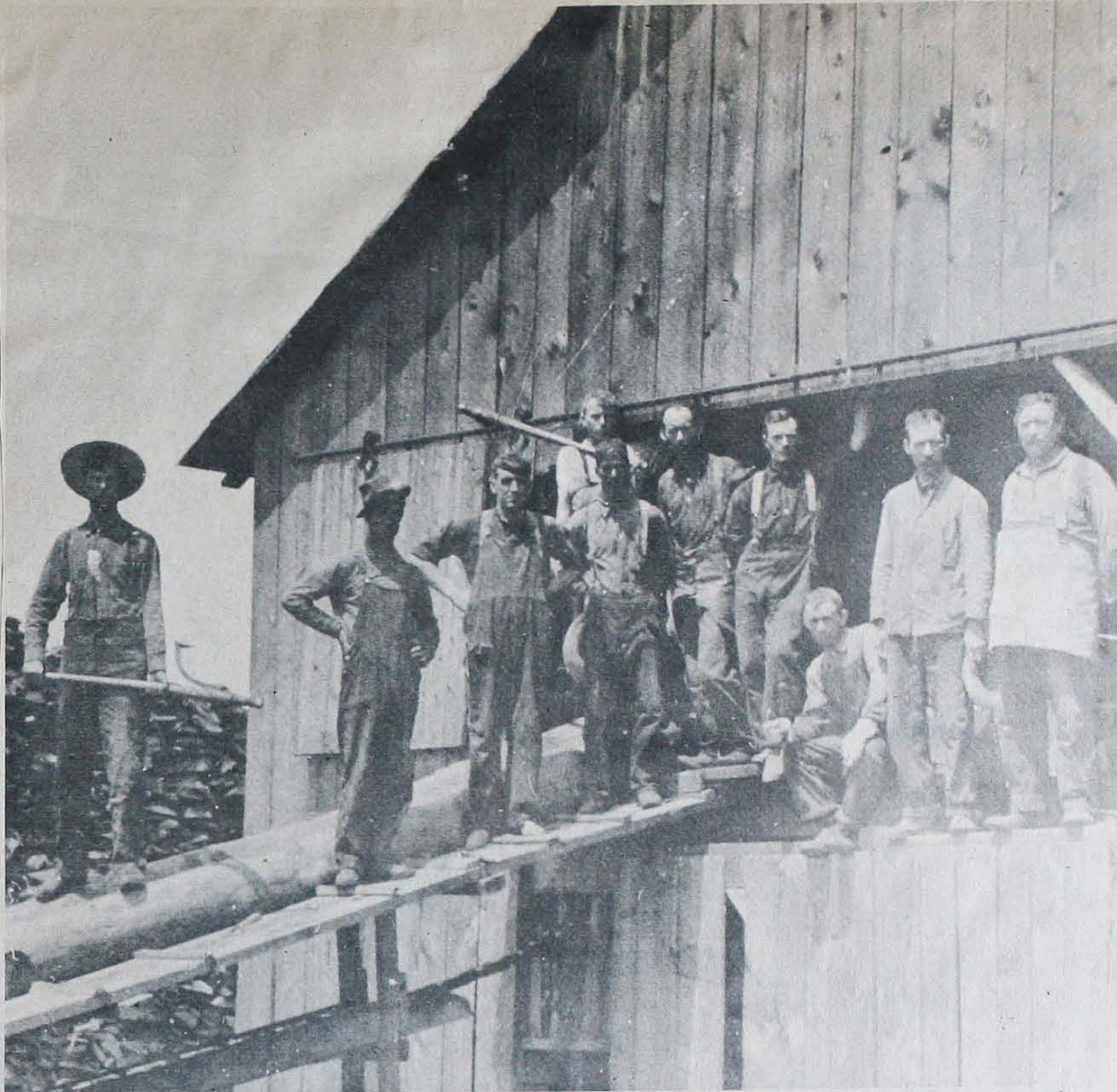


History repeats itself

I loved that old plush album  
They kept at Gramma's place,  
Where I learned the family history  
While gazing at each face.  
There were pictures of grand-  
parents,  
Aunts and uncles by the score;  
I was told of their adventures  
After leaving Scotland's shore.  
I marvelled at the yardage goods  
It took for Gramma's dress,  
With the many ruffled flounces  
She would weekly have to press.  
But my favorite was of Grampa  
Taken by a pile of rocks,  
With his long sideburns and whisk-  
ers  
And his gently flowing locks.  
Now girls sure have changed a lot,  
They've come a long, long way  
But bless their hearts, the boys  
still look  
Like Great-Grampa in his day.  
BEATRICE TELFER, Ont.



Simmie Saw Mill about 1915 (Left to Right), John Masterson, John Loughlean, Rob. Simmie, Frank Loughlean, Jack Miller (in rear), Bill Williamson, George Simmie, Bob Williamson,

Bill Lisk, Darwin Soper. ( Bill Williamson is the only person pictured that is still living.)

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May Move Old Log School  
To Sauble Beach Park As  
Amabel Township Museum

By MIKE KEATING

Sauble Beach may get a museum — if building and property can ever be brought together.

The building, a log school house over 90 years old, squats in a field beside an orchard about five miles inland from Sauble Beach. The property, a community park at Sauble Beach, is owned by the Zion Women's Institute of Amabel Township. The institute wants to move the building to the property and establish it as a museum for Amabel township.

The museum idea originated when Mrs. Jessie Seaman of Owen Sound offered the building to the institute. In May, 1964, she bought the property where the old schoolhouse sits to provide a route for an access road to three farms she owns. About a year later, she said, a man from the Collingwood area offered to buy the log structure for part of a display in the Blue Mountain area.

Mrs. Seaman says she decided the school, the second built in the township, should stay in Amabel township. She approached an old friend, Mrs. Graham Chambers, who lives about three miles southwest of the school, and offered it as historical building. Mrs. Chambers, who heads the Bruce District Historical Society and is a member of Zion W.I. adopted the idea.

PROBLEM TO MOVE

The problem that stopped the idea cold in the summer, says Mrs. Seaman, was moving the building. It now sits in a weed field on a quiet sideroad, off the beaten tourist track. If it were moved to the park at the beach it would be accessible to visitors. In addition it would be likely to get government grants, which require a building to be on public property, she added.

Already the museum has many potential exhibits, said Mrs. Seaman. An automobile company in Toronto would donate the first car into Sauble

Beach, a vehicle owned by her father-in-law, for part of the summer. In addition, she said, people have offered to donate historical objects such as the first desk used in the Sauble Falls school, the first skates us-

ed in the area and old township records.

At first the Zion institute was the only group involved. It planned to set up the museum alone. But when it received an estimate of \$400 to move the building the group started looking for help. The Zion institute is trying to interest all the other institutes in the township, raise the money to move the old school and set it up as a museum.

TIMBERS SOUND

After nearly a century wear the huge, old, hand-hewn timbers of the schoolhouse are still sound but the interior shows years of neglect. The flooring is broken through in places and littered with bottle caps. It has been more than 60 years since the last students left the school and it was moved one-half mile north along the sideroad to become a slaughterhouse its history is vague but it appears to have served as a chicken coop. Now it stands empty but still as solid as the early Amabel homesteaders who built it.

One of these was John Smith who settled in the solid bush of



POSSIBLE AMABEL MUSEUM — Stan Smith, a farmer in Amabel township and a former trustee and secretary-treasurer of S.S. No. 10 in the township, looks over the second school built in Amabel. His father helped build it in 1873 and it has been abandoned

for many years. The Zion Women's Institute of Amabel is trying to interest other township institutes and citizens in having it moved to their community park at Sauble Beach and established as a museum for the area. (Sun-Times Staff Photo.)

Amabel in 1863. His son, Stanley, who, at 74, still farms the same land, said his father came from England to Guelph as a boy and at the age of 19 followed the surveyor's blazes into his land on the northern shore of Gould Lake. Within a few years he helped to build the first schoolhouse in the township, about a mile north of his farm. In 1873 he helped build the second schoolhouse, the one that may become a museum, and in 1891, the year Stan was born, he helped build the third school in the township, a building that has been modernized and is still being used.

Mrs. Seaman says the Zion W.I. wants to interest not only the other institutes in the township but citizens as well. She said they hope to get support from long-time residents of the area, particularly those having a personal connection with the old school. If enough people can be interested in time, she added, they might be able to move the building this fall and get it ready for next summer.