

A fish-tale end to Mary's second trip

By Mary Hubelit

Last of a three-part series detailing a trip to pleasant memories of a pleasant place

We are sitting like ducks outside the gates at Smith's R.V. Centre in Dorion. It is 8:40 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31.

At 9:00 a.m. the gates will open and Mitzi will have her water pump checked. She developed a mysterious ailment overnight, leaving us with no water for coffee or any of the other activities one needs water for in the morning.

The coffee was made from the jug of drinking water I keep in the fridge. Our other needs were served when N. brought our precious bucket full from the Wolf River.

We had seen people rinsing their coffee mugs in the river, washing the baby's feet at bedtime, and bathing the dog in it, so why not?

By 9.30 a.m., \$20.00 poorer but richer in knowledge of Mitzi's

anatomy, we were on our way to Dorion Fish Culture Station — not Dorion Fish Hatchery any more.

This important Ontario Government facility is worth the five-mile scenic drive in from Highway 17. Whether or not you like fish, you almost have to respect the comprehensive planning practised here.

They propagate Speckled Trout, Lake Trout and Splake. They have tapped springs and streams higher up in the hills to deliver — by gravity feed — 7,000 gallons of pure water to their forty-odd tanks every minute, summer and winter.

The tanks are concrete, painted black inside to simulate the grad-

ual darkening of natural waters at greater and greater depths.

Some, for the mature trout, are roofed about ten feet above the water level because the fish will go blind if they cannot have shelter from the sun. In Lake Superior of course, they would simply drop to a lower level if the surface were too bright.

When you release 1.5 million young trout into Lake Superior each year, you *have* to know what keeps them healthy! After all, you've nursed 46,000 to a tank for a year and a half before release.

Thirty-nine thousand Speckled Trout and Splake are reared their respective tanks and released into

the inland lakes at the proper time.

Mind boggler

Prime spawning stock of all types is kept for five or more years and then returned to the exact location from which they were taken. To me, this is a mind-boggler; think of the precise record-keeping, think of the organization required to turn these old-timers out to pasture!

What do they feed them all those years? Well, it used to be liver pellets of varying sizes and densities. Then rumours sifted back that caught fish tasted 'liverish,' so the diet was changed to herring pellets.

It must work — our guide told

us of one 15-year-old Lake Trout weighing in at 40 pounds scheduled to be retired off the Slate Islands this year!

So we logged 222 miles in two days, enjoyed excellent camping at Wolf River, learned more about our beloved Northwest.

We brought back pleasant memories, a treat of amethyst rock and crystals, and a great deal of respect for the unsung heroes of park, mine and conservation operations.

Oh yes — Mitzi? Her Systems Monitor suffered a breakdown because of corrosion in an attachment to one of the batteries which contains the fuse for that electric panel.

Simple? Yes, but a bit unsettling at the time. We were lucky to be close to the friendly staff at Smith's RV where they had the necessary battery connections with the built-in fuse.

Where shall we go next?

Chimo Club had a busy meeting, reports Winnie

By Winnie Campbell

The Chimo Club held their regular meeting on Friday, Sept. 16 with President Ken Davis addressing the 21 members present. The Club room hours will be from 9.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. beginning immediately.

Mrs. Sara Suni was welcomed as a visitor, and routine business followed. Eva Gordon, card secretary, gave the report of cards sent

out for July and August.

Mr. Pat Guina gave the Bingo report as prepared by Marg Tiboni. Lucky numbers were held by Eva Gordon, Kay Thorsteinson and Tanya Prebushewski. Winner for August was Lola Spadoni, while winners for September were Barb Haughn and Mary Valentino.

Members interested in playing shuffleboard this season are asked to sign the list in the Club room.

All members are asked to donate to the bazaar table and bake table of the Fall Bazaar to be held Nov. 5.

Congratulations was given to Rena Ross for her great showing at the Darts tournament of the Seniors Games in Thunder Bay and Brampton.

Jody Davis received a round of thanks for the electrical work done in the Club room. Happy Birthdays were sung to Alice

Alice Sparks, Eva Gordon, Beth Macadam, Marg Gerow, and Celia Valentino.

Receiving with Lilian was her daughter Judy, Rose Cringle, Carole and Debby.

Miller, Esther Birch, Gino Caccamo, Eva Gordon, Al Slater, and Fred Harness.

Prizes were won won by Celia Valentino, Winnie Campbell, Etta Grey and Marg McKenna, Ken Davis and Esther Birch.

Shuffleboard prize winners were Etta Grey, Beth Macadam, Alex Gordon, Jeanne Huard.

After Helen Jartus read the minutes and letters, a film about Point Pelee was shown by Al Slater.

Bridge winners were: 1st, Mike Chepelsky; 2nd, Al Slater. The next meeting will be held on Oct. 14.

Farewell Tea Party held

Friends of Lilian Christie held a Tea Party in her honour prior to her departure from Schreiber to Pontypool, Ont. The Tea was held in the Chimo Club room Sunday afternoon.

Serving the many guests were:

On behalf of her friends, Eva Gordon presented Lilian with gifts, and Beth Macadam gave her a Chimo Club Membership Pin on behalf of the Chimo Club.

Fall Bridal Shower

A shower was held in the United Church basement on Sept. 17 for Miss Lisa Lengyel, bride-elect of Dan Spadoni.

Receiving at the door were: Mrs. Dorothy Lengyel, mother of the bride-to-be; Mrs. Ruth Spadoni, mother of the groom; and Glenna Glad, Maid of Honour.

Servers were Jody Saarinen and Karen Doyne, Susan Webb, Cathy Lengyel, Michelle Dunwoody, Julie Ann Dunwoody and Sue Hembreff.

Opening the gifts were: Sharon Morgan, Carrie Campbell, Lynda Lengyel and Danielle Dunwoody.

The Guest Book was attended by Stacy Spadoni. The kitchen workers were Doris Gauthier, Audrey Morgan, Joyce Berth, Lola Spadoni and Barb Spadoni. Many lovely gifts were received and a delicious lunch was served and enjoyed by all.

Get well to Mrs. Tuomi, Jack Handel of Thunder Bay and Mrs. Raczycski.

Ontario Government Notice Tree Planting Contractors

The North Central Region of the Ministry of Natural Resources will be contracting tree planting operations in 1989. In order that perspective contractors have an opportunity to view the sites and be in a position to submit knowledgeable bids, tours have been arranged as follows:

DISTRICT	DATE	TIME	DEPARTING	TOURING	CONTACT PERSON
Nipigon	Oct. 11	8:30 a.m.	Armstrong MNR Base	Armstrong Area	Ken Horton (807) 887-2120
	Oct. 12	8:30 a.m.	Nipigon MNR Office	Black Bay & Auden	Ken Horton (807) 887-2120
Geraldton	Oct. 13	8:30 a.m.	Geraldton MNR Office	Geraldton Area	John Ferris (807) 854-1030
	Oct. 14	8:30 a.m.	Geraldton MNR Office	Longlac Area	John Ferris (807) 854-1030
Terrace Bay	Oct. 15	8:30 a.m.	Caramat Texaco	Big Pic Unit	Jim Phillips (807) 826-3225
	Oct. 16	8:30 a.m.	Manitouwadge MNR Office	Big Pic Unit	Jim Phillips (807) 826-3225
Thunder Bay	Oct. 31	8:30 a.m.	Thunder Bay MNR Office	Thunder Bay Area	Ed Bons (807) 475-1461
	Nov. 1	8:30 a.m.	Thunder Bay MNR Office	Thunder Bay Area	Ed Bons (807) 475-1461
Atikokan	Nov. 2	8:30 a.m.	Atikokan MNR Office	Flanders Unit	Ed Loney (807) 597-6971
	Nov. 3	8:30 a.m.	Atikokan MNR Office	Sapawe Unit	Ed Loney (807) 597-6971

Although not mandatory for bidding purposes, contractors are strongly advised to visit the sites before bidding.

Please advise the contact person in each District of your plans to participate.



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Helene says it's not too early to start thinking 'snowmobile courtesy'

By Helene Ballard

Now that summer and the fall fair are over, we can turn our thoughts to 'winter sports.' No doubt all our curlers and hockey players are getting ready. I wish all of you good luck.

I hope those of you who ride ski-doo's will also enjoy yourselves, but please don't ride through the back yard of Birchwood Terrace.

You know — when it gets to be 2- or 4.00 a.m. that noise can and does wake most of the residents. So please try and remember, and don't wake us up at these hours with the noise. Thank you.

The Tuesday afternoon card games have started up for the fall and winter season. If you would like to spend an afternoon playing cards, you are most welcome.

Our thanks to those who played on Sept. 13.

I was watching the news on t.v. and finally someone has found a way to make a new style of hospital gown. Now when you are in the hospital, you won't have your 'derriere' in view; sure hope it catches on in hospitals all over the country.

On a serious note, we were sorry to hear that our friend Lil Christie is leaving us. I had the pleasure of working with her on different projects for the hospital auxiliary and we always enjoyed it.

To you Lil, 'Bon Voyage and good luck.'

Until next week — "If the caterpillar had never left its cocoon, we would never see those beautiful butterflies. Think about that."