

# It's still crown land...but beach area is public

by Adrienne Graham Gardner  
Rowntree Beach, between existing lot lines and the water's edge, is Provincial crown land according to the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Tiny Township had asked the ministry for clarification of the title of the beach at Concession 12 where "people are being constantly kicked off the beach" by adjacent

property owners, explained Administrator Guy Maurice, Wednesday.

The Ministry's conclusion that the beach is public land is the result of "an intensive study on beach ownership in Tiny Township," says

Abraham Bosman, Lands and Waters Administrator with the Ministry.

Although there are some lots which extend to the water's edge or into the water in the area, the Rowntree Beach lots on Plan 750

do not.

The differences in water-front property lines originate with the original patent issued for the land in the early 1800's, explained Ministry Lands Technician Paul Wideman last week.

The original definition of the property boundaries determined by the person issuing the patent varied somewhat, thus there are lots which extend to a lot line along the beach, to the water's edge or even into the

water.

Wideman added that sunbathers on the beach at Rowntree would not be trespassing as long as they respected the lot lines of beach residents.

Based on the Ministry's findings, Tiny planning board will

re-zone the beach strip known as Block A as Open Space. It is now zoned Private Open Space.

Re-zoning by planning board will necessitate advertising and circulation of the planned change.

## Victoria Harbour

by Mrs. M. Gervais  
Mrs. Fred Keetch, Mrs. J.W. Lidstone and Mrs. Fred Webb attended a meeting of Simcoe Presbyterial U.C.W. at Elmvale United Church recently.

Mrs. Mary Piro with Carl and Andrea spent Easter with Mrs. Piro's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant DesChenes.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg. Quesnelle of London were Easter weekend guests of Mrs. Quesnelle's parents Mr. and Mrs. Forbes MacKenzie.

Mr. Robert Springthorpe of Toronto visited a few days last week with his grandmother Mrs. E.J. Springthorpe.

Weekend guests with Mrs. Springthorpe were her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. David Wilson and their daughter Glynis of Agincourt.

Mr. Herbert Merry of Oakville spent the weekend at his home in the village.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Lidstone and John of Willowdale spent the weekend at their home here. Their Easter guests were Mrs. J.W. Lidstone of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bayne with daughters Gillian and Maggie, of Mississauga.

Mrs. Marie Roskaft spent Easter holidays with her son and daughter-in-law and Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Roskaft and family in Oakville.

Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Bawman of Omeeme, spent the Easter weekend with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bartosik - Richard S.

At the Coffee Hour today in the Community Centre, Janie Robinson from CKVR-TV will be the speaker. Coffee Hour is held every Wednesday morning starting at 9:30 a.m. with exercises - with the speaker starting at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome. On April 28, Pam Holt, vice-president of Reflexology will be the speaker.

The Euchre Party sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Committee will be held in St. John's United Church Hall on Friday evening, April 23 at 8 p.m. Lunch and prizes. Everyone welcome.

Rev. James Gill of the Bruce Mines Pastoral Charge will be the guest speaker at St. John's United Church service on Sunday, April 18. This is one of the special events during St. John's Centennial year.

## Tom Savage Port's new harbour master

Village of Port McNicoll's new harbour master, Tom Savage, has been busy of late since the shipping season officially opened last week in the bayports.

He replaces long-time Port McNicoll harbour master Art Bell.

Savage's duties include collecting harbour dues from those Great Lakes carriers that tie up at Maple Leaf Mills. Dues can range from \$300 to

\$500, Savage says, "Depending on their gross tonnage."

The new harbour master points out that dues can only be collected twice, during a season, from any freighter.

"For instance if a ship's captain pays the ship's dues at the Lakehead and again while the ship is in Port McNicoll, the next time the ship comes to Port McNicoll or any other port, no dues are required to be paid.



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