

## Lyndhurst



## Lyrics

### SQUARE DANCE

Friday, Sept. 8th - 8 PM

Sweet's Corners School  
Lyndhurst Road

\$2.00 couple

Square Dancers - new and old - get back into the swing of things for the fall and winter seasons.

If you would like to learn to square dance, come and watch - no admission charge - see how much fun it is.

New classes will be starting in mid-Sept.

## Sweets Corners

Miss Flora MacDonald, Kingston MP, was present on Saturday, August 5th at the Sweets Corners Ball Field to help Mrs. Iva Sweet pull the switch to turn on the new ball field lights dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Sweet's late husband, Lennus. Mr. Sweet had been a past president of the Sweets Corners ball club, a long time enthusiast of local ball and an early proponent of lights at this field.

Also speaking at the ceremonies were Dr. S. Mills and Mr. L. McLennan on behalf of the Leeds County Board of Education. Master of Ceremonies and organizer of the event was Mr. Russell Kidd.

Following the program the very large crowd was treated to a well-played, entertaining ball game under the new lights.

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### WATERWAYS ASSOCIATION STUDIES WEED CONTROL

## Weed Control on the Gananoque River

At the general meeting recently the Gananoque River Waterways Association was addressed by Glen Owen, Biologist, with the Ministry of the Environment, Kingston Regional Office, on the topic, "Weed Growth and Control Measures".

Excerpts from address:

Weed growth and control is a growing problem and requires shared responsibility.

Reasons: 1) there are more people and therefore more swimming, boating, fishing and recreational use of the waterways. Also, there is an increased awareness of ecology and the need for protective measures.

2) new species, such as Eurasian water milfoil, are emerging as nutrients and enrichment increase.

3) improper sewage facilities and inadequate controls, tree-cutting, lawn-seeding and fertilizing at lakeshores cause enrichment.

4) erosion and roadways built near lakefronts cause more fertile water for growth of aquatic plants. Dumping of sand on beaches now requires a permit.

A report to be published on a lakeshore capacity study, ongoing until 1980, will reveal statistics on nutrient levels.

Advantages of weeds:

1) aquatic vegetation is necessary in lake systems to shelter and feed fish.

2) many water plants are utilized as food and protection by some species of waterfowl.

3) aquatic plant growth contributes by keeping water temperatures at low levels essential to young fish.

4) weed growth along a water's edge is beneficial in intercepting nutrients and this slows the plant growth in the centre and deeper water.

Controls are essential and acceptable where weed growth interferes with recreational use of the waterways. The point of control requires a delicate balance between the beneficial and the detrimental growth of water vegetation.

Methods of control:

1) physical - by raking or manually removing the weeds where the water level is shallow. This is the more permanent method and also the most economical. However, if the removal is overdone, the result is a release of nutrients which again cause increased growth.

2) the use of chemical herbicides. This is the best means for the average situation but must be done under a permit from the Ministry of Environment. Study and research back up the recommended use of registered chemicals.

Emphasis must be placed on the fact that weed control is only recommended where the use of the water is interfered with because of the weeds.

Application to the Ministry of the Environment for a permit to eradicate weeds by means of chemicals requires the following information: 1) type of vegetation; 2) size of area; 3) sketch of area; 4) the chemical and quantity to be used; 5) where other users of the water are concerned they must be informed of the treatment.

The granting of a permit may take 3 to 4 weeks. The time of year for submerged plants is June when the water temperature is 60° - 65°, and when the young shoots are not yet at the water surface.

Pamphlets on weed control and identification are available from the Regional Office of the Ministry of the Environment, 133 Dalton Street, Kingston, Ontario. K7L 4X6.

Since its inception in 1964, this Association has served its growing membership in the areas of water level controls, water quality standards, fish and game recommendations, and cottage maintenance and protection information.

A membership campaign is being conducted prior to the next general meeting to be held in the Lyndhurst Conservation Hall on September 30th. The membership is open to all interested persons with the payment of a \$2.00 annual fee and meetings are held two to three times a year as need and interest requires. Newsletters are issued during the year to keep members advised of developments.

The Gananoque River Waterways Association protects the interests of property holders, resort operators, cottagers, fishermen, farmers and trappers. The Waterway rises at Morton Creek and winds its way through the Beverley Lakes, Lyndhurst, Singleton and Red Horse lakes, through Black Rapids to Lost Bay and Gananoque lakes to Marble Rock and joins the St. Lawrence River at Gananoque. This provides a twenty-two mile stretch of some of the most beautiful and varied scenery in Leeds County, navigable to small craft from Lyndhurst to Marble Rock.

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