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Government Fresh Air Fund



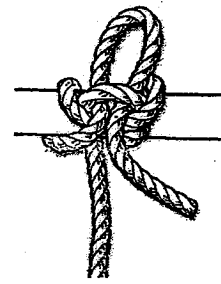
The Calithumpian Parade, a 'just because it is fun' parade where people dressed up and paraded
through the streets of Marmora...circa 1938
Eleanor Morse & Roy Smith
Rita Deacon & Ivy McWilliams

Double Drowning Accident

Last Thursday afternoon Mrs. Chas. Dunlay and son, Wilfred, borrowed a skiff from Mrs. Norman Cooper and went fishing in Crowe River above the dam. Early in the evening they were noticed on the water and that was the last time they were seen by anyone.

About dark, when the boat failed to return, Mrs. Cooper went to the Dunlay home to inquire about it. That was the first intimation Mr. Dunlay had of the reason for the absence of his wife and son. Early Friday morning he notified Constable Lavender of his fears they had been drowned and a search was started. Constable Lavender notified Provincial Constable Patterson of Madoc, and then with Fish and Game Overseer J. A. Shannon made a search of both shores of the river.

P.O. Paterson brought grappling irons with him, but the very swift current and rough water below the dam made it impossible to drag the river effectively. In the meantime Harry Cooper and Chas. Gray discovered the skiff upside down near the west shore with the bottom all smashed in. No trace was found of the oars or a black felt hat which Mrs. Dunlay was wearing and which it is thought would float. Search was continued for the bodies on Saturday and Sunday and at various times since. Powerful search lights were also used at night, making it possible to see down into the water. Guard rail wire was placed across the bridge, extending a couple of feet below the surface, so that if the bodies came to the surface at night they would not be carried down the river.



Painter Hitch

Bodies Recovered from River

After over a week's search of the river the body of the late Mrs. Chas. Dunlay was found Sunday by Constable W. Lavender. The coroner was immediately notified and arrangements made for taking the remains to the Undertaking Rooms of F. N. Marett & Co.

The body was found near the south end of the Village at the rear of Chas. Cronkwright's residence. The back of the head had been badly injured, apparently by striking against the dam or the rocks below it. After viewing the remains and considering all the circumstances connected with the drowning accident, Coroner Dr. Beatty of Madoc decided an inquest was unnecessary and released the body.

Interment took place in Marmora Protestant cemetery on Monday.

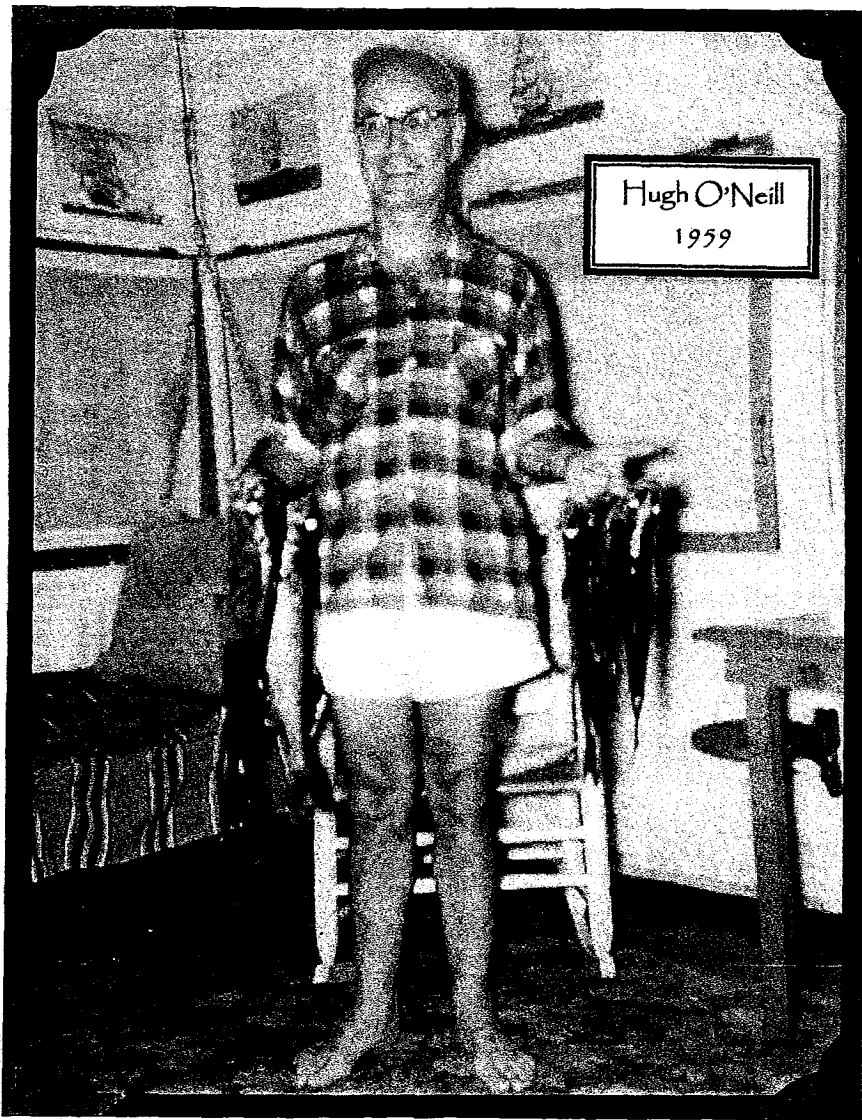
The body of the son, Wilfred, was found on Monday by Fish and Game Overseer, J. A. Shannon, floating near the west shore a short distance below the dam near the spot where the boat was first discovered.

Wilfred was buried beside his mother. Considerable relief is felt that the search is at last over and the bodies properly interred.

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May 27, 1943



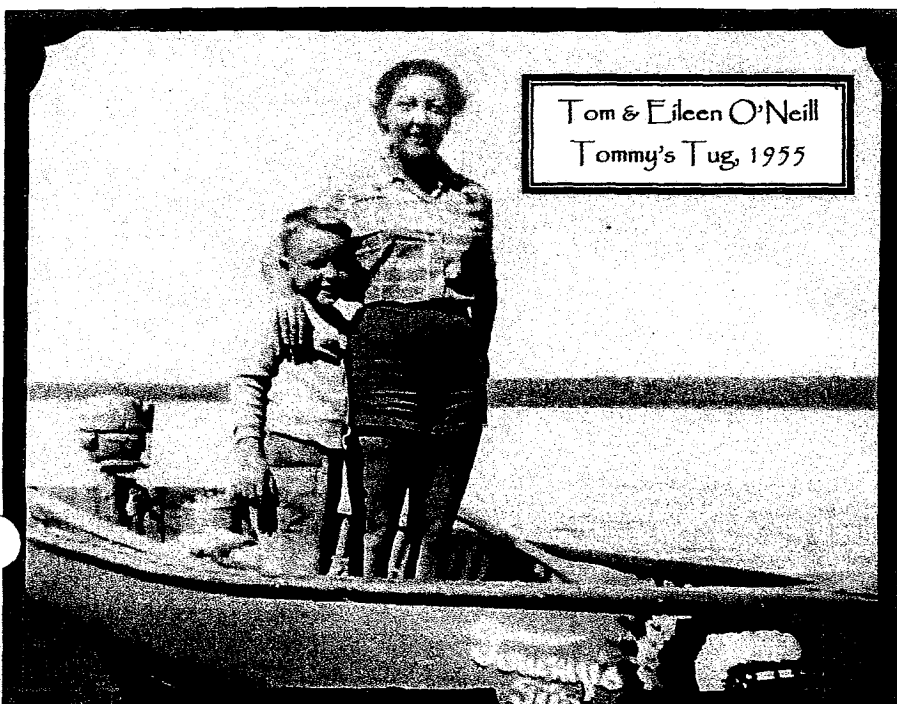
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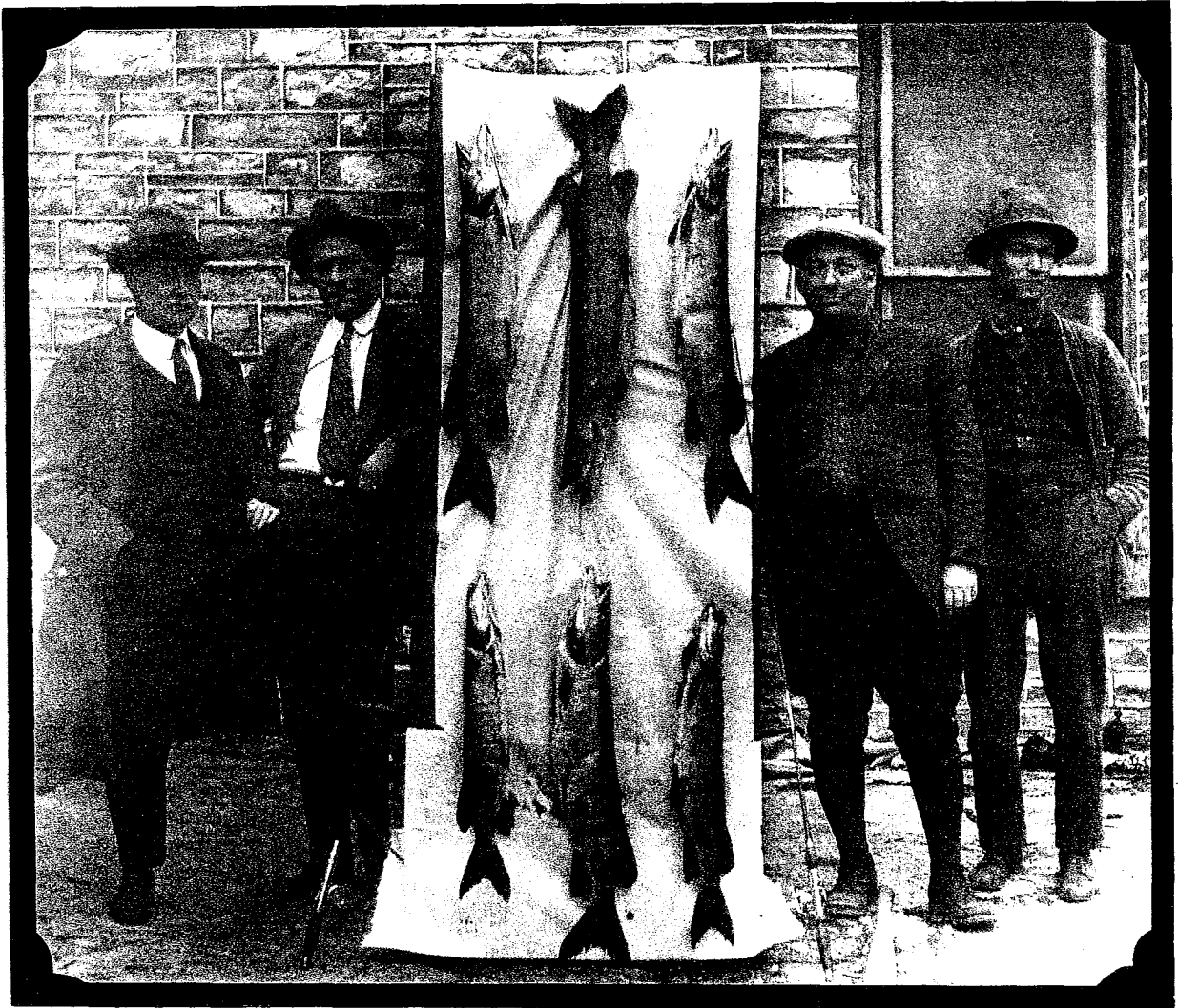
Lunge Biting

Three nice lunge have been caught in Crowe Lake this week, each of them weighing about 20 lbs. A Mr. Kerr from Belleville landed a 47 inch fish on Tuesday and Joe Murray and Jack Clairmont each got one on Wednesday, the one measuring 43 inches and the other 49 inches.

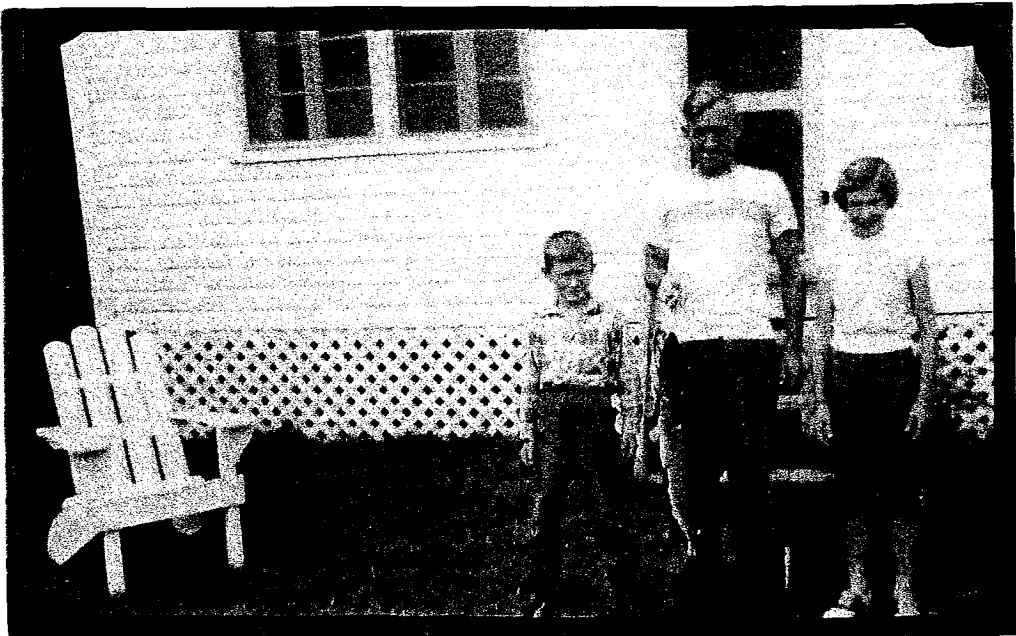
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October 10, 1957



Ralph & Ab Campion
Olive Crough &
Charlie Campion
Marble Point, 1927



Mr. Wolfe, Til Neal, Mr. Dunn, Wm. Leonard



Jim, Claude & Joanne Nichol
Beaver Creek



On Facing the Cottage in the Spring

When you pack to leave for the cottage that first time in the spring, make sure you pack your sense of humor and are well rested.

In case your cottage is still standing in the spring, prepare to deal (calmly and sanely) with the winters toll of vandalism, water damages, blocked chimneys, animal droppings and rusty equipment.

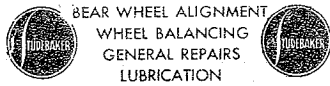
On Cleaning Up the Great Outdoors

Spring clean up and the day to day chores of picking up of branches and twigs, pulling weeds, cleaning shore lines, removing the ashes etc. are hauled with great effort to a designated spot 'back there'. In no time at all "back there" has amassed such vast quantities that you are forced to redirect your hauling activities.

Closing the Cottage

1. Put into metal boxes, or the oven, all matches and items equally beloved by you and the animal world.
2. Store dry wood by the fireplace. Anyone using your dry wood without replacing it could be the reason for the revival of capital punishment.
3. Put a heavy board on the chimney to keep out the birds, bats and squirrels (and be sure to remember to remove it next spring).
4. If you have a flush toilet, drain it, then add anti freeze (in case you didn't drain it as well as you thought you did).
5. Put a drop of oil on every lock and hinge.
6. Blow water out of the copper pipes by using a piece of rubber tubing and strong lungs on an (open) tap.
7. Check that the electric kettle and anything else holding freezable liquid is empty.
8. Put out the mouse traps.
9. Install temporary winter roof supports on the assumption that the man who is to shovel the roof will not turn up.
10. Lock the door and turn over possession to the winter tenants, you can evict the little creatures in the spring.

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Skin Divers Are Common Sight at Marmora

People in the Marmora district are getting used to seeing strange looking figures rise from Crowe Lake and River, strings of bubbles rising around them and masked faces, metal tanks on their back and frog like rubber suits giving them the appearance of Men from Mars.

The swimmers are all members of the Marmora Underwater Association, a club formed by district men interested in the art of skin diving. At present the club has 20 members. The club is a combination of pleasure and business. They do some commercial jobs, such as recovering lost outboard motors, removing buried logs from proposed camp swimming hopes and even recovering false teeth and other small articles.

The money they get from commercial jobs goes into the club fund to buy more equipment for more members. At the present they have two rubber suits, three aqualungs and a number of snorkel tubes. They are building their own 14 foot boat and are fixing up a clubhouse. Members themselves pay an annual club fee. They have their own air compressor, representing a sizeable investment.

Skin diving is not just a matter of putting on a mask and aqualung and diving into the water. There is plenty of danger associated with it and very important safety rules must be followed. Under the direction of Bert Gray and Jack Fraser, who have been appointed safety directors, the members progress from the use of a snorkel tube to the use of the aqualung with its compressed air tanks which allow the divers to descend deep into the water for lengthy periods. Marmora Club divers have gone down beyond 100 feet, the deepest water they have encountered so far.

Each diver carries a special knife, with a cork handle to allow it to float if lost, with which to cut himself free from entangling seaweed, interlaced branches of sunken trees or tangled fishing lines.

Once underwater everything takes on a markedly different appearance. Even a lily pad, appearing suddenly in front of the diving mask, can startle a diver. The members are urged to report every strange effect they see, rather than disregard it because they might be thought timid, so that other members will know what they face below the water.

As a public service they stand ready, 24 hours a day, for any emergency requiring their type of operations. Police, civil defense and flying personnel can call on them at any time.

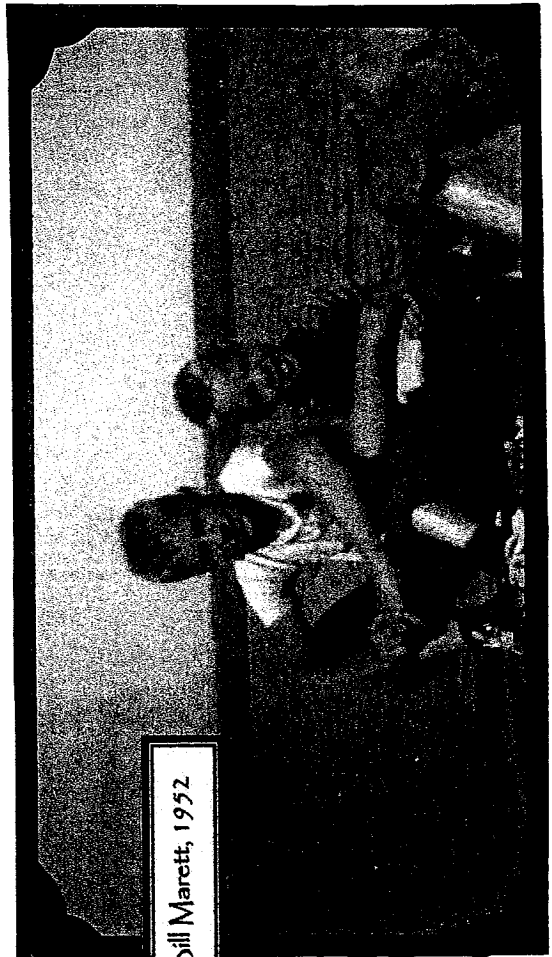
The Marmora group, believed to be the only one in Canada, has rigged up a telephone system, which can be used with the rubber suits. It enables the diver to keep in constant contact with someone on the shore. The telephone wire is rubber covered and the set operates from batteries. Club secretary Bob Sanderson runs the phone from the raft while the diver goes down.

Word of the group's activities is spreading. The club is getting more and more calls to recover lost articles. There are about 100 other swimmers who are interested in joining. When the equipment is available they will be admitted.

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June 28, 1955



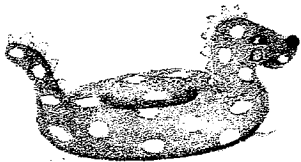
Don Marett



Frank & Bill Marett, 1952



Gamet & Janice Howden with Kent & Byron Stubbs



14 Ohio Fishermen Remember Friend and Guide

Who was Private Willie Revoy? A World War II hero? Perhaps, but there are no military documents to confirm a story like that about Willie Revoy. Then who was he? And what is the significance of the unusual dedication markings inscribed on his tombstone in a Marmora cemetery?

The inscription reads: "Private Willie Revoy – Friend Of The Ohio Fishermen." Did Willie Revoy lose his life in a courageous effort to rescue the Ohio Fishermen? No, Willie Revoy was not a hero in that respect either. In fact, in this story it's the Ohio Fishermen who are the real heroes. Not heroes in the true sense of the word, but heroes none the less.

The story about the Ohio Fishermen and their connection with Bill Revoy began more than 27 years ago, when a group of 14 Columbus Mutual Life Insurance agents pinpointed the Crowe River, Marmora, as the spot to hold their new promotional vacations: A muskie fishing excursion, a reward earned by insurance agents who were pumping out more than average sales for the Columbus Mutual Life.

The Ohio Fishermen first hired Bill Revoy in 1961 as their fishing guide. Bill had the reputation as being the best fishing guide in the area. Here was a man who could read the waterways, fish and the weather, better than most people can read a newspaper. Bill went after muskie with such enthusiasm never before witnessed by the Ohio group. "Almost like he hated them with a passion, but he really didn't," says Ohio group organizer Henry (Hank) Leugers, the general agent who first came up with this particular promotional concept.

The group tell many stories about how their special friendship with Bill Revoy developed. Each heartfelt story the Ohio Fishermen relate ends with a sincere tone that reflects feeling like a family member is missing.

Some of you may remember Bill Revoy as the happy-go-lucky young fishing guide from Beaver Creek, who went off to war, only to return as a troubled man with a serious drinking problem. Some may remember him as one of the Beaver Creek River Rats and the trophies he won from the club for fishing the biggest muskies. The Ohio Fishermen remember Bill Revoy for his friendship, dedication as a fishing guide and most of all, as a part of their family of fishermen whom they looked upon as the inspiration that kept them returning to the Crowe for 27 consecutive years now.

Bill Revoy was 64 years old when he died in February 1985. He had no money or other assets that could pay the expenses of a fancy burial. All he had was a filthy cabin on Beaver Creek. A cabin so filthy, that it took his daughter Marie two years to make it livable.

"My father had nothing but his fishing, his dog and his friendships with the many people he guided for, and he was happy. The Americans (Ohio Fishermen) treated my father extremely well. They also wrote to him and sent him gifts and things," says Revoy's daughter Marie Elvins.

Marie explained that her mother and father were separated shortly after Bill returned home with his war bride from England. "The separation was mainly due to his drinking," says Marie.

Last year, when the Ohio Fishermen returned for another of their annual muskie fishing events, they noticed that Bill Revoy was buried in a Marmora Legion plot without a headstone. "Bills grave should be marked with a decent stone," says Virgal Moorman, the new sponsoring agent for the promotional trip. "He was one of our family," he said. With those words in mind, the 14 Ohio Fishermen set out to make the arrangements to have a decent headstone put on Bill Revoy's grave.

This is only one story about the sensitivity of Henry (Hank) and Bob Leugers, Virgal Moorman, Charlie and Chuck Hein, Pete and Ralph Stamen, Jim Moeller, Lowell McLear, Ted Bertke, Dick Rotherford, Ken Kramer, Dennis Raberding and Ken Berner, the 14 Ohio Fishermen. Their good deeds go unheard of in many communities, but this story deserved to be told, in memory of Bill Revoy, friend of the Ohio Fishermen.

Community Press
October 4, 1988



Bill Revoy



7 of the 14 Ohio Fishermen
Jim Moeller, Dick Rotherford, Ralph & Pete Stamen, Hank Leugers, Charlie Hein & Virgal Moorman

Lois Bedore Died While Swimming in Crowe River

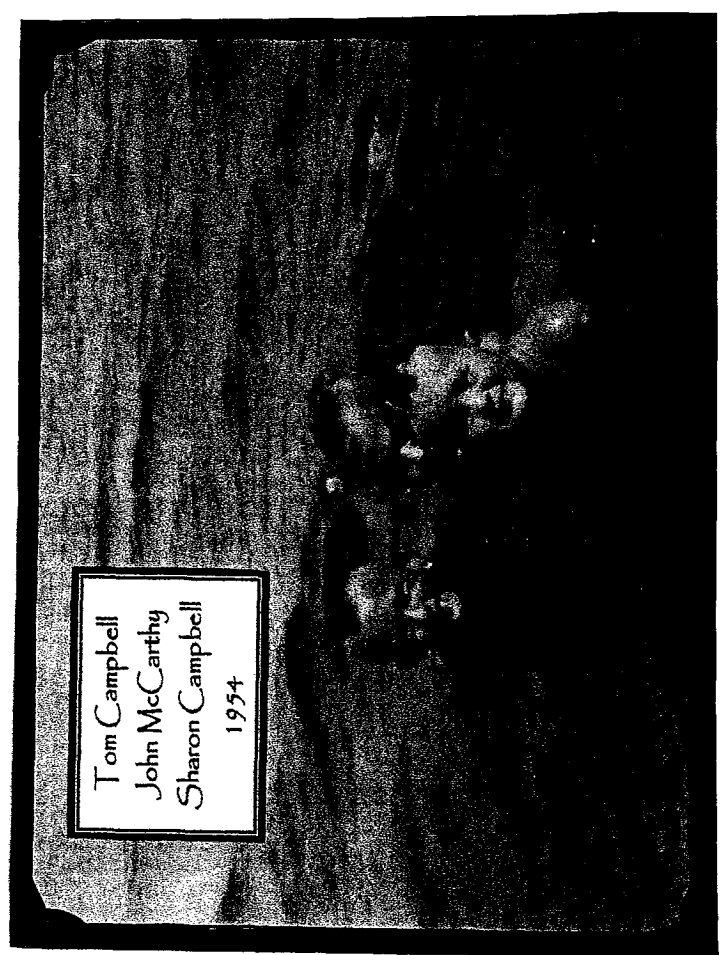
A tragedy took place Sunday evening when Lois Faye Bedore, youngest daughter of Mrs. Wilbert Bedore and the late Mr. Bedore, passed away while swimming. She was an expert swimmer and enjoyed the pastime. She was in the water alone at the time, at the bathing beach just below the bridge over No. 14 Highway and no other swimmers were around at the time. It is reported one or two people saw her in the water, but knowing how well she could swim did not pay any attention.

No one knows when she went down but when she did not return home for supper her mother became alarmed and started out to look for her. When she could not be found a search was started. Dragging operations were started and continued throughout the night and all day Monday, except for a short time in the afternoon when the wind became too strong. Others searched the shores but no trace of the missing girl was found during the day.

A plane from Trenton, with a mechanical device by which it was possible to see into the water, also joined in the search for a while about noon.

The search was resumed early Monday evening and about 10:30 o'clock the body was found in about ten feet of water lying on a ledge of rock near a deep hole. Several boats were close to the spot at that time. Among those around when the body was found was Jack Hickey, Joseph Darrah, Lorne Gawley, her brother Clayton and a number of others.

Marmora Herald
September 4, 1952



Chuck Brady

Saw Big Rattlesnake

Forrest Dennis of Crowe Lake and Doctor Graeme Mackechnie of Timmins and Crowe Lake had a novel experience this week while fishing on Beaver Creek. They had landed their canoe at what is commonly known as "The Bear Camp" to spend the night. The doctor had unlocked the door while his companion came behind him carrying the equipment when they heard the ominous rattle of a rattlesnake. The doctor threw himself through the opened door just in time as not more than two feet from him was a four foot rattler, coiled and ready to strike, while Mr. Dennis was not more than five feet in the distance. Before they were able to kill the reptile, it disappeared underneath the cabin. As the men had been wading the creek, their trousers were rolled to the knees, thus making a good target for the snake. The fishermen claim they had a good sleep after first making sure the door fit tightly and it was safely closed.

Marmora Herald
September 10, 1942

Local Man Hooks 49 Inch Lunge

Mr. Ted Jeffrey, owner of The Belmont Motel, 3 miles west of Marmora on highway No. 7, hooked a 49 inch lunge yesterday, Wed. Oct. 14, around 9:30 a.m.

The fish caught in Crowe Lake was 22 inches around the girth and weighed 25 lb.

Mr. Jeffrey caught a larger lunge in approximately the same place in Crowe Lake on Oct. 13, 1960. It weighed 32 lb. 6 oz. and was mounted in the office of the Belmont Motel, and the most recent catch will be mounted and on display also on November 8.

Marmora Herald
October 14, 1964



Tom O'Neill & Sherre Smith



Evelyn Nicolson & Glen Derry
1959



Perkey Nicolson; Leo Darrah; Don Donaldson, 1960



Donna Nicolson & Joey Knox



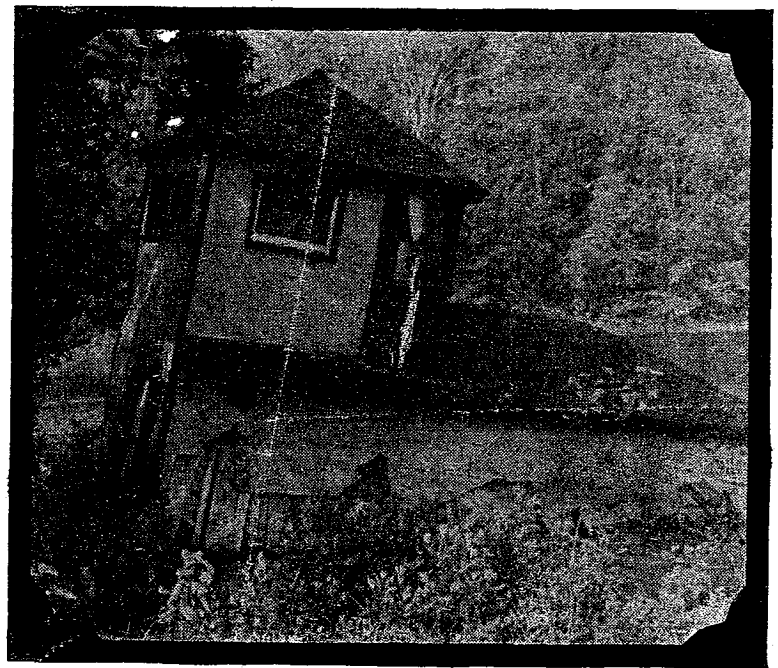
Triple Bowline

Take a Good Look

One of Marmora's more infamous landmarks, this boathouse has teetered on the edge of the Crowe River just north of the village (within the village limits) for some years. The village wanted to tear it down as part of their plan for the riverside park, but first had to find a new home for the owner-tenant, Harry Cooper.

After a long search, the apartment house (the only place in Marmora with a swimming pool in the basement) was evacuated, and last Friday, shortly after this picture was taken, CVCA and village workmen, with the help of the Marmora Fire Department put a torch to the place.

Marmora Herald



Marjorie Blecker



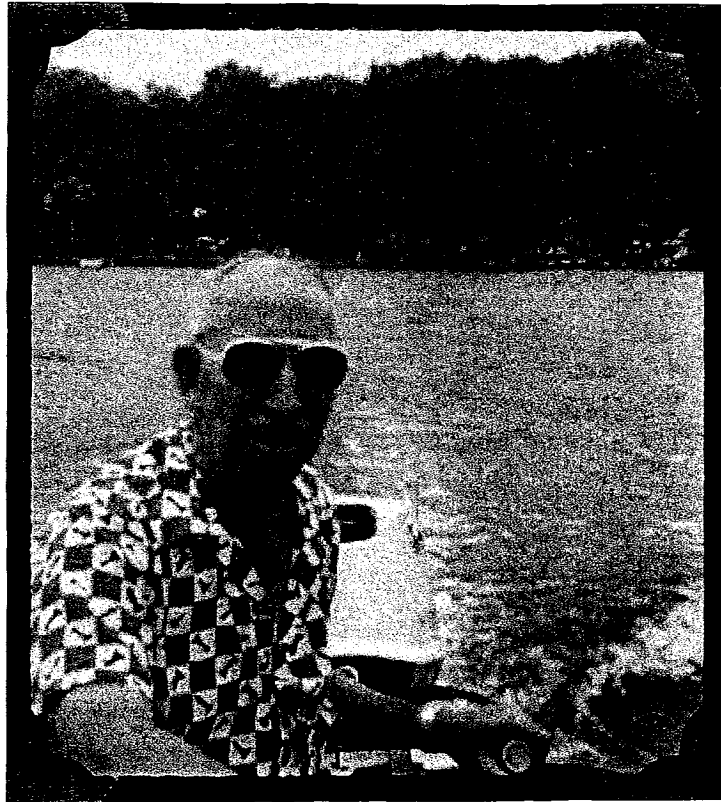
On Mosquitoes

Until the moment you arrive at your cottage, your home away from home, the mosquitoes have the whole place to themselves. You can tell this is very lonely for them by the way they gather in huge clouds to welcome you, fly in a V formation in your honor, not leaving you alone for a minute.

By way of defending yourself, drench yourself in repellent. This helps prevent most of the carnage, but treatment tends to wear off during the day and has to be repeated several times as the attackers regroup for further onslaughts.

Spray cans are useless, so liquid repellent is the weapon of choice, which of course drips down the sides of the bottle until the label comes off. This does not present any undue hazard unless you mistake it for oil & vinegar salad dressing.

Patricia Olson, 1956
(wearing the summer staff uniform)



Herb English, 1959
Glen Allan cabins in background



Sailing School

Anne Philpot told the Herald that there is still room for five more students in the sailing school coming to Booster Park.

We have confirmed the dates with the Ontario Sailing Association, who conduct the school.

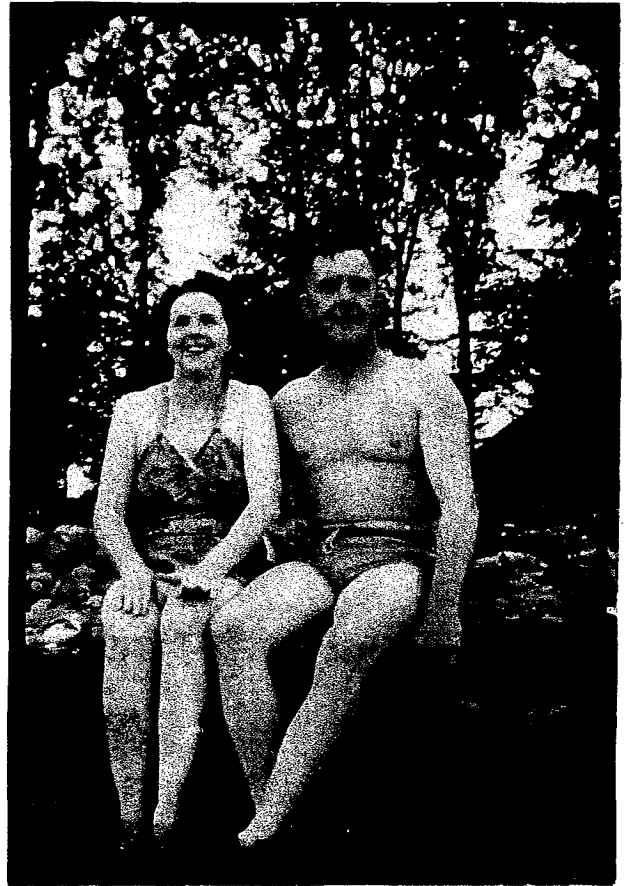
The school, which is sponsored by Wintario, is coming to Marmora July 1 – 5. Morning, afternoon and evening classes will be conducted with all boats and equipment supplied.

Each student will receive 15 hours of instruction. The courses are based on the National Learn-To-Sail Proficiency Standards in a program which makes learning to sail both fun and exciting, while maintaining a high safety standard.

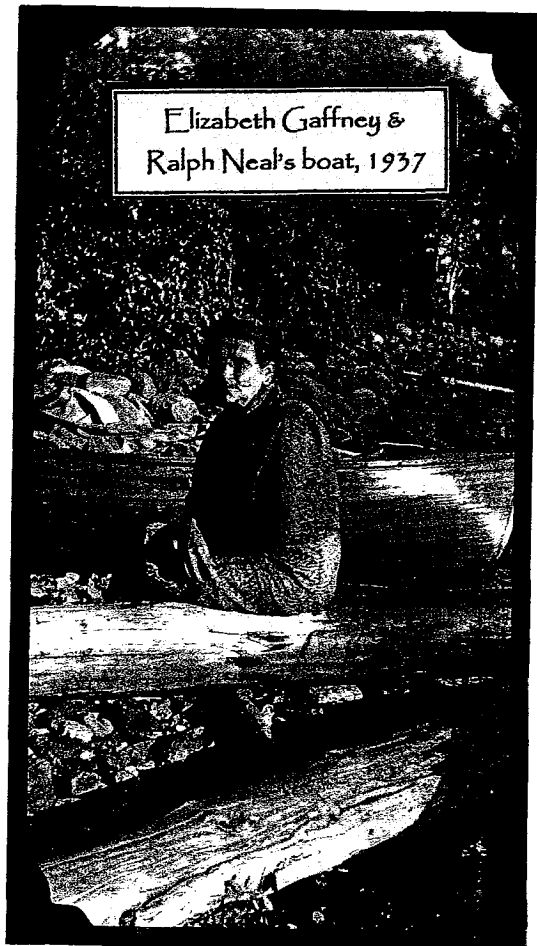
Courses are offered at both the beginner and intermediate levels. The students receive certification for the level of proficiency they achieve. Anyone can attend who is over 10 years of age and able to swim.

The Mobile Sailing School is fully equipped with five Alcan 'Petrel' sailboats, a rescue/coach boat, two certified instructors and a van which provides their accommodation while on location. The instructors run three classes per day.

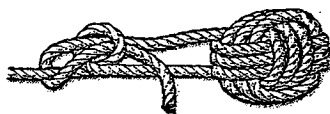
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Beatrice & Harry Loveless

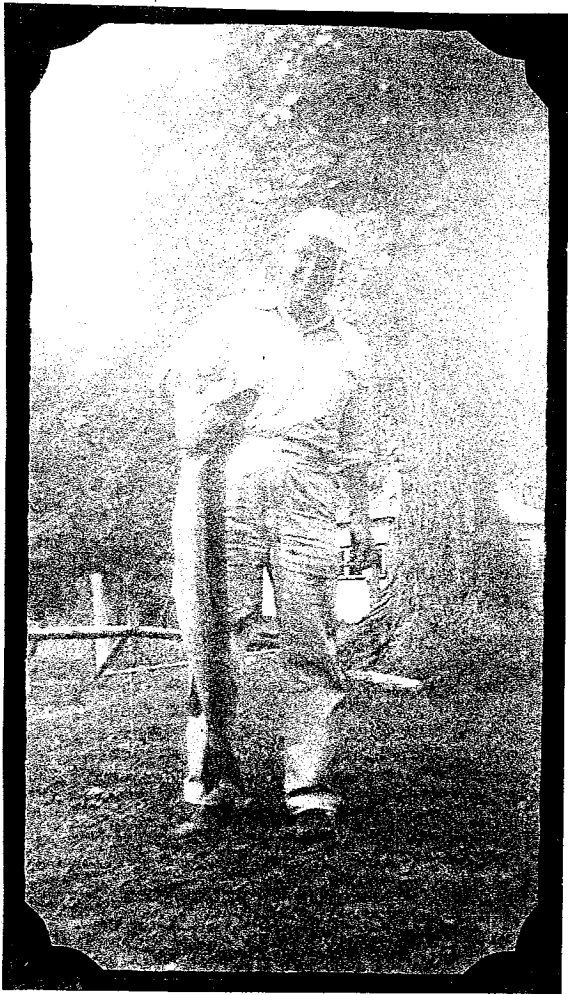
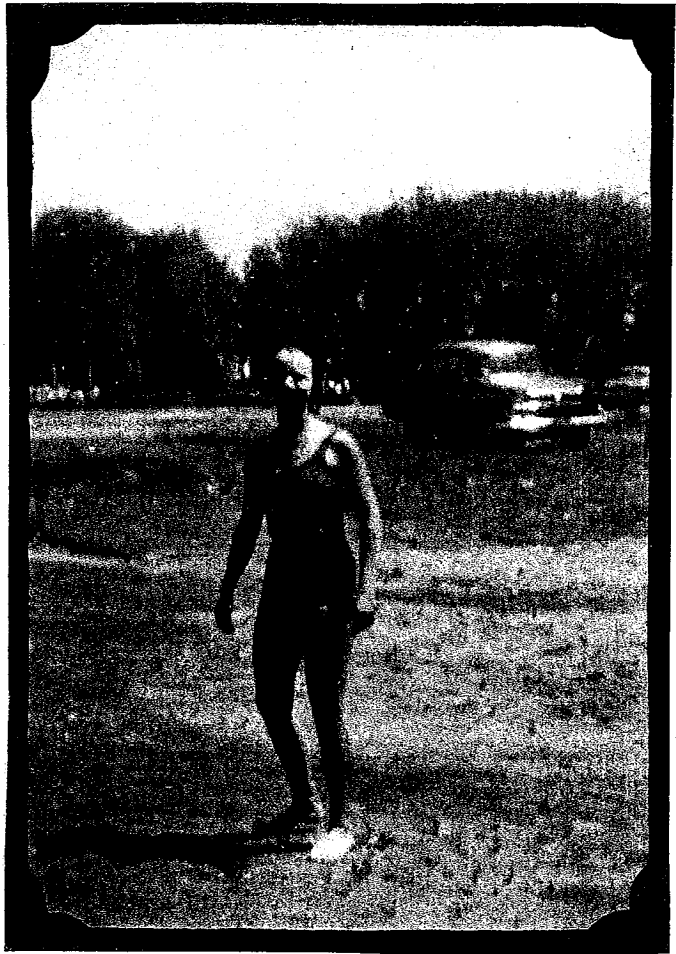


Elizabeth Gaffney &
Ralph Neal's boat, 1937



Monkey's Fist

Dallas Stark
1965



Forrest Dennis
1952

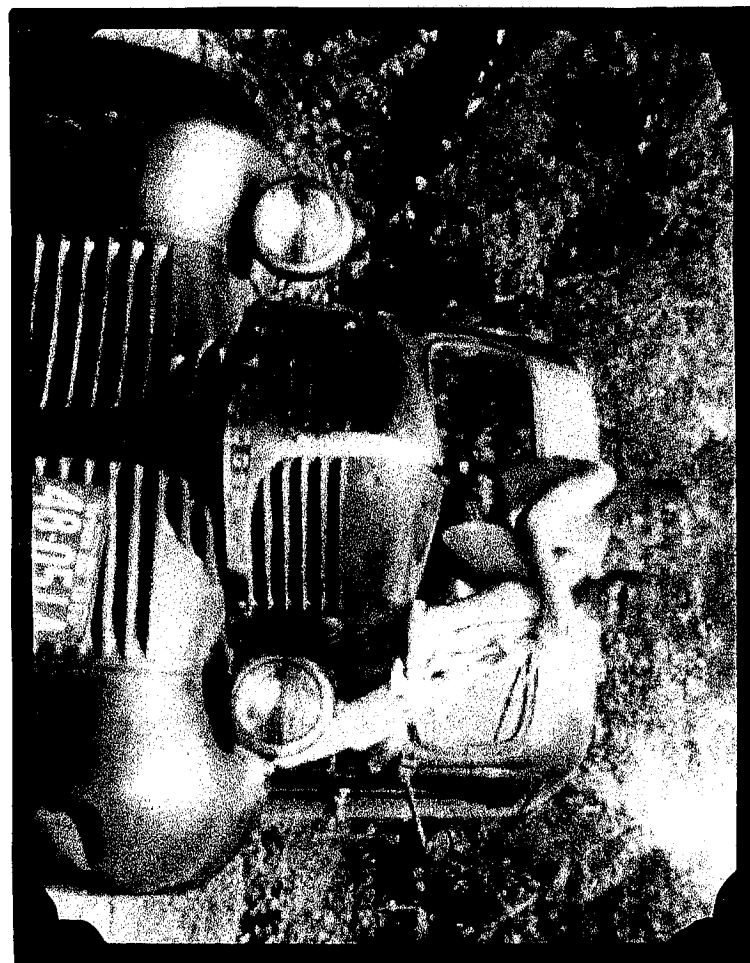


Maudie Dennis
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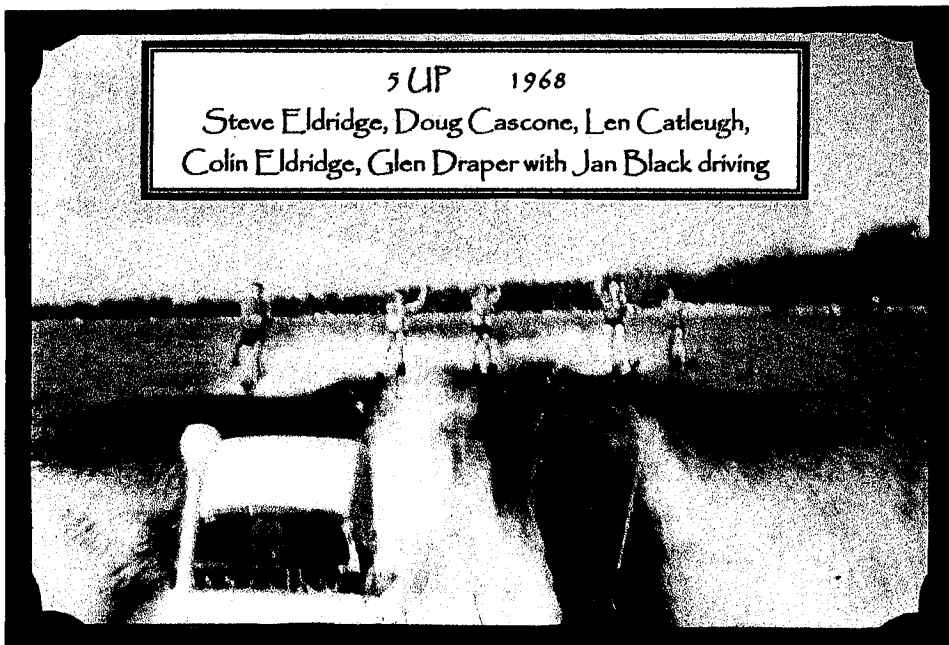
Colin Eldridge, 1953



Steve & Colin Eldridge
1955

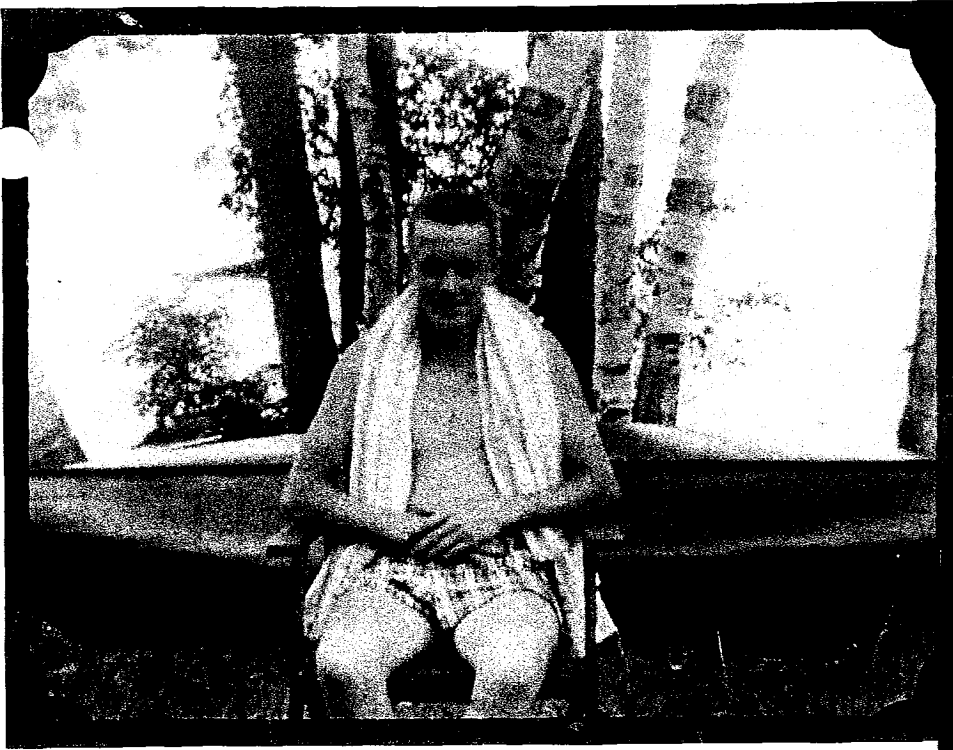


5 UP 1968
Steve Eldridge, Doug Cascone, Len Catleugh,
Colin Eldridge, Glen Draper with Jan Black driving



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. ♡



Dan Bateman
1957



Caught Big Bass

Four residents of Toronto visited George Wade's summer camp, just north of Beaver Creek bridge, for the week end and on Monday, James Stubbing, one of the party, caught one of the largest small mouthed black bass taken from Crowe Lake in several years. The fish was 21 inches, measured 16 inches around the girth and weighed about 6 lbs. 10 ozs. It was caught almost opposite Dr. McMullen's summer home along the north shore of Crowe Lake. The bait used was a go-deep plug, also called a river runt plug, attached to a rod. The fish was very dark and a very fine specimen of small mouthed black bass.

September 10, 1942
Marmora Herald



Tom O'Neill helping with the chores
at McKinnons farm, 1959



Taut-line Hitch

Loses Fight

Marmora – A Marmora Township man, Jim Hughes, has lost his fight with the Ministry of Natural Resources over lot 11, con. 2, and has removed a cottage from the property.

He and his father have paid taxes on the property since 1933 but the land was never patented. The Ministry was anxious to acquire the property which is on Crowe Lake, for a wildlife sanctuary.

Marmora and Lake Township Council members wondered what recourse Mr. Hughes could take, if any, to appeal the decision or recover the tax money.

It was the opinion of Reeve Graham Bell that the decision would be a statutory one and not open to appeal.

Marmora Herald
March 21, 1973

Crowe Lake Cottagers Alarmed at Development

The Crowe Lake Cottagers Association is concerned that the lake has become the site for a development that might upset the ecological balance of Crowe.

In a letter to the Marmora and Lake Township Council, Assoc. President E. L. Killian, expressed concerns that a development on the north side of the lake by a developer called Crowe Hill Estates Inc. would produce overpopulation on the lake to the point that the lake would not be able to handle the effluent that was produced by the new development.

According to the letter, development is taking place on some 88 acres in an area of the lake previously designated by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources as land that would be either kept in its natural state or developed as a recreational facility, according to Mr. Killian.

Mr. Killian said that he did not know how Crowe Hill Estates had procured the land, but that he had had confirmation, "by word of mouth" that they had indeed obtained possession of the land, from the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Signs in the area indicate that the corporation intends to lease lots for a 21 year duration.

June 7, 1978
Marmora Herald



Ted, Jim & Tom Hughes
June, 1958

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Cottagers Want Gov't. Action On North Shore Development

The Crowe Lake Cottagers Association is still dissatisfied with the development on the north shore of Crowe Lake and is circulating a petition that will go to the department of the environment, the township and the county in the hope of getting some action.

Members of the executive declined to reveal the wording of the petition but E.L. Killian, president of the association indicated that "it has to do with zoning up there. It's zoned one way and we feel it should stay that way."

The land is zoned recreational by the county plan, this is meant to encompass "picnicking, nature trails, hiking according to county officials. However the county plan is not law and the development of a "private park" does not require a zoning change in order to be legal, county officials say. Crowe Hill Park Estates is on 88 acres that has 4,400 feet of shoreline on the north shore.

However cottagers and other landowners on the lake claim they had received previous assurance from the Ministry of the Environment that no further development on the lake would take place.

"There are a number of people with investments on the lake that are a lot greater, I would imagine, than what is being invested there" Mr. Killian said. Mrs. Jeanette Campbell, secretary of the Assoc., echoed that feeling. "Can you imagine what the lake would be like with 500 more boats on it? We were told by the M.O.E. that there would be no more trailer parks allowed on Crowe."

Mrs. Campbell said that the cottagers



Glen Caverly

"were all up in arms over the development" and that she had not heard of "one refusal" to sign the petition among those approached. Landowners on Crowe Lake and Crowe River are being asked to sign the petition, Mrs. Campbell said.

The cottagers feel that any development would threaten the lake environmentally as well as overcrowding it recreationally.

June 28, 1978
Marmora Herald



Township Unable to Cope With Development

Marmora and Lake Townships inability to control what a private individual does with his land was brought to light on two separate instances at the township council meeting.

In the first instance a delegation of ten residents of Booster Park Rd. Crowe Lake 'Route A' appeared before the council requesting that some action be taken on the state of the land at the northwest corner of that road and Highway 7. On the site are a number of mobile homes and cabins. Members of the group complained 1. That the site was "unsightly" because many of the trailers have been hauled in and left in an unordered fashion. 2. That there are full time residents in the cabins and homes, although the cabins are not meant for year round habitation and the site is not meant to be a mobile home park.

At the moment the township is largely without land-use rules due to the fact that the old ones have been pre-empted by the official plan and a new set, introduced in 1974, were thrown out in 1975 and have not been subsequently replaced.

June 7, 1978
Marmora Herald

Cottagers Pack Meeting to Press Township for By-Law

About 30 members of the Crowe Lake Property Owner's Assoc. showed up to ask council to delay the Crowe Hill Parks Development but council refrained from any action on the grounds that it had no power to interfere in the matter.

In a turbulent hour long confrontation the cottagers presented a petition to council asking council to take 'immediate action' to prevent further development on the lake and to bring to a halt any existing development until an environmental study is carried out on the lake. They also asked that The Hastings County Land-Use By-Law be used to prevent any changes of recreation zoning.

The cottagers are specifically concerned about a development on the north shore of Crowe Lake which may eventually have 250-500 trailer sites.

The Park is in contradiction of the County Plan; however the plan is not a law and the Park is not an infection. In a statement that accompanied the petition, E.L. Killian, President of the Property Owners argued that the quality of the water in the lake had already deteriorated seriously and any further development would result in creating "a trailer city surrounding a lake rancid."

The statement presented a number of arguments. Primarily it suggested that the deterioration of water quality would both hurt sport fishing as most species are susceptible to over-enrichment of the water caused by nutrients in human waste and cause the water to smell and look bad. This

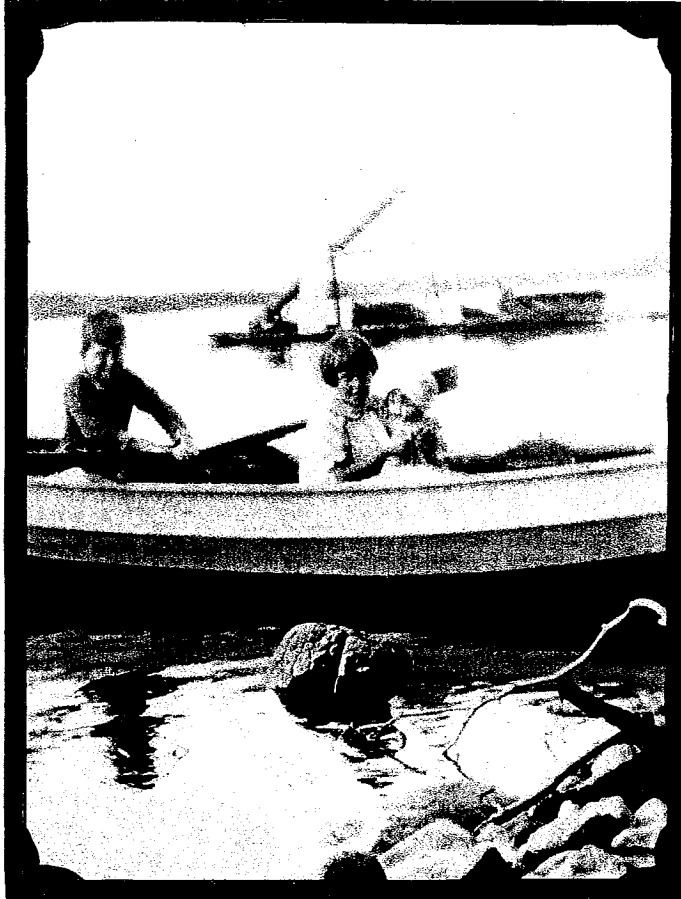
would eventually lead to a down turn in Marmora's tourist industry which, Mr. Killiam argued, was the area's main source of income.

The statement suggested that other lakes in the area which are less accessible might be more suitable for development. It then went on to call for better control of development through a land-use by law and attack The Crowe Lake Estates as a development which was using long-term leasing as a method of avoiding Provincial Legislation for controlling subdividing (the implication being that if it is difficult to subdivide a developer can simply offer leases on parts of a plot of land for a long term period. Mr. Starr insists that his development is a private park and that no member leases any part of it – simply the use of the whole). It also pointed out that the taxation on trailer parks is much less than on private cottages.

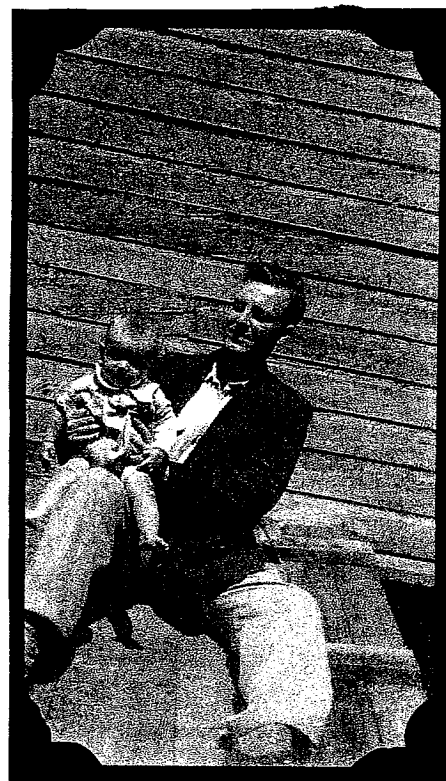
In the discussion that followed the two issues of environment control and the need for a land-use by-law were often linked and sometimes confused. At one point a member of the association, Mr. I. H. Campbell asked that council enact a by-law then and there or pass a motion putting all the development in the township in abeyance until such time as a by-law was enacted. Reeve Bell indicated that he would entertain such a motion from council but there was no motion forthcoming. Mr. Alex Fraser requested that development on Crowe Lake be frozen; it is questionable that council had the power to pass any of the motions requested.

Mr. Killian pressed council to obtain a study of the quality of water in Crowe Lake from the M. N. R. in Tweed.

July 12, 1978
Marmora Herald



Peter & Mildred Condie
with Pearce water slide in background



Doctor W. G. Mackechnie & Ron

Ray Black Heads Crowe Lake Association

Ray Black was elected president of the Crowe Lake Property Owners Assoc. at the annual meeting held Saturday at the Marmora Town Hall.

The other officers will be: Eldon Killian and Don Ross as 1st and 2nd vice-presidents, Jeanette Campbell as treasurer and Amy Thompson as secretary.

T. R. Moore, senior environmental officer for the region, was on hand to answer any questions the members had. He heard complaints from retiring president Mrs. Kathleen Engs that the executive had been unable to get action from the Hastings-Prince Edward Counties Health Unit when they reported illegal septic tanks.

Mr. Moore assured the audience of 60 members and the new executive that if they have any problems he would do everything in his power to straighten things out.

The ministry is trying to catch up on a back log of requests for studies on many different lakes, Mr. Moore said, adding that no new jobs are being undertaken this year. He noted that the Crowe Lake Association had requested a study, but could give no information when that might take place. He commended the members for continuing to fight pollution.

When the subject of fluctuating water levels was brought up, Ralph Neal, Marmora Village's representative on the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority, explained that up till now the Authority has not had control of all the dams in the system, but hopefully that would soon be changed and the water level of the whole system will be under the control of the Authority's engineer.

Gordon Bennett reported that the number of trailer sites at Booster Park had been reduced by ten this year and hoped it would be reduced even further next year.

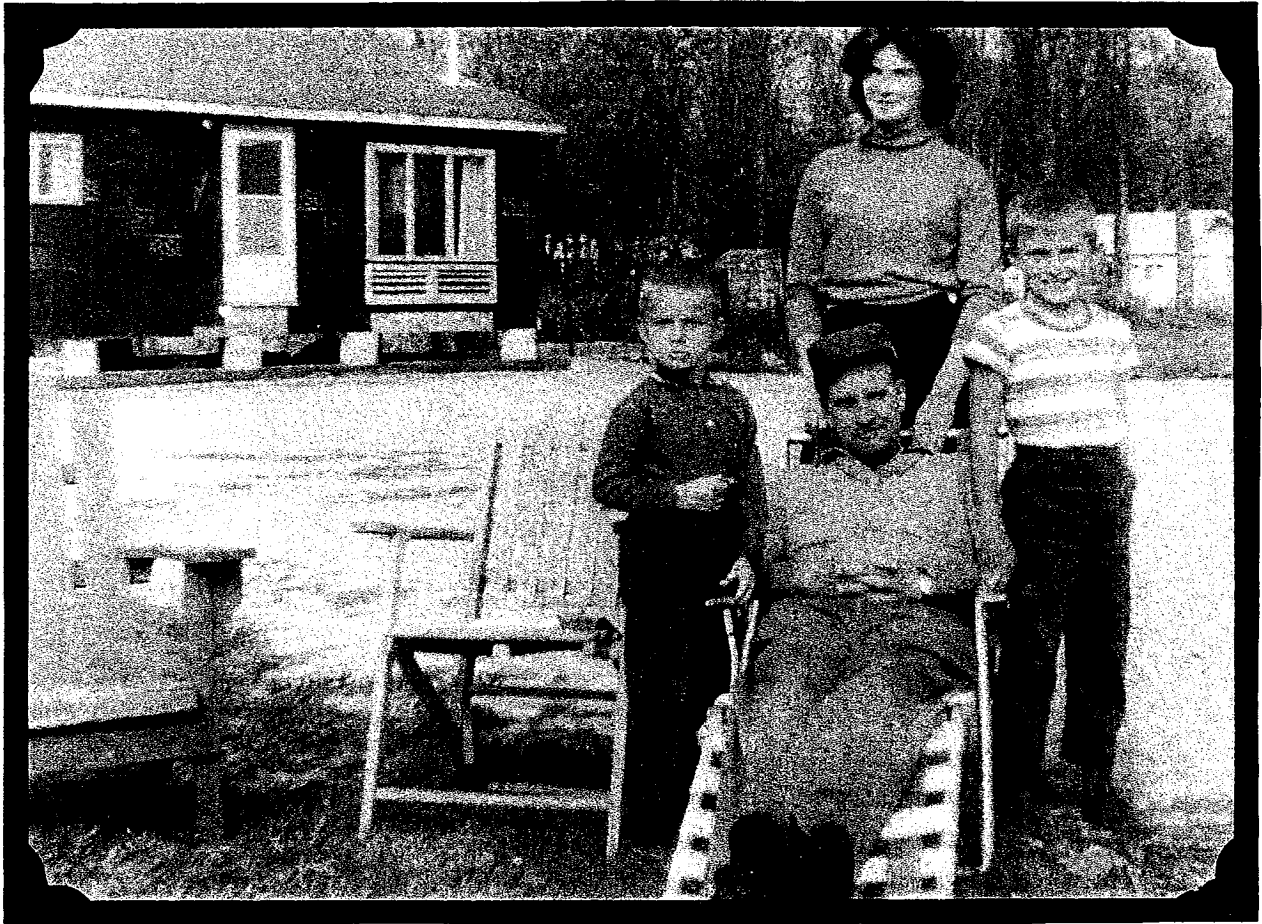
Otto Lingertat said he was tired of hearing complaints about trailer parks. He pointed out that in order to install four new units at Bayview he had had to meet very rigid standards. He urged the members to be responsible for their own waste disposal until a government study can be done.

There was some disagreement on the amount of fish in Crowe Lake. Doug Greentree volunteered the information that he has dived in a great many lakes and Crowe has a good stock of bass, pickerel and small muskie. Carl Irick commented, "The fish are there, you just have to find them."

"Crowe Lake is stocked with 17,000 muskie fingerlings every year by the Ministry of Natural Resources," Ralph Neal reported, adding that if people who catch small muskies would only throw them back and give them a chance to grow, there would be some big ones to catch later." Mr. Neal was asked why the ministry doesn't stock the lake with pickerel as most people prefer it. He answered that it was his understanding there is natural restocking by the pickerel.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Engs, the outgoing president, and her executive for the fine job they did in taking water samples and the actions they took on suspected areas of pollution. Mr. Black indicated that he would be calling another meeting of the Association before fall.

**July 30, 1975
Marmora Herald**



Tim, Jan, Ray & Don Black



Boat Racing Along Glen Allan Shore



Dougold & Magge Sanderson
& their aunt, Maggie Brown, 1918



Cottagers Want End to Crowe Lake Ice Fishing

The Crowe Lake Property Owners Association has asked the Ministry of Natural Resources to ban ice fishing on Crowe Lake, but local ministry officials say that it isn't likely any action will be taken.

The association sent a letter complaining that the ice fishing should be stopped because: 1) it damages summer fishing by depleting stock; and 2) it is accompanied by garbage and pollution.

Unfortunately there are some ice fishermen who are not respectful of other people's property; they normally have a fire and they'll sometimes cut down trees from private property. They sometimes leave garbage on the ice. It's unfortunate there are such slob, but I don't think that the solution is to ban it.

Mr. Williamson also said that, while fish taking during the winter might reduce the number available in the summer, he didn't think that the overall fish population of the lake was declining. "There are seasons and limits and we feel that the total harvest doesn't affect the fish population". He said that fish population studies had been done, although not recently and that random checks were being carried out.

"Ice fishing has become a target of a lot of people. It's a question of who has the priority; the ice fisherman or the guy in his big boat. I think ice fishing is a valid outdoor sport." Mr. Williamson said.

CLPOA President Jasper Moore said the main problem is in Blairton Bay. "People there complain that the ice fishermen leave a lot of garbage, that they even leave the ice fishing huts, and that it's up to the residents to clean it up in the spring. They also think that there's a lot of fishing out of season.

In other CLPOA business: the association has sent a letter to the Ministry of the Environment requesting a lake capacity study on Crowe Lake, particularly noting "excessive offshore development" including the Crowe Hill Park Estates Development on the north shore and its 1000 trailer sites.

Mr. Moore said that although the study, which might give statistical evidence as to whether the fish population on the lake is declining as most fishermen seem to think, was needed, he was not optimistic about the results of the request.

"The Ontario treasury seems to be at rock bottom right now. But they do do it for other lakes, so they might do it for us."

November 12, 1980
Marmora Herald

Finns Find Crowe Camp Has Great Beauty

There is a growing Finnish Community in Marmora and among the cottagers on Crowe Lake and now a site on the Crowe River has become the home of a Finnish Bible Camp.

Established a year ago, the property was donated to the Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Toronto some years ago by long time Crowe Lake residents Fanny and Otto Mikkola. It was not until recently however that the church received its own fulltime pastor and, with him, the impetus to establish a bible camp.

Pastor Aulis Jalonen came to Toronto from the New York Finnish Lutheran Church two and a half years ago. Under his guidance the site (off the Marble Point Road where the river forms a small bay) was cleared, a hall-bunkhouse erected and a beautiful outdoor chapel was constructed.

This year, for the second year running, the camp will hold two weeks of bible study, one for adults in the first week of July and one for children in the second.

Pastor Jalonen feels the camp gives an added dimension to the Finnish Community and their church. "We are very impressed by the natural beauty of what is here" he said.

**Marmora Herald
July 11, 1979**

Bible Camp and Church

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Bible Camp both celebrate special anniversaries next year. The Church will celebrate its 60th anniversary while the much younger Bible Camp will celebrate its 10th.

The camp and church are located on Sauna Road off Marble Point Road and make up part of the Finnish community located there. Otto Mikkolo, a founding member of the church, sold the land to the Finnish people for their church and in 1960, donated two lots specifically for use as a children's summer camp.

The year was the ninth time a summer camp has been held, but the camp has changed drastically since the first year. In that first year, the camp consisted of an army tent as the main building and donated cottages housed many of the teachers. During the second year, a 16 by 30 building was built by 11 volunteers. Three years ago, 40 men built an additional 40 by 40 building in two weekends.

Both structures now comprise one building with the original structure seeing duty as the kitchen and dining facilities for the camp.

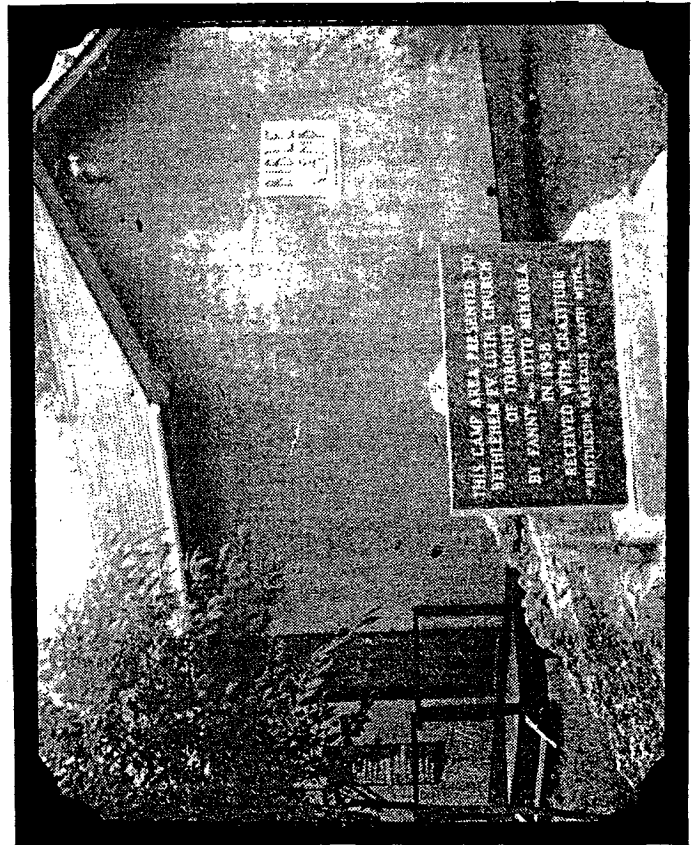
As the buildings have improved, so has the camp. "This year was the biggest and best ever," said Reverend Aulis Jalonen. "We had 23 children in the camp this year. We had 10 supervisors, three theologians, two cooks and donated housing from neighbors around the camp" A great pride for Rev. Jalonen was the fact that some of the children who attended earlier camps were now coming back



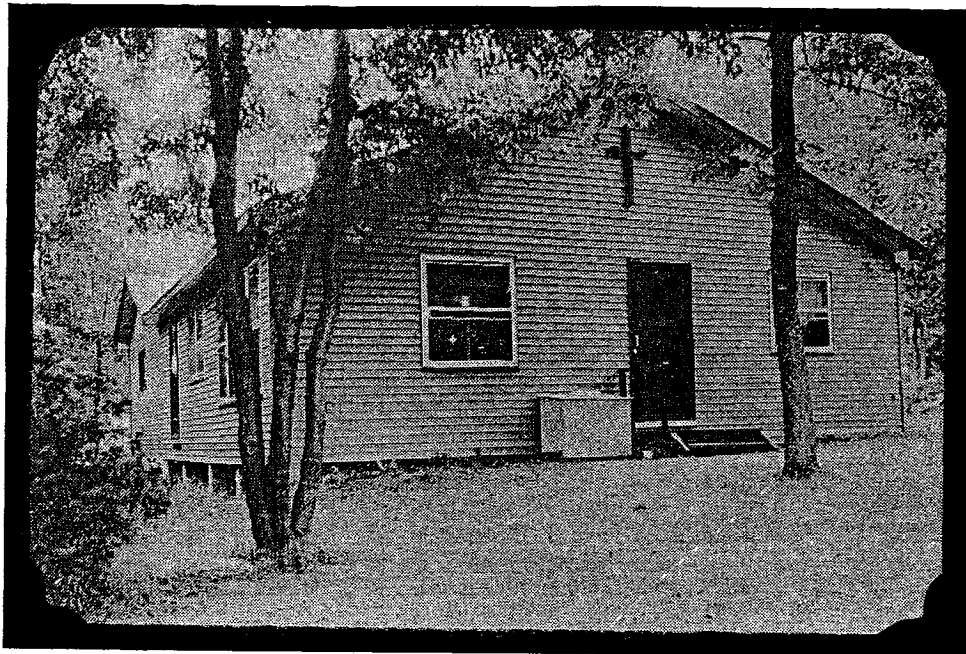
as teachers.

The camp is open to all children regardless of race, color or creed. While the camp has ended for this year, the special anniversaries next year have the organizers working towards special events and increased interest. Last week, the children were taken to a fox farm. A corn roast was highlighted on of their last night in camp.

Marmora Herald
August 21, 1985



Clove Hitch



What's Going on with Booster Park

To the Editor:

Last week in your paper a notice of application for the interpretation of deeds of a conveyance from Hamilton Crawford, James Marrin and Charles A. Bleecker to the Village of Marmora dated September 26, 1932 was published. I know this is Booster Park.

Since we have a trailer in Booster Park, we are concerned. Are we going to be asked to move our trailer out or since the above mentioned deed states it is to be "a free, public park, tourist park and campgrounds" will we be able to leave our trailer there for free this year?

Last year we paid \$735.00 for camping in Booster Park. There are over 30 full time campers. Averaging these figures at 30 campers at \$700.00 per site, that is \$21,000. revenue generated for the village and town of Marmora to run the park on. The above figure does not even include the tourist campers whose stay can range from one day to a month.

The regular campers have added play equipment and even gravel to the roads from their own funds. We take pride in our places and maintain our lawn and flower beds around our trailers to beautify the park.

Concerns have been raised that this is no longer a public park but a campground. This is not so! At all times there is a large picnic area extending nearly the length of the park along the waterfront, back approximately 100 feet to the first road for day use. At the end of this grass and beach area is a public boat launch available for free use by the residents of the village and township of Marmora.

We enjoy staying at Booster Park in the summer and hope to continue to do so. We feel the trailer residents play a vital role in maintaining Booster Park as a clean, friendly park available for daily use by the local residents. If the trailers are removed are the taxpayers of the village and township of Marmora prepared to spend tax dollars on maintaining this park?

A concerned Booster Park and Marmora Resident
Reta I. McInroy

Marmora Herald
Feb. 26, 1992



Nan Robson & Donnie Donaldson
at Booster Park, 1964

Delegation of Concerned Citizens Petition Council re: Booster Park

Dear Editor:

A delegation of concerned citizens attended a council meeting on March 5 at the Marmora & Lake Township office.

I was on the agenda at the Marmora Village council Monday, March 2 but received a phone call from Clerk Carol Church saying Reeve Philpot had removed my name from the agenda saying I would be better served speaking to the Booster Park committee and I received a call from Reeve Philpot apologizing and saying if we got no where with the committee I would be welcome to speak at Marmora Council.

I appreciate the Township Council allowing me to air my views and ask questions. Why, after 20 years, they wanted to remove the trailers when they generate a good revenue to the councils and the business community?

There has also been a misconception that many of the campers do not come from this area. There are at present 35 trailers in the park; 12 are taxpayers and residents of Marmora and Marmora Township; 14 are former residents and their relatives. As you can see most have been associated with the area in the past and come here because of their family ties to this community.

I question the statement that the park is to be family oriented. Is it not that now? Why not allow free day use with the campers paying their way? The Crowe Lake Sailing school has free admittance and use of the picnic area for instruction and luncheons. Are these not the same facilities that would be used by the general public or are they the privileged few? Why not extend this free use to other local organizations and individuals who hold their picnics in the park.

Mr. John Wilkes, a past reeve and councillor said a lot of hard work had gone into cleaning the land to bring the park to its present state and would be very sorry to see the trailers removed and asked the council to seriously consider this proposal.

Mr. Ted Bonter, past chairman of Booster Park committee and former councillor, a taxpayer and businessman felt this was not the time to remove the trailers and revenue from this town as the tourist dollar is needed at this time.

Mr. Scotty Cook, as a past president of Booster Park committee and a man who gave generously of his time and resources to the town and township felt this council should earn the trust of the people by doing the right thing. He stated that he lived beside the park in the past years and now resides beside it and does not wish to see it return to the disgraceful condition it was in the early days.

Mr. Tom Rice questioned the problems that had been reported to B. Jacques, Deputy Reeve and Chairman of the Booster Park committee and requested to see a list of names and complaints regarding the park so they could be corrected.

It was stated by council that no admission had been charged to enter the park and this was questioned by Marion Gawley, who said she had paid every year and had only, during the past two years, been admitted for free.

By the representation of the concerned citizens at the council meeting, they do not wish to see the trailers removed from the park. Plans have been made to have

representation at the Booster Park committee meeting, March 10, at 7 p.m. Hopefully at this time we will hear new proposals on the future of Booster Park.

A delegation from Booster Park and Marmora attended, with their lawyer, the hearing held March 4 at the County Court House, in Belleville, regarding the interpretation of the conveyance from Hamilton Crawford, James Marrin and Charles Bleecker to the Corporation of the Village of Marmora and the Corporation of the Township of Marmora.

The judge told the village lawyer they have opened up a "Pandoras Box" and it would be like pushing a rope up hill and it is a steep mountain to get over the top.

The judge asked the village lawyer what was the purpose of this interpretation and if they wished to turn the land back to the original owners. The lawyer for the delegation was asked if the trailers paid and he replied in the affirmative and added they had been in the park for over 20 years.

The judge wanted to know why they wanted the trailers out now after all these years. The judge told the village lawyer to go back to the people and ask how much money had been budgeted towards this as it was going to cost a lot of money. The judge asked the village lawyer if they had agreed to the terms of this conveyance when they received it and was told yes. The judge felt this had no place in provincial court and should go to trial as it was more political than legal.

When questioned further about the continuance of the interpretation of this conveyance, the village lawyer told the judge he didn't anticipate any opposition when he presented his case. The case was laid over until April 22, 1992.

As ratepayers we should be asking our respective councils how much of the taxpayers dollars are being budgeted for the unnecessary interpretation of this conveyance.

Signed: Reta McInroy

Marmora Herald
March 14, 1992



*Tourist Camp Ground
Marmora, Ont.*

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Sat., Feb. 25th

AFTERNOON — Competitions for 15 years and under —
Good prizes, Hockey (Mites) Broomball, Clowns, Races
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EVENING Competitions for 16 years and over and adults—
Good prizes — Hockey — Novices and High School Girls
Broomball for High School Boys — Tug-O-War — Races
Costumes — Figure Skating and General Skating — Moccasin
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26th

BOOSTER PARK — CROWE LAKE

Snowmobile Races — Snow Shoe Races — Tug-O-War
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Snow Cruiser — Food — Bon Fires — Sleigh and Cutter
Rides — Hootennany and huge bon fire in evening

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Township Votes to Contract Out

When it comes to Booster Park, Marmora and Lake Township want two things: continued ownership but no more hassle.

With these goals in mind, the township voted to contract out management of the trailer park to a private company which would take care of the day-to-day business of the park and pay rent to the township and Marmora village.

The township's motion to explore a leasing arrangement included a condition that the private manager would have to abide by the rules and by-laws set out by the municipalities.

As owner-managers of the park, the two municipalities have had to deal with the problems and gripes associated with maintaining the operation and the township has said it wants no more of this.

"It's been a nightmare since I came on council" said Councillor Clarence O'Connor, who represents the council on the Booster Park Committee with reps from the township and the village. He made his report to council at their last meeting on Thursday.

Township Reeve Graham Bell agrees. "This office was plagued to death with (the manager) coming in day after day with problems," Bell said. "We have to pursue the idea of leasing it out to a private operator."

The Booster Park saga began in 1932 when the land was donated by a private owner to the municipalities for public use. Since that time the use of the land has changed from that of a "passive" park to a trailer park with seasonal residents. With residents inevitably come problems for the owners, and it's this situation that the township is trying to remove themselves from.

Marmora Reeve Andre Philpot agrees that the relationship between the park and the municipalities should be examined, but he cautions against making a decision before the situation is examined closely.

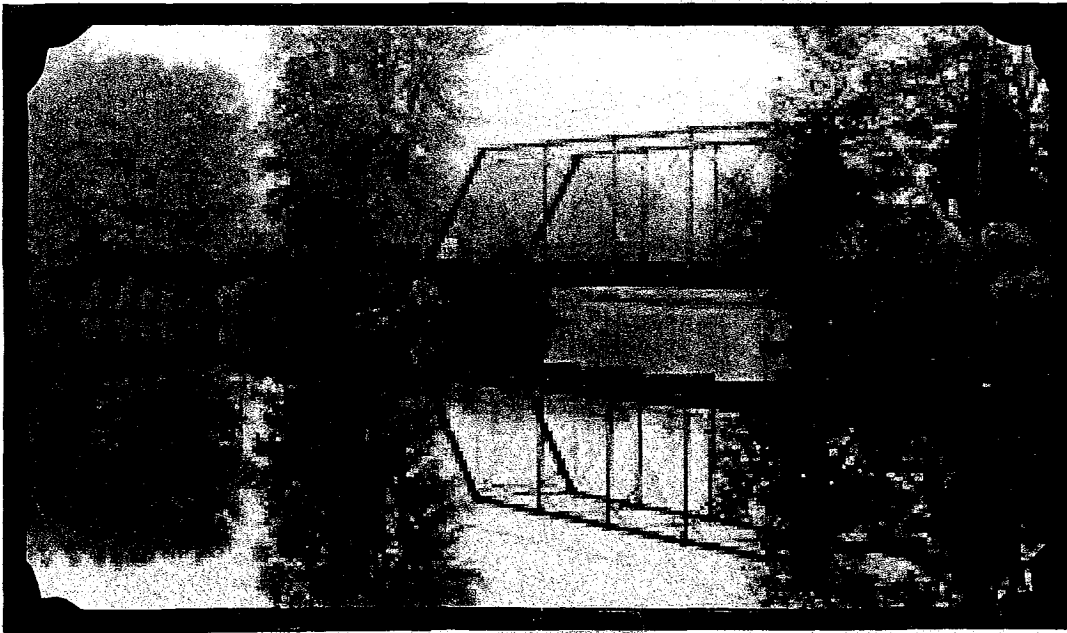
"We naturally have to look at the possibilities" he said. "It is time to review what's going on up there."

Township councillor Gerald Fox says everybody would be better off if the park returned to its original state.

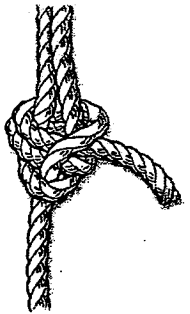
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The Mawer Home
Crowe River

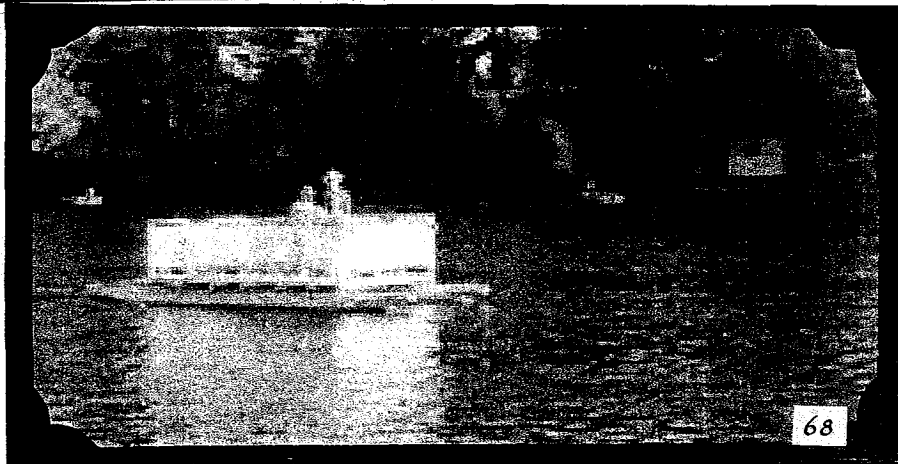


Beaver Creek/Crowe River Bridge



Double Sheet Bend

Helen & Harry Mawer
possibly the first pontoon boat on
Crowe Lake



Speed Limit Approved for Beaver Creek

After nearly four years of lobbying by concerned residents, a 10 kilometre speed limit has now been imposed from the narrows of Beaver Creek upstream to Fidler Rapids.

With support from the OPP, Ministry of Natural Resources and Marmora & Lake Township, the Federal Government approved the speed limit, which has now been posted.

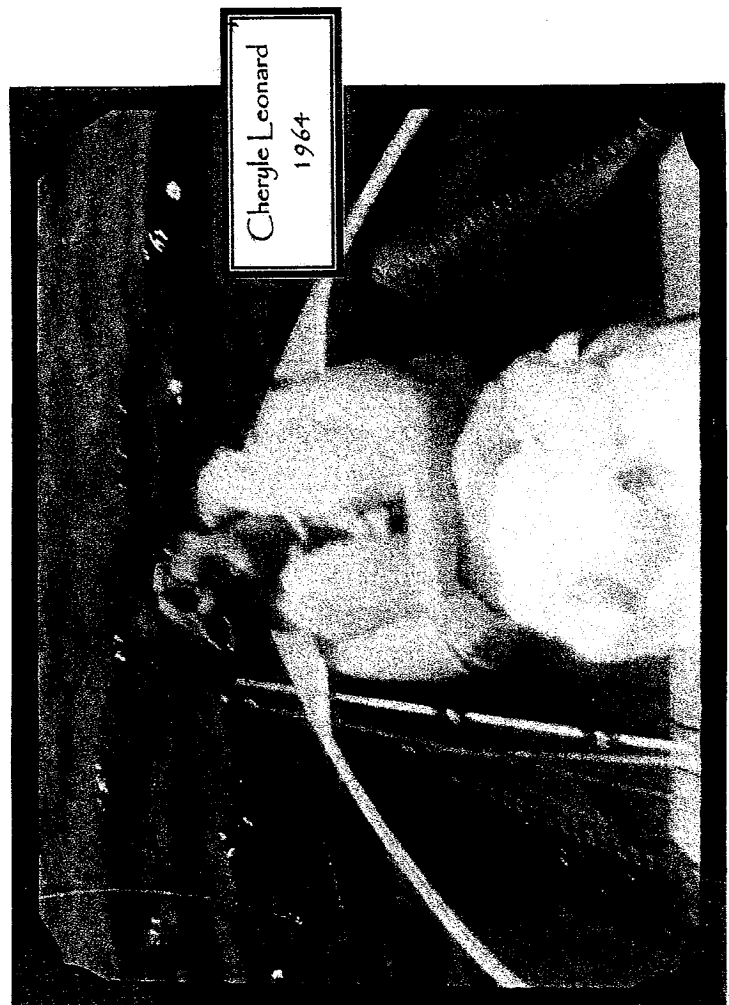
Enforcement of the new speed limits are under the jurisdiction of the OPP, with fines levied at the same ratio as those for highway vehicles.

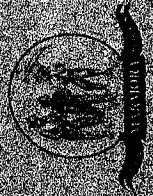
All watercraft, except canoes and sailboats, are subject to this new speed, which is directed at "all power-driven vessels driven by electrical propulsion."

This new limit will likely stop any waterskiing activities on Beaver Creek, as well as curtail those using personal watercraft, due to the slow speed.

According to Ted Bonter, this new legislation is a blow to the area's tourism and recreation, Marmora's "only industry". He feels common sense should prevail, and imposing a 10 kilometre speed limit is "ridiculous."

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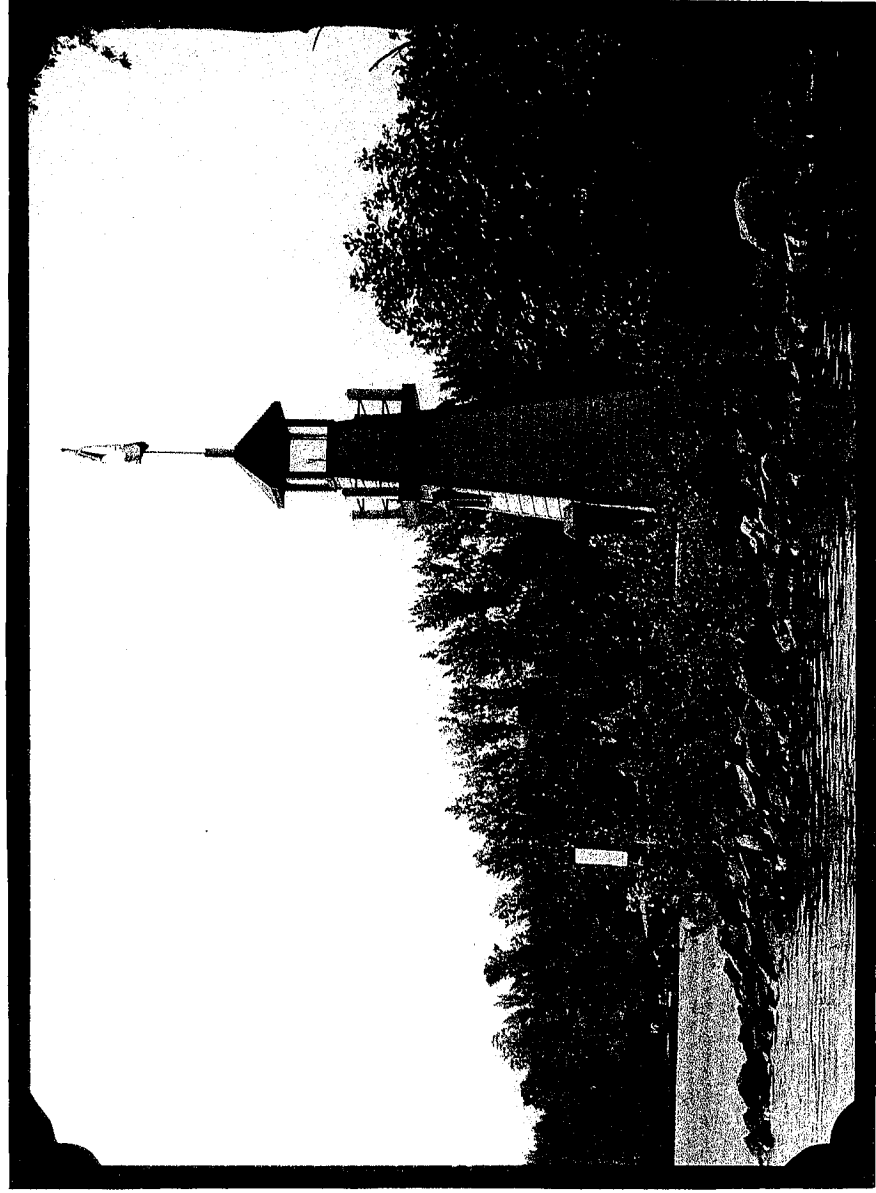




THE "BLAIRTON LIGHT"

*This lighthouse commemorates
the mine and community which
grew up on the mainland
opposite this island
following the discovery of
'a Mountain of Iron Ore'
in the 1820s.*

Erected by the  Marmor Historical Society 2007



Blairton Bay Lighthouse

Rain or shine, sleet or snow, we walk the winding road through the woods every morning. It's a wonderful vantage point to enjoy the changing seasons; we see the migration of birds, the changes in foliage, sunrises, sunsets ~ as one season slowly but surely fades into another.

Now summer is winding down and we see the proof of it when we walk the winding road through the woods ~ colours have started to change, the last of the fragrant beach roses is gone. But the most noticeable difference is with the little cottages ~ some soon will be boarded up for the season ~ protected against the snow and wind till next year. The dogs are gone; the cars loaded to the gills with beach chairs, fishing poles and children's toys. The summer homes will sit alone, no towels flapping from the porches; flags are down, just the windswept beach grass, yellow and gold.

Although the days are still warm, there's the constant hum of crickets in the air and you can feel just the tiniest chill in the air

I will miss the smell of marshmallows toasted at the bonfires wafting on the wind all summer long, but those that stay year 'round will begin to light their stoves and the smell of wood smoke goes well with swirling leaves, honking geese and the constant lapping of the waves. We will stop to pick the last blueberry and kiss summer goodbye.



Goodbye Summer, Goodbye
Mollie Sullivan & Roy Smith
1940

FARE THEE WELL

P.S. I will leave you with a few of the clever signs I have seen around

The Lake

Pray toward
heaven
but row toward
shore

Caution
Falling
overboard can
ruin your whole
day

Time spent near the
water
is not deducted
from one's life span

Old sailors never die,
they just get a little dinghy

Nothing works on an
old boat
except its owner

Definition: boat, a hole in
the surface of
the water, into which money
is thrown