

There was a need at Sauble for a park, it had got past the common practice of putting a tablecloth on the ground and having a picnic.

Mrs. A.B. Samells was the main person to get it going. There was five Women's Institutes, Allenford, Elsinore, Park Head, Zion and Hepworth.

Options were taken on several pieces of land. In 1951 property consisting of 3-1/2 acres was purchased from Robt. Bannister for \$1600. Many projects were undertaken to raise money, concerts, ticket sales and donations. A grant was received from Dept. of Agriculture (approx. \$200). Donations amounted to \$1474 plus the grant there was money to pay for the property. Many work bees of painting and cleaning were done by W.I. members. The men also helped clean the land, mow grass etc.

The first board members were Mrs. Samells, Ed Walker, Wes Aiken, Mrs. Livingston Huff, Mrs. W. Aiken, Mrs. Aubrey Morrison, Mrs. Jack Kirkland. Mrs. Samells was Sec. Treas. from 1951 1962. Dorothy Lewis was Sec. Treas. from 1963 - 1989. At first there was a steel box fastened to a tree for people to give a donation for the use of the park, it wasn't very profitable.

There was an ad placed in the paper for a Caretaker, Mr. & Mrs. Kell got the job.

The living quarters were very small and let me say not the least bit convenient. The toilets were all outdoor biffys. I can well remember moving out-houses from many different places, one came from Allenford Railway Station.

Mr. & Mrs. Henderson took the caretakers job in 1959 and did it until 1979. Jean did an excellent job and loved every minute of it, she was loved by campers, young and old. In 1971 two more lots were bought from Mr. Bannister for \$1500. We didn't have enough money to pay the full amount, Mr. Bannister held a note and it was paid for in installments.