

Two sippers of java were conversing in a local coffee shop on Main Street when one remarked about a community-minded citizen who is now "resting on his oars", so to speak. "Oh, he is living in the past". This sentence is common-place these days, but in this particular instance there was a disdainful note in the voice.

The man on the opposite

seat remarked, "We will all be in that class in the not too distance future". It can be truthfully said that many of those now living in the past were at one time, live wires.

The other day a news commentator said something should be done to revive lake regattas around the neighbouring waters and that many holidayers lucky enough to be in a cottage by the water could

races with paddles and then paddling with the hands? Remember the high diving, swimming races for all ages, swimming under water, the tilting battles, upsetting vanes and climbing back into those flippy boats?

Remember the sailing races, boat races for steam engines and for gasoline engines. The many races for boys and girls on the land and in the water. Regattas were wonderful except they took a lot of preliminary effort in organization and a lot of man power on the day of the event.

In those days men and women took this kind of entertainment in their stride.

The story is entirely different today. Such an event would need concerted effort on the part of resort owners and cottagers and as business men profit from the tourist business they might be called on for donations of prizes.

Closely associated with the regatta days at Sturgeon Point were such names as Hopkins, Flavelle, Wilson, Flack, Simpson, Brown, McLean, Walker, Lucas, Grey, Knowlands, Clerk and Rogers.

For many years the Thurstonia Cottagers Associations ran an annual regatta. One of the best regattas was held for many years at Pleasant Point when the familiar names were McCrae, Tangney, Slater, Morgan, Braunton, Flack, Bellamy, Black, Hall, McConnell, Frost, Tucker and others.

Folks living around the lakes in days gone by provided their own fun and provided many sports days for young and old and especially the young.