

Fairy Lake Beauty Centre

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SOUTHAMPTON, June 16 — A real community spirit is being shown at Southampton where members of the Junior Conservation and Rifle Club, interested citizens, town police and a conservation officer, are pooling their resources to transform Fairy Lake.

The several-acre expanse of water presently filled with weeds, snapping turtles and fish—in the centre of this resort town—is gradually taking on a new look with its recently-constructed dam, wishing well and dozens of game birds.

A former Waterloo man, Earl Putnam, and members of the conservation club have undertaken to beautify this municipally-owned lake which for years was considered an eyesore. Approval was given by the town to proceed with the clean-up job.

Mr. Putnam has already purchased several pairs of geese and ducks. Species include African, Chinese and Canada geese, along with a pair of swans from Stratford, and many ducks.

Working under the leadership of conservation officer, Jerry Harris, Police Chief Fred Mason and Constable Victor Har-

vey, the 22 boys ranging in age from 10 years to 16, spend much of their spare time cleaning up around the lake, trapping turtles and pouring cement.

The drive to clean up the lake started about two months ago, with the building of a small dam on the east side and the thinning out of trees. The dam constructed is to act as a run off for the lake and control the water level.

Town employees, citizens and businessmen have contributed to the effort either in time or material. The lake, which is fed by both springs and surface run-off, has been lowered more than three feet.

A floating island will be created in the centre of the lake and benches will be provided.

A 41-inch wishing well, with canopy, is now under construction on the west side at the rear of the county museum, where citizens and tourists may wish and contribute to the project.

Twenty bird houses have also been constructed, with many to be placed around the lake and others, with slots, will find their way to store counters for voluntary contributions.



FREQUENT VISITOR TO THE LAKE TO FEED GEESE AND DUCKS IS CONSTABLE VICTOR HARVEY

Heart Seizure Fatal To Alex E. Blue Sr. Veteran Of First War

A native of Paisley, a veteran of the First World War and one of the most widely known citizens of the village, Alexander Edward Blue, Sr., died Monday in Walkerton Hospital.

Alex Blue was born here November 23, 1886, a son of the late Alex Blue and Elizabeth Reed Blue.

After attending school here, he worked in the village until the outbreak of war. He enlisted in 1914 and went overseas with the 18th Battalion in April, 1915. He saw some of the bitterest fighting of the early part of the conflict, suffering a severe chest wound. He returned to the front lines, however, in April 1917. He returned to Paisley in September 1919, bringing with him his bride, the former Alice Lillian Pratt of Ashford, Middlesex, England. Upon his return to civilian life he was employed as a tinsmith with the Queen Street south hardware under the ownerships of Clarence and Stirling Fraser, L. O. Charlesworth and Ross McArthur. He had remained active in this work until last Fall, when ill health, the result of a heart ailment, forced his retirement.

Suffering a severe heart attack late Friday night, Mr. Blue was taken to Bruce County Hospital early Saturday morning, where he was placed in an oxygen tent. His death came Monday morning.

Interested in civic affairs, Alex Blue served eight years on the village school board. He was a member of the Anglican Church. He also was a member and active

in the work of the Paisley branch of the Canadian Legion.

Surviving, besides his wife, are a son, Alex Jr., of Paisley, and two daughters: (Isabel) Mrs. Ivan Doupe of Kincardine, and (Jessie) Mrs. Howard Peter of Warton. A daughter, Lillian, predeceased him.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon, with service at the Church of the Ascension (Anglican), conducted by the rector, Rev. Robert A. Carson. Burial took place in Stark Vale Cemetery, with the Paisley Legion conducting their committal service at the graveside.

Pallbearers were Keith Weeden, Arthur Duddle, Donald McLaggan, Donald MacKinnon, Neilson Stark and Clarence McGill.



When Paisley Rotary Club marked its twentieth anniversary last week, with two hundred Rotarians and their ladies attending a dinner meeting at the Paisley Inn, among the guests were the district governor of Rotary and a number of past presidents of the Paisley club. Pictured above are some of the guests and club officers. Left to right: Harvey Matthews of Welland, past president; Dr. D. D.

Campbell, past president and chairman for the evening's program; Lindsay Thornburn of the Port Elgin Rotary Club, guest speaker; Don Watson, president of the Paisley Rotary Club; Judge Harold Lang of Stratford, Rotary Governor of International District No. 633, and Dr. J. H. "Joe" Grove of Ottawa, first president of the Paisley club when it was formed in 1938.

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