

Ten Mile Lake Association

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

GAIL BECHER WILL SPEAK ON LAKESCAPING AT ANNUAL MEETING

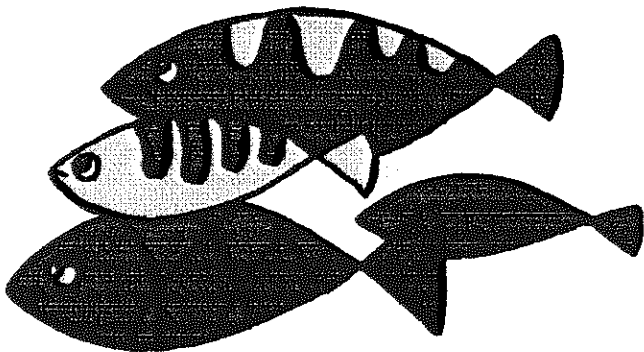
At the Annual Meeting of the Ten Mile Lake Association (TMLA), **Gail Becher**, our own member and Chair of the Committee on Lakescaping (a sub-committee of the Environment and Ecology Committee), will talk to the membership about the advantages of Lakescaping, and how to go about it. Gail, who lives on County Road 71 on the north shore of the lake, has been a Ten Mile visitor for 25 years and a full-time resident for nine years. Her husband's family has owned property here for forty years. She works part-time at Deep Portage, where she recently helped to organize an all-day seminar on Lakescaping sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The Annual meeting is scheduled for:

Saturday, August 5, 2000
9:30 a.m. (Coffee, View Exhibits)
10:00 a.m. (Business Meeting)
Senior Citizens' Center, Hackensack

Included in the exhibits will be tables staffed by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the Cass County Sheriff's Office, the Cass County Department of Environmental Services, and TMLA committees.

After Gail's presentation, there will be brief reports from the officers of the Association, including a budget presentation by Treasurer, **Tom Cox**; a report from TMLA Watershed Coordinator **John Alden**, and reports from other committees. Topics will include water level management, the research findings of the Environment and Ecology Committee, and a report on lakeshore property evaluation and taxation. Some of the issues presented by committees will involve significant discussion, as we shape the program and budget of the Association for the new century. Therefore, the officers have attempted to plan a meeting which will allow ample time for discussion by all members. We hope to see all of you there, participating in this discussion!



A NOTE FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR — Phoebe Alden

Included with this newsletter is the Membership Annual Dues Notice. Please review the notice carefully and make any additions and/or corrections as necessary. This information will be included in the next TMLA, Inc. Membership Directory, scheduled for printing in the spring of 2001. Note that all newsletter mailings are sent to the 'Residence' address unless otherwise specified to the membership coordinator. If you have any questions, please call Phoebe Alden at 547-3114.

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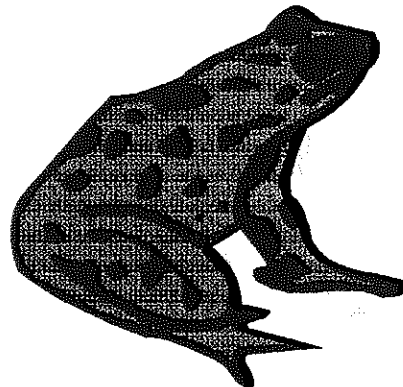
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TMLA BOARD MEETING, JUNE 3

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the Ten Mile Lake Association, along with Committee chairs, met Saturday, June 3, 2000 at the home of Vice President **Don Willis**. The meeting was chaired by President **Bob Crom**. In addition to discussing a number of issues at the meeting, the Board took the following actions:

- Agreed to appoint an ad hoc Membership Committee for the purpose of expanding and promoting membership in TMLA among all lakeshore owners.
- Recommended that the information on Cass County property tax policy and practice be shared with the membership (see article on Page 3).
- Asked **John Alden** to survey residents along Upper Ten Mile Lake Road, where the increase in truck traffic has created a number of concerns (noise and air pollution, road safety, and roadbed damage) to determine what alternatives there may be, in addition to the re-routing of Cass Route 50, that would solve the problems.
- Asked the Strategic Planning Committee, chaired by **Jim Miller**, to review the contract for services with Environmental Planning and Consulting, Inc. to identify and recommend any needed amendments or modifications.
- Appointed a nominating committee (**Jim Miller**, chair; **Robert Crabb**; and **Jerry Mills**) to develop a slate of officers and directors to be presented to the annual Meeting on August 5, 2000.
- Authorized an Executive Committee consisting of the four elected officers to act in behalf of the Board between meetings of the Board, as set forth in the By-Laws.
- Approved a research budget of \$6,300 out of the \$9,300 budget submitted by the Environment and Ecology Committee. A proposed study of zooplankton and a swamp nutrient management study will be deferred in an attempt to live within our means.
- Deferred a decision on an association membership in the Minnesota Lake Association, but went on record as encouraging individual memberships.



INFORMATION ON TAXATION IN CASS COUNTY, MN *by Bob Crom*

Because several TMLA members had questioned tax increases on lakeshore property, Board members **Bob Crom, Don Willis, Al Hoover, and Tom Cox** met with **Cass County Assessor Steve Kuha** on May 17, 2000. They learned that:

- Cass County has a base of approximately 33,000 taxable parcels. Of these, some 16,000, or about half, are designated as Seasonal Recreational Residential (SRR) Properties.
- For the year 2001, assessed evaluations of a substantial number of SRR and homesteaded properties have been increased significantly — many over 20 percent. These increases reflect increases in actual market values.
- State law requires real property evaluations to be 100 percent of market value. If the County fails to bring assessed evaluations to within at least 90 percent of market value, as determined by actual sales of like property in the County, the State of Minnesota imposes a “blanket increase” on properties in those taxing units, e.g. townships, below the required level. However, because State law limits the increase in *taxable* value to 8.5 percent in any given year, tax statements may show a “limited market value” of less than the “estimated market value”. Property taxes for each year are computed based on the limited market value.
- The disparity between the tax rates on SRR and Homesteaded properties used to be 4 to 5 times greater than it is now. That disparity has been reduced substantially in recent years. Currently the rate for the first \$76,000 of value is 1.2 percent on SRR property and 1.0 percent on homesteaded property. The balance of the limited market value is taxed at the same rate (1.65 percent) for both types of property.
- Both types of property are also assessed at the same rate for the retirement of school bonds. However, in order to help overcome the disparities in the ability of local communities to support K-12 education, and to relieve smaller, less prosperous communities of the property tax burden for education, the State of Minnesota is making an effort to provide a greater portion of this support statewide. One result is that homesteaded properties may receive an education credit of up to \$390 on their property tax bill. The State then pays that amount out of State revenues directly to the school district in which that property is located. Thus, while the disparity in the respective rates on SSR and Homestead property has diminished, SRR property owners do not benefit from the K-12 education tax credit enjoyed by homestead owners.
- Although reviews of assessed evaluations take place annually, and may result in adjusted evaluations, property site visits are made only every four or five years.

Schedule for Development of Tax Notices

Board Members also learned that the schedule for the assessment/budget/taxation process, leading to the establishment of property taxes for the year 2002, is as follows:

1. July 1, 2000 The County Assessor begins the annual assessment process in preparation for the January 2, 2001 State assessment deadline. Values determined at this time provide the base for year 2002 taxes.
2. Winter, 2001 The State reviews/approves County assessments to ensure that the values reflect at least 90 percent of actual market values.
3. March, 2001 The County mails out postcard-style notices of new assessed values for the 2002 tax year.
4. Jul.-Aug., 2001 The County develops the budget for 2002.
5. Sept., 2001 The County provides budget needs to the County Assessor.
6. Fall, 2001 The County Assessor determines the property tax and sends out a computer-generated form showing the property owners their “Proposed Property Tax” for 2002. “Proposed” taxes may be adjusted, depending on the results of the coming budget hearings and final decisions on the budget.
7. Nov., 2001 The County sends out notices of hearings on the 2002 budget.
8. Nov.-Dec., 2001 The County holds hearings on the proposed 2002 budget; the County sets the budget for 2002.
9. March, 2002 The County Auditor-Treasurer sends out Year 2002 tax bills to property owners.

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE. . .

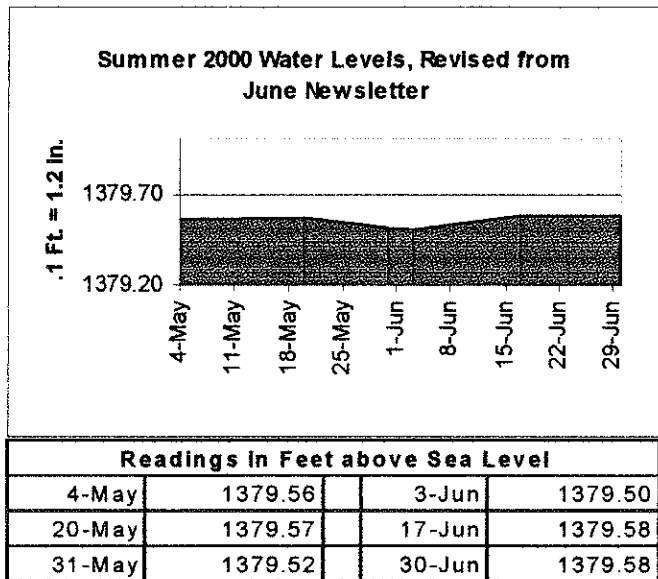
by Tom Cox, Chair, TMLA Water Level Committee

. . . but quite a bit less than last year. **Walt Kane's** water level reading on June 3 was 4.1 inches lower than it was at the beginning of June last year, 1.9 inches lower than on November 1, and seven-tenths of an inch lower than it was on May 4. Since then, the level has crept up just under an inch (.96" to be exact). It stood at 1379.58' on June 30 according to **Millie Borchert**, who reads the official gauge in Long Bay regularly and reports levels to the DNR. Readings below reflect slight revisions from the previous newsletter's published readings due to the DNR's recalibration of its gauge since those readings were taken.

In keeping with the terms of the 1976 DNR permit governing the operation of the Birch Lake outlet structure, the County Engineer removed the structure's six-inch stop log on about May 10. The log has been out since then, except for a brief period at the end of June when the sewer contractor in Hackensack obtained an emergency DNR permit allowing the structure to be completely blocked and sand-bagged. Stopping the river's flow briefly in this way allowed work on Hackensack's new sewer system.

Meanwhile, on June 27, representatives of the Ten Mile, Birch, Child-Girl-Woman, and Little Boy-Wabedo-Inguadona Lake Associations met to discuss a proposal for a Management Study of the Upper and Middle Boy River Watershed. Prepared by **Stan Kumpula** at the request of TMLA, the proposal calls for the examination of water surface levels, water quality, erosion, ground water impacts, lake levels, the Birch Lake control structure, and impacts upstream and downstream of changes in the water flow out of Birch Lake. This proposed study represents largely an effort to gather already existing data into a Watershed Management Plan.

Stan Kumpula, whose retirement home is on Baby Lake, is lately retired Chief of Hydraulics for the St. Paul District of the Army Corps of Engineers, and a current Cass County Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor. He is eminently well qualified to take the lead in this study, and we are especially fortunate that he has offered to do so. We seek the cooperation and support of the Watershed's lake associations. Our need is for both volunteer help with data gathering and for financial help to cover the study's relatively modest cost. Most important, as population and developmental pressures on the watershed increase, the study promises to become a valuable resource in years to come for homeowners, business owners, township boards and Cass County planning, environmental and other governing agencies.



For lower water this season, we have mainly the weather to thank, as this past winter and early spring were unusually dry. We are also indebted in large part to **John Alden** of Ten Mile and to **Gordon Friday** of Birch Lake for their April removal of a Boy River beaver dam which considerably obstructed the flow out of Ten Mile.



A REPORT FROM THE ENVIRONMENT AND ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

by Jim Schwartz, Co-Chair, Environment and Ecology Committee

TEN MILE'S BASIC lake water testing program is going forward on schedule, although budget constraints forced a postponement of two projects that had been planned for this summer. Those two were a re-evaluation of the zooplankton population and a pilot study of two selected swamps to determine whether a treatment program would reduce the flow of phosphorus into the lake. Both projects will be reconsidered next year.

Meanwhile, sampling and chemical analyses are being conducted at four lake sites: the main lake at the deepest spot, Kenfield Bay, Flower Pot Bay and Long Bay. The samples, drawn from the top two meters of water, are being analyzed for total phosphorus (TP) and nitrogen (TN), the primary nutrient indicators, and for chlorophyll-a and pheophytin-a to measure algae concentrations.

INITIAL RESULTS show little change from a year ago in TP in the main lake and Kenfield and Long Bays. Flower Pot's TP, though, increased about 40% over its 1997 level, the most recent reading. TN concentrations dropped sharply in all cases, possibly because low precipitation over the winter kept nutrient-laden run-off to a minimum.

Also tested this spring were 11 perimeter swamp sites, 9 of them on the regular schedule and 2 others that were added because of special circumstances. In all cases, TP was substantially higher than the lake samples, while TN was a mixed bag, some up and some down. Later this season a top-to-bottom measure of temperatures and dissolved oxygen will be taken at two sites and a shoreline sweep will check for eurasian water milfoil.



LOONS AND EAGLES — YES! LEAD SINKERS — NO!!

by Sarah Cox, Editor

"Let's Get the Lead Out!" is the title of a flyer published by MN DNR urging fisherpeople to stop using lead sinkers. The flyer will be available at the Annual Meeting of TMLA on August 5, 2000 but meanwhile, please consider the following information presented in the flyer:

LEAD IS TOXIC. It affects the nervous and reproductive systems of birds and mammals, including humans. Most sinkers used in fishing tackle have traditionally been made from lead. But lines break and sinkers fall. Then the sinkers can be eaten by loons, swans, and eagles — when they scoop up pebbles as grinding material and get sinkers in the mix, or when they eat fish that may have swallowed sinkers. A 15-year study of loon deaths in 18 states including Minnesota concluded that ten percent died of lead poisoning.

DR. PAT REDDIG, of the University of Minnesota's Raptor Center, which reported serious numbers of cases of lead poisoning in eagles, says that anyone who has ever watched an eagle die of lead poisoning would want to do something about it. What can you do? You can stop using lead sinkers. (You might also want to think about what you are doing to yourself if you put that lead sinker in your teeth to crimp it around the line.)

THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES to lead sinkers; alternatives may be made of tin, bismuth, steel, and recycled glass. Locally, steel sinkers are available at **Reed's Sporting Goods** in Walker and **Swanson's Bait Shop** in Hackensack. According to MN DNR, Target and Wal Mart stores are also offering alternatives to lead sinkers. If you shop for fishing tackle elsewhere, ask store owners to stock non-lead sinkers — and don't buy lead sinkers!

THE HISTORY PAGE

(It has been suggested that we include something on the history of Ten Mile Lake in each issue of *The Newsletter*. This article has been offered in celebration of the Brandt family's 75 years at Ten Mile Lake. We will continue as appropriate contributions come in, and space is available.)

THE BRANDT FAMILY AT TEN MILE LAKE

by David Brandt

This year, the Brandt family of Ten Mile Lake is, in its own quiet way, celebrating its 75th year of summering here. It all began in the summer of 1926, when George and Gertrude Brandt came to Ten Mile Lake for the first time. They had been invited to pitch a tent and camp in the backyard of Dr. Ivar Siqveland and his wife, Rose. The Siqvelands then lived on the east shore, close to or exactly where the Runnings now have their cabin.

The Siqvelands and Brandts both lived in St. Paul and had been friends since the early 1900's. In addition, the families were related by marriage — Dr. Siqveland's Aunt Julie Joys was married to Gudbrand Lomen, a Brandt descendant.

George and Gertrude brought with them their four sons: Jim (then 10), Chris (9), George Jr. (6), and Dave (1). Their daughter, Molly, was not yet born at that time — she arrived in September of that year.

On that first weekend, George and Gertrude took a walk along Sunset Beach toward the south shore. They passed the only cabin on the beach, one made of logs and now owned by the Molls. Continuing on past the end of the beach, they came upon a path which led to two log cabins.

It was love at first sight.

The Brandts bought one of the cabins later that fall. Gertrude's sister, Edna Moore, bought the other. The properties are now owned by Dave and Evie Brandt. One of the original log cabins still stands.

George and Gertrude's other sons and Molly acquired other property around the lake (including *Angel*, or *Brandt's Island* — but the *Island* requires an account of its own). Today, 22 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild of George and Gertrude still enjoy coming to Ten Mile Lake from all parts of the Country.

STATUS REPORT ON THE JAMES W. SCHWARTZ ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION FUND

by Al Hoover

(Editor's note: Members are reminded that last year, the Association bought a parcel of property on Kenfield Bay, in order to prevent extensive development in what was determined to be an environmentally sensitive area, where construction and heavy traffic, both land and water, could have been damaging to Ten Mile Lake water quality and aquatic life.)

AT THIS TIME, TMLA has paid 24 payments on the mortgage for the Kenfield Bay project; we still owe \$72,515.00 on the property. We have 36 more payments to make, with a balloon payment of \$54,337.03 at the end. So far, we have taken in \$121,196.54 plus \$30,000 from existing TMLA funds for a total of \$151,196.54.

ONCE WE MAKE the final payment on July 10, 2003 TMLA will own the property. The total cost of the property, including interest, is \$202,995.19. Accordingly, we need \$51,798.65 to complete the purchase.

TMLA MEMBERS have been very generous, and the fund has received many contributions. In addition, we can expect some additional contributions when the dues are paid in the fall, as well as some interest payments on the funds we have in hand. However, that last balloon payment still lies ahead and cannot be met with the funds we have in hand. Therefore we would deeply appreciate any additional contributions that members and friends may be able to make.

From the Notebook

by Jim Schwartz

TEN MILE AND other lakes on the Boy River chain certainly have had high water problems in recent years, but be happy we haven't had to endure the woes of residents on a number of other lakes in this region. Consider the plight of property owners on Long Lost Lake in southern Clearwater County: Between 1993 and 1999, the water level rose 9.96'. Hundreds of trees and about a dozen homes were flooded out. Some cabins, in fact, could be reached only by boat.

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THE STORY WAS much the same for Union and Sarah Lakes in Polk County: A jump of almost 10 feet in six years, sending the level to about seven feet above the ordinary high water mark (OHWM). Again, dozens of homes and cabins have suffered flood damage.

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CLOSER TO HOME is Lake Belle Taine at Nevis, where the water level rose 5.5' between 1992 and 1999 — 2.55' above the OHWM. Recreation areas, beaches and cabins were being threatened by the abnormally high water. A little farther away, in Becker County, similar damage was being felt by shoreland property owners on Big Cormorant, Juggler and Bad Medicine lakes.

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WEST OF BEMIDJI high groundwater has been making life miserable for home owners, businesses and farmers alike. Some property owners eventually gave up the fight and filled their basements with sand and gravel to keep the walls from collapsing. Others had to move from their homes because septic systems were flooded.

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THE REASON FOR all this misfortune is not hard to find: heavier-than-normal precipitation. The State Climatologist's Office has confirmed that the 1990s were wettest decade of the century in Minnesota. Here in Northern Minnesota, 1999 rainfall across a wide swath of counties ranked in the 99th percentile. Precipitation recorded at Bemidji in 1999 exceeded 30-year monthly averages every month of the year. The figures: 1999 total was 42.18" compared with the 30-year annual average of 23.99".

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IN COMMENTING ON the precipitation phenomenon of the 1990s, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources observes: "Climate extremes should not be considered aberrations, but rather treated as an inherent component of our continental climate. The present day relative abundance of water is uncommon, but spells of wet weather are not without precedent. Nor is it without precedent for the climate to change rapidly between wet and dry regimes."

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THE INFORMATION IN this portion of my column is adapted from the DNR occasional publication, Water Talk, and is used with permission from Joe Oschwald, editor. (You can visit the DNR Waters Web Site at: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters>).

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ANOTHER FISHING OPENER is history and from all accounts that reached me the day had to be termed a downer: bitter cold, brisk winds and a finny quarry that was, well, elusive. For those hardy anglers who toughed it out and were lucky or truly expert the reward was slim indeed — a walleye dinner, possibly even two, where the fixin's had to make up for the scarcity of fish. Things got better the following week. Weather improved and so did fishing success, especially along the west side where some fine strings were being taken. By mid-June, trollers were connecting with hungry walleyes (and northern pike) in deep water.

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THE BASS OPENER was a winner. The weather was cooperative and the fish were in a biting mood. Unlike the openers of '98 and '99, there were bass aplenty and average size was heftier as well. That and the presence of an abundance of small bass is positive news for bass anglers.

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THE BIG MAN TRAP Lake Association is having great results with its loon nesting platform program, just as we have had. Last year 14 nesting pairs produced 20 eggs and all but one chick made it to adulthood. It was found that loon pairs will nest in the same bay if no closer than 300 yards from each other.

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A STATEWIDE SURVEY by the Minnesota Lakes Association found that top ranked activities on lakes, in declining order, are fishing, socializing, appreciating aesthetics/nature, non-fishing boating and swimming. If boating were combined with fishing from boats, boating would be the leading lake activity.

REMEMBERING OUR TEN MILE LAKE FRIENDS

Martin E. Carlson

Martin E. Carlson, a long-time summer resident at Ten Mile Lake died in Roseville, MN on December 31, 1999. Dr. Carlson was born in Laurens, Iowa on August 7, 1910. After graduating from Gustavus Adolphus College and Augustana Theological Seminary, he served as a Lutheran pastor to churches in Gary, IN; Chicago, IL; and New Haven, CT. During his stay in Chicago, he received an MA degree from the University of Chicago. In 1954 he received a Doctor of Divinity degree from Gustavus Adolphus, as well as a Distinguished Alumni Citation. He married Esther Granquist in 1936.

In 1952, Dr. Carlson moved to Minneapolis to become the Director of Stewardship for the Augustana Lutheran Church. After having been heavily involved in merger discussion, he moved to New York City as Assistant to the President and later Director of Administration and Finance of the newly-constituted Lutheran Church in America.

After his retirement in 1975, Martin and his wife moved to St. Petersburg, Florida until 1996, when they moved to Eagle Crest in Roseville. Martin and Esther first visited Ten Mile Lake in 1955, and bought a cabin on Long Beach in 1959. Here they spent many enjoyable summers. Martin enjoyed fishing, golfing, and canoeing, and was actively involved in these activities until a couple of years before his death.

Martin is survived by his wife, Esther; two children, Mary Ann C. Anderson and Bruce Carlson; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

(Information provided by Ginny Moll & Jim Schwartz.)

Van Corr

Van Corr, of Ida Grove, Iowa and Ten Mile Lake, died January 30, 1999, in Ida Grove. Mr. Corr was born in Sioux City, IA where he attended high school; he then attended college in Buena Vista, IA. He became an advertising manager at MidWest Industries, where he met and married his wife, Beverly. During the Vietnam conflict, he served with U.S. Military Intelligence in Viet Nam.

Mr. Corr is survived by his wife, Beverly; three daughters: Jo Corr Eisenpeter of Pine River, and Robyn Corr Devitt and Megan Corr, both of Ida

Grove; and five grandchildren.

(Information provided by Beverly Corr.)

Joan Kelly Newell

Joan Kelly Newell, 68, a summer resident for 40 years at the family's Ten Mile Lake home, died May 15, 2000 at the Israel Family Hospice House in Ames, Iowa.

Joan was born on April 26, 1932 in Chicago, IL, the daughter of Laurence and Katherine Kelly. She had lived in Ames since 1949. She married Harold Newell on June 5, 1955. She received a bachelor's degree from Iowa State University in Institutional Management. She worked at WOI-TV and Better Homes and Gardens. She was a member of St Cecilia's Church, Chapter KC of PEO, Questers' Club, and the Oiwa Chapter Alpha of Beta Tau Delta.

She is survived by her husband; three daughters, Nancy Savage of Minneapolis, Ellen Owings of Ames, and Peggy Newell of Mineapolis; one son, John, of Ames; and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Homeward Hospice c/o Mary Greeley Medical Center, 111 Duff Avenue, Ames, Iowa 50010.

(Information provided by Mary Ann Schmidt.)

Clayton L. Trapp

Clayton L. "Babe" Trapp, 96, retired Wichita, KA, Parks Commissioner and construction engineer, died December 20, 1999. Services were held at the First United Methodist Church of Wichita. Mr. Trapp was member of the First United Methodist Church in Wichita, and a life member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers, and the Wichita Engineering Society. He was a former member of the Downtown Lions' Club, the Retired Men's Club, Lands and People, and the United Methodist Men.

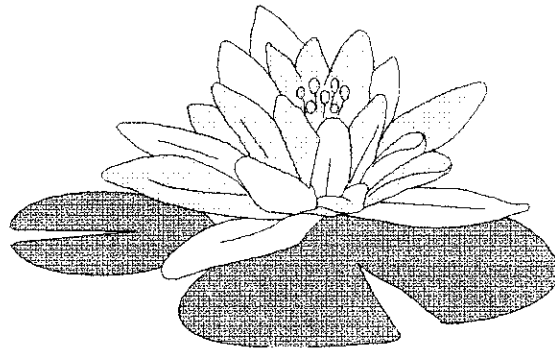
Survivors include his wife of 75 years, Lee F.; a son, Clayton L. Jr. of Fort Worth; daughter and son-in-law Dawn and John Wadsworth; grandsons Don

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Wadsworth and John (Gail) Wadsworth; great-granddaughters Valerie and Kim Wadsworth — all of Wichita.

Babe and Lee Trapp purchased land on the southwest shore of Ten Mile Lake in the early 1950's. (This property is now owned by the Owre's and Johnsons.) They cleared the land, and Babe began building a house of stone in the mid-1950's. Construction continued until they sold the property in the early 1980's. Babe sang in the Union Congregational Church choir every summer and was a member of the First United Methodist choir of Wichita for 55 years. The Trapp family, as well as Lee's sister Nancy Goff, were active summer residents of the Ten Mile Lake community. They are lovingly remembered and greatly missed.

(Information provided by Don and Margaret Brown.)



Editor's Note: *It is very helpful when TMLA members provide information to the Newsletter about any members who have passed away. If you have such information we appreciate your sharing it with us; you can't assume that we will get the information from someone else, because we may not. Newspaper obituaries can be forwarded; it is especially helpful when pertinent notes about the member's life at Ten Mile are added. You can call me, Sarah Cox, at 218-675-6844 or send information to 5688 Fernhurst Drive N.W., Hackensack, MN 56452. During winter months you can send information to 2270 Cedar Cove Court, Reston, VA 20191. Throughout the year, my E-Mail address is: scoxreston@aol.com.*

MEETING HELD ON COUNTY ROAD 50

In the last few years, a serious problem with truck traffic has developed on County Road 50, and on June 29, 2000 a meeting was held at the home of Vicki Converse to discuss it. Attendees included County Commissioners and staff, TMLA members, Portage Lake and County Road 50 residents, and the President of Anderson Brothers Construction Company.

Anderson Brothers has a twenty-year lease for the removal of gravel from private land near the north end of the lake, where a significant deposit of high quality gravel is located. Trucks carry the aggregate to ready-mix plants in Longville and Park Rapids, as well as to various road projects in the area. In addition, the County and several private contractors haul gravel from the pit, so that loads hauled per day range from 20 to 130 — some by way of a gravel road to the north, and some by way of Road 50, the congested area on the North Shore of Ten Mile Lake.

The truck traffic is a concern because it is breaking up both roads, causes dust and noise, shakes the houses along the route, and threatens the safety of residents walking or driving along the road. To address these concerns for the short term, the County will be regraveling the north portion and resurfacing the tarred section of Road 50 this summer. In addition, Anderson Brothers will require drivers to keep truck speed under 20 miles per hour through the congested area (but has no authority over other truckers). Cass County will erect speed control equipment.

Relocating the road has proved very difficult, primarily because of the wetland on the north side of the road and the presence of National Forest land where no new roads are permitted. A committee has been formed to look at long-term solutions to the problem. John Alden, TMLA Watershed Coordinator, will be serving on that committee.

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