

Area near Jackfish has 'rocky' past

By Anne Todesco

There's history at the place known as Pebble Beach. It is just east of the former village of Jackfish, which was a depot for freighters delivering coal for the steam engines.

Pebble Beach is located about three miles off the Santoy Siding, and it was familiar to many because of the pebbles that were picked along the shore to grind pulp in the pulp mills.

The James Whalen Company of Port Arthur set up camps there and engaged a number of people from Jackfish to pick the pebbles. My husband Charles was one of those who was hired to collect the stones.

When the company ceased

Sore backs, worn gloves and a Norwegian trapper have contributed to local heritage

operations, Charlie was left at the site as watchman along with another chap known as "Red" because of his red hair and mustache.

They cared for the horses until the horses were taken to headquarters.

You may wonder why horses were used by the company. The employees picked stones of uniform size, about the size of a golfball. The stones were put in burlap bags, loaded onto a stoneboat and taken to the siding by the horses.

From there, the stones were

placed in rail cars and delivered to the Lakehead where they were shipped to the U.S.A. or elsewhere to be used in pulp mills.

My husband said it was a back-breaking job picking the pebbles, and it was hard on their gloves as well. When a glove wore out on the palms, the men would switch them to the opposite hands and wear out the back of the glove before discarding it.

Several of the sleeping cabins, the office and the cookery were bought by local people in the area to be used as summer holiday camps. My husband owned a two-room building, and I can remember Amedi Nicols four-room building.

After we settled at Rosspoint, Charlie somewhat neglected his

camp. It was completely furnished with dishes, stove, bedding, etc.,. It is likely completely destroyed by now.

An overflow of guests meant that the men had to bunk down on the veranda. It was an open veranda and the poor chaps had to fight off the mosquitoes and black flies. The last time we camped a while at the cabin was with the Tony Denis family of Jackfish. He was the CPR Superintendent there.

There was also an old Norwegian trapper named either Weldene or Rodene who took over the barn area to farm every summer. He was located closer to Killala Lake and raised strawberries, raspberries and small garden greens.

The wayfreight carried a passenger coach in those days, and the trapper would travel from station to station like a peddler selling his garden produce.

He had quite a time when he first ventured to farm, as the deer, bears and rabbits would enjoy feasting on his garden growth until he finally built a good fence around it.

He tore down the barn and used the logs to build himself a two-room cabin with a stoop where he often sat to smoke his pipe in the evenings.

He did all the building, fencing, and digging of the garden himself.

Of course, during the winter he engaged in fur trapping. His cabin was always 'spic and span.'

He was a quiet, reserved man. When he passed away, his body was buried in the Santoy Graveyard. I often wonder if the government keeps this lonely resting place in repair.

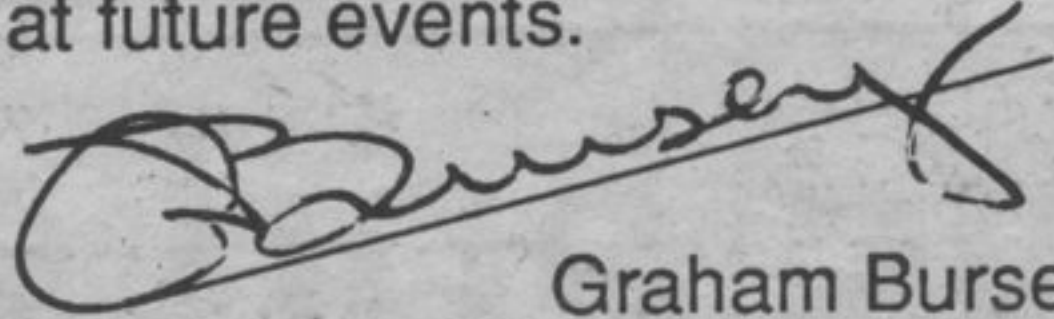
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Thanks to the ladies who prepared the Salads and all the trimmings; Wendy, Judy, Lorraine and Trixie. Your help is greatly appreciated.

To everyone who attended, we hope you had a good time and we look forward to seeing you all at future events.



Graham Bursey
Administrator.

Helene rakes fall poets in all their glories

By Helene Ballard

I hope all had a real nice holiday weekend. Now that the holidays are over and school and universities will open soon, it's time to think about our Fall activities, which will soon be in full swing.

No doubt everyone is busy getting ready for the Fall Fair. I sure hope it will be a great success. I hope you will all "come to the Fair" to make it a real get-together with friends. After the long weeks of summer when folks were busy and could not visit to chat, it will be nice. See

you at the Fair.

No doubt you all saw the photo in last week's News; how about that for a big potato?

We sure have enjoyed many meals with fresh veggies from our garden. Thanks to Cliff Barker and his wife Wallace for their hard work.

Some of our residents took a bus ride to Schreiber on the 30th of August. To visit our friends at the Chimo Club and the Legion where they were guests of Skip Davis.

It's nice that we can go out before winter prevents us from

going on too many outings. We all fear walking on snow and ice for fear of a fall, and God forbid a broken hip, so we go out all we can now.

As news is scarce this week, I'll hope for more next time. I notice there are still dogs running around without a leash. Please tie them up before they get hit by a car or a truck.

Until next time, this wee bit: "It takes two kinds of people to make the world — poets to write about the glories of autumn, and the rest of us to rake them up." Adios Amigos!

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