

Ten Mile Lake Association



Newsletter



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Dedicated to the Preservation and Improvement of Ten Mile Lake and its Environment

Annual Meeting Aug. 5 at Senior Center, Jim Schwartz is Speaker

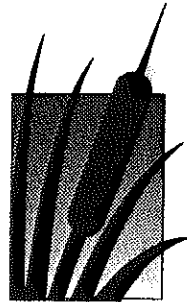
THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Ten Mile Lake Association will be held Saturday, Aug. 5, at the Senior Citizens Center in Hackensack. The doors will open at 7 p.m. and the formal program and business meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

As has been the case in recent years, the first half hour will offer members an opportunity to visit with each other, sample refreshments and get answers to questions they may have about the lake and its accompanying recreational activities. On hand with information and literature will be committee chairs as well as representatives of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the Tri-County Leech Lake Watershed Project and relevant county offices.

THE EVENING'S SPEAKER will be former

TMLA President and Director Jim Schwartz. His talk, entitled "Look What's Coming," will explore the topic of Sustainable Development as it relates to Cass County's future. John Alden, chair of the Environment and Ecology Committee, will present a brief report on the status of the Association's long range management plan. Time will be allocated for questions.

The meeting will close with election of officers and directors, after which refreshments will again be available. Pres. Jack Adams urged all members to attend and invited them to bring any guests who may be visiting at their lake homes. Remember the date: Saturday, Aug. 5 at 7 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Hackensack.



Loons Hatch 7 Young, Top Any of Recent Years

By Dick Horn, Chair
Loon Committee

THE SPRING OF 1995 will go down as one of the most successful loon hatches on Ten Mile in recent memory. I have received confirmed sightings of seven loon chicks. In what is a very rare occurrence for the common loon, the pair nesting in Flowerpot Bay successfully hatched three eggs. A loon will usually lay two eggs, and one-egg nests are the next most common. Two chicks have been reported in Long's Bay and off Gainey's point, respectively.

It could have been even better. My mother and I had the unfortunate "privilege" of seeing Mother Nature at work. When we were

getting into position to view the nesting site near Brandt's Island, we saw an eagle fly from the nesting platform. We learned later that the eagle had been observed eating the recently hatched chicks. Needless to say, the eagle was not on my list of favorite birds that evening.

THERE ARE SEVERAL PEOPLE I would like to publicly thank for their help on this project. First my wife, Joni, for her help in building the three new nesting platforms. Also the members of the Loon Committee: Chet Malek for his help in setting out the platforms just before and after ice-out, and Bob

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Loons Hatch -- continued

Horn for his help in getting the platforms off the lake last fall.

Thanks are also due George Brandt for his observations and expertise and to Bob and Kim Moe for their suggestion to move the platform in Flowerpot Bay. Their help moving and refurbishing the platform with grasses and other aquatic plants was much appreciated.

FINALLY, A THANK YOU to all who respected the warning buoys and stayed away from the platforms. During the 26- to 30-day incubation period it is critical that the loon not be chased off the nest. I'm sure your cooperating and staying back of the warning markers contributed to the success of the nesting season.

We'll be at it again next spring just before and after ice-out. Who knows? Maybe 1996 will be even better than 1995.

DICK HORN REPORTS that two TMLA members, Chet Malek and Bob Horn, have joined him and the other members of the Loon Committee: Bob and Ellie Nelson and Ross Melgaard.

CORRECTION: In the fishery article by Dick Horn in the Spring Newsletter, the poundage of walleye fingerlings to be stocked in Ten Mile this fall should read 1300, not 13,000.

Crabb, Brandt Tie for First In July 1 Regatta

WITH ONE OF ITS largest turnouts ever, the annual July Fourth Weekend Regatta sponsored by the Ten Mile Lake Yacht and Tennis Club took place Saturday, July 1. Nine boats were entered for the event.

In the overall results there was a two-way tie for first place between Tom Brandt and Bob Crabb, Jr. Third place honors were split between Kion Hoffman and Tom Siqveland.

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS in the first race were Bob Crabb, Jr., first; Tom Siqveland, second; Kion Hoffman, third, and Tom Brandt, fourth. Second race winners were Tom Brandt, first; Kion Hoffman, second; Tom Siqveland, third, and Bob Crabb, Jr., fourth.

The Yacht Club announced that another race has been added to this season's schedule. It will take place on July 29, after which the Byron Hoffman family will host a picnic for participants at their Batcheller Bay home. (Results furnished by Bob Crabb, Jr.)

Two Families Recount Memories of Ten Mile

In the spring Newsletter we asked Ten Milers to tell residents what their lake home has meant to them and their families. So far we have two responses: One from Grant and Emily Minor, who with their children -- Ben, Katie, Jim and William -- summer on Sunset Beach in one of the cottages that once was part of Woock's Resort, and the other from Elinor Jensen Chase, whose home with husband Stephen, is on the North Shore. Here is what they have to tell you:

"**WE ARE THE LUCKIEST** family in the south because we own, enjoy, and appreciate our darling little cabin on Ten Mile Lake. Escaping miserable Memphis heat and humidity, being away from the same old hectic routine and responsibilities, concentrating just on family, reuniting with 'lake friends,' lounging on the dock and watching our children splash, play, fish and ski on the lake all serve to refresh our souls and recharge our batteries so we are ready to face the next challenging year of school, jobs and parenthood.

"We feel no envy when we listen to friends describe their hectic summer vacations to Florida, Washington, D.C., Europe or the Bahamas. We feel only relief (and a certain amount of smugness) that the destination of our 1200-mile car trip is Ten Mile Lake, where we savor each moment and relish the thoughts of more of the same in summers to come!" -- Grant and Emily Minor.

"**I REMEMBER WHEN** electricity and flush toilets came to Camp Iowa. My sisters and I cried. We were sure what we now call ambience would be ruined. Our mother seemed very happy.

"In the 30s our beach was probably 30 feet deep. Adams' boat house was far back from the water. We pulled the wooden Larson boats up on the beach -- no easy Shore Stations. Now I wish we had kept one of those Larson boats -- great for rowing.

"In 1945, Stephen first experienced Ten Mile and has been coming ever since. Twenty-three moves and Ten Mile is it. -- Elinor Jensen Chase.

HONOR ROLL: John Elsenpeter, who installed a new septic system in June, is this issue's Honor Roll member.

From the Notebook By Jim Schwartz

AS WE BOAT AROUND the lake nowadays we get the impression that the number of duck nesting boxes is increasing. That's all to the good. Properly sized, located and maintained boxes can attract at least four species of waterfowl: Hooded mergansers, red-breasted mergansers, goldeneyes and wood ducks.

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AT OUR PLACE both of our boxes were occupied, one by hooded mergansers and the other by goldeneyes. The mergansers produced nine ducklings. We watched entranced as each tiny ball of down leapt from the 15-foot high box and landed unharmed on the rocks below. For a moment they huddled around their mother in the water, then she led them off in a westerly direction. We haven't seen them since. Whether the goldeneye eggs hatched, we don't know. We'll find out, though, when the box is cleaned later this season. A pair of wood ducks did check our boxes early on, but they didn't come back. Maybe next year.

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NESTING BOXES are available from area retail stores or, if you prefer to build your own, I'll be happy to furnish you with a set of plans (675-6422). Mount boxes on trees or poles from about 4' to 20' high, over either land or water, facing the lake with a clear flight path into the entrance. Fill about a third of the interior with fresh wood shavings. After the nesting season, clean out egg shells and any extraneous debris and, if necessary, add more shavings. With luck you will attract tenants the first time around.

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SIGHTINGS THIS SEASON: Bill Hall reports a brood of wood ducks in his North Shore area. Willa Shonkwiler-Martin spotted a pair of trumpeter swans in Lundstrom's Bay in early spring. Ross Melgaard wondered whether the small animal he saw might have been a pine marten, a rare species since man's arrival in the north country. Cec Bair reports four Canada goose goslings well on their way to adulthood along the Southwest Shore. Fran Brandt had one of the area's more spectacular species -- the scarlet tanager -- visit at her place this spring.

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BEAR STORIES WERE almost as common as wood ticks this spring, and they came from every

part of the lake. We had three bird feeders trashed but the prize goes to Dr. Dale Johnson and Eleanor Guilbert, whose Boone Point cabin was . . . well, you will find a first-hand account elsewhere in this issue. An observation: The growing frequency of bear appearances suggests that the DNR's commitment of some years ago to increase the bear population is working.

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THOSE LONG STREAKS of foam and the occasional buildup along the shore are nothing to worry about. It's a natural phenomenon -- a process by means of which certain plant glucocides produce a soapy lather whose volume tends to grow with wave action.

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WE'RE HAVING ANOTHER good clarity year. No Secchi disk readings worse than 20 feet for the main lake through June (best: 24'), and none below 16 feet for Long's Bay. Those are encouraging numbers, comparing well with the readings of a year ago -- and 1994 was tops since we started this annual routine about 20 summers ago.

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WATER TEMPERATURES at the end of our dock normally stay below 70° until almost the beginning of July. Not this year. After what seemed to us a very cold spring, the weather turned hot in mid-June. By June 22 the water temperature had rocketed from its June 13th level of 67° to 79°. By July 5, the reading had plummeted to 69°. A year ago the June 20 reading was 70° and the year before that it was 66°. Five years ago: 63°; 10 years ago: 64°. Brrrrr!

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AFTER A GHASTLY OPENER (cold and wet) the fishing season began improving slowly until it had reached some degree of normalcy by mid- to late June. During opening weekend, a few (gifted) anglers reported fair-to-good walleye catches, especially in Long's Bay, but most I talked to came up short. Bass opener was fair, still on what has been for me about a four-year downward trend. The "keepers," though, while not easy to find, tended to be of agreeable size.

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PART OF THE Association's long-range management plan involves studying the lake's fishery habitat and, if necessary, doing what is feasible to sustain or improve it. That may mean invoking measures to protect Ten Mile's limited spawning areas. Whatever the case, we expect to call on DNR staffers for advice on appropriate management techniques.

Bear Makes Itself at Home in Lake Cabin

The following account of a bear actually entering a Ten Mile Lake home was provided by Dr. Dale Johnson and Eleanor Guilbert, whose summer cabin is located in the Boone Point area. Dr. Johnson has been coming to Ten Mile since 1938. Also figuring in the article are Collin and Elvere Hyde, next door neighbors, whose Ten Mile visits began in 1923. As you read this unique tale, you'll find conventional wisdom confirmed: Bears do indeed have a "sweet tooth." Here is the story:

IMAGINE GOLDILOCKS, if you can, turned in to a bear!

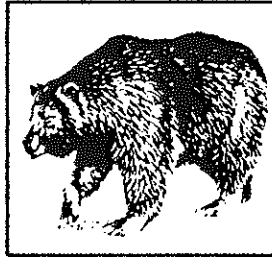
Dale and Eleanor returned to their cabin June 11 after a leisurely Sunday afternoon drive, to discover, much to their surprise, a stranger had been in the kitchen. A four footed stranger, they assumed, judging from nuts and cereals and chocolate chunks strewn across the floor, plus plastic baggies half opened and half eaten goodies.

DALE THOUGHT IT MIGHT be a raccoon. Eleanor reserved opinion. They looked under the twin beds with a flashlight ascertaining that the intruder had fled. However, when Eleanor checked the sleeping porch, she let out a whoop! Who had been sleeping in their bed????!!!

There were big paw marks on the bed, plus a half eaten baking chocolate slab, plastic baggies, almonds, pecans, onion snacks. And there was a large indentation in the center of the eiderdown. Could the intruder have taken high tea, uninvited, at his ease in the middle of their bed? Yes. And no thank you note.

NOW BOTH EL AND DALE considered the intruder's point of entry. Sure enough, one of the window screens had been knocked to the floor. They found a large and significant paw print under the open window. Their suspicions turned into convictions. They knew they had had an uninvited bear in their bed.

At this point they ran next door to get Collin and Elvere Hyde. Dale kept his cool, Eleanor was all a-tremble. Collin agreed that indeed it was a bear that had come calling. And Dale and Collin both agreed that this experience was the first for them in the 60 plus years they had been coming to the lake.



WE THEN CALLED IN a neighbor, Fritz Kilander, a year-round Ten Mile resident who had mentioned seeing a bear around his home. He confirmed the paw mark, suggested we call the Conservation Officer in Walker, which we did. He asked if we had any blueberry doughnuts or blueberry pie filling. This seemed slightly incongruous to Eleanor, but the officer was dead serious. He promised to come with the aforementioned food and a live bear trap on Monday morning.

Collin and Elvere had been invited for Sunday supper. When Dale started to prepare garlic bread to go with his famous beef stew he discovered the bear had eaten the entire loaf of specially ordered French bread! The final insult!

EARLY MONDAY MORNING Eleanor was awakened by Dale's quiet suggestion: "Look out the window, dear." There was the bear, not four feet from Eleanor's two feet, calmly looking into his bedroom at his eiderdown. He was a younger, smaller bear than the one Eleanor had seen by the side of County Road #6 the week before. In fact this bear had an almost appealing face. (Eleanor admitted to gripping a flashlight in her hand the entire night before.) Dale knocked on the window frame to discourage the bear who ambled leisurely around the front yard, giving us a reproachful look for usurping his bed and breakfast.

About 9 a.m. Dave Smith, DNR Conservation Officer, banged on the cabin door. He was prepared to park the ugly looking bear trap on the Allensworth property and to prime it with blueberry doughnuts and pie filling. Dale threw in the half-eaten chocolate slab with bear fang marks on it.

THE TRAP WAS LIKE a closed-front-end metal culvert with a door in the back, mounted on a trailer. The goodies were placed in the front to lure the bear into the "trap." The idea was to capture him alive and transport him 40 miles north on the far side of Leech Lake. No one wanted to hurt the bear. The officer said this was very likely a 2-year-old cub who had been booted out of his mother's family. (She no doubt had a new cub now.) So this feller was on his own, slightly disoriented, very hungry!

About 11 a.m. the bear came back and entered the trap. But he did not trip the gadget which would (theoretically) close and latch the door on a surprised cub. Our "caller" actually went in and out of the trap at least three times and spent the rest of the

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Bear in Lake Cabin -- continued

day wandering between the five houses and our point, looking into windows and casually moving about between the trap and the cabins until he disappeared into the woods.

ALL FOUR OF US fully expected to find the bear in the trap the next morning. But there was no bear there and the goodies were gone! What a letdown! We were totally disappointed to find that the trap hadn't worked.

The bear apparently has left the point as he hasn't been seen since. He roams over quite a large territory, and no doubt will be back some day. The trap has been adjusted and restocked to attract the uninvited house guest. Whether he returns or not, we hope he lives a long and happy life.

Board Agenda Heavy at Opening '95 Confab

By Jim Schwartz

INCLEMENT WEATHER IN February forced cancellation of the mid-winter Board meeting, so there was a full agenda for officers and directors when they gathered June 12. In addition to topics that are reported elsewhere in this issue, the Board considered the following matters:

-- Membership has dipped to 665 from the 700-plus figure that has been the norm for the past few years, though it is expected to inch upward as residents arrive for the summer.

-- Lake level as reported by Walt Kane was 1379.55' on June 12, 1.1" higher than a year ago, 1.2" below November, 1994, and .6" less than in May of this year.

-- Willa Shonkwiler-Martin, History Chair, reported that she has added a number of pictures from Dorothy Beasley to the Association collection. Among them are photos of Dorothy as a child, the Ten Mile Lake depot, fish caught by Dorothy's family, a snapshot of Lizzie McDowl of Lizzie's Bay, and a picture of the trench that was dug at the narrows on Birch Lake in 1939 when the water level was extremely low. These and other photographs will be available for viewing at the Association's annual meeting.

-- Heidi Hoppe reported contributions of \$335 since September, bringing the yearly total to \$1,555. Memorials in that period: \$80; total \$200. First Response contributions: \$100; Memorials: \$30; total \$80.

-- A complete report on last fall's DNR

fish census is expected later this summer.

-- Board members discussed the question of boaters' operating their rigs at high speeds in shallow water areas of bays, thereby disturbing the lake bottom and possibly harming the habitat fish need for spawning. John Alden will look into the procedure for establishing "no wake" zones in sensitive areas. Also mentioned was the practice some years ago when portions of Lundstrom's, Flowerpot and Long's Bays were closed to fishing until spawning had been completed. Jim Schwartz will query DNR personnel about that option.

-- Sally Helsing, Highway Beautification Chair, reported that the Solid Waste Transfer Station no longer accepts road collection bags. The Board suggested (a) someone explain to County Commissioners' that volunteers are policing the roads and should not be expected to pay for disposing of the garbage that is picked up, and (b) the problem be reported to Cass County's Environmental Services Department. Also discussed was whether County #71 should be included in the beautification program. No action was taken.

-- John Alden reported that the county has added a technician to its staff to work with lake associations on using the Hydrolab for water quality testing, on evaluating septic systems and on monitoring wetlands.

-- Jim Schwartz presented results of the May lake and swamp water sampling tests and reported the June lake water tests had just been taken. Although total phosphorous readings for lake sites were slightly elevated, they compared favorably with those taken 21 years ago, indicating the lake seems to be holding its own. Some of the 9 swamp water sites showed high nutrient loadings, a condition that is expected to abate as summer wears on. Additional lake water samples are on a July, August and September schedule.

-- Jim Schwartz reported that 11 residents had volunteered to help implement the lake's long range management plan. Letters will be sent thanking them and offering alternative participation choices.

-- John Alden reported the City of Hackensack may at some future date extend its sewage disposal line along the south side of Ten Mile as far west as Kenfield Bay. He offered to write the city council informing them the Association would like to be included on any committee studying the matter.

-- A discussion of county-wide zoning led to a suggestion that TMLA Officers and Directors personally let County Commissioners know of their support for the proposal being considered.

Remembering Our Ten Mile Lake Friends

Marlys C. Fransen

Marlys "Molly" C. Fransen, 62, a summer resident of the South Shore area, died June 26 in Minneapolis. Services were held June 29 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Minneapolis.

Mrs. Fransen is survived by her husband, Don; two children, Steven, of San Jose, CA, and David, of Andover, and her brothers and sisters.

Alice Lillian Krueger

Alice Lillian Krueger, 76, died June 29 at the Chris Jensen Nursing Home in Duluth. She was born Oct. 5, 1918, in Minneapolis, the daughter of Albert and Lillian Fairchild.

She was married to Walter "Fritz" Krueger of Walker in 1945 and lived in the east during his service in the U. S. Navy.

In 1960 they built a home in the North Shore area of Ten Mile Lake, where she enjoyed cooking and entertaining. She was a member of the Walker Community Church, the Order of the Eastern Star and of the American Legion Auxiliary.

She is survived by her daughter, Marie Kelsey, of Duluth and by several cousins.

Beulah Margaret Brown

Beulah Margaret Brown, 85, of Hackensack,

died June 29 at Woodrest Nursing Home, Walker. She was born Feb. 22, 1910, in Scranton, IA, the daughter of Ralph and Emma Lawrence.

Mrs. Brown and her late husband, Guerney, were at one time North Shore residents of Ten Mile Lake. She formerly was a member of the United Methodist Church, Pine River.

Mrs. Brown is survived by a daughter, Betty Riedel, Hackensack, a son, Bob, who lives in Nebraska, six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Leatha Marchwick

Leatha Marchwick, the daughter of Virginia Gray Wagner of the Kenfield Bay area, died June 25. She is survived by her husband, Gary, and a son, Jason.

June Daisy Kraushaar

June Daisy Kraushaar, 73, of Hackensack, died June 4 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Park Rapids. Mrs. Kraushaar was best known to Ten Mile Lake residents as the "mail lady," having performed that delivery service for 13 years -- from 1970 to 1983.

She is survived by five sons, a daughter, two brothers and a sister. Services were held June 8 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hackensack.

Volunteers Complete Tree Planting Project

SEVERAL NORTH SHORE residents collaborated on May 20 in a project to plant more than 500 trees on a tract of Forest Service land in that area that had been clear-cut a few years ago. Participants were John Alden, who spearheaded the project, Fred Shrimpton, Jim Miller, Ross Melgaard, Bob Nelson, Rick and Gail Becher, Dave Krueger, and, as John put it, "assorted grandchildren."

Species planted were white cedar, flowering crab, red pine and plum. Seedlings and planting tools were furnished by the United States Forest Service. The tract involved is across County Highway 71 from Dave Krueger's place on Flowerpot Bay.

THE PLANTING PROJECT occurred to John Alden about two years ago at a public meeting. The late Jim Ackerman asked the Forest Ser-

vice where one would go to see tall trees if national forests were to be managed solely for harvesting.

John approached the Forest Service with a planting proposal for this particular plot and won the agency's cooperation. From this point on Mother Nature and Father Time take over; if allowed to work their magic, eventually they will produce: tall trees!



FOR ADVICE ON building or lot alterations, Call Ray Heisman (675-6821) or Don Patterson (547-2048). They are your Lake Advocates.

Author Recalls Early Years of Hackensack

ED. NOTE: The following is an abridgement of an account of Hackensack's history written perhaps as recently as the 1980s by a Sandra L. Crowell. The original was furnished to Willa Shonkwiler-Martin, the TMLA History Committee Chair, by Dorothy Beasley, whose lake home is on Long's Bay. If you wish to read the article in its entirety, call Willa at 675-6952.

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

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.

In 1896, when the railroad pushed north, Lothrop was abandoned, some [residents] moving to Walker and Cass Lake and others to Hackensack. Today not a trace of that once thriving 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 was moved to Hackensack.

Hackensack was named by Bye Bartlett and Janes Curo, who came to this location from Hackensack, NJ. The biggest resemblance to their home town was the many mosquitoes in the area. James Curo was the first postmaster, a ranchman and merchant there.

CLEARING LAND, lumbering and logging was the business at hand, so a big sawmill 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 W. C. Fleisher, who also was the town blacksmith. 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 eat-

ing places sprang up near the railroad. It was named the Minnesota and International Railroad and made four stops a day in Hackensack. Two trains went north and two went south. The train was called the "Galloping Goose," and was used to bring settlers and tourists, of which there were many, into the area.

ROBERT STUART had the first big sheep ranch. His daughter, Mrs. George Kahl, was the first white child born in Hackensack and lived there all her life. The Thomases, Finnelys, Clines, Holmbergs, Madisons, Fields, Bergreens, Longs, Kendalls, Quicks, Garri-tys, Woods, Miells, Hurds, Spains, Fleish-ers, Woodruffs and Bodenhofers were some of the earliest settlers. In March, 1910, Thomas Finnely represented Hackensack as a delegate to the First Minnesota Conservation and Agricultural Congress in St. Paul.

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 led by the Rev. Allen Clark. A church organization was completed in 1907, officers were elected and a regular pastor, Rev. George W. Sheets, was chosen. The first officers were: Clerk, J. T. Kleven; Treasurer, O. Fields; Deacons, James Curo and A. H. Fleisher; Trustees, O. Fields, Howard Quick, Hans Jensen, Robert Hatfield and A. J. Collins.

IN 1917, THE FIRST Lutheran services were conducted in the August Kopischke home in Hackensack. Two years later, on September 24, 1919, the congregation organized in the Kopischke home and took for itself the name of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Services were held in the Kopischke home until a church was built in 1920. Among the first families to be welcomed into church membership were those of Otto Kading and Albert Gabbert.

Very little information is available on Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hackensack. It started early in the 1900s as a mission church and was served by priests who covered an area from Cass Lake to Pine River. Services were held once every three or four weeks. The first Catholic Church is still standing today as a memorial on the grounds of the new church building.

THE TEACHER AT THE two-room wooden school house in Hackensack in September of 1899 was Marie F. Lawrence. She had an enrollment of seventeen pupils. There were many one and two room schools in the surrounding rural areas, among them Webb Lake School, Wynn School and Woman Lake School. They all offered classes to the 8th grade and the chil-

dren were "bused" to Hackensack for their 8th grade examination. The "buses" were wagons, pulled by horses, that could hold about a dozen children. They were kept warm by a small stove and the wagon had a canvas canopy over it.

These small schools were centers of cultural activity for rural folks. The children put on plays and programs, and at the end of each school year a big picnic was held. In 1921 the Hackensack Consolidated Schools was opened. The first graduate, Vaughn Kriebs, received his diploma June 22, 1922. Eventually, the school district got smaller and smaller, the school closed, and the Walker Schools and Hackensack combined.

HACKENSACK'S MAIN STREET was built up on Old Highway 19, which before that was known as the Government Wagon Train Trail. A 1910 postcard shows all the Main Street buildings were made of wood. This caused great problems, since the only way to put out a fire was with bucket brigade, and many buildings were lost through fires. All the stores had a high, wooden boardwalk in front of them.

August Kriebs started the first fur shop in approximately 1917. He bought raw furs from trappers and Indians and had a tremendous business, both as a furrier and a taxidermist. Kriebs' fur shop occupied a building constructed as a store in 1904 by William Spain. It is the oldest building remaining in Hackensack.

THE ROYAL ICE CREAM PARLOR was a busy place in 1915. Alex Schmalfield, the owner, kept it open all year, for many tourists were already visiting the area. It was also known as a great place to buy fireworks.

There also were many hotels in town. One of the first was the Lakeview Hotel and Restaurant. William Spain, Sr., owned the Hotel Endeavor, named by his wife, Florence, whose motto was "We Endeavor to Please." The bottom floor of the hotel was occupied by retail stores. The Spains also had a barn out back, where they kept cattle, chickens and hogs. This later caused problems with the Village Council, for there were complaints about the manure odor in the alley.

WILLIAM SPAIN, SR., built the telephone line between Woman Lake and Hackensack. He also built the North Star Resort on Woman Lake in 1900, one of the earliest on that lake, as was the Kabekona Resort, also on Woman Lake. Another popular hotel on Hackensack's Main Street was the Garrity Hotel. Eventually, all three hotels were lost in fires.

The O. Field General Store was built in

1905 and was the first one built in the village limits. It was located where the American Legion Club is today. Charles Wood's store was one of the earliest and had the first telephone located in it. R. B. Isaac had a General Store as well.

THERE WAS A Backus Lumber Yard started in Hackensack in 1915. After World War I, Frank Green and a Mr. Albright started a sawmill. Eventually, they bought out the Backus Lumber yard and started the Hackensack Lumber and Hardware Mill in 1921. Yeoman Hall in Hackensack became known as a place for traveling shows, dances and cultural activities. It was, however, all but destroyed by a terrible tornado that swept through the town.

Hackensack had a doctor in those days, Dr. A. J. Button, who came to town in 1913. Dozens of times in those early days he would start out in 20 to 30 degree below weather, in drifting snow, with his horse and cutter to go to the aid of some unfortunate. Dr. Button built the Hiddenwood Hospital on Pleasant Lake only to see it destroyed by fire in 1925. Hackensack had no resident dentists. Traveling ones would come once a month, setting up their portable equipment wherever space was available.

A. B. NEWTON STARTED the first newspaper in town. Eventually he sold it to the Maeser Fur Farms and Mr. Maeser moved it to his shop on Webb Lake. The Cass County Independent was printed there for a few years, then expanded and bought out the Pine River and Brainerd papers. After the Maeser Fur Farms went bankrupt, the paper moved to Walker.

Edward Barthelemy came to Hackensack from Foley to start the town's first bank. It went out of business at the time of the depression. When the economy improved, some local citizens started a bank, but it fell through also.

IN MAY OF 1921 arrangements were made between a committee of businessmen in Hackensack and the Arvig brothers of Pine River for the installation of electric lights in Hackensack. Service was provided 23 hours a day, with the power being shut off for one hour at noon. Art and Caecelia Poland owned and operated the first telephone system in town. In June of 1957, they sold the Hackensack Telephone Exchange to Arvig Telephone Co. of Pequot Lakes.

Hackensack also had its share of bootleggers during prohibition. They even made runs to Canada, and were known to transport their liquor in suitcases on the trains. The local pool hall was known as a good place to purchase moonshine whiskey.