

Wighton, Harry and Nellie Hawgood, Henry and Bill Hawgood, Earle and Doris Johnson, Herbert and Lillian King with their children, Jane, Ben, and Robert, Chester and Frances Smith. In November, Mott, F.G. and E.D. Leonard and Able were at Green Lake for the hunt. Margaret Kilbourne, Agnes Bitzer and Ruth Grant were there in August.

1932

In August 1932, Mr. & Mrs. Hawgood were at Green Lake with their boys, W. and Jean Merkel and in October, Harry Hawgood, J.E. Paisley, J.E. Kewley, J.A. Shultz and I were at Green Lake for the hunt. In November, Fasy Seeds, H. Able, A. Able, M.A. Blackenhorn, F. Leonard and C. Way were there.

1933

The Club had decided to try and protect what few beaver there were on the lease at that time. I hired a man, Emmet Roy, to patrol it. He was supposed to make one trip each week to Crutch Lake on the east side of the lease and to Green Lake on the North end. This was unsatisfactory as he spent half his time on return trips. So we thought if we could make a trail from Crutch Lake to Bear Lake he could go around the circle twice a week by spending the night at Green Lake Camp. We knew from the government map that Bear Lake lay a few degrees east of north from Crutch Lake, but it was a rough country and we had never been through there. We decided on this plan. I was to take Emmet out to Green Lake spend the night there and leave early the next morning, going up Long Lake to Bear Lake. Leave the south shore of Bear Lake and follow the compass 3° West of South, blazing the trees as we went. Sam was to take one of Morris boys, who was at camp, go out to Crutch Lake and leave the North shore of Crutch Lake following the compass 3° East of

North. At ten o'clock in the morning we were to fire our guns and see where we were in relation to each other. At ten o'clock Emmett and I had just come to the edge of a deep gulley and when we fired our gun we were answered immediately by a gun shot right across the gulley from us and when we met at the bottom of the gulley the lines we were running coincided within 100 feet. As the distance from Crutch Lake to Bear Lake was about 3 miles this was quite remarkable. We brushed a trail across the line we had run and Emmet used it as long as he worked for us. During these years we were raising crops oats, rye, buckwheat, potatoes, etc. on the back farm and the east farm. We also tried to raise sheep but the wolves got so many of them, we had to give it up. At camp in 1933, A. Prasse, Art Wallace, Chester Smith, Margaret Kilbourne, Mabel Chilson, Florence Chilson, Harry and Nellie Hawgood, Doris Johnson. Hawgood shot three black bears.

1934

Gilbert Morris and Joe Renaud put up ice at Green Lake in the March of 1934. In May, Harry and Nellie Hawgood, Florence and I spent a week at Green Lake camp. Harry and I built a boat house on cedar floats in front of the camp and poled it by the channel back of the big island over to the road, landing when we went back to the river. The mosquitoes were so bad on the First Lake trail that we had to run part of the way to keep away from them. In August of that year, Mr. and Mrs. B.C. Shepherd were at the river camp and in October, Mr. and Mrs. Hawgood, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Sam, Joe and I were again at Green Lake.

1935

Florence and I went to camp on May 5th this year. Wallace's road was so bad we got stuck and had to have Joe Blinkie's team pull us out. We left for home on the 27th and stopped in Toronto,

and brought Jo Fullis home with us. We went back to camp in August and took Mrs. Chilson and Florence with us. I had been thinking for several years how nice it would be if we could build a dam and power plant at the Creek. This was an undertaking I hardly dared tackle, however, this year I finally decided to try. I hired several teams and men from Sheen, in May, and started a dirt fill across the valley. This fill had to be 125 feet long, 12 feet high, 16 feet across the top and about 40 feet at the base. It required about 1600 cu.yds. of dirt fill and it was a slow business completing it. By the latter part of August we had all of it done, which could be put in until we had the concrete retaining walls at the Creek built.

1936 - 1937

In May 1936, we assembled the necessary lumber and timbers to make the forms and bracing, and hauled enough creek gravel to the dam sight to construct the walls. In August, when the water was low, we built coffer dams in the creek bed, laid the footings and built a concrete apron between the wall footings. We had to build this in two sections. When the first section had set, we turned the creek water so as to flow over it and dammed it off, so as to build the other section. When the apron and footings were set, we built the forms and erected them on the footings, one on each side of the creek, with wing walls on the up stream sides of the fill. We also, set up a form for a central pier to hold the drops and slotted the sides of this pier and the side walls to take the drops. Between the wall forms we ran forms for concrete beams across the creek to support the bridge floor. When these forms were all in place, leveled and plumbed, we braced them all securely and started pouring concrete. After the

walls and piers were set, we removed the forms and set up a new form for the bridge floor and poured that. When that was set, we finished grading the fill up to the walls on both sides of the creek. After the fill was completed we laid sod on the down stream slope to keep it from washing. During the previous winter I had built the water wheel in the grouch-house shop at home. This was entirely metal, built from my own drawings. Gene Smoley sent me some data on overshot water wheels, which he got from a hydraulic engineer, which helped me work it out. It was 8 feet in diameter and 3 feet wide. I made patterns for the hubs and had them cast and machined at Coe's shop with slots on the outside faces to take 2"x 2" angle iron spokes, which were braced and connected by cross members, which made a very ridged frame. The face of the wheel was twenty gauge galvanized iron, bolted to the outside cross members, and the 36 galvanized iron buckets were bolted to this face. I shipped this to camp during that summer and had a lot of trouble getting it through customs. I had intended to erect the wheel and finish the power house the next spring, but during the high water in April 1937 a leak started through the fill back of the wing wall on the far side of the creek and washed the fill out next to the bridge wall. I was going to England that summer, and would not be back at camp until fall so, I had to delay that until the spring of 1938. We got home on August 16, 1937, but as I was unwell and had to have a minor operation, we did not get to camp until September 8th. During that summer David Ingalls had joined the Club. He sent a canoe and a number of extra beds and mattresses to the Green Lake camp and he and his family with the Johnsons and Hawgoods landed on September 22nd.

1938

Florence, Mabel Chilson and I left for camp on May 2, 1938. I had agreed that winter to build a camp up at the narrows for Ray Seymour and I hired Rudolph Antler to do the work on it. I had also hired Bill Lemke to run the electric line from the power house to the buildings and wire them, to set up the generator and get the plant running. As soon as we arrived, I was very busy getting the lumber delivered to Seymour and building the piers, on which to mount the water wheel and the flume across the fill with gates to control it. Finally after three years work we turned the water on the wheel and everything worked perfectly. This was on May 20, 1938, a red letter day in the history of camp. Before leaving this subject, however, it should be said that the contour of the creek valley near camp is such as to make the utilization of the creek for power a difficult undertaking. It was the practice of the early settlers, who established mills with over shot wheels, to pick a location in a stream where there existed natural falls or where the natural slope of the stream was steep and where the banks sloped gently to it. So that a flume (an earthen ditch), could be run down the stream on a level so that a sufficient head or fall could be obtained to develop the required power. As this could not be done at camp, we had to locate the wheel at the dam and the inlet to the flume across the fill had to be on the surface of the mill pond in order to get sufficient head which prevented running the plant in the winter because of ice. However, that summer I rigged a wire extending from our cottage to the gate on the flume, so that I could regulate the flow of water on to the wheel from the cottage and the plant worked satisfactorily

pumping water and furnishing light for eighteen years. In September of that year, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hawgood, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hawgood, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Wash Mathews and Fred Green were at Green Lake.

1939

Florence and I went to camp on May 5, 1939 by train. I had been instructed by the Club to build a float on first lake enough to take a team and jumper across to the Green Lake trail. Joe Renaud and I built this that May. We took the Hubert Carrols up with us in August that year and Julie came also. On the 9th the Johnsons, the Ingalls family and the Haddens came with a big load of freight and went in to the Green Lake camp. They took the team and crossed First Lake on the new float. We had agreed with the Hawgoods to come home early that year and come back with them in September. So we came back home the last of August, only to learn when we arrived that Harry had been killed the day before by the accidental discharge of his rifle, which he was working on. This was a sad blow to us all and camp with that group was never the same after that. We went back later in September and took Evelyn Lightner with us.

1940

We went to camp on May 6th this year. It was a very wet month and we had trouble getting in and out over the Wallace road. In the summer it was hot and dry and the creek was so low in August that we did not have enough water to run the light plant. It was then I decided to build another dam on second lake creek as the outlet at the lake flows through a rock cut only about 50 feet wide. I arranged to have Sam and Joe haul some lumber out there that coming winter for forms.

1941

Ice went out early this year and we left for camp on April 22, 1941. Mame and Jack Wallace came up on the 27th and we celebrated our fortieth wedding anniversary. On May 6th we all went to Pembroke and met Jo Pullis. Flies came on early and we came home on May 19th. I went up early that summer. Florence and Mae Means drove up on August 3rd. Norris and Ruth drove up in their car and took the Grove cottage. On August 9th the Kapitzkys came up and staid with Norris and Ruth. They left on August 14th.

As soon as I came we started work on the Second Lake dam. We had a tough job clearing the log jam out of the creek to make room for the dam. We had trouble finding any gravel there that would work. We laid one footing and when we poured the concrete it would not set, so we had to tear it out and haul gravel from the Lake beach. This really was not good, but the best we could get. We finally got the job finished. We used 8'x 8' drops and as the Lake is nearly two miles long and around a half mile wide it impounded so much water that the next summer when we took out a drop it would run for two weeks before the lake came down to the level of the next drop. After this was in operation we were never out of water again. This job took all summer until it was time for us to go home.

1942

We came to camp again early this year. Weather unusually warm. McCool was driving lumber out of the creek. We did some work this year on the lake road on top the mountain. Had three men working there, one Rinaud and two LaBines. Seymour and party came in on May 11th. Flies came on early again this year. That

summer Morris and family were there for a short time. The Thompsons spent a few days with us. Kolinske and his father and Mae Means were also there. Florence went home on October 12th by train. Mae and I left on the fourteenth.

1943

Florence and I drove to camp in the Ford coupe on May 5th. Season late and weather cool. I had ordered a large pump to install in the power house and a quantity of pipe to put in a sprinkler system on the lot lying between the cottage and the farm house. This lot had always been a weed patch and I hoped, if we got water on it, we could cultivate it. Mae Means, Helen Carter and Julie were there that summer. Most of my time was put in getting the sprinkler system going.

1944

Joe Renaud left to take a job at the Schyan in April. Sam was alone until that summer when we hired Gerald Dittburner and his wife. They lived in the grove cottage until the next summer. We came in on May 3rd. The weather was warm and we found everything in good shape. That summer I drove up with Mae on July 20th and Florence came up on the train July 27. She went to Albany and met Frances with her three children. We staid that year to October 25th and went into the Carter house on Wood St., where we lived two years.

1945

We had a very early spring this year. Ice went out about April first. Chester and I left on April 6th. Florence went to Cleveland on the ninth and took a sleeper from there to Toronto. Chet and I met her at Chalk River at 8:30. The plant was just building that year and we had to get permits to come through,

we were held up getting Florence's permit, so that we did not get in to camp until 11:00. That was the year we built the White cottage and we were digging the cellar and building the foundation that May. Chester helped us with the work but left to go home on the 14th and on the 16th two men came in from Sheen to work on the cottage. The Wallaces came in for a few days the last of April and during May we had several people over from the plant. We left for home on May 30th. We came back that year on July 17th and brought Laurie with us. Frances and her children came on August 2nd by train. Ruth Smith, Julie and Ruth Taylor came up to get Laurie. In May that year I shipped our tractor from Wintergreen Hill to camp. We brought it across the river on the float. We also brought in a new stove for the cottage. Gene, Frances and the children were there for a while in August, also C.D. Reed and wife (friend of Gene), Anneta and Dottie, all left on the 29th.

1946

This year we left for camp on April 15th and Florence and I were alone that spring, most of the time. Went home May 26th. Returned to camp July 17th. We went to Buffalo and spent the night with the Randalls at Hotel Lenox. Sam met us in Pembroke on the 19th. We brought Laurie with us. Chester and two of his boys came a few days later and stayed a week. Frances and her children came by train on August 1st., and stayed in the Grove cottage and Gene drove up for the last week of their stay. On the 19th, Ruth, Julie, Bill and Ruth Taylor came up for a few days and took Laurie home with them. Florence left on Sept. 8th, and stayed with Chet and his boys while Barbara was in the hospital when Kent was born. On the nineteenth she drove back to

camp with the Thompsons, who stayed with us until the 26th. Bill Hawgood arrived on the 28th and went in to Green Lake. He came out on October 10th and got deer out front. Left on the 13th. We went home next day.

1947

This was a late spring. We did not leave home 'til May 4th. Bad weather, some snow left in woods. We had engine trouble on the way up and found it burned out when we got to Pembroke. Had to install new engine. Gerald and Ruth had left on May 1st and Sam had hired Bill McDonald to help him. Very high water in the Ottawa this spring. Came back on July 23rd that summer and had hot weather through August. The Paul Andersons came up for a week bringing their son, Bayard. Mae Means and the Thompsons were there a few days. Bill Hawgood and boys were at Green Lake early in October. This was the year Earle Johnson died having come down with his plane in flames on a trip to Washington. With Harry and Earle gone the old camp crowd never came back to camp. Bill Hawgood and his family being the only ones of the group who have continued to use the camp.

1948

Left for camp April 22nd this year. Just out of Bancroft, had a short in car wiring. Fire put out by driver from a passing bus. Had to go back to Bancroft and bring out a mechanic to repair wiring before we could go on. That spring we moved the saw mill from its old location on the flats to a spot back of the white cottage. It had always flooded in high water on the creek flats and the frost heaved the track so badly that it had to be relined each spring. On the way home I stopped in Toronto and bought a new generator for the power plant as the

old one had been making us trouble. Returned July 22nd. Frances came with two of her girls on August 5th. Had pretty cool weather that month. Kapitzkys came and brought Laurie. Returned Aug. 8th. Wallaces with Mary and her husband came for a few days in September. Frances had had some talk with New York friends of hers, Shaffhausens and Beresford, about the Club. They came up in October with a Mr. Gray and decided to take over our lease and reorganize the Club. I made a contract with them, renting them the grove cottage and providing for services to be rendered by Sam.

1949

Left for camp April 28th this year. Had snow flurries in Pembroke on way up. Donald Lepard drove us up. Schaffhausen, Beresford and Gray were there. Decided on a location for a camp they wanted to build at First Lake. Sam and I laid out the foundation and built concrete piers. We put the old float in the water to use as a dock at the new camp. We went home on the 22nd. Sam had to row us across the river as all motor engines were out of commission. Came back that year on Aug. 4th. Mrs. Schaffhausen, Eric and Dindy were in grove camp. All the Smoley family were there for two weeks. The First Lake camp was completed that summer.

1950

We went by train to Rochester this spring and Fenton Ball and his wife drove our car there and met us. Marion and Bill Koops had completed their new house at Chalk River. Had to put a new bottom on the big boat that spring. Fenton and I did some work on the Lake road. Went home on the 25th and spent the night at the Royal Connaught in Hamilton. Fenton Ball drove us back

again in July. Chet, Barbara and the boys came on the 30th, and stayed in the White cottage. Florence Schaffhausen and children came by train in August. Frances came Aug. 9th with her three and Sarah Jane McCarroll. Joe Schaffhausen came in Aug. 17th. Helen Carter and Wynne Schnider were there several days. Mae Means and Guy Bartholomew for a few days. Schaffhausens left Aug. 23rd, Frances and the girls Aug. 31st. Chip stayed until Sept. 7th. Wallaces came in for the day Sept. 6th.

1951

Fenton Ball drove us to Buffalo May 3rd, drove by way of Eganville and stopped to see Dettburners. Worked on the road. Left May 23rd. Fenton drove us to Buffalo again July 26th. Very hot day and night in Peterborough. The fall before we had made arrangements to take an Esthonian imigrant couple to help Sam and Emma. They met us with Sam at the Chalk. Could speak a little English and their names were Alfred/Winnie Marmor. Florence Schaffhausen and children came on Aug. 3th. Gene, Fran, and Margery came Aug. 20th. Made camping trips to the Lakes. They left on Sept. 4th. Wallaces spent the night of the 20th with us. The Thompsons came on the 16th and left on the 20th. We left for home on the 25th. Fenton Ball drove us to Buffalo on April 28th, Hebners and Marmors met us in Chalk River. Two men came in on May 5th to shingle the cottage and Sam's house. Seymour and party landed on the 23rd, went to second lake and brought back fish. Black flies bad. We left for home on the 24th.

1952

Left home for camp on July 23rd with Laurie and Susie Newton. Came by Kaladar and Eganville. Ruth Moody and children

had been there before us and were in our cottage so we stayed in the Grove cottage. They left for home on the 26th. Ruth Smith drove up with Beatty and took Laurie and Susie home. Florence Schaffhausen, Eric and Dindy came Aug. 6th. Beresford and Bob Sikes, Cudays and Bradleys from N.J. came on the 16th and stayed at First Lake. Frances and the two girls came Aug. 18th. Gene Smoley and Chip came Aug. 27th, stayed three days at Green Lake. Left on Sept. 5th. During the preceeding winter Sam and Albert had driven spiles through the ice in the old creek channel and during this summer we built a boat house there. We dug out a channel through the beach to deep water. In September Albert and Winnie left to take a job in Toronto. Wallaces were at camp for two days and Chester came on the 26th and drove us home on the twenty nineth.

1953

Fenton Ball drove us to Buffalo again this spring. The ice went out early and we left for camp on April 15th. Had some rain and snow on trip up. Stayed at Rock Haven Hotel and had a rough, cold crossing to camp. Had cold rainy weather for two weeks, but then it came on warm. Sam bought a new car so he and Emma with Bill and Marion drove as far as Toronto on our way home. We left on May 18th.

On July 22nd, we left for camp Ruth Moody, Agnes Lockhart and three children with us. Struck new man through customs at Peace Bridge. He tore all our baggage to pieces before satisfied. Stayed at Rock Haven, Peterborough. When we arrived, found two families, guests of the Club, in Grove cottage. Moodeys stayed in White cottage. They left July 30th, Mrs. Schaffhausen and children came on Aug. 5th, bringing Connie with them. Joe S.

came on Aug. 12th and on Aug. 15th Beresford came with 13 people and Bill Hawgood with his boys and Steffins. They went to Green Lake and came out with a husky dog they picked up in the woods. Frances and Margery came by train on Aug. 20th. Gene and Chip came on the 29th and went to Green Lake on Sept. 2nd and left on the 10th. We made a trip to Blinkies Lumber camp and I made arrangements with Joe Blinkie to cruise our lots and give me an estimate of standing pine. Norris and John Marshall came on Sept. 19th for a few days. We left for home on Sept. 22nd.

1954

Ruth Smith drove us to Buffalo on April 29th and returned home by train. We came on by Peterborough, Kaladar and Eganville. Blinkie had estimated timber on our lots at one and a half million and had made an offer for it, so I stopped in Pembroke to talk with his attorney, Mr. Campbell, regarding a sales contract. Harry LaBine came in on May 3rd and went to Green Lake with Sam to build a new boat there. Helen Carter and Winne Schnider came on the 15th. On the 22nd, Joe Blinkie came in and I sold him the saw mill and agreed on the terms of a contract covering the sale of the timber. I hated to have it cut as we had done very little cutting during the forty years we had owned it but, the uncertainty as to what the children would want to do with the place when we were gone and the fact that some of it was past its prime and deteriorating, persuaded me it was the wise thing to do. As the flies were getting bad we left on May 27th.

Chester, Kent and Kendall drove up with us in two cars on July 19th and went to Green Lake over Sunday. Joe Blinkie and Angus Campbell came up and we made the final agreement on a

contract. Chester left on July 30th. Frances and the girls came that year on August 6th. Some of the camp crowd were in the Grove camp. Beresford came with a party of 8 on the 14th and stayed until the 27th. That year we put a cabin on the big boat and during September was bringing in equipment to cut timber. We left for home on Sept. 24th.

1955

Dora Knierim drove us to Buffalo and came back on train. We arrived in camp on April 28th. In April that year a bad flood in the creek washed out the dam and power house. This was a great loss to us as it had been in operation 18 years. Luckily we had a small Delco plant which I bought to furnish lights in the winter several years before this, so we got along with that thru this summer. We were compelled to build a new bridge below the dam over Oiseau Creek and this kept me busy all that May. Joe had rebuilt our old mill building into a camp for his men and he had a jobber and his wife, Paul and Shela Senack, there that summer. I had included in our contract with Joe Blimkie the building of a permanant road to Zadow's camp and the back farm and Joe started that this spring. Dora came with us to camp that summer on July 27th. That summer I spent a good deal of time bulldozing out channel in the beach. Norris and Carl Dautel spent a few days in White cottage. Jim Knierim came up for a time and left on Aug. 19th. Bill Hawgood with 4 boys came on the 20th and stayed until Aug. 28th. Beresford and party of 8 came on Aug. 27th. Frances and her girls and Kay Baird came on the 23th and went to Green Lake overnight. Left Sept. 3rd. Beresford left on the 5th. Thompsons came up on the 10th and stayed until the 14th. Chester came Sept. 18th and left on the 24th.

1956

Jim and Dora drove up with us on May 4th through Rock Haven, Bancroft and Round Lake. Ice still on First Lake. I spent most of this spring working on new road to back farm. Hebners drove home with us on May 27th. Dora drove us to camp on July 27th. Albert and Winnie came the same day and stayed in White cottage for week. Mame and Jack Wallace both sick in hospital this summer. Chet, Luther and Kent came Aug. 15th and stayed until 22nd. Bill Hawgood and 4 boys spent week at Green Lake. Beresford, his brother and 2 boys came Aug. 25th. Jim Knierim came up and drove Dora home Sept. 7th. Harold and Norma Linkert came on the 7th and Helen Carter and Wynne Schnider came on the 12th, left on the 17th. That summer we bought a hydraulic lift for the truck. Left for home on Sept. 23rd.

1957

Dora and Jim Knierim drove me up to camp. Spent some time working on new road. Joe finished cutting lumber that spring and the total taken out came almost exactly to his estimate. Dora drove Florence and I up on July 25th. Went New York Thruway. Found Marion and Kenny at camp. Joe Blinkie and wife came to dinner. Bill Hawgood came on the 26th went to Green Lake. Beresford and Hawgood left August 3rd. Henry and Florence Kohankie came on Aug. 6th and stayed a few days in White cottage. Chet, Luther and Kent came Aug. 7th with Laurie. Angus Campbell, Rands and Jenkins called. Dora and Florence went to Ottawa to see Koops on Aug. 19th. Margery met them at Chateau Laurier and Fran and Gene the same day, they all drove back to camp. Connie came with two girls on Aug. 24th. Erick Schaffhausen, General and John Rockingham came to lunch. Aug. 28th Dora went

to Cumbermere and met Jim coming back on Labor Day. Gen. Rockingham and Eric came to dinner Aug. 30th. Left Sept. 14th.

1958

Jim and Dora drove us up on April 24th. The fall before Beresford had laid joist and subefloor on addition to First Lake camp. We started the frame this trip. Joe Schaffhausen and Beresford came on Friday the 9th and stayed a day laying out partitions, doors, windows, etc. at Lake camp. Had very cold weather this May. Left for home on May 24th.

Dora drove us up on July 27th. Beresford and party at First Lake. July 31st Jim came. Marg and Jean Wallace and their husbands stopped in August 1st. August 4th Dora and Jim left for home. Dr. & Mrs. Bowes, friends of Joe Schaffhausen, were in Grove cottage. Dr. Hertenroader and family from Mansfield in the Grove cottage. After Bowes left. Aug. 10th went to dinner with Beresford and Ecton family at First Lake. Chester and Kent came on the 12th. Sam had built a new row boat for Kent. Four professors from Oswego College came Aug. 13th. Frances, Margery and Susie Collins came and spent a night at Green Lake on the 15th and left for home on the 18th. Chip came at 9:15p.m. on the 15th. Chet, Kent and Chip left on the 19th. Manfredi and two boys came to First Lake camp on the 23rd. The Mohankies came on Sept. 3th bringing Dora with them, and left on the 12th. That August Sam and I built an overhead loader at the back farm and covered the new road, from the gravel pit to the mountain hill, with sand and gravel.