

Ten Mile Lake Association

Newsletter

Summer Edition, 1992

Native American Culture, Traditions Topic at Ten Mile Lake Association Annual Meeting

THE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEETING, set for Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Senior Citizen Center in Hackensack, will feature one of our members as speaker. He is Joe Day, Bemidji, who will discuss Native American culture and traditions, contemporary issues and other related questions having both local and regional implications. Joe, a Native American himself, is liaison officer with the Department of Natural Resources.

In addition to the program, there will be a repeat of the informational approach that was used last year: Booths or tables where TMLA committee chairs and others will be available with materials for those who have questions about lake issues, regulations, or want reference information about the area.

THE DOORS WILL OPEN AT 7 p.m. so members may socialize and get answers to their queries. The formal program begins about 7:30. After the speaker's presentation the meeting will conclude with the election of officers and directors.

Coffee and cookies will be available during the 7 to 7:30 portion of the evening, as well as after the meeting closes.

Lake Owners Target Of New State Group

A NEW STATEWIDE organization for property owners and others concerned about lake and river issues is now a reality. According to its leaders, it came about by merging "the best" of the Minnesota Lake Management Federation and the Minnesota Shoreland Owners. The new entity will be known as Minnesota Lakes Association.

Its purpose, say the organizers, will be

to represent "statewide advocacy for the enhancement and preservation of Minnesota's lakes and river areas." MLA says it will:

- Lobby on environmental and tax issues.
- Educate through the monthly magazines, Focus 10,000.
- Stage an annual lakes conference each fall (this year Oct. 2-3 at the Airport Hilton, Bloomington).
- Provide representation at state level organizations: DNR, MPCA, Environmental Quality Board, and others.
- Offer a statewide communication network consisting of a geographically dispersed board of directors, county coalitions and lake associations.

If you have an interest in joining, dues are: individual, \$15 (\$10, if the "entire" lake association joins. We're not sure what that means); small business, \$100; and corporate, \$500. Address: Minnesota Lakes Association, 26 E. Exchange St. #507, St. Paul, MN 55101 (612-290-2823).

July 1, 1992: A Chilling Story

By Jim Schwartz

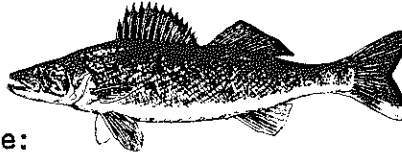
NEVER SINCE I BEGAN more than 10 years ago taking daily surface water temperatures at the end of my dock has it been as cold July 1 as it was this year. The reading was 62°. Here is the record:

1982.....70°	1988.....68°
1983.....70°	1989.....72°
1984.....68°	1990.....74°
1985.....68°	1991.....73°
1986.....70°	1992.....62°
1987.....68°	1993.....???

Census: Little Change in Ten Mile Fish Populations

By Jim Schwartz

NOT MUCH CHANGE. Those three words pretty well summarize what Department of Natural Resources staffers concluded when they evaluated results of the fish survey conducted on Ten Mile Lake last August. Harlan Fierstine, Area Fisheries Superintendent, said what it means to the angler is that Ten Mile has good populations of "keeper size" walleye, northern pike, largemouth bass, and the smaller panfish species. The specific findings for various species were:



WALLEYE -- The number taken per gillnet lift in 1991 was almost exactly the same as it was in 1988 (9.1 v. 9.2). In the seven surveys that have been made by the DNR since 1958, the numbers ranged from a low of 1.65 (1971) to a high of 9.87 (1978). Lengths in last year's study ranged from 9.5 inches to 29 inches, with 19 to 19.9 inches being the most common.

The survey did not resolve the question of whether Ten Mile is experiencing any significant natural walleye reproduction, but the issue was addressed in the report in this manner: "It is difficult to assess the contribution of stocking walleye, since the lake has been stocked annually since 1968. However, there were a couple of year classes that were well represented when smaller numbers of fingerlings were stocked. This would indicate that walleye natural reproduction may be contributing to the walleye population." Fierstine said the DNR will continue to study the matter.

NORTHERN PIKE -- The number per gillnet lift was 7.1, somewhat below the figures for 1988 (8.56) and 1983 (11.6), but not enough to regard it as a change. Average weights in the 1991 samples were down slightly as well, though the report describes growth as "good" for both males and females. Lengths ranged from 10 to 29 inches, with the modal length group measured at 21 to 21.9 inches.

LARGEMOUTH BASS -- The survey crew collected 44 bass ranging in length from less than 3" to 13", indicating satisfactory reproduction. The report described the bass taken as exhibiting "good growth at all ages."

MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES -- The survey indicated the presence of a good variety of such forage fish as perch, white sucker, whitefish and dwarf tullibee. Bluegill numbers in the 1991 study were 15.2 per trapnet lift,

down sharply from the 1988 figure of 127.1, and well below the trapnet catch in each of the other survey years. Even so, the report termed bluegill populations as being "within the historical range," and on a par with median figures from other lakes in Ten Mile's class. Because so few black crappies are taken in surveys of this sort, about all that can be said is that numbers showing up in the nets and traps have remained relatively constant in all seven studies.

Other fish identified during the course of the study were two bullhead species (yellow and black), rock bass (they seem to be thriving), pumpkinseed and hybrid sunfish, the latter two making up 81% of the sunfish over 7 inches in length.

Putney Schedules Arizona "Mini Stockholder" Meeting

LIVING PART-TIME IN CAREFREE, AZ, during the winter months offers Mark Putney an opportunity to meet with stockholders in the Iowa company he serves as chairman and chief executive officer: Midwest Resources, Des Moines.

In an Arizona Republic article, Putney is quoted as saying it is handy for him and for stockholders in that area to meet with Midwest Resources officers for what is billed as a combination information and coffee session, not a formal, voting meeting.

The gathering, attended this year by about 150 stockholders, is held when the Southwest Electric Conference convenes in Phoenix, an annual event which attracts a number of top Midwest Resources officers.

The Putneys have been spending summers at Ten Mile Lake for many years.

Ames High Grads to Have Potluck Reunion in Walker

A REUNION POTLUCK for all Ames (Iowa) High School grads and friends is scheduled at the Walker City Park on Monday, Aug. 3, at 5:30 p.m.

According to Jack Smalling, potluck organizer, the dinner is from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and the general get-together from 7 p.m. until about 9 o'clock or so.

This will be the third annual such rally for the Ames group. Drinks will be furnished. Bring a covered dish and join the celebration.

Walt Kane Challenges DNR On Proposed Public Access

THE FOLLOWING LETTER raising questions about the wisdom of the Department of Natural Resources plan to build a new boat access on Long's Bay, was authored by Walt Kane. It appeared in the Walker and Brainerd newspapers and reviews reasons why many Ten Milers feel the project should be, at the very minimum, reconsidered. Here is the letter:

"Damn the deed, spare the person (DNR)." This is not meant to be a DNR bashing. It is an expression of feelings and frustrations over one of its deeds and a clarification of some points.

The DNR plans to build a public access to Ten Mile Lake on the end of long, narrow, Long's Bay. Many people, including the lake association, object to that location. Those same people strongly support the further development of the present access on the west shore.

Some of the differences are these:

*The DNR consistently infers that we are attempting to limit use of the lake. We are NOT! There are four or five smaller accesses on public land in addition to the west shore access.

*In spite of local objections, the DNR paid an exorbitant price for land that had very little value -- because of dimensions and location -- to any other buyer.

*While the DNR takes exception to some people's estimates of the total new access cost, including Highway 371 modifications, they have yet to share their estimates with the taxpayers.

*DNR "experts" say there's no danger to loon and other wildlife habitat. Nor will there be adverse effects of erosion along the bay. Would other experts agree? They suggest a no-wake zone. Who polices that? What about the skiers, etc., who use the bay in rough weather?

*Highway safety. Traffic entering and leaving the access will affect through traffic. With the sight limitations in that location, is there room to stop large, heavily loaded trucks going 65 and 70 miles per hour?

*The present access is not being maintained. Why?

*The DNR has not adequately resolved the milfoil problem anyplace. Long's Bay is relatively shallow. My three-year-old grandsons would say "Yuk!"



Come on, DNR, please rethink your decision on this access. A wise man once said, "There is no shame in making a mistake. The shame is in living with it too long." You've already lived with this one too long, but it's not too late to change. -- Walt Kane.

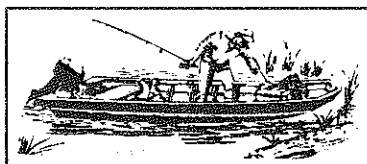
Ten Mile Lake Fish Derby Scheduled for Aug. 7-8

By Ted Mellby

THE FIFTH ANNUAL Ten Mile Lake Fishing Derby will be August 7-8, with eligibility limited to Ten Mile Lake Association members and their guests.

The derby begins at 4 p.m. on August 7 and ends at 4 p.m. on August 8. Prizes will be awarded for the three heaviest walleyes and the three heaviest northerns.

The official weigh-in station will be at the Mellby cabin, Plainview Beach, (Box 442, Fire No. H2677). The weigh-in station will



close at 4 p.m., August 8, and prizes awarded at 4:30 p.m. Brats and refreshments will follow the

awards ceremony. Official Minnesota fishing regulations apply. Catch and release is encouraged.

ENTRY FEE IS \$10, including the brats and refreshments. Entry forms may be mailed to Ten Mile Lake Fishing Derby, HC 75, Box 442, Hackensack, MN 56452. Entry deadline is 4 p.m. on August 7.

Spouses or friends of derby participants are invited (\$5 per person) to join in the brats and refreshments and socializing.

THE DERBY IS A non-profit event. All proceeds, less expenses, will be given to charity. Please join in what is planned as an annual event. The tournament will be held whatever the weather. If there are questions, call 675-6911.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Make checks payable to: Ten Mile Lake Fishing Derby.

Jottings from the Notebook

by Jim Schwartz

KAY HELSCHER REPORTS from the Boone Point area that loons nested in the channel behind the Helscher property and produced a single chick. That's the only successful hatch we have heard about this year. The island had an aborted nesting attempt and the usually reliable Long Bay site failed to produce as well. What's more, the Association's nesting platforms, one near Kenfield Bay, the other in Flower Pot Bay, once again went unused. But we are not giving up. The Loon Committee intends to try again next season.

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IT'S PROBABLY TOO EARLY to conclude that Ten Mile's less than successful loon hatch of the last two years will continue. Still, similar reports from other state lakes suggest at least some cause for concern. It's possible, for example, that such contaminants as PCBs and mercury are concentrating in loons' systems and interfering with reproduction. The DNR is studying the matter, as are other agencies as well.

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WE FIRST BEGAN COMING to Ten Mile Lake in 1960, spending about eight weeks here each summer. For years, we neither saw a black bear nor heard of any being sighted by residents. Now, though, it's a new story. Bear sightings are common. Willa Shonkwiler Martin, for example, had a mother bear with three cubs visit her place in June. And other Ten Milers either have surprised or been surprised by bear, probably checking out any food opportunities around those properties. Does this mean the bear population is growing? Maybe, although it is possible as well that their natural food supply is dwindling, forcing them out of their usual habitat.



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FRED MARTIN, member of the Hiram Township Board and long-time resident of Birch Lake, theorizes we may be experiencing a cyclical over-population of some animal species. In particular, he mentions raccoons and deer, both possibly thriving beyond the environment's capacity for supporting them in such large numbers. Still, nature usually has a

way of controlling its own. Remember when, a few years ago, we had a skunk explosion? The large numbers lasted for a year or two, then fell back to more normal levels. That could happen with raccoons and deer as well.

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IN MY LAST COLUMN, I promised a follow-up report on our wood duck nesting boxes. The boxes were "inspected" by wood ducks, hooded mergansers and goldeneyes. It was the latter that took up residence, the female flying in and out of one of our two boxes daily as she laid her eggs. On June 13, Toni and I were on our porch when we heard a low clucking or gabbling sound. It came from the goldeneye, poised about halfway out of the nesting box. After a few moments, she flew down to the water, still quacking. And that's when we learned what the "talking" was all about. One by one seven tiny ducklings tumbled from the box to the ground about ten feet below, scrambled into the water, and huddled around their mother. Immediately, she began teaching them how to dive for food. The last we saw of them they were heading west down the shoreline, a huddled family setting out on a new adventure.

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OUR OTHER NESTING BOX has attracted a number of different ducks, but none has stayed, even though it is farther removed from people traffic. We're going to leave it there one more season before resorting to relocation.

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ROSS MELGAARD had a nesting bonanza at his place this year. Mallards, mergansers and horned grebes all found his shoreline an attractive spot for their carefully concealed nests. We suspect that sort of thing is going on all around the lake, mostly unnoticed because waterfowl are adept at not advertising their presence.

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BOB PASLEY, who spends the summers with his wife, Mary, at their place on the southwest shore just west of Pinewood Resort, is the latest to report seeing a timber wolf. Bob was on his way to Hackensack about 6:45 a.m. on June 24 to buy a Sunday paper when a wolf loped across County Road #6. The sighting was about a third of the way between the Boy River bridge and Highway 371. Bob says: "He was not more than 100 yards ahead of the car -- big, shaggy, gray timber wolf -- no mistake!"

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APART FROM MANAGING the affairs of the Association on behalf of (Continued next page)

Eighth Grader Recalls Her Ten Mile Lake Childhood

By Jenna Zalk

IT'S FUNNY HOW a worn out swimming suit can bring back so many vivid memories. Unlike most people, when one of my suits gets torn and tattered, I don't throw it away. My collection of suits hangs on a hook in the laundry room of my grandparents' cabin. The many different suits hanging there range from toddler to teenage sizes. Each helps me recall special memories of my childhood.

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members, your elected and appointed representatives perform still another, less well-known service: Attending county, regional and state meetings to learn the latest in lake management developments, testing procedures, legislative initiatives, problem exotics, and the like. Often, they also are members of committees studying such state and local issues as zoning regulations, land use, waste management, water problems, and so on. This is true volunteerism: Time and energy spent, with no compensation. They deserve our thanks and support.

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DURING THE ANNUAL Fourth of July boat parade and National Guard flyover, four eagles soared in circles above the lake. It was a fitting spectacle. Just how American can you get?

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WE'RE OFF TO A good start in our transparency readings this season. The first three measurements were 18', 25', 24.5' and 19' -- over slightly more than a four-week period. Those are impressive beginning numbers. Our first significant algae bloom appeared July 7, when hot, still weather encouraged dense concentrations along some shorelines. By the following day the bloom had disappeared, but there will be others during the season.

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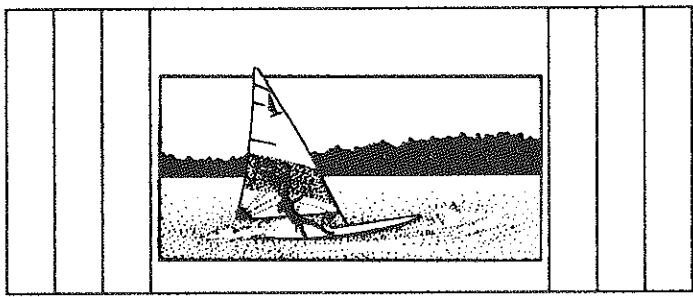
FROM ALL WE'VE BEEN able to gather, fishing opener wasn't red hot. Some anglers did well, of course, but others had to be satisfied with only a few, or none at all. The bass opener, on the other hand, was a better story for the few who gave it a try. Plenty of fish in the one to two pound class, a few topping three pounds. Sunnies are plentiful, though small; crappies hard to find following fast action shortly after ice out.

I loved playing on the beach with my sister and cousins. Strangely enough, my favorite days were the cold and stormy ones. They hold special memories because that sort of weather at the cabin is very unique. Amy, Jessica, Dmika and I used to play in the water for hours on windy days. I remember the waves would come leaping over our heads and try to suck us under the stormy blue water. We would challenge the waves by diving over their heads into calmer areas. This would make the whitecaps very angry and they would come rolling and charging after us again.

WHILE WE WERE BATTLING the fierce waves my dad would be building us a hot sauna fire to celebrate victory over the power of the lake. After we were too exhausted and cold to fight the waves anymore, we would run out of the water seeking the warmth of the little house on the edge of the lake. When we opened the door, the welcoming heat would envelop us. We would collapse on the cedar-scented benches and breathe in the dry, smoky air.

AFTER A FEW MINUTES, we would decide to be daring and throw water on the scorching hot rocks. When I was little, I used to think it was magic the way the water would bubble and then quickly disappear. After the water evaporated, wave after wave of steam would surround us and take our breath away. When the heat became too much to bear and it seemed as though we had over-stayed our welcome, we would bolt out the door and run off the dock, seeking relief from the heat in the clear, cool water.

We would stay on the beach all day until the sun came falling down over the lake, cascading its pastel colors everywhere. Then we would trudge up to the cabin, exhausted from an adventuresome day. I would peel off my suit and hang it up to dry in the laundry room. There it would stay, next to all the other suits filled with wonderful memories of summer days on Ten Mile Lake. (Note: Jenna is the daughter of Bob and Ann Lee Zalk and the granddaughter of Dr. David and Helen Anderson. Jenna wrote the story for an 8th grade English class.)



TREASURER'S REPORT - June 13, 1992

Checking Account

Balance, 1/31/92	\$ 794.57	
Transferred from savings	2,000.00	
Dues and Donations	457.00	
Total	\$ 3,251.57	\$ 3,251.57

Expenses

Copying	\$ 25.40	
Postage	69.23	
Telephone	3.78	
Donations, Association dues ...	145.00	
Projects	137.18	
Newsletter	814.56	
Miscellaneous	21.00	
Secretarial services	570.95	
Balance, 6/13/92	\$ 1,787.10	\$ 1,464.47

Prime Money Market Account

Beginning balance, 1/31/92	\$22,868.96	
Reinvested memorials, dividends	512.52	
Balance 6/31/92	\$23,381.48	\$ 23,381.48

Kemper Government Plus

10,301.598 shares @ \$7.62, including		
dividends of \$2,574.53	\$ 78,498.18	
Total Assets	\$103,344.13	

— Virginia Anderson, Treasurer

Lake Groups to Get Clean Boats, Clean Waters Kits

SOMETIME WITHIN THE NEXT few weeks, the Ten Mile Lake Association as well as resorts and other lake associations will be receiving a kit of materials from the Department of Natural Resources. Those kits will contain reference information, how-to guides, posters, and handout materials designed to enable recipients to become local experts in exotic species identification, control, and education.

"A key strategy of our 'Clean Boats, Clean Waters' information effort is the active participation of local lakeshore and resort owners," said Jay Rendall, DNR Exotic Species Coordinator. "These kits will provide the knowledge and tools for these organizations to more effectively assume that role."

SPECIFICALLY, THE KITS WILL CONTAIN detailed reference information on the more common exotic species such as Eurasian water milfoil, purple loosestrife, and zebra mussel as well as the lesser known ruffe, spiny water flea and rusty crayfish.

Also included is an action guide which will provide simple how-to information on detecting and controlling exotic species, conducting special events, spreading the

word through local media, fundraising and other related areas.

BEYOND THIS information, the kits will include quantities of flyers, brochures, I.D. cards, posters and other handout materials for distribution. There also will be order blanks for getting additional supplies. -- Adapted from On the Water Front, a regular DNR publication.

Exotics Bill Stresses Monitoring, Education

THE HARMFUL EXOTIC species bill, given major public exposure by Gov. Arne Carlson during the fishing opener on May 8, contains the following provisions:

*Expands the definition of exotic species to include zebra mussels or other harmful exotic species identified by the commissioner of natural resources.

*Calls for 10,000 hour minimum of random inspection of boats and associated equipment removed from waters identified as contaminated with exotic species by personnel authorized by the DNR commissioner.

*Requires that the statewide exotic species management plan being developed by the DNR includes participation by lake associations, local citizen groups, and local units of government.

*Appropriates an additional \$219-thousand to the DNR for exotic species control, public awareness, law enforcement, monitoring and research. This brings the total annual appropriation to \$657 thousand.

*Increases the exotic species surcharge on boat registration from \$2 to \$3 over the three-year registration period.

*No access fees will be required and no access will be closed on lakes containing exotic species. -- Adapted from On the Water Front, a regular DNR publication.



TEN MILE LAKE WATER LEVEL SUMMARY -- CASS COUNTY

(Readings: Number of Feet Above Sea Level)

Lake ID: 11-0413

Region 23 Area 1

Ordinary High Water Mark: (DNR estimate, 1982) 1379.90' above sea level

YEAR	MAX.	MIN.	RANGE	AVERAGE	READS .
1973	1379.51'	1379.51'	0.00'=00.00"	1379.51'	1
1974	1380.01'	1378.88'	1.13'=13.56"	1379.36'	15
1975	1379.72'	1378.72'	1.00'=12.00"	1379.06'	19
1976	1378.98'	1377.49'	1.49'=17.88"	1378.34'	11
1977	1378.66'	1378.27'	0.39'=04.56"	1378.51'	20
1978	1380.05'	1379.22'	0.83'=09.96"	1379.57'	18
1979	1380.21'	1379.47'	0.74'=08.88"	1379.95'	11
1980	1379.89'	1379.42'	0.47'=05.64"	1379.61'	7
1981	1379.28'	1379.28'	0.00'=00.00"	1379.28'	1
1982	1379.60'	1379.38'	0.22'=02.64"	1379.49'	4
1983	1379.90'	1379.18'	0.72'=08.64"	1379.44'	156
1984	1379.78'	1379.86'	0.92'=11.04"	1379.42'	76
1985	1380.17'	1379.40'	0.77'=08.88"	1379.94'	63
1986	1380.18'	1379.32'	0.86'=10.32"	1379.80'	51
1987	1379.30'	1378.77'	0.53'=06.36"	1379.01'	59
1988	1379.33'	1378.41'	0.92'=11.04"	1378.86'	53
1989	1379.87'	1379.07'	0.80'=09.60"	1379.32'	24
1990	1379.61'	1379.05'	0.56'=06.72"	1379.38'	8
1991	1379.87'	1379.42'	0.45'=05.40"	1379.67'	8

Highest Recorded Reading: 1380.21' (04/25/79)
Lowest Recorded Reading: 1377.49' (11/23/76)

Range All Readings: 2.72'
Mean All Readings: 1379.37'

Lake Level Declines, But Rains Bring a Rebound

By Walt Kane

AFTER A WINTER during which our lake only gained .5" in lake level, compared to an average winter gain of 4.4" over the previous ten years, Ten Mile is fighting back. As of July 4th, it was just 5" below its level one year ago.

And that's after a really dry May and June. It reached a point in June where it was about 9" below that same date in 1991. At the time of this writing (early July) it was .8" higher than it was on May 1 of this year, and 1.4" higher than it was on Nov. 1, 1991. The lake level on July 4th was 1379.3'

above sea level. The ordinary high water mark (OWHM) of Ten Mile is 1379.9'.

A MINNEAPOLIS STAR-TRIBUNE weather page feature on June 6 listed 24 Minnesota lakes, their 10-year average levels and their May status. Ten Mile was logged at 1379.23', or 3.12" below the 1379.49' average for 10-year period.

Appearing above is a table listing the annual maximum, minimum and average readings for each year since 1973.

Finally, a question: Why, when we get (for example) 3" of rain, does the lake only reflect maybe a 1.6" gain? HELP!

BY THE LATEST COUNT eurasian water milfoil now has been detected in just over 50 lakes, including Lake Oscar near Alexandria.

IN MEMORY OF OUR TEN MILE LAKE FRIENDS

Steve Peterson

Steve Peterson, 55, died March 25 after a courageous battle with cancer, diagnosed in September of 1991 during gallbladder surgery.

Steve, known fondly as Bomber, was a retired Bloomington volunteer fireman and was employed as a salesman for Harold Chevrolet in Bloomington till the time of his surgery. His condition did not permit him to return to work, but he had hoped to return to Ten Mile Lake (Plainview Beach) this summer.

A memorial mass was held March 27 at Nativity of Mary Parish in Bloomington and private internment was in Hackensack. He is survived by his wife, Sharon (Mellby); two sons, Scott (Rhonda) and Steve, Jr.; four daughters, Stephani (David) Lind; Stacey Peterson; Suzette (Mike) Miller, and Shannon (Scott) Washura, and five grandchildren, Cory; Cali; Joey; Katie, and Andrew (A.J.).

Chic Larson

Chic Larson died March 20 at Staples, MN. Mr. Larson had been in a nursing home there and died during an emergency operation. He would have been 96 years old on May 25. Mr. Larson and his wife, Mary, who died in 1975, are buried in the Hackensack cemetery.

The Larsons bought their cabin in 1954 and were among the first to become permanent residents. Mr. Larson stayed on after his wife died until he no longer could see well enough to drive. He moved to Brainerd in 1979, living in an apartment there until he went to the Staples nursing home.

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Helen E. Hall

Helen Hall, Ten Mile Lake, died on July 2

due to complications from congestive heart failure. She was 77.

She was born in Vincent, IA, on August 10, 1914. As a child, Helen and her parents and brother, Don, often fished in Northern Minnesota.

Helen grew up in Fort Dodge, IA, and graduated high school there in 1932. After completing her undergraduate degree at the University of Northern Iowa, she earned a masters degree in education from Columbia University in New York.

She was a teacher in Iowa for more than 20 years and maintained an active role in many professional education organizations and teacher associations.

Helen was married to John W. (Bill) Hall in 1954 and they recently celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary (as well as their 38th year at Ten Mile Lake together). Bill retired from John Deere in 1978, and since that time they have spent the winter months in Mesa, AZ. Prior to that, they lived and raised their family in Des Moines, IA, from 1959 to 1977.

Since 1950, Helen has spent the summers on Ten Mile Lake, in the Northern Minnesota region she loved. She chose to be there when she knew she had only a short time to live. She had many interests and hobbies, among them antiques, traveling, knitting, needlepoint and reading.

A memorial service was held at Union Congregational Church in Hackensack with Pastor Michael Small officiating.

Helen is survived by her husband, Bill; one son, Don; a daughter-in-law, Marla, and two grandchildren, Lucas and Jessica.

Barbara Andrea Galdames Is 1992 Class Salutatorian

By Deacon Larson

MAY THE 31ST, A SUNDAY, broke a string of gloomy days with bright sunshine and balmy breezes. Indeed, it turned into a perfect afternoon for the Walker-Hackensack-Akeley High School graduation at Ostlund Field behind the school. There was only a trace of cloud when Pomp and Circumstance set the 70-odd seniors in motion at precisely 2 p.m.

Midway in the program the salutatorian, Barbara Andrea Galdames, HC 75-Box 654, rose to address the audience. She paid tribute to

a fallen classmate, Matt Pauly, and stressed the individuality of the class a whole. She expressed a hope that each would follow the immortal Ulysses "To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield." She concluded with a quotation from Ralph Waldo Emerson on the meaning of success, which we would all do well to consider carefully:

"To laugh often and love much; to win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children; to earn the approbation of honest citizens, and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave (Continued next page)

Aspen Team Wins Annual Ten Mile Golf Tournament

SIXTEEN FOURSOMES participated in the 9th annual Ten Mile Lake Invitational Golf Tournament on July 3 at Tianna Golf Course. The winners were the Aspens: Jeff Manlove, Beth Nielsen, Roger Tieg, and Kyle Williams, with a score of 70.

The second place team, which had to be determined by carding back, were the Oaks: John Eaton, Ginny Moll, Bruce Nissly, and Marion Schneider, with a score of 72.

THE HICKORYS, in third place, also with a score of 72, were Kelly Christensen, Larry Donaldson, Steve Plant and Kim Williams.

Following the tournament, the entire group with guests gathered at the Christensen compound on upper Ten Mile Lake Road for a celebration party and the awarding of prizes. The names of the winning team members will be added to the permanent trophy. Andrew Christensen and Roger Nissly are co-chairmen of the event. (Reprinted from the Pilot-Independent, Walker.)

SEPTIC SYSTEM HONOR ROLL

WE HAVE BEEN REMISS for the past couple of years in not keeping our Septic System Honor Roll up to date. What we're doing with this issue is publishing a list of members having newly installed systems, knowing it probably is not complete, that there may be some repetition from earlier Newsletters, or that we may even (heaven forbid) have made a mistake or two. We hope you will bear with us. Let us know if you should be on it, or if there are other omissions. Here are the names we

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the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to have played and laughed with enthusiasm and sung with exultance; to know that even one life has breathed easier because you lived -- this is to have succeeded."

She will be staying in Minnesota for her college career at Carleton College in Northfield.

have added to the roster this time around: Mrs. John Rask, Leroy and Shelly Knuths, Kenneth and Mary Jones, Joseph and Lorraine Enos, "Gus" and Melinda (Gainey) Sousores, Richard and Joan Horn, Stanley and Mary Benbrook, David and Mary Nelson, David and Mary Losby, Don and Mabryn Hensel, Ruth and Sara Crandall, Ray and Barbara Kaczmarek, Ed and Inez Ytzen, Arthur and June Gustus, James and Patricia Miller, Pat and Leone Carey, Wesley and Dolores Arseth, Richard and Arlene King, Debbie Hamilton, Cliff and Gloria and Wes and Elayne Gunnare, Carl and Barbara Sasse, Donald and Gail Dahlstrom, Otto and Marian Schneider, Jane Elmore, Michael and Sandra Kennedy, Mariana Elsenpeter, J. R. and Kay Helscher, Bob and Alice Kay, David and Evelyn Brandt, Judy Bryngelson, John Stahler.

Moos Takes First Place in July Fourth Sail Race

THE FIRST FOUR winners in the annual Ten Mile Lake Yacht Club Fourth of July Regatta were, in order: Grant Moos, Bob Crabb, Jr., Chris Brandt, and Peter Roberts.

Two more races are scheduled this summer: the Memorial Cup Regatta on July 25 and the Moxness Cup on August 8. A Sunfish competition will take place on August 9. All regattas consist of two races with a start time of 1:30 p.m. The second race starts shortly after the first.

Access Check Finds 12% Of Boats from Milfoil Lakes

WALLY CHRISTENSEN, president of the Woman, Child and Girl Lake Property Owners Association, reports that 12% of the boats checked by their crews on three different weekends came from lakes infested with eurasian water milfoil.

Fortunately, no traces of the weed were found on any of the boat rigs, but the exercise demonstrates just how vulnerable lakes in this part of the state are to possible invasion by the plant.

Checks were made at public accesses on the weekends of the fishing opener, Memorial Day and the Fourth of July.

Let's Go to the Annual Meeting!

Hackensack History Linked to "Rip-Snorting" Lothrop

(The following article, adapted from a summer, 1983, vacation guide published by the Walker Pilot-Independent, was written by Sandra L. Cowell. Although space considerations meant omitting a number of details, we tried to preserve the author's overall message. We are indebted to Ella Rasmussen for making the article available to us.)

IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND the beginnings of Hackensack one must first have a basic background of Lothrop, Minnesota.

Lothrop was a busy, thriving center of the late 1800s. It boasted, among other things, a drug store, three grocery stores, a butcher shop, a bakery, two barber shops, two hotels, three or four restaurants, and saloons too numerous to mention. It was known as a rip-snorting, hell-raising town, for as long as it was the end of steel. At this time the old logging railroad ran as far as the bridge at the Island on Walker Bay.

Trains loaded with logs for the mills below clattered through Lothrop every fifteen or twenty minutes. The logs were taken to Brainerd and dumped in the Mississippi River. The Clines, Hatfields, McDowells, Thomases and many others were among the first residents.

IN 1896, WHEN THE railroad pushed north, Lothrop was abandoned, some moving to Walker or Cass Lake and others to Hackensack. Today not a trace of that once thriving trade center remains.

In 1902, Hackensack was officially put on the map. William J. Spain, Sr., who was a surveyor, made the first plat of Hackensack in 1904. This was also the year the old depot from Lothrop moved to Hackensack.

HACKENSACK WAS NAMED by Bye Bartlett and James Curo, who came to this location from Hackensack, New Jersey. The biggest resemblance to their hometown was the many mosquitos in the area. James Curo was the first postmaster, ranchman and merchant there. He purchased a large section of land where a Mr. Snyker had a cement business. The first general store in Hackensack was also the location of the first Postoffice.

Clearing land, lumbering and logging was the business at hand, so a big saw mill was put up by the "dam site" on the creek on the south side of Birch Lake. This was owned by Mr. Newman, and later by the Fleishers.

W. C. FLEISHER was the town blacksmith and

the street where his shop and sawmill were located was named Fleisher Avenue.

The village built up around the early sawmill and soon homes, rooming houses and eating places sprang up near the railroad. William Spain, Sr., was the first depot agent, and George Mellon the first section boss. It was the Minnesota and International Railroad and it made four stops a day in Hackensack.

TWO TRAINS WENT NORTH and two went south. A Mr. Sanford had a wagon and one horse. His job was to go up and get the supplies off the train. The first passenger train to reach Hackensack was dubbed the "Gallopig Goose" and was said to have made for a "very busy and exciting day in town." Residents rode the passenger train to nearby towns to visit friends and acquaintances.

The trains were also used to bring settlers into the area as well as tourists, of which there were many.

ROBERT STUART HAD THE FIRST big sheep ranch. His daughter, Mrs. George Kahl, had the distinction of being the first white child born in Hackensack. The Thomases, Finelys, Clines, Holmbergs, Madisons, Bergreens, Fields, Longs, Kendalls, Qicks, Garritys, Bannisters, Woods, Miells, Hurds, Spains, Fleishers, Woodruffs and Bodenhofers were some of the earliest settlers.

In the December 9, 1898, issue of the Cass County Independent was this news: "A general jollification was held at the Thomas Finely's last Friday evening."

THERE WERE THREE CHURCHES, almost from the very beginning in Hackensack. The history of the Union Congregational Church began in 1904, with a series of meetings that led to a church organization in 1907. Rev. George Sheets was the first pastor. Officers were: Clerk, J.T. Kleven; Treasurer, O. Fields; Deacons, James Curo and A. H. Fleisher.

In 1917, the first Lutheran services were conducted in the August Kopischke home by Rev. Carl Mundinger of Walker. Two years later, on September 24, 1919, the congregation was organized, taking the name of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. In 1920 the church was built and dedicated. By unanimous vote, Otto Kading and family and Albert Gabbert and family were accepted as the first members of St. Paul's congregation.

Very little early information is available on Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Hackensack. It started early in the 1900s as a Mission Church. (The article was continued on a later page which, unfortunately, was missing from the copy provided, so this is where we will have to end the account.)