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Ratepayers Association Reaches Ninth Year

As An Official Body of the Musselman's Lake Residents—Continues to Grow as the Number of Summer Cottagers Increase.

What's in a name? Some say it signifies nothing—others are prepared to fight for their name which is their birthright—and the fact that he is a Briton has thrilled many a British subject when far away in foreign lands. However, be that as it may, the members of Musselman's Lake Ratepayers' Association are mostly proud of their membership in the association, whose officers since its formation have given their time and talent unstintedly to help all the lake residents whether they are members or not and while the official association only dates back a matter of ten years, the origin of the movement started long before that date when numerous little gatherings and informal picnics were held from time to time on the grounds of the late Mr. Appleton or in Baker's Park before Mr. Coulter the present owner took over the park and from this modest beginning which was attended from time to time by old residents of the lake including Mr. Hallowell, Mr. John Windsor, Mr. Wm. Evans, Mr. McNelly and a great many others still active round the lake district—the present Association took form and those most responsible for the formation were Mr. A. Jarvis the late Mr. Morgan, Bill Evans, A. Alcott, the late Mr. Martin, Burt Lloyd and Harold Bevens, the present secretary, the idea of permanent association took hold at once and from that time on a real healthy growth has been accomplished each year, until today practically every houseowner at the lake is a member.

Each year a complete member list is prepared and mailed together with a Christmas greeting and a copy of the association financial statement duly audited by a chartered accountant to each member.

Among those who have been active in the past are the presidents in line, first Mr. A. Jarvis, Mr. J. Hallowell, Bill Evans, Burt Lloyd and the present incumbent, Steve Proctor, each served two years—the first secretary was A. Alcott whose summer cottage was burned down last fall, followed by Burt Lloyd who later became president, and then Harold Bevens who still holds that position. The executive has had the co-operation year after year of such hard workers as the late John Boyd, W. Turtle, Bob Draper, W. Wager, William Kirk, A. Byford, J. H. Jay, G. R. Harrison, Wm. Kealey, W. G. Kimber, L. M. Pringle, Ed. Darlow, F. Fox, Walter Daniels, G. R. Harrison and many others and each section of the lake is represented on the executive by members who bring their troubles to the main body which in turn does its best to keep everything clean and sanitary around the lake and with the help of Constable Bob Windsor this is done.

Since the Association was formed many improvements have been made. Signs have been placed at danger spots to notify careless motorists, weeds have been cleaned to some extent from the lake, garbage collection has been taken care of and last fall the lake was stocked with fish by the Government through the efforts of the officers, our summer post office is functioning.

During the summer all manner of complaints are dealt with and in most cases solved by those in charge. On Civic Holiday each year a monster get-together is held on the Appleton grounds when nearly all the

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A HIGH ALSIKE YIELD

While the average yield down the tenth of Markham in the alsike is four bushels to the acre, Thresher Bill Eckardt reports that he got nine bushels to the acre at the farm of Douglas Booth. This is an unusual high yield. It is said that in the central part of Markham there is very little alsike owing to a poor catch, but over on the east side conditions are better.

NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE

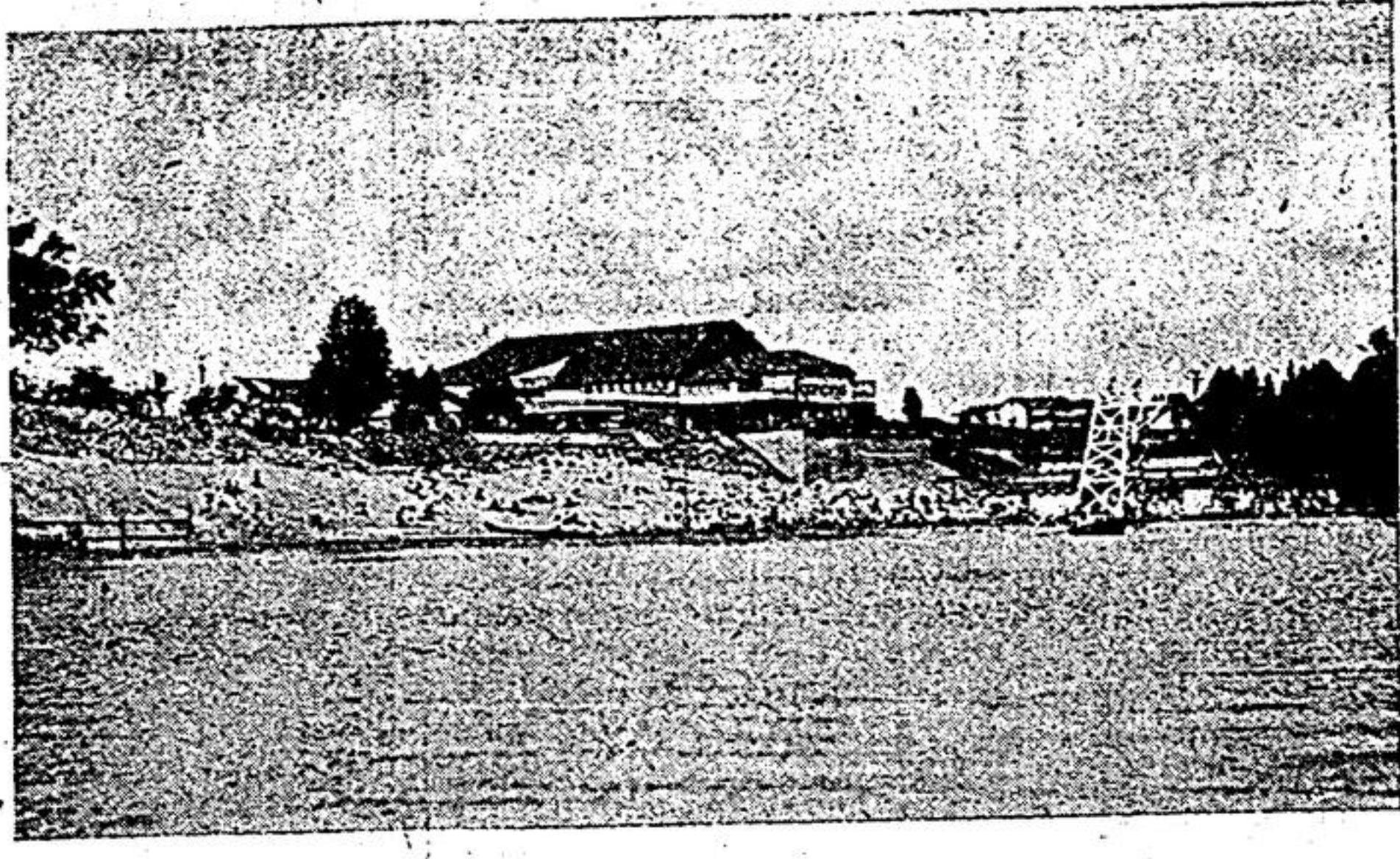
On the eve of going to press a most interesting article on St. Williams Catholic Church, Lake Musselman, reached us, which will have to be held for our next issue, when ample additional copies will be available again at the lake.

Bids Fail to Reach Reserve Set

In an effort to wind up the Byron Appleton estate at Musselman's Lake the remaining 18 acres of land was offered by public auction last Saturday by Ken Prentice, auctioneer, but was not sold. The best bid was \$2000 which was below the reserve bid. This is a desirable lake property that might be developed into a money-making camp resort in proper hands. A large number of people who gathered for the sale on the premises, were disappointed because individual lots were not offered. However, Mr. H. A. C. Breuls, solicitor, stated that the executors were most anxious to sell the place in one parcel in order to close out the estate. Selling individual lots would not help them.

Magistrate Assists at Local Wedding

Hartman church, near Mt. Albert, was the scene of the wedding Wednesday, of Iva Viola Pegg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Pegg, to Charles Henry Ratcliff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ratcliff. Rev. R. V. Wilson and Magistrate W. H. Ellis, Medicine Hat, Alta., conducted the ceremony. A profusion of flowers decorated the church, and music was played by Miss Doris Baker. Mrs. Jas. Oldham sang. Given in marriage by her father the bride wore a lace and satin gown made on princess lines with a long train. Her veil was caught with a coronet of orange blossoms, and she carried a bouquet of red roses, lilies of the valley, cornflowers and ferns. The bridesmaid was Edna Pegg, sister of the bride, who wore powder blue organdy, and Miss Gloria Oldham, in long pink sheer, was flower girl. They wore veils matching their dresses, and headresses matching their bouquets of pink roses, cornflowers and lilies of the valley. The best man was Donald Ratcliff, brother of the groom. Bruce Pegg, brother of the bride, and Floyd Ratcliff, the groom's brother, were ushers. At a reception afterwards at the home of the bride's parents, Mrs. Pegg wore Suez sheer with white accessories and a corsage of yellow roses and ferns. Mrs. Ratcliff was wearing a rose lace gown with a leghorn hat and a corsage of yellow roses and ferns. The couple left on a wedding trip, which will take them to the World Baptist Alliance, Atlanta, Ga., after which they return to live near Stouffville. For travelling, the bride chose a navy sheer dress with a white coat, white accessories and a corsage of red roses.



This picture gives a view of Cedar Beach, Lake Musselman. In the foreground is the diving tower, while the big pavilion is one of the finest in the province. 1500 picnickers can be accommodated at one time. Swimming facilities are ideal and the delightful sand beach can accommodate one or two thousand people.

FRACTURED BOTH HEELS

Engaged in wiring the premises of Mr. Roland Winn, farmer, Mr. Horace Walsh jumped 15 feet to the ground when a ladder slipped, and sustained a fracture of both heels. He was rushed to the Toronto East General Hospital in the absence of any local doctor being available, where an x-ray revealed the two fractures, which necessitates this local electrician staying completely off his feet for at least six weeks. The Walsh family live on Church street north. Both Mr. and Mrs. Walsh are natives of Uxbridge town, and when the accident happened the patient was treated by Dr. Roy Malyon another old Uxbridge boy.

LIGHTNING DAMAGE

On Sunday afternoon lightning struck the hydro system in the farm home of William T. Paisley on the 6th of Whitchurch, blowing out fuses and destroying switches. The telephone was put out of operation, and Mr. Paisley's radio was burned out. The bolt appeared to be quite direct strike on the system, but fortunately no further damage was done. Hydro men gave a temporary service to the home within a few hours.

LEMONVILLE SOCIAL

An ice cream social will be held on the school grounds at Lemonville this Thursday evening, July 27, under auspices of the Lemonville Young People's Association. An entertaining program is being prepared, and everybody is invited to attend. Adults 25c, children 15c.

Have You a Name for Your Cottage?

If you haven't, now is the time to do it. Look over some of the names that are already used along the beach and derive your own name, either from the site of your cottage or the characteristics of the inhabitants.

Musselman's Lake does not lack apparently when it comes to people with ingenuity in the matter of names. A few interesting ones that we have noticed and which have been derived from the cottage surroundings are, "Tree Haven", belonging to Wm. Blackburn on the south shore, Robt. Burgess', "Brookvale", Mrs. Cooper's "Ivy Lodge" on the Appleton Drive, "3 Cedar" of J. M. McKerrow and "The Maples" of J. Rudman. Whether the names "Everbrite", "Sleepy Hollow" and "Bon Accord" have anything to do with the people living on the inside, we don't know. Then there are the people who go in for audities such as "Bunk-Um-Squint-Um, on Windsor Drive and belonging to A. W. Hughes, "Nia Roo", "Toujour Gai", "Takez", "Robin Roost" and "Tumble Inn". They're all good, but if you haven't one, see if you can't do better.

Musselman's Marked Over Short Period by Magic Development

If any of the Whitchurch pioneers who once lived around Musselman's Lake could see the transformation made there, particularly by Mr. George Davies proprietor of the Cedar Beach Gardens, comprising one of the most elaborate and scenic pavilions in the whole province, they would not recognize the place where they quietly drove their horses or other animals to the water edge for drink. Above we have a scene which while inviting, hardly does justice to the fine premises on the north side of the lake. One must see inside the beautiful pavilion to understand the grandeur of it all. It is said that Mr. Davies has invested in this undertaking more than \$150,000, and only last year installed a modern plumbing, with tiled wash rooms, befitting the fine main floor setting which attracted last year more than 30,000 people who came to enjoy the music of the fine orchestra always found here.

The proprietor is not stopping here even, for he is now giving serious consideration to the erection of hundreds of cabins on the spacious grounds and hopes to commence this fall on the undertaking by putting up the first 25, which will undoubtedly attract hundreds of additional permanent summer residents.

Aside from the almost magic development of this one man hundreds of private cottagers live about the lake, and have built fine summer homes, some on very modest lines, and others of a very permanent and more expensive nature.

It is difficult to forecast where the end will be, for who could foresee what is a reality today, even fifteen years ago? It is fairly certain, however, that as the property owners strive individually and jointly to improve their own places and the less progressive spots, that Musselman's is destined to be the most outstanding resort close to Toronto to be found on any body of water, a distinction it probably now enjoys.

While they are a community to themselves, Stouffville derives a good deal of benefit, for campers with time on their hands love to come to town occasionally and wander through the well appointed stores in a community where the welcome, sign is always printed in big letters.

In addition to booths around the lake Davies grocery is a model store, while Musselman's also caters to Sabbath observance for there are two churches there, a United Church and a Roman Catholic Church.

1,650 TRIBUNES THIS WEEK

This week the annual camper's edition of The Tribune will circulate among the 1,200 or more residents of Musselman's Lake as well as the regular 1,325 subscribers. Special articles appear of interest to campers.

Archie Stouffer Gets Inspectorship

Dr. L. J. Simpson, Minister of Education has announced the retirement of seven public school inspectors, and the new appointments which have an especial interest for our readers. Mr. Archibald Stouffer, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ab. Stouffer and former principal of the Stouffville Continuation School, has been named as the new inspector for Haliburton district with headquarters in Haliburton. Since leaving Stouffville a number of years ago Mr. Stouffer has been on the staff of the Weston Collegiate. He will undoubtedly prove to be a conscientious and altogether considerate inspector and his appointment will meet with general approval.

Among the inspectors to reach the retiring age, and who will cease active work on pension is Inspector Robert Gillies of Toronto, from district No. 6 which comprises Stouffville. He will be succeeded by O.M. McKillop with headquarters in Toronto.



Rev. Gordon C. Raymer, new president of the London Conference, United Church of Canada, is a native of Stouffville, a son of H. B. Raymer of Queensville, and a nephew to Mr. Eli Raymer, Main street west.

Street Carnival Attracts Many

It seemed that almost everybody was on Main street Friday night for the War Veterans street dance and carnival. The side attractions were all humming with business long before the orchestra commenced at 9.30 and the crowd was at its height by ten o'clock. A square of the pavement was fenced off for those who wished to take advantage of the dance provided by Billy Hole and his Live Wires. This veteran leader Billy Hole, is a marvel in more ways than one. We first saw him as a drill officer in the 116th 25 years ago, and he's just the same old Bill with all the vim and go of youth despite his more than 70 years. Never a dull moment when once his orchestra starts, for he supplies the pep for the whole crowd of fun makers.

For the kiddies and those who do not dance there was much amusement, for concessions were strung along the street until it took on the appearance of a midway show. For the first time in the history of Stouffville a merry-go-round was set up right in front of Shaw's store and here the very young element had the time of their lives riding the horses, the rabbits, etc.

Miss Laura Ashenhurst, Goodwood, won third on the lucky draw. First and second ticket holders with numbers 1462 and 1564 are unknown.

The veterans thank all who participated in making their night a success, and look ahead to a return engagement with the veteran Billy Hole who somehow has the crowd with him.

"Blessing" Costs Farmer \$44?

Albert Mapes, 73-year-old resident of Whitchurch, was "rolled" by a couple of gypsy women and lost his \$44, but the ladies were hauled into court on Tuesday at Newmarket. According to Constable Robert Windsor the robbery occurred at the blacksmith shop of David Sims, Vivian, when a party of gypsies drove up in a car. Two women got out and one of them started to give the gypsy blessing to Mapes, which consists of prodding punching him, by one of the girls while another went inside and spoke to Sims. She asked for three horseshoe nails, but didn't get any money. When she went out Sims heard the two women scuffling with Mapes, and he ran out, but the women jumped into their car and drove off. He got the license number. The pair were later arrested in an encampment on the Don Mills Road and turned over to Constable Windsor.

On Tuesday at Newmarket the case was dismissed for lack of evidence.

Stouffville Woman Died in 86th Year

Mrs. Charlotte Park, widow of the late Joseph Park, died at her home in Stouffville in her 89th year on Friday.

Mrs. Park was the last member of a family of ten children of the late Job McDowell, who came here from Ireland nearly 100 years ago and settled on the 10th Line of Markham, where Mrs. Park was born. For a number of years she lived at Unionville, but resided in Stouffville following her marriage. She left no family and is survived by a sister-in-law, Mrs. George McDowell Burridge of Unionville. Mrs. Robert Stiver, Unionville; Mrs. Samuel Miller, Ringwood, and Mrs. Sylvanus Baker, Whitchurch township, are nieces.