big fish and she will not soon forget it. Many more lunge have been secured down the river than at the lake so far this season. Mr. Julian Bedore has been particularly successful and no matter whether fishing alone or as a guide for some party he usually secures one or more lunge. Some very large fish have been seen down the river.

Marmora Herald,  
August 5, 1937

A cottage owner at Crowe Lake has telephoned a news item which some will hardly credit. It is "Three girls were seen at Crowe Lake this week with dresses on."

Marmora Herald  
August 26, 1937

Mr. Bleecker is having a new cottage erected at Crowe Lake. One of the old buildings has been torn down. The new cottage will make it possible to spend a longer season at the Lake with comfort.

Marmora Herald  
May 19, 1938

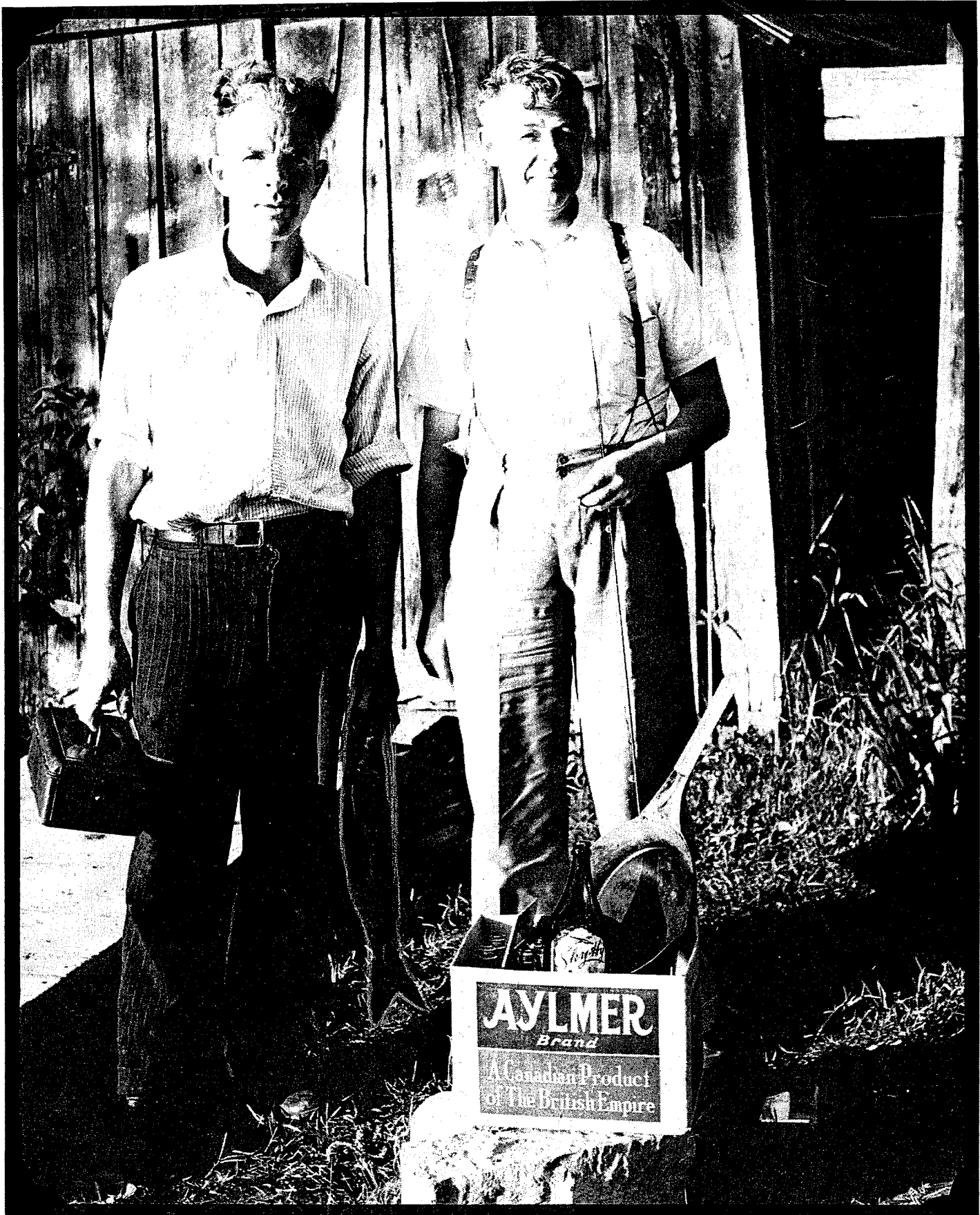
Last week we reported the capture of a fine lunge by Mr. Julian Bedore, but on Tuesday morning of this week he secured a lot larger one about the same spot near the old sawdust burner. The fish caught this week measured 46 inches in length and 19 inches around the girth. It weighed 19 lbs. and 14 oz. It was caught with the same star and buffalo bait as the other and put up a great fight before it was landed.

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August 26, 1937

#### Visitors At Crowe Lake

Crowe Lake is again a popular summer resort, but like many other places it is noticed there are not as many visitors from the United States this year as in former years. The effects of the depression have been much greater in the States than in Canada and many, who usually spent their vacation in Ontario, will not make the trip this year. Others will only come for a few days over a week-end or holiday instead of for a number of weeks. On the other hand a larger number of Ontario residents than usual are spending their vacations at some summer resort or spending the week-end on a fishing trip.

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July 14, 1938



Don McInroy & Warren Hickey - back from fishing and ready to cook supper . 1939

### THREE SWIMMING STARS VISIT CROWE LAKE

Three noted swimming stars visited Crowe Lake on Monday, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Bleecker, and gave a brief exhibition of swimming, explaining some of the methods of swimming which had brought them fame. They were:

Miss Halina Tomska, of the Detroit Athletic Club, American champion – 100 yards free style and 220 yards free style, holder of 6 American records; Canadian champion 100 yards free style and 100 yards back stroke, and Canadian holder Canadian record 100 yards free style.

Miss Thelma Bougnner, Toronto Dalphinets, Canadian and Michigan Diving champion; 3 metre and tower diving.

Gordon Kerr, of Windsor, and Detroit Athletic Club, champion back stroker, holder of 10 Canadian records. At the recent championship swimming meet at Esterel, Quebec, he won the 100 yards back stroke Canadian championship in 150 medley race, setting three new Dominion records.

The Canadian Swimming and Diving Championships were held Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> at Domaine d'Esterel, Quebec, near St. Margarets, sponsored by Esterel Sporting Club.

Gordon Kerr is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Kerr, of Windsor, and his mother acts as his manager in his training and swimming contests and also assists Miss Tomska. Mrs. Kerr is a niece of Mrs. Bleecker.

Marmora Herald  
August 11, 1938

Tipperary Hotel, Crowe Lake, is changing to hydro for its lighting in place of the Delco system formerly in use. Mr. Thos. E. Potts, the proprietor, has an exceptionally fine garden this summer and when the changes are completed will be able to give his guests better service than ever.

Marmora Herald  
July 14, 1938



Beth Young, 1943

Col. Bishop, V. C. Ace Flier of the Great War, landed at Crowe Lake on Sunday afternoon to re-fuel, enroute to Toronto from Anticosti Island.

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Joe & Rita Murray - circa 1940



Judge & Lillian Parker  
with Amos, circa 1937



Judy, Alex, Sandy & Verna Fraser, and Alex sister Willie, circa 1948

## LARGE BLACK BASS PUT IN CROWE LAKE

Last Friday Messrs. G. Little and E. N. McDonald, of the Deer River Fish Hatchery, placed about one hundred good sized Lake Ontario black bass in Crowe Lake. The fish would measure 12 to 18 inches in length and were fine looking specimens. They were taken from Lake Ontario to provide spawn for the hatching operations at the Hatchery which were quite successful again this year. The addition of the Lake Ontario bass should further improve the quality of the bass in Crowe Lake as in fish propagation, as well as stock breeding, the addition of new blood generally proves an advantage. About the same number of adult bass were also placed in Belmont Lake.

Deer River Hatchery is doing a fine job in helping to restock the waters of this district with trout, bass and lunge.

Marmora Herald  
June 27, 1940

## CAUGHT BIG LUNGE

Messrs. R. A. Elliott and Thomas Paranuik, while fishing at Crowe Lake Last Saturday, caught a lunge which upholds the reputation of Crowe Lake for this season, as a place where the big ones can be found. The fish was caught off Cedar Point and weighed 24 1/2 lbs. It was 46 inches long and required half an hour of thrilling sport before it was landed. Other lakes in this part of the Province have reported the catching of big lunge recently, but none of them beat the one landed by Mr. Elliott.

Marmora Herald  
September 12, 1940

## CROWE LAKE ASSOCIATION FORMED

An enthusiastic meeting of the property owners on Crow Lake was held at Marble Point Lodge on Sunday, August 18 at 3 P.M. On the Saturday previous the notice had been circulated around the lake outlining the various aims and purposes of the organization. These were heartily endorsed and the following were elected to act for those present: President - Mr. C. H. Buskard Secretary - Mr. W. C. Dymond Committee - Mr. C. H. Buskard, W. C. Dymond, John Warren, L. Bonter and D. Marett.

The committee have been instructed to meet the Township Council at an early date to discuss the points raised in the circular and other matters of interest.

As those present were all from the north half of the east shore the activities for the moment will be centered on this section. If the other section of the lake should show any interest in this organization, the privilege will be widened to take care of the whole lake.

Marmora Herald,  
August 22, 1940



Irene Black with her prize 8 lb. bass



Vern Caverly

### NEW COTTAGES AT LAKE

Two or three new cottages are under construction at Crowe Lake this spring and it is reported others may be constructed during the coming season.

Mr. Vern Caverly, of Oshawa, who owns a large frontage along the north and east shores of the lake is completing a third cottage, which is rather small. Mr. Harding, of Oshawa, has purchased a lot just east of Mr. Caverly's buildings and is erecting a nice cottage, which is pretty well constructed.

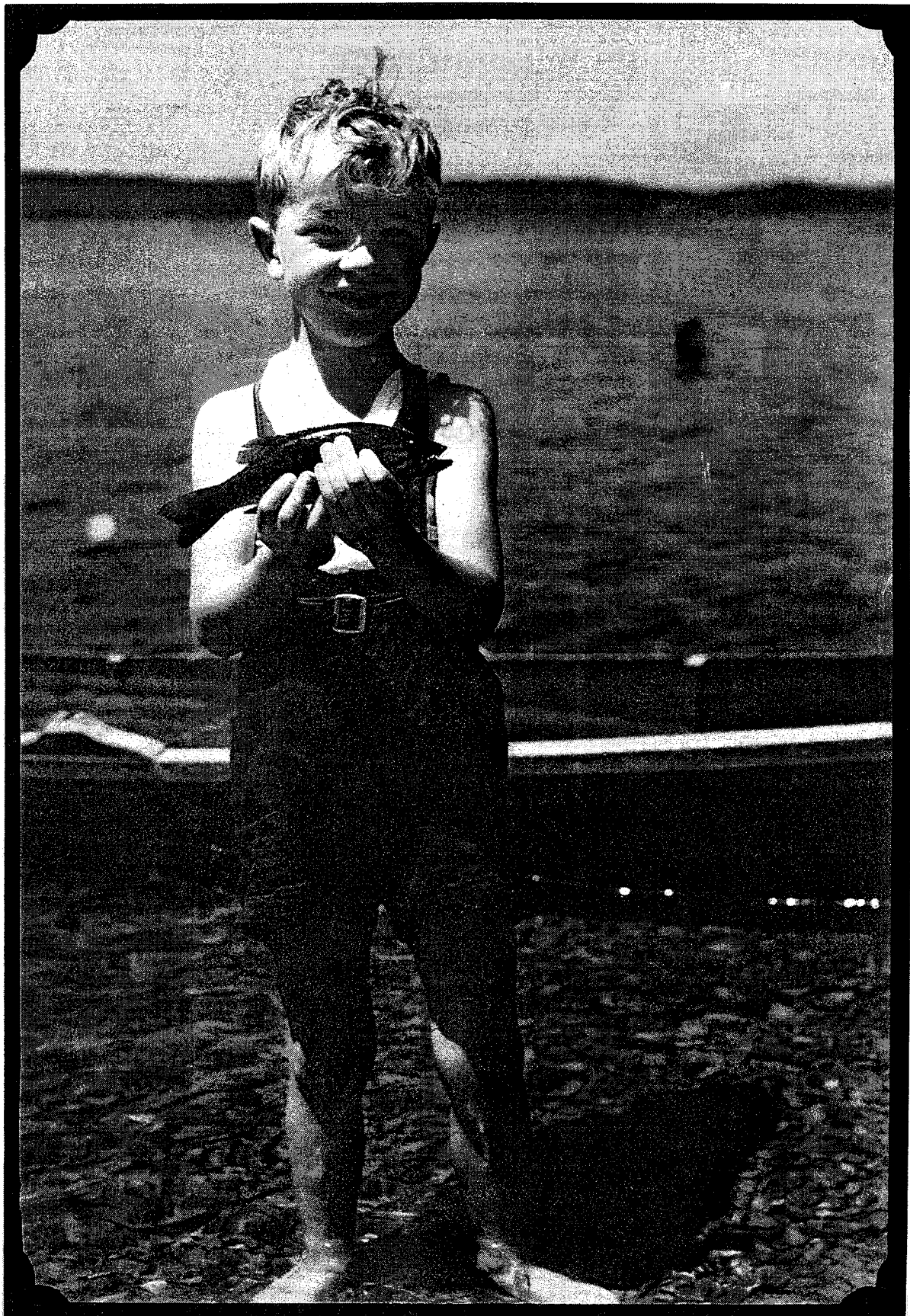
Mr. Hector Campbell, also of Oshawa, has purchased a lot a little east of the concession line and has started construction of a cottage. His will be the largest of the cottages to be constructed this spring.

Mr. J. A. Rice, of town, is also planning to erect a cottage on the north shore. The exceptionally fine bathing beach is one of the biggest attractions of that side of the lake

Marmora Herald  
May 22, 1941



Camping at Glen Allan, 1938



Jimmy Hickey

“Oh for a book and a shady nook, either in door or out.”

JOHN WILSON