

Return Algonquin Park To Camping Wilderness

This giant wilderness playground 160 miles north of Toronto is having its busiest season in its long history and there is still more to come before the summer ends, according to officials of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests at Park Headquarters on Cache Lake.

As a matter of fact, the entire character of the 2,700 square mile Provincial Park has been under change for some years but only now is it becoming apparent to the casual traveller who hasn't visited there for a time.

There was a time when the interior of Algonquin Park could be reached only by railway or canoe; the building of a highway across the southern edge of the area made it more accessible.

Until a couple of years ago, the social centre of the Park was Highland Inn, a vast wooden structure which towered over Cache Lake. Highland Inn now is in the last stages of demolition under the recent policy of the Department of Lands and Forests which is aimed at returning the Park to the camping wilderness it was originally intended to be.

Almost every week now, Department officials are surveying cottages and land which may be obtained by the Crown—the people of Ontario—for the use of everyone. Most of the cottages repurchased or taken over are fairly old structures built in the days when it was possible to lease Crown land. Some were built in fact, before the Park was a park.

Most of these cottages or summer residences are slated for demolition, with usable material going to help construct ranger cabins and furnishings being sent to Lands and Forests stations throughout the north. The land, in many cases, is being cleared and used for construction of public camp sites, for tenting locations for organized groups such as Boy Scouts and Girl Guides who are using them in vastly increased numbers.

One of Ontario's largest trailer camp sites is now firmly established on the shores of Lake of Two Rivers and is being used by tourists from over all North America. The camp site is equipped with fireplaces, supplied with toilet accommodation, a pure water supply and firewood—all at extremely nominal cost. It is under supervision of the ranger staff, thereby cutting down the forest fire hazard.

In recent years, too, the western entrance of Algonquin Park which receives most of the park traffic has seen construction of an impressive stone entrance, one of the most beautiful and most photographed structures of its kind in the province.

But by far the most popular building in the Park is the Nature Museum containing examples of the flora and fauna of the area and built on a knoll overlooking beautiful Source Lake. Ample parking facilities here accommodate cars bearing license plates from every part of North America. Free nature lectures and motion pictures are a big attraction to tourists. Nature trails—paths through the bush in selected areas—are being tramped over more than ever before and naturalists escort parties at frequent intervals.

Algonquin Park was originally created by an act of the Ontario Legislative Assembly in 1893. It was intended to provide "a public park and forest reservation, fish and game preserve, health resort and pleasure ground for the benefit, advantage and enjoyment of the people of the province."

With the encroachment of so-called civilization, however, there seemed to be definite danger of the area becoming "too commercial" with hot dog, souvenir stands and so forth, and there was a threat also that the Park would be taken over by a privileged few rather than being reserved for all the people of the province.

Under the administrative policy now being followed by the Ontario Government, no leases are granted, no licences of occupation issued, to individuals or to private enterprise.

It was apparent in a recent tour of the Park that the new policy has been most popular with the thousands of people who either could not afford high-priced accommodation on vacation or who preferred to do their own camping, cooking and playing. Now the man, wife and two or three children can obtain space at the various camp sites at a reasonable cost, set up their temporary home in trailer or tent and enjoy the facilities of "public park and forest reservation, fish and game preserve, health resort and pleasure ground" which was first established for them 63 years ago.

Incidentally, if you're heading for Algonquin Park, take as easy on the highway, officials advise. They point out that deer are numerous

and will eat out of your hand. Bear and beaver may also be seen during a short walk or drive. Fishing for lake trout, bass and speckled trout is fairly good in lakes and rivers reached by the highway, although it is better in the interior, reached by canoe and portage—for there are no highways other than the one running from Huntsville to Whitney almost along the Park's southern boundary.

Maps of Algonquin Park and its waterways may be obtained from the Ontario Department of Travel and Publicity at the Parliament Buildings, Toronto. Information regarding the Nature Museum, research projects, accommodation, etc., may be obtained by writing to the Park Superintendent, Algonquin Park, Ontario, or to the Division of Operation and Personnel, Department of Lands and Forests, at the Parliament Buildings.

Tips on Touring

By Carol Lane

Women's Travel Authority



Have you ever thought of making movies of yourself and your family on the move? With a little practice, you can take vacation movies you'll be proud to show relatives and friends when you get home.

There are two sizes of amateur motion picture cameras—the 8 millimeter and the 16 mm. However, the average amateur will find the 8 mm. easier and cheaper to operate. Here are some angles on movie making that should help you make a delightful documentary on your next motor trip:

1. Take time to read carefully the instructions about the operation and care of your camera. If you don't have an exposure meter, study the film manufacturer's recommendations of the proper exposures to be used in varying light conditions.

2. Always try to hold your movie camera steady. If you want to film a panorama, or a moving subject, make sure you move your camera slowly and at an even rate of speed.

3. The average movie camera will take close-ups, medium and long shots. So try to mix your shots instead of concentrating on just one type of shot.

4. Plan your filming to tell the complete story of your trip in sequence, from beginning to end.

5. Guard against random shooting. It wastes film. Don't take a lot of isolated scenes, events and people, unless you particularly want to record them.

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ROCKWOOD

Rockwood "Artist's Paradise" Fine Contrasts for Painters

Thirty-two members of the Five Counties Art Association met in Rockwood during the week-end for the third sketching trip of the season.

The group was divided under three instructors and stationed at Henderson's Mill on the fourth line, Bramosa, Valley Road and Main St. Following the sketching, all adjourned to the town hall to display their work and for criticism. Douglas Robb of Guelph said the variety of subjects and scenery make Rockwood an "artist's paradise". He also likened Rockwood to Muskoka and said that the old buildings and ruins provided fine contrasts in light.

There are some 700 members of the Association and the five counties are Wellington, Halton, Peel, Waterloo and Dufferin. The next sketching is slated for September at Ayr.

A few of the Rockwood students who attended the G.C.V.I. were mentioned in connection with Upper School examinations: Keith Black and his sister, Marlene, Marion McCannell and Rita Land.

In the absence of Rev. J. Dilts and Mrs. Dills, who are on vacation, Dr. Bell conducted service at the United church Sunday morning. Mrs. Cully of Munson spoke the previous Sunday, with Mrs. Fred Hosking conducting the service.

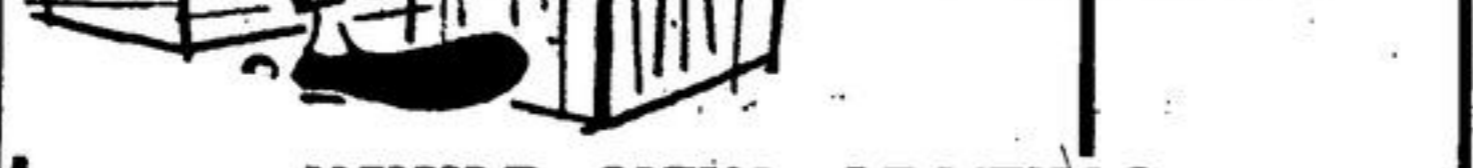
Rev. E. H. Jones, who has been at London as chaplain for the R.C.A.F. occupied his pulpit at St. John's church Sunday morning. During the service, Holy Communion was observed.

Mrs. Thomas Garstang left to ward the week-end for the West to visit her son, John, of the R.C.M.P.

Miss Enid McNabb of Toronto was home for the week-end.

Mr. Robert Bingham visited with Mrs. R. McKelvie and the Beatties at Campbellford recently.

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Nearly 100 lodges from various counties, including Halton, were well represented. There were upwards of 50 flute, trumpet, pipe and brass bands including an all accordion band. Team Toronto Banners fluttered gloriously in the breeze. There was no rain to mar the day for the cheering crowds that lined the streets.

family of Beechy, Sask., visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Young last week.

Mrs. George Peal, in company with Mr. and Mrs. G. Collingridge of Guelph, Mrs. Thomas Ruske, Rockwood, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Peal, Hamilton, on the occasion of their 25th wedding

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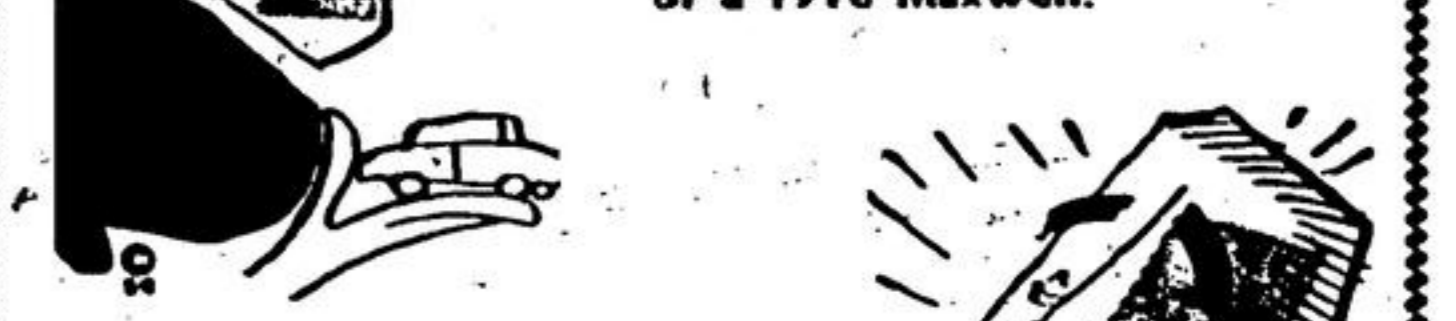
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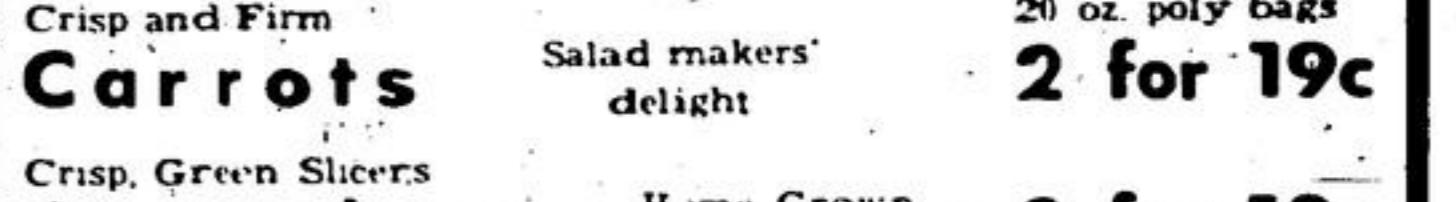
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