

# Vacation's Fun

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## Musselman's Lake

### Re-route truck traffic from South Lake Road

By Mark Niblett  
**GLENDALE** - I talked to Stu Patrick last week. Stu is a happy man these days. It's not easy to tell, unless you're used to him. He still tends to growl at people, and utter imprecations about incompetence and

venality in high places. Nevertheless, he's been considerably more cheerful lately. The trucks are gone. Gravel trucks, thundering along the South Lake Road, used to be the curse of Stu's existence. His customers, at the Glendale Pavilion, were surrounded by dust and noise. The very sight of a truck used to draw incredible oaths from Stu.

But not any more. Today, at each end of the South Lake Road, is a sign banning heavy trucks. This is backed up by a bylaw, passed by Whitchurch-Stouffville Council and approved at higher levels. Barring local deliveries, the road is now truckless. "Ah, it's beautiful here now," Stu told me. "Those things

were ruining us; we'd have had to lock up the store if it had gone on much longer."

Stu gives full credit to Council for taking the step to ban trucks.

"I congratulate the councillors, they deserve a lot of credit," he said. "They put in a lot of hard work on this."

Stu himself worked as hard as anybody. He recounts, with a certain satisfaction, how he hounded officials at the municipal, regional, and provincial levels to have the bylaw put into effect.

"I spent 27 bucks in long-distance phone calls," he told me.

He obviously feels the money was well-spent.

"People are walking on the road, pushing baby carriages now," he points out.

That's the main change at Glendale: no trucks. For the rest, Stu is carrying on pretty much as usual. The main building is being repainted, and the whole place is in top condition.

"The fishing is great this year," said Stu. "One lady came in with a 20-pound pike, and some American caught a 6½-pound bass."

Fishing, dancing, picnics - and, most important, peace and quiet; that's what Glendale offers these days.

Of course, there's an old saying that one man's meat is another man's poison. Unable to use the South Lake Road, many trucks are going up the 9th Line around the east end of the lake. Ralph Trentadue, owner of Shalimar, and Vern Davies, owner of Cedar Beach, are not exactly overjoyed. But since the 9th is now a regional road, there is nothing Whitchurch-Stouffville Council can do about it.

The contrast is sharp. Driving back along the South Lake Road, I passed a couple, strolling, and several youngsters on bikes. Going down the 9th, I clocked a gravel truck at 65 in a 35 zone.

Stu Patrick, sitting in his little ticket office, hears a truck roaring and banging its way down the 9th. "Listen to that," he growls.

But somehow, the growl doesn't carry as much conviction as it did a year ago.

### Accident victims improve

**MUSS. LAKE** - Eighteen year old Sandra Hamilton, Musselman's Lake, is recovering in Scarboro Centenary Hospital from injuries received in a serious car-truck accident, June 23.

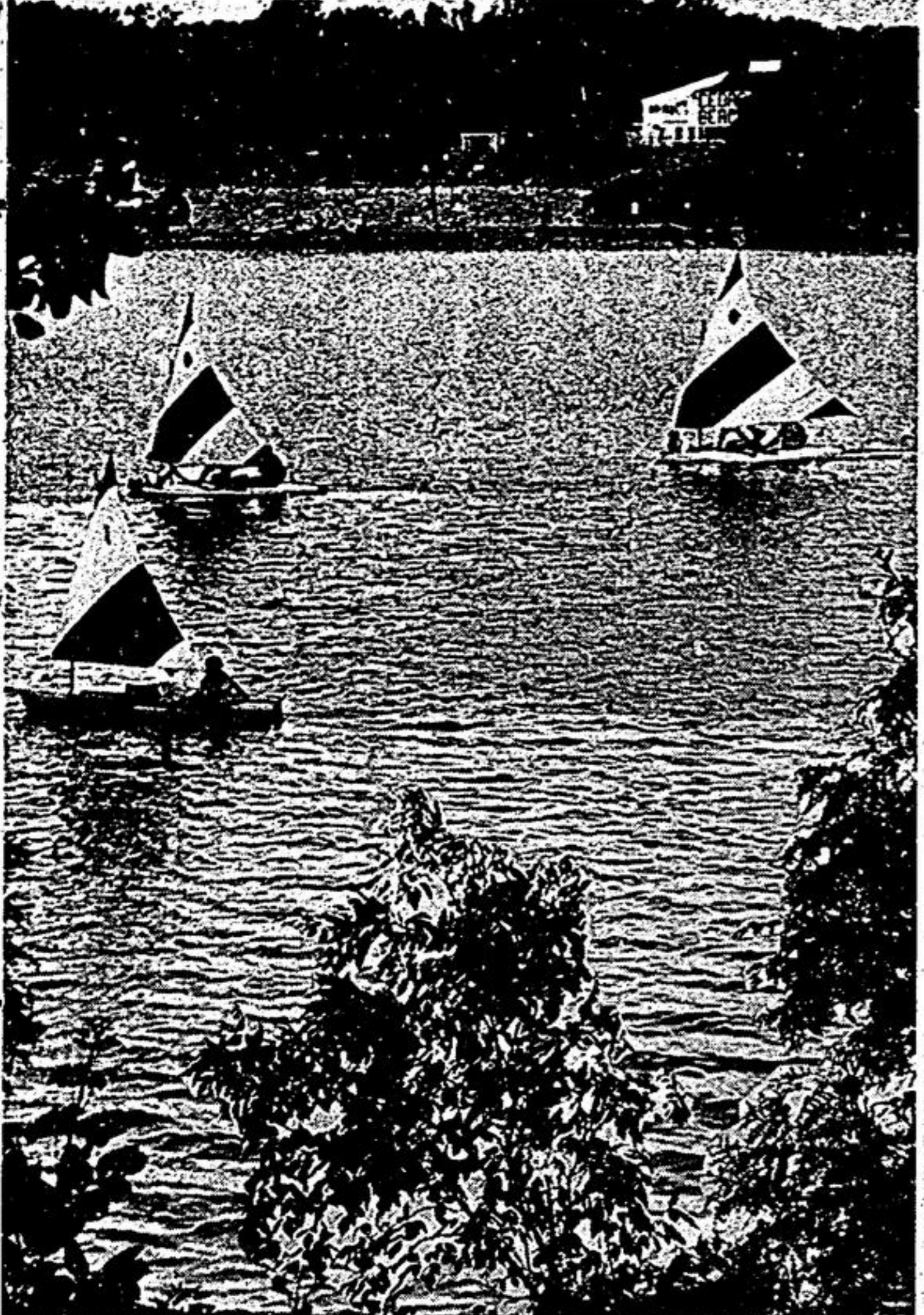
She and a companion, Jane Work, 20, of Stouffville, were passengers in a south-bound auto, driven by Manfred Libertus, 19, of R.R.2, Claremont. Their vehicle was hit broadside by an eastbound gravel truck.

The condition of both girls is reported as 'satisfactory'. Mr. Libertus has been released and is now convalescing at home.

### No fishing

**STOUFFVILLE** - Two would-be fishermen could face charges under the Petty Trespass Act. The intended poachers were chased from a trout pond at Consolidated Sand and Gravel Co., north of Lincolnville.

find someone standing on the doorstep, with a list of questions - try to help him. He's trying to help you.



A change in recreation with a change in seasons

Musselman's Lake has become a year-round recreation resort. In the summer and early fall, it's boating and swimming. In the winter and early spring, it's

snowmobiling. The photo (left) was taken in July, from a location on the east lake road. The picture (right), was taken in January. Quite a contrast. —Jim Thomas.



Brightens Lake scene

Pretty girls and summer resorts go hand in hand. So it is at Musselman's Lake. Fourteen year-old Fiona Waite, enjoys swimming, badminton, tennis and water skiing. Fiona is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Waite, Orchard Park Boulevard, Stouffville.

## Half cottages occupied all-year-round

By Mark Niblett  
**MUSS. LAKE** - Gordon Brush is taking a close look at the entire Musselman's Lake area. Mr. Brush is principal planner for York Region's Area Services Branch. He was asked to make a study of the area and report back to Whitchurch-Stouffville Planning Committee.

The report will not be ready for awhile yet, but it is slowly beginning to take shape. One of the things which takes a long time in this type of study, said Mr. Brush, is obtaining comments from other agencies. In this particular case, the Planning Department has involved the Regional Engineering department, the Medical Officer of Health, and Ontario's Ministry of the Environment through the South Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority.

Each of these has been asked to comment on their plans for the Lake, any areas of concern, and so on.

The entire lakeshore, and some of the surrounding area, is presently zoned Transitional. This is a type of holding action, implemented to allow a study to be made.

The Area Services Branch itself has conducted an occupancy survey of the area, and other agencies are running their own surveys.

One, to provide information for the Health & Welfare Dept., is to be underway during July. A branch of the Ministry of the Environment responded to the effect that the present zoning seems to pose no threat to biologically important areas. They expressed interest in protecting a small pond west of the lake, and promised a study of the area will be

conducted this summer.

Mr. Brush revealed that the occupancy study shows roughly 50 percent of the cottages are being occupied on a year-round basis.

"That isn't a firm figure," he stated. "There are a lot of reasons for year-round occupancy. Economic factors come into it. The old idea of a summer cottage seems to be dying out."

Another report, from the Ministry of the Environment, revealed that water test samples were

taken from the lake in May and August. The quality of the water was termed 'excellent'.

The report, however, urged control of future development to protect the environment.

"That's not conclusive," Mr. Brush pointed out. "There could still be problems with drainage and other factors."

The Area Services Branch's overall report, said the planner, will be of the 'informative' type.

"Solutions and further directions will have to come from the

Planning Committee," he stated.

The major question, he said, is to decide the status of the present residences - whether they will be regularized, or remain non-conforming uses. Another important consideration, especially for future development proposals, will be the question of public access to the lakefront.

The Branch will be making some recommendations, on these and other matters. So if residents of Musselman's Lake

### Visitors welcome

With the coming of cottage and trailer residents to the resort centre of Musselman's Lake each summer, the population, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, suddenly increases by more than 2,000.

Through The Tribune, the municipality extends a warm welcome.

For many, the area is by no means new. To these people, we say - welcome back.

For others, it's a first-time visit. To you, we say - come back again.

While the Lake district is indeed, a 'community' unto itself, Stouffville too, we feel, has much to offer.

We hope, in the holiday weeks ahead, you'll spend some time with us - visit our park, shop in our stores, worship in our churches.

We in Stouffville, like Stouffville.

We want you to like Stouffville too.

## Boy artist with a magic brush

**CHURCHILL** - To ten year old Michael Palmer, R.R.3, Stouffville, a paint brush is a magic wand. It produces magic pictures.

The talent was revealed about three years ago, when Michael's teacher found him 'doodling' in class on several occasions. But his 'doodles' weren't ordinary circles and squares. They represented objects.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Palmer, conc. 9, Whitchurch-Stouffville, decided to give their son more freedom of artistic expression. They contacted Mrs. Marg Collins, Sherwood Forest Drive, and she readily agreed to assist.

That was two years ago.

"When he brought home his first two paintings, we couldn't believe it," said Mrs. Palmer. "We felt sure his teacher was doing them." But no, it was all Michael's work, from beginning to end. Michael's en-

thusiastic about his hobby. While all his paintings to date have been with oils, he hopes soon to expand into water colors.

Michael comes by his talent honestly. His father is also an accomplished artist, but never did anything on a professional basis. He is an employee with North York Hydro.

The young Grade 5 student has some wonderful work to show for his efforts.

One painting, a mountain scene, was meant as a gift, but his mother liked it so well, she couldn't give it away. It holds a prominent place on the family's living room wall. Another, a vase of flowers, is so realistic, one is tempted to pick them out of the frame. Several pieces were recently placed on display at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library. One of his best, was presented to Ballantrae Principal, Harry Hunt, at a farewell gathering, last month.



Ten year old Michael Palmer, a Grade 5 student at Ballantrae School, is a talented artist. One of his latest paintings, shown here.

occupies a prominent place in the family living room. Michael is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Palmer, Stouffville, R.R.3. —Jim Thomas.

### Shalimar

## In the beach business

**SHALIMAR** - The new owner of Shalimar, Ralph Trentadue, is an energetic man.

Mr. Trentadue purchased the business last September, and has made extensive renovations since.

"It was pretty filthy inside", he remembers. He and his wife, assisted by four of their sons, worked on cleanup and rebuilding most of the winter. A

new set of tables and seats, new windows, and other changes are evidence of their work.

This is Mr. Trentadue's first venture in business. Born in Bari, Italy, he and his wife came to Canada 14 years ago; until last summer, he had never heard of Musselman's Lake. He chanced across Shalimar, more or less by accident, while the company he worked for, Johns Mansfield, was on strike.

"You have to try to do things", he says. "I'd never done any carpentry, but I built these new seats. I've never built a boat, but I'm working on one now."

There is more work yet to be done on the building, Mr. Trentadue feels, and he is hopeful about finishing it shortly.

"We'll have to wait and see how the business works out", he said. So far, most of his trade has come from local cottagers, with an increasing number of campers making purchases.

The troublesome issue of powerboats

has caused little worry to Mr. Trentadue. "I haven't seen too many boats around this year", he observed.

He has increased the price for boat launchings, from fifty cents to a dollar. This is in addition to a charge of \$1.50 per car for parking. The price includes use of the beach, and a number of picnic tables near the water.

One issue Mr. Trentadue feels strongly about is the gravel truck traffic. "A lot of trucks go past, they start early in the morning", he said. "All of them travel too fast".

Noise and dust are the results of this traffic, he said.

"I spent \$1,200 to put in new windows - now I have to keep them closed all the time", he said.

Despite this problem, Mr. Trentadue feels optimistic that the new business venture will be a success.

If hard work is any yardstick, it certainly deserves to be.

## Seventy-five horses roam and pay

**MUSS. LAKE** - Eighteen years of experience have taught Jim Coultice how to handle horses - 75 horses.

Mr. Coultice is owner of Wagon Wheel Ranch, on the east side of Musselman's Lake. The site covers about 200 acres, with miles of trails.

The 75 horses are cared for by a permanent staff of four.

The ranch can offer, in addition to horse rentals, such special events as hay and sleigh ride parties. According to Mr. Coultice, business hours extend from 10 a.m. to dusk.

"Business was good this past weekend", Mr. Coultice said, but added that cold and rain has slowed things down generally this summer.