TEN MILE LAKE ASSOCIATION



# Newsletter



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NEW LONG'S BAY BOAT ACCESS SET FOR EARLY DEVELOPMENT

By Walter Kane

WHAT FOR MANY PROPERTY OWNERS on Ten Mile Lake is like a bad dream is apparently going to become a reality in the not-far-distant future. The public access on Long's Bay is, according to DNR officials, to be developed in the "next two or three years."

There has been considerable communication in meetings, by correspondence and by telephone in which the DNR was asked by property owners to: first, reconsider the choice of the Long's Bay site and, then, when it became obvious that they intended to proceed with property acquisition in that area, to redevelop the present access first and develop the new site when a need for additional access exists. A number of reasons for that scenario were submitted by property owners.

THE DNR, IN A LETTER TO ME, dated January 9, 1989, made known its progress in acquiring the Long's Bay property and its plans for proceeding to develop that access first. The property owners' reasons for their recommendations were partially dealt with in the following excerpts from the January 9 letter:

- 1) Road Safety on State Highway 371 -- The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MN/DOT) officials reviewed the proposed site for safety of ingress/egress. The site-line distances (north: 1000'+; south 1500'+) provide both access and highway users ample time to make critical decisions on stopping and/or entering the highway. These distances are similar to other situations on Trunk Highway 61 and the MN/DOT has no problems with our proposal. Methods to improve road safety such as signing, a right-turn lane, an acceleration lane and a right-pass lane will be considered prior to development.
- 2) <u>Water Safety</u> -- Although boat activity on Long's Bay may increase with the new pub-

lic access it may not be as great as expected based on DNR user studies. However, if the potential increased use on Long's Bay creates problems, surface use zoning regulations (such as reducing speed) can be established to control activities which should solve the problem.

3) Wildlife Considerations -- Long's Bay is considered small in relation to the overall size of Ten Mile Lake. However, its size is comparable to many other lakes on which there are public water access facilities. Even though boat activity may increase on Long's Bay, DNR Non-game Wildlife does not anticipate that the increase will adversely affect the wildlife, in particular the loons, inhabiting Long's Bay. Loon nesting sites are not

located in close proximity to the proposed access or the expected travel route to the main body of the lake. Adverse impact on loons, or any other wild-

life species, is not expected to be any greater than on any other water body, of simlar size, with a public access facility.

- 4) Fish Population -- Test netting done on Ten Mile Lake in recent years indicates a very good to excellent population of northern pike, walleye, largemouth bass, pumpkinseed, bluegill and crappie. In most cases these populations are comparable to, or in many cases far exceed, the statewide and/or local medians. As was mentioned by a meeting attendee, the fish are suspended and are more difficult to find, but they are there. It is ironic that very shortly after the meeting, the largest walleye caught in the state this year (15+ lbs.) was taken from Ten Mile Lake.
- 5) Redevelopment of the Existing Access -The opinion has been expressed that the existing access will provide adequate access
  for the lake. Ten Mile Lake is a very large
  lake in comparison to most lakes in Minnesota. On most lakes this size, one good access

is not adequate. On Ten Mile, the existing access is poor and we do not believe that redevelopment of this access will provide adequate access to the lake for several reasons including:

- 1. Redevelopment of the existing site will not serve to disperse the use to more than one (1) facility or area of the lake.
- 2. An access facility in the proposed location in Long's Bay will give users a calm water facility during most weather conditions. The existing facility is much more exposed and at times is nearly impossible to use.
- 3. Redevelopment of the existing facility to create the desired number of parking spaces would require the removal of a large number of mature pine and oaks, the removal of a hill to create parking and roads and potentially the filling of a small wetland area to increase the space available for development.

THE DNR LETTER CONTINUES: "While minor redevelopment of the existing facility is possible and can be considered, redevelopment of the magnitude needed to create the desired facility is not considered to be feasible or desirous.

"Having made the decision to purchase the property on Long's Bay the DNR intends to develop the property into an access to the

lake as part of a multi-use facility including the Paul Bunyan Trail. Should the trail not become a reality in the near future we will develop the access within 2-3 years with a long range goal of developing it as a multi-use

facility as part of the Paul Bunyan Trail. We also will redevelop the existing facility to the extent redevelopment does not destroy the uniqueness and integrity of that facility."

PAUL SWENSON, Director of Trails and Waterways (St. Paul), and Tim Browning, Regional Coordinator, Trails and Waterways (Brainerd), attended a TMLA board meeting on February 24 to explain again the DNR position.

I have received several letters and phone calls from property owners expressing concern about this matter. While I am more than willing to discuss it with anyone, I do believe such concerns ought to be made known to your state legislators and/or to Mr. Joe Alexander, Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155.

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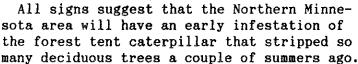
# LOSBYS WATCH EAGLE TRIOFISH WATERS OF TEN MILE

Mrs. Mary Lee Losby writes that she and her husband, Dave, had the thrill last Oct. 22 of watching three eagles "fishing" in front of their cabin at about 10 a.m. Here is how she described what happened:

"They were good size and all three had the white heads. They were working as a team, soaring and swooping and casting their shadows, I guess, to make a fish jump. One eagle was successful -- (I) could not determine the size of the fish tho -- and all three eagles left -- flying quite low and going west.

"This might be 'old hat' to longtime residents of Ten Mile, but for newcomers it was such a treat to see. We may even acquire a second pair of binoculars in anticipation of another sighting."

# GET READY FOR ANOTHER CATERPILLAR INVASION



They feed primarily on the foliage of oaks, aspen, basswood and other hardwoods. Unfortunately, there is little one can do about it except hope for unfavorable conditions (cold, wet spring weather) and the appearance of its natural predator.

THE MOST IMPORTANT parasitical control is what is known as the gray fly, sometimes called the "friendly fly" because it has the disturbing habit of walking around on people. Although they may look ominous, the flies do not bite or sting, but when they are plentiful they can be as annoying as the caterpillars themselves.

Defoliation usually becomes evident by late May or early June. Within two or three weeks they generally top feeding, but by that time millions of trees have been stripped. After that, the caterpillars look for a place to spin their cocoons in preparation for the next cycle.

WHILE FOREST TENT CATERPILLARS are a nuisance, they generally do not seriously damage healthy trees unless they defoliate them for several years in a row. To prevent serious damage, keep your trees healthy by watering them during dry periods, protecting them from other insects and diseases, and taking care not to bump them with lawn mowers or to drive over their roots. -- From an article in the March-April issue, The Minnesota Volunteer.

#### THESE WERE THE GOOD OLD DAYS ON TEN MILE'S NORTH SHORE

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article is based on a 1987 conversation between Clinton (Clint) J. Adams and his children, Jack and Bruce, and Marna Adams Stevens.

Margaret and Clint Adams, of Ames, Iowa, started coming to Ten Mile Lake in 1933 for summer vacations at Camp Iowa on the North Shore. Ada Young helped the Adams couple when their son, Jack, was born. Ada's daughter, Edith Jensen, ran Camp Iowa for a Des Moines doctor.

ADA TRIED TO INTEREST Clint in Ten Mile for its fishing, but Clint wasn't "hooked." When

Ada mentioned a "nice golf course 9 miles way," though, the story changed. The Adams family came to Camp Iowa, en-

joyed it, and started making it a yearly event.

Edith Jensen first came to Ten Mile and Camp Iowa in the summer because of a skin condition which Iowa weather aggravated. Her husband, Hans, was selling real estate in Audubon, IA, at the time. Eventually, Hans decided to move to Ten Mile where he could sell real estate out of Hackensack. The Jensens had two children, Bob and Verdabelle. Before they moved, Bob would start school in Walker so he could help close up camp.

EDITH JENSEN'S BROTHER was Lafe Young. Lafe and Florence built a place on North Shore and called it "The Knoll," because Florence's father had been president of Iowa State University, Ames, where The Knoll is known as the president's home.

Camp Iowa at that time consisted of a house occupied by Mrs. Jensen, plus a little sleeping place at the roadside, and four cottages. Two had just the necessities -- no electricity, so we used kerosene for the lamps and, as was customary at the time, there was an outhouse. Camp Iowa's water supply came from what was called the Town Pump, a structure framed with birch logs.

EDITH HELD SUNDAY SERVICES in her home and she played the piano. Bruce recalls when Keith Textor, son of Fred Textor, of Coon Rapids, IA, sang "The Lord's Prayer" at the service. Keith had a beautiful voice. He sang with Fred Waring on TV and also with a small group called The Keith Textor Singers.

Each summer the Jensens organized a Camp

Iowa Picnic at Pencil Point in Long Bay or at a spot on Portage Lake. At Camp Iowa we could charge groceries but we did most of our shopping at Hackensack Supply.

JACK REMEMBERS HANS JENSEN as being a magician who could "keep us spellbound with his coin tricks." He would make things disappear into his elbow and pull objects from the back of his shirt.

Camp Iowa had wooden boats, and in those days few people had motors. If you did have one, chances are you rented it and it would be anywhere from 1 1/2 horse to a BIG one -- a 5 horse! Clint's interest in fishing came as the result of a determined effort on the part of Edith Jensen. Camp Iowa employed a fishing guide, Ralph Plantz. Clint was persuaded to go out with Ralph, began to enjoy fishing and the two became life-

long friends.

CLINT SAYS THE RULE OF THUMB on keeper size back then was 5 to 10 pounds. There were two or three places Ralph

knew for walleyes and they also fished for northern pike. Ralph caught one that weighed 24 pounds and took third prize for the entire area. They often fished in Lundstrom's Bay, where most of the fish were. Trolling was done by rowing; they had no motor.

Clint's father, Jay Adams, came to visit and fished with "Grandpa" Bush. Grandpa had been a railroad man, retired and lived at Ten Mile in the cabin just east of the present Adams lake home. He was the father of "Bullet Joe" Bush, one of the top pitchers for the New York Yankees. Bullet Joe roomed with Babe Ruth. The Bush cabin, an early cottage on the North Shore, later became a part of Camp Iowa. The Nels Christensen family eventually bought it after vacationing there.

THE BUSH AND DELURY CABINS were built about 1910 by the same person who built the Chase Hotel in Walker.

When we purchased our present cabin, it was next to Bush's on one side and DeLury's on the other. The Bush cabin is gone now and the Christensen/Brosius/Nissly/Dailey condominiums, built in 1975, occupy that area. Our cabin was built in 1932 by Mrs. Illstead (in the photography business in Grand Forks and later in Minneapolis) for her son, Lee. In 1941, Lee decided to sell when he went into military service. He listed it with Hans Jensen and the cabin was offered to Margaret and Clint Adams.

They bought the lot with cabin, boathouse, outhouse, dock and boats for \$3,000. Clint was the first to use the cabin when he and some friends came to Ten Mile to fish. They

arrived late at night and were surprised to find cords for electric lights. (It was unusual then to have electricity.) They turned on the lights, but as soon as they got their gear inside the lights went out. Thinking they had blown a fuse, they went to bed.

THE NEXT MORNING DeLury came over to explain that he furnished the electricity and

apologized for turning off the generator. He awoke during the night, heard the generator running when presumably no electricity was being used, so he shut it off.

We remember the red water pump by the front door of the original cabin and the kerosene lamps. Rooms in the cabin were the living room, the kitchen area and the loft. Electricity came from the DeLury generator. Ice and milk were delivered by Mr. Christy, who cut the ice from the lake in the winter and stored it.

The summer of 1942 brought the entire Adams family -- Clint and Margaret and their three children, Jack, Bruce and Marna, to their own cabin.

SEVERAL OTHER IOWA FAMILIES bought property on Ten Mile as a result of either staying at Camp Iowa or accompanying Clint on fishing trips. Herm Cole and George Carter, both from Ames, purchased on the south shore. Fletch Allen bought a place, now the Hultgren's, and

DNR SIGNS WARN OF MILFOIL PERIL

The TMLA will be posting DNR signs at public accesses and other lake locations cautioning boaters to clean their rigs of aquatic plants on entering or leaving the water. (See right.)

THE SIGNS are being distributed to lake associations by the DNR as part of an effort to combat the spread of an aquatic plant known as Eurasian water milfoil.

The plant roots in water up to 20 feet deep, spreads rapidly by fragmentation, and can become so dense that boating and other water sports are seriously jeopardized.

Walter Jameson (Pele's father) had one of the earliest places on Ten Mile. Chick Lee and Don Gray came later on the south shore. In fact, it was Ten Mile that furnished the setting for Chick and Betty Lee's honeymoon. The Nels Christensen family, also of Ames, stayed at Camp Iowa as did the Jensens from Audubon.

Clint's brother, Chev, and his wife, Lydia, went to Camp Iowa when their boys, Chev and Jay, were little. Later they stayed at Eagle Lake until purchasing their present property on North Shore. Lydia tells of staying an entire week at Camp Iowa during the depression with \$50 Chev borrowed from his dad.

CLINT TELLS HOW HANS JENSEN tried to get him and his brother, Chev, interested in buying land from "The Knoll" to the point. He recalls that, while the price was only \$3500, he told Chev he didn't visit Ten Mile to do business nor to do the work land development would require. They did not buy.

In 1982 Barb and Jack, Nancy and Bruce, and Marna (Adams) and Bill Stevens bought the De-Lury cabin. The lake property now is enjoyed by Clint, his three children and their families, and by Clint's eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. We call ourselves "Clint's Clan." For all of us, it is a very special gathering place.



#### ODDS 'N ENDS -- BY JIM SCHWARTZ

JOHN ALDEN REPORTS he heard the season's first loon cry on April 21 -- well ahead of winter's ice-out. That long-awaited event occurred on May 4, slightly later than usual but by no means a record. Still, this was widely regarded as a "late spring." By the May 6 weekend, trees had only begun to leaf out, hepatica blossoms were pushing through the ground cover, and a few snow/ice blocks could still be found in shaded hollows. Then the warmup began and the snowbirds, human and otherwise, began arriving. Spring was here!

EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL, the aquatic plant that can turn a body of water into a mass of almost impenetrable vegetation, has invaded Minnesota and is being spotted in more and more of the state's lakes. The same thing can be said of purple loosestrife, another weed that crowds out beneficial aquatic plants. So serious is the threat that the DNR may build a "war chest" to fight the weeds by imposing a \$1 surcharge on boating licenses for the duration of the crisis.

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ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER is the last of three pamphlets purchased by the TMLA from the Freshwater Foundation for distribution to the membership. This booklet, entitled "Understanding your Shoreline," contains a great deal of useful information on how to manage your lake property. The two earlier publications covered hazardous household wastes and septic system care.

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YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED your new directory about two months ago. If we somehow missed you, or if there is an error in your listing, please write Lois Sandell, HC 75, Box 646, Hackensack, MN 56452, and she will take care of what needs to be done. Publishing a directory is an exacting, time-consuming task, the responsibility for which falls primarily on Lois' shoulders. We all are indebted to her for yet another superb job.

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THE COUNTY'S WATER PLANNING Task Force is working hard to meet a summer deadline for its long range management plan. On Saturday, June 17, the Task Force is cooperating with Deep Portage Conservation Reserve to sponsor Freshwater Day -- a morning through afternoon series of presentations and workshops on the

management plan. Every lakeshore property owner has an interest in what the plan's recommendations will be for the county's water resources. Plan now to attend -- registration is from 9 to 9:30 a.m.

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ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE with the MPCA and DNR to analyze samples of Ten Mile Lake fish to determine whether there has been any buildup of chemical contaminants in their flesh. The plan is to collect a number of walleyes, northern pike, black bass, sunfish, crappie, whitefish and white suckers in connection with an on-going DNR census study. The fish will be submitted for laboratory analysis and the results conveyed to us when that process is completed. The investigation was approved by the TMLA Board at the February meeting.

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A FEW ADDITIONAL BUOYS were scheduled for Ten Mile this spring to mark spots where rock reefs or other hazards represent a threat to boaters and skiers. If you are aware of areas where buoys are needed, let Virginia Burnett know about them (675-6458), so she can convey the information to the sheriff's office.

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WALT KANE REPORTS THAT, thanks to the heavy winter snows, the lake's level was up about 7 inches over the initial reading a year ago. That's indeed good news, given the reports of low water levels coming in from other lakes around the state. Even more dramatic, though, was the big gain registered over the final Ten Mile reading last fall: approximately 16 inches!

A REVIEW of test netting data for Ten Mile suggests that, contrary to

earlier opinion, some natural reproduction of walleyed pike may be occurring. For that reason, Harlan Fierstine, DNR area fisheries supervisor, is recommending a catch-and-release program for larger walleyes -- those that measure, say, 24 inches or more. He explains these are the big egg layers, the reproducers that help maintain the lake's walleye population. Some tips on how to do it: Land fish as quickly as possible so as not to overtire them; remove hooks carefully (gillor gullet-hooked fish are not likely to survive, so keep those); don't save fish for possible later release, let 'em go at once; never hold a fish by the eyes; don't let fish thrash around in the boat -- they'll injure themselves so severely they won't live.

#### Checking Account

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#### ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP NOW TOTALS 645 -- A RECORD

Since publication of the Fall Newsletter, 12 new memberships have been added to the Association roster. They are Greg and Lisa Buck, St. Louis Park, MN; Jerry and Joan Duea, Cedar Falls, IA; Wilbert E. and Mary A. Hendricks, Pine River, MN; John and Lynn (Sunstrom) Johnson, Storm Lake, IA; K. Bryce and Gail Kinsey, Rochester, MN; Bruce Nissly, Albert Lea, MN; Steve and Linda A. (Minor) Peirce, Mulvane, KS; Ltc. Jeff and Martha (Pattridge) Roche, Stafford, VA; Dr. John L. and Debre Sunstrom, Boone, IA; Dr. Bruce and Kitty (Pattridge) Wilkinson, Dexter, MI, and John and Tracy (Holte) Wright, Brooklyn Center, MN. All of these members are listed in the new directory along with family and other information.

One new membership arrived too late for inclusion in the directory: Jay and Linda Adams, 805 Yuma, Ames, IA 50010. Hackensack address: HC 75, Box 801 (Ph 547-3346). Jay is employed by Hach Co., Linda by T-Galaxy. S 5105.

Inadvertently omitted from the directory were Charles and Virginia Wagner, HC 75, Box 488, Hackensack, MN 56452. 675-6857. Children - Theresa. H3105.

#### OPEN BURNING? GET A PERMIT!

If you intend to burn leaves and other debris in your yard, keep a rake as well as a water source on hand to control the fire -- and before you burn, get a permit!

Permits can be obtained from the Forest Service District office in Walker, at MN Department of Natural Resources offices, and through local fire wardens. For Ten Mile, permits are issued by Fire Warden Robert Mayer, who lives on Birch Lake. Phone: 675-6452. -- Molly Brandt Bliska, Treasurer

TMLA ANNUAL MEETING AUGUST 5 - 7:30 P. M. - HACKENSACK COMMUNITY BUILDING

#### TURN OF THE CENTURY ACCOUNT OF TEN MILE LAKE PIONEERS

EDITOR'S NOTE: What follows is excerpted from a letter to Marna (Adams) Stevens from Lila E. (Mrs. Dan) DeLury. In it she recalls some early history of Ten Mile Lake.

IT WAS ABOUT 1895 that Robert E. DeLury met his older brother, Daniel O., in Minneapolis where Daniel had attended law school and together they found their way to Walker. They pitched a tent at Lake May where they lived for some time.

Daniel set up a law practice and Robert a tailor shop in Walker. Having come from a lake country in Eastern Ontario, it was natural that they explored the lakes in this new country.

TO REACH TEN MILE, they boarded the train at Walker bound for Long Bay. There Clif Long would take them in his one lung motor boat to their destination. There was a flag stop on the other side of Portage called Cyphers, which also was a store and was convenient for many for several years.

The first DeLury cottage was built on the North Shore about 1910. Then a friend, Mr. Vanderluis from Bemidji, built one on the west side that was a mirror image of first. Both were built by Archy Luvigine, who later built the new Chase Hotel in Walker. Their friends, Miss Bicec and Mrs. Illstead, built next to the DeLurys on the east side much later.

THE BIG LOG HOUSE was built in the early '20s and the so-called Resort was then established: The log building and five cottages, a log shed to hold ice, and an added electric plant for convenience and comfort. An attempt to put in a sewer system was not very successful. Fishing was the popular sport in summer. In winter it was ice fishing and the joy of an ice sail boat.

Ten Mile Lake can boast of having attracted a young man who later became a well known author. Mr. E. B. White set up camp around the Burns place in 1922. Once he slipped on pine needles and had to be taken to the hospital in Walker. (Ed. Note: One of White's most popular books, a collaboration, was entitled Elements of Style.)

IN 1925, MR. R. DELURY took over the management of Douglas Lodge and put the resort at Ten Mile in the care of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Jensen. After a few years, they left and set about building Camp Iowa. In 1930 the DeLurys returned and from that time on operated their

own resort. Mr. DeLury passed away in Baltimore in 1945.

Mrs. DeLury continued running the resort for one year and then sold all but the cabin at the end. That was the original cottage -- where she enjoyed Ten Mile Lake, the place she so loved, until her death. By then, the lake was edged by cottages, many of them very elaborate.

# TEN MILE YACHT CLUB SETS SEASON'S SAILBOAT RACES

THREE WEEKENDS OF RACING have been scheduled for the Ten Mile Lake Yacht and Tennis Club, according to Commodore David R. Brandt. They are:

July 3 -- Fourth of July Regatta

July 22 -- Ten Mile Memoria Cup Regatta

Aug. 12 -- Year-End Regatta for Moxness Cup

Each regatta will feature two races starting at 1:30 p.m. Any sailboat and skipper is welcome to enter even though the majority of boats are "C" class.

TO HELP RESIDENTS FOLLOW the races here are sail numbers and owners: TM 1 Mark Putney, TM 2 Chris Brandt, TM 3 Tom Brandt, TM 4 A. Ellerston, TM 5 Bob Crabb, TM 6 Byron Hoffman, TM 7 Dick Garbisch, TM 9 Dave Brandt, TM 10 Tate Lane, TM 14 Chuck Manlove.

TM 17 Dan Gainey, TM 20 Grant Moos, TM 27 Art Kayser, TM 45 and TM 52 Sally Helsman, TM 88 Kerry Running, W 22 and W 25 Pete Roberts, Z 9 Tom Cox, 89 Dick Garbisch, A 38 Bill Brandt, 111 Dick Staunton.

# CONSTRUCTION WORK BLOCKS SHORTCUT ROUTE TO WALKER

MANY TEN MILE RESIDENTS returning this summer will find their scenic shortcut to and from Walker via County Highway 50 flagged for detour. The road will be closed from State Highway 34 to the junction of Cass 50 and Shingobee 49.

A new bridge is being installed to replace the antiquated structure over the Shingobee River. Commissioners let the contract to Construction Services, St. Cloud, for \$500,000.

PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE to reach the Girl Scout Camp at Shingobee Timbers, Gadbolt and Big Bass Lakes by using Cass 50 and Shingobee 49, or Cass 71 and Shingobee 49.

Another project of Cass County this summer is reconstruction of streets in Hackensack.

### FREEZE-UP AND SKATE IN THE YEAR OF 1980 AND 3

By "Deacon" Larson

On the ninth of December at 9:30 a.m., I glanced out the window looking almost due east to see a shallow fog bank way out in the middle of the lake. Batcheller bay had been frozen over for two or three days, but one could see open water further out, and I was certain that the fog bank was condensed vapor rising from the water.

At 10 o'clock the fog bank was still there obscuring the eastern shore completely. However, at 10:20 a.m. I chanced once again to glance across the lake, and lo' and behold, the fog bank had disappeared without a trace.

I WAS IMMEDIATELY CONVINCED that total freeze-up had occurred, thus cutting off the source of vapor for the fog bank. The temperature was about -12 degrees F. at the time -- some 8-10 degrees warmer than the minimum temperature during and shortly after dawn. This was the first time I had been able to pin-point a freeze-up because in previous years it had apparently occurred in darkness.

I decided it was entirely proper to say that we experienced total freeze-up at 10:10 a.m., give or take a half dozen minutes. We skated that afternoon on the smoothest ice we had seen in our seven winters on Ten Mile. We envisioned skating well into the first week of March as we had in the past two years.

FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS one could skate with abandon anywhere on the lake. The many fascinating and fantastic flakes of hoarfrost on the ice did not inhibit skaters, but then the snows began.

We got out the snow shovels, of course, and went to work with a will. The first two or three snows were light and fluffy with only an inch or two involved, so it was easy to design and maintain a spacious rink. The rink was approximately 180 yards long by perhaps 80 yards at its widest point, and it contained 19 snow islands of various shapes and sizes to swoop around. It was indeed a rink to be proud of.

SHORTLY, HOWEVER, MORE BOUNTIFUL snow arrived, still light and fluffy, but in four to five inch batches. It must have snowed every other day for eight or nine days. The rink rapidly shrank to just a pair of snow islands.

By truly heroic efforts, though, we opened up four or five more islands in time for Christmas. However, our last skate was on the day after the Feast of the Nativity.

That evening we were clobbered by eight inches of fresh snow that drifted to at least two feet in places. A touch crust also developed making it extremely difficult to shovel. We couldn't bring ourselves to continue the struggle to keep the rink open.

WE SADLY PUT OUR SHOVELS AWAY, and we shed a few tears because our dreams of skating by moonlight on the Ides of March lay buried beneath the snow.

In compensation, perhaps, for the truncated skating season, the cross-country skiing has been absolutely superb. Forty to sixty minutes on skis every day over even the simplest trails give a thorough workout to virtually every muscle from head to toe.

# COLD AND SNOWY WINTER MAKES DEER FEEDING EFFORT NECESSARY

SEVERAL TEN MILE AND AREA "deerslayers" became "deer savers" this winter. Bob Nelson, Buzz Converse, Fritz Krueger, Garry and Lynn Reitten, Ralph Bjorgaard, "Butch" Tabor, and probably other fall deer hunters as well, used their snowmobiles and ATVs to haul 50-pound bags of feed deep into the forest, where deer had "yarded up" for protection from wolves, cold winds and snow.

A ration of eight sacks of feed per week was made available by the DNR and was picked up at the Chippewa National Forest station in Walker. The feed came in the shape of pellets -- made of corn, soybeans, oats, wheat, alfalfa, molasses and vitamins.

THE FEEDING PROGRAM was launched by the DNR when it was feared the winter's heavy snows and persistently cold temperatures would lead to widespread starvation in the area's deer herd. The DNR was expected to spend \$125,000 to furnish the feed, which was then distributed by volunteers.

Feeding stations varied. Some were V-shaped troughs, others consisted of flattened sacks to keep the pellets off the snow, while still others were just places scraped free of snow so the food could be poured on the group. Bob Nelson observed the deer seemed to eat it any way it was left. They consumed the feed at a rate of about two pounds per day per animal and, once the handouts were started, they had to be continued until natural feed became available, about mid-April. -- Bill Macklin.

#### SEPTIC HONOR ROLL

First new septic system of 1989 is being installed by Daniel and Mary Foss, who bought a summer home last year on Ten Mile just off County 6. The Fosses live at White Bear Lake.

## BOATERS ASKED TO WATCH FOR SCUBA DIVER MARKERS

An experience last summer by a group of scuba divers prompted one of them -- Mark Brust -- to ask for Newsletter space alerting boaters to the "rules of the road" for that activity.

Brust writes: "Over the Fourth of July weekend my friends and I did some diving on the lake. While we were diving a number of boats, both sail and motor, entered the dive area. Since there is little diving on the lake, I assume these boats were either curious or did not recognize the dive flag, which was flown from the boat.

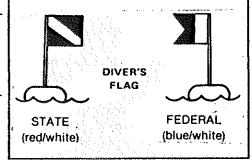
"I WOULD APPRECIATE IT very much if a paragraph in the Newsletter could be included asking all boaters to please remain at least 150 feet (the lawful distance) from the dive flag. I have included a listing stating the diver's and boater's responsibilities regarding the dive flag and open water diving."

Here are those responsibilities:

\*Scuba divers must display a warning flag when diving.

\*The diver's flag must measure at least 15"

horizontally and 12" vertically. Both sides must have a red-colored background bisected diagonally by a 3" wide white stripe. There is also



a blue and white diver's flag authorized under the federal rules of the road.

\*No more than four divers shall dive under one flag.

\*Divers must remain within 50 feet (measured horizontally) of the warning flag.

\*If a group of divers are using a contained area, the perimeter area must be marked. The area must be outside the normal area of navigation. These markings must consist of the official diver's flag and must be placed around the perimeter of the diving area at intervals of not more than 150 feet.

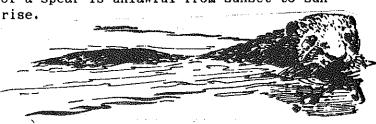
\*Do not place a diver's flag where it will obstruct navigation.

\*The diver's flag may be displayed on a watercraft or float or anchored to the bottom. The top of the flag must be at least 30 inches above the surface, however.

\*Boats not involved with the diving operation must remain 150 feet away from a flag.

\*Persons who dive at any time from sunset to sunrise must carry a diver's light visible when above the water for a distance of 150 feet.

\*Scuba or skin diving while in possession of a spear is unlawful from sunset to sun-



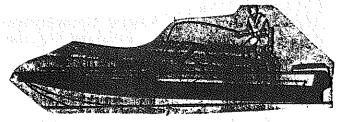
### \$15 LANDFILL SURCHARGE ADDED TO TAX STATEMENTS

USE BY LAKE RESIDENTS of landfills at two sites in Cass County -- Longville/Remer and Walker/Hackensack -- will be paid in part by a \$15 annual fee added to property tax bills.

The landfills were opened in the 1970s and in the period since there has been increasing awareness of the environmental problems of the landfill process. The problems can include degradation of surface water through run-off, degradation of ground water by seepage through buried garbage, and wastefulness of landfill materials of re-cyclable value.

CASS COUNTY HAS FINANCED solid waste management with "tip fees" collected at landfill sites. Closure costs of the Maple Landfill (\$200,000 for Phase 1, twice that estimated for Phase 2) has made it clear that tip fees will not be sufficient to finance solid waste management requirements.

The service fee will vary from \$15 per year for a seasonal residence to \$75 per year for a large generator of waste materials, such as a school. An appeal process is available to any citizen who believes that the fee has been incorrectly applied to his property. For additional information, see or call Mr. Paul Fairbanks, Solid Waste Officer, Courthouse, Walker. 547-3300, Ext. 263.



#### A BOATING SAFETY TIP FROM THE DNR

What boating accidents cause the most angler deaths? Falling overboard and capsizing. If you must move around, keep your weight low and close to the center of the craft.

#### IN MEMORTAN

#### Lloyd Sundin

Lloyd Sundin, a summer resident of Ten Mile Lake since the early 1930s, died at his Santa Barbara, CA, residence on Nov. 10, 1988, at the age of 89. He was born January 12, 1899, in Minneapolis.

Lloyd's professional life was a varied one. He was a high school teacher, a coach, a home builder and a sales manager for the Josten jewelry firm. He was graduated from Hamline University, St. Paul, in 1922.

Lloyd and his wife, Mildred, began coming to Ten Mile Lake in the 1930s, and eventually built a summer home on Batcheller Bay. The Sundins had such a great affection for the beauty of Ten Mile that two years ago they arranged a \$50,000 stock gift to the lake association, the investment proceeds of which were to be used for environmental projects.

Last year, construction was begun at Hamline University on Sundin Music Hall, a \$1.35 million performance center made possible by funds the Sundins had donated.

Lloyd is survived by his wife of 65 years, Mildred; a daughter, Loydee Grainger, Salem, Ore., and numerous nieces and nephews. Memorial services were at the First United Methodist Church, Santa Barbara.

#### Ted Rasaussen

A former resort operator on Ten Mile Lake, Ted Rasmussen, died Feb. 14, at Des Moines General Hospital. He had been in ill health for five years with cancer but was active until the last few months before his death.

"Only a week before he died, he drove his car out to watch me hunt pheasants," said his son, Ronald, of Audubon, IA.

Ted was 86, born Jan. 7, 1903. He was an automobile dealer and ail products jobber at Audubon until selling out in 1955 to go into the resort business in Minnesota. He operated North Shore Beach Resort after buying it from Al and Bertha Rausch.

Ted sold the resort to Dr. Clif S. Hamilton and bought a cabin from Roy Morrel, Crescent Beach Cabins, for his family to use. He sold it 3 years ago and made his home in Audubon. Besides his son, Ted is survived by his wife, Ella; a daughter, Donna (Mrs. Robert Medberry), 8 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were February 17.

#### David P. Anderson

Dr. David P. Anderson, 78, a summer resident of Ten Mile Lake, died March 18 after a long illness. He retired in 1977 from Austin Clinic where he was on the staff since 1939.

Dr. Anderson served in World War II as chief of surgery at the Salt Lake City Air Base, Utah. He was a specialist in hand and arm surgery. During his professional career Dr. Anderson was president of the American Cancer Society, Minnesota Division.

The Andersons rented on the lake in 1951 and 1952, then built on the southeast shore.

#### Wayne Milliken

Wayne Milliken, 74, of Ames, IA, died Sept. 6, 1988, of a heart attack at St. Joseph Medical Center, Brainerd. He and his wife, Neva, had a summer home on the south shore area.

Wayne was a lifelong Ames resident, where he owned and operated the Milliken Body Shop until his retirement in 1971. Besides his wife, he is survived by one son, Irwin, of Hackensack; six grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Don.

Funeral services were held Sept. 10 at Calvary United Methodist Church, Ames.

#### George J. Anderson

George J. Anderson, a summer visitor on Ten Mile Lake for almost 35 years, died Sept. 15, 1988, at Fargo. He was the father of Darlene (Mrs. William L.) Christofferson, a summer resident on the north shore. He was born Oct. 8, 1908, in Leonard, ND, and worked 42 years for the North Dakota Highway Department. Besides Darlene, he is survived by his wife, Dorothy, and another daughter, Marlys (Mrs. Richard) Hartman.

#### Gwenyth Richardson

Mrs. Philip (Gwenyth) Richardson, 67, died January 30 at her home in Austin, MN. She and her family been coming to Ten Mile for many years, first renting and then buying property at what was once the Wooch resort.

Mrs. Richardson is survived by her husband, one daughter, Marcia, and three sons, John, Scott and Allen.

#### Marcella Minor

Marcella Minor, of Monmouth, IL, died on January 9 of the effects of a rare degenerative nerve disease. She and her family had a summer home on Sunset Beach and had been vacationing at Ten Mile for about 25 years. She is survived by her three children, a son, Grant, and two daughters, Linda and Deedee.