

# Puslinch Lake Memories

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## **To Pleasure Seekers! Puslinch Lake!**

The Subscriber begs to inform sportsmen and other visitors to Puslinch Lake that they can be supplied with every accommodation at his tavern and he can furnish boats, fishing tackle, et cetera on the shortest notice and on the most reasonable terms. As this beautiful lake is now frequented by thousands of visitors annually from all parts of Canada, and as the subscriber has gone to much expense to supply the wants of visitors, he hopes to be liberally supported.

Picnic and other parties can arrange for boats, et cetera, by letter addressed to:

**Alex Parks**  
1¼ miles from Hespeler  
Puslinch, July 21st 1859.

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## **Puslinch Lake Hotel**

Elijah Arnold, having erected and now completed a commodious hotel on the beautiful island in the centre of the most charming of all Canadian lakes, invites his friends and the public generally to visit the lake during the summer and enjoy its rich and varied bounties, and the delicacies he has provided for them.

The House is convenient and well furnished and fit to accommodate parties, however numerous. The grounds are well laid out, including gardens, a bowling alley, and other places of recreation. Numerous first-rate boats are on hand for parties desirous of fishing on the lake or shooting wild fowl and there is capital stabling on the south shore. To parties or individuals desirous of passing a day or two in the midst of the most charming rural scenery in Canada, the temptation to visit Puslinch Lake Hotel must be irresistible.

The best wines, malt liquors, and spirits are on hand and meals got up for individuals or parties, in the very best style, and on moderate terms.

**Puslinch Lake, near Galt.**  
Galt reporter newspaper May 17th 1860.

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**Death of Elijah Arnold**  
**Thursday August 16th 1860.**

Died, in Hamilton, on Thursday, the 16th instant, from an accident whilst rowing a boat in the bay, Mr. Elijah Arnold, late of the Phoenix Saloon, Galt and of The Island, Puslinch Lake, aged 52. His body was interred in Trinity Church Cemetery, Galt on Friday afternoon.

from the Galt Reporter newspaper

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**To Let**  
**A Good Stone Building situate on The Island, Puslinch Lake,**  
**As a Saloon**

And which has lately been occupied for that purpose. The Island is a place of great public resort from all the surrounding country, and as there are seven acres of land on the island, there is ample room for picnic and all other respectable parties enjoying themselves.

For particulars apply, if by letter, post paid, to the undersigned, on the premises, or to the Messrs. Buckley, Grocers, Galt.

**Hellena Pembroke**

N.B. — The boats on the premises will be let with the saloon.

**Puslinch Lake**  
**April 18th 1861.**

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## **Picnic Parties at Puslinch Lake**

### **July 27th 1865.**

Several picnic parties started early for Puslinch Lake and after a pleasant ride soon reached the shores of that pleasant resort. Boating on the lake, games and amusements on the Island, and a general jollification was the order of the day. Old and young participated in the innocent amusements and refreshments of all kinds were provided ad libitum. That jolly old landlord Parks had his hands full of work all day but he managed to make everyone comfortable and did his best to accommodate all parties. The happy company left before the shades of evening closed round and arrived safely in Guelph at a seasonable hour. Besides these, there were picnic and excursion parties to other places in the neighbourhood. On the whole, we do not think that there ever was a day more generally kept or more pleasantly spent than the public holiday on Monday.

from the Hespeler Herald newspaper

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## **Accident at Puslinch Lake**

### **August 25th 1865.**

On Tuesday last, Mr. John Lloyd, second son of Griffith Lloyd, Esquire, of Beverly, in company with his brother James, Mr. W. N. Bennett, and Mr. D. Armstrong, went on an excursion to Puslinch Lake. After amusing themselves for some time, about 11 o' clock they lunched on the island, and prepared to get into a boat to go fishing, John Lloyd, getting in first, and receiving the guns from Mr. Bennett. The guns were all loaded and as Mr. Lloyd was in the act of placing them in the boat, the hammer of one of the guns struck one of the seats and went off, discharging its contents into his arm just above the elbow, passing through it and coming out below the shoulder. He was immediately taken to the shore, and while medical assistance was being procured, his comrades exerted themselves to stop the flow of blood, which was weakening the sufferer very much, which they partially succeeded in doing. After about three hours, a doctor from Hespeler arrived and dressed the wound, and on Mr. Lloyd getting stronger, he was removed home, and Dr. Lundy sent for, who after an examination found that the bone of the arm had not been touched but that the main artery had been cut and all the fleshy part of the arm torn away. He immediately tied up the artery and now is in good hopes of saving the arm.

Mr. Lloyd is a general favourite in Beverly and great sympathy is expressed for him. Mr. Lloyd's father and mother were away from home at the time of the accident, and if this should meet their eye they may rest assured that the sufferer is doing well.

Communicated by J. E. Sheffield  
from the Galt Reporter newspaper

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## **Puslinch Lake**

**August 13th 1867.**

Nestling among the richly wooded hills and valleys of the County of Wellington, and not far from the thriving village of Hespeler, lies Puslinch Lake, a sheet of water rejoicing in a name which is decidedly not especially euphonious, but is derived from a little incident characteristic of the history of the early settlers and of the trifling events that give rise to the names of some of the most beautiful and romantic of Canadian scenes.

In the days when Western Canada was one vast forest, scarcely broken by a few clearings of very limited extent, a family from the Niagara district penetrated as far as this locality, and attracted by the glistening waters of a lake which appeared among the dark green foliage of the forest, made their way towards it. When they had nearly arrived upon its margin, their wagon came to a standstill, stuck hard and fast in the swampy ground near a thicket composed for the most part of "pitcher plants". For hours they toiled to extricate it, but to no purpose. At length, they were agreeably surprised by the appearance of a man named Lynch, who had for some time lived near the spot, and who very kindly offered his services. "Push Lynch", said the new settler, as with renewed hope he put his shoulders to the wheel, and between them they managed to get the wagon out of the swamp. So relieved was the emigrant on finding himself once more able to proceed, that in commemoration of the event and the aid received from the stranger, he named the lake "Push Lynch", which has since degenerated into "Pushlinch" and "Puslinch".

As I before remarked, the scenery round the lake is exceedingly pretty, and if it was better known would be sure to attract a large number of visitors, who rejoice in the sight of the picturesque. And as the waters of the lake are well stocked with fish, the disciples of the "gentle art" would also congregate more numerous than they do now. Close to the margin of the lake stands a little hotel where all the necessary bait, fishing tackle, et cetera can be procured by those who seek to ensnare the denizens of Puslinch Lake. Boats can also be obtained here.

Near the centre of the lake is a very pretty island of some considerable extent, on which stands the foundation of a structure intended for a convent, which has not as yet been completed. The best spot for fishing is off this island.

The way to reach Puslinch Lake is to proceed via Hespeler, an exceedingly good specimen of a Canadian village, which is, I am happy to know, in a thriving and prosperous condition. The large manufactory of J. Hespeler, Esq., affords constant employment for a number of hands. I may also be allowed to mention that Hespeler is noted for the manufacture of exceedingly good whiskey.

The road from Hespeler to the lake is filled with pretty glimpses of Canadian rural scenery. Rich farms in the highest state of cultivation, with substantial barns and farm buildings, may be seen on every side, and thick forests, green meadows, and fields of waving corn, are interspersed together, while here and there the waters of a tiny stream, which flows for the most part among the woods and thickets, hiding like a bashful beauty, too timid to be seen, finds its way noiselessly along to the bosom of the pretty lake. And in the dark pools, and beneath the known of that romantic stream, trout, all shining with silver scales and ruddy stars, hide themselves away, and may occasionally be lured out of their native element by the temptation of a good fat worm, for there is no room for the most expert Waltonian to throw a fly, so thick the tangled copse-wood grows, and so thickly do the branches of the trees cluster to protect the brook upon its travels.

If anyone wishes to enjoy a pleasant holiday far from the city's din and bustle, and among the beauties of Nature in her loveliest form, he cannot do better than take the Great Western Railway train to Hespeler, and, on the margin of the lake or beneath the cool shade of the forest trees beside the little stream, which night and day through all the sweet summer time sings the same melodious measure, enjoy the "dolce far niente" to his heart's content.

from the Hespeler Herald newspaper

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## **Fatal Accident at Puslinch Lake**

### **Friday August 21st 1868.**

A most unfortunate accident marred the enjoyment of the pleasure seekers to Puslinch Lake on Thursday. A number of people from Preston had also assembled to hold a picnic and, of course, boating was the favourite amusement of all. About four in the afternoon, a boat containing, some say nine, and some say twelve of the Preston excursionists put off from the island to the shore at Park's Hotel. The wind blew strongly, and when about half way over, the boat filled suddenly and sank and the whole of its occupants were in consequence left struggling in the water. Three men were of the party; there were one or two children, and five or six women. One of the men, only, it appears, was able to swim, and he was immediately grasped around the neck by a young woman named Lizzie Goldsmith. The claims of his wife and child on his assistance were, however, paramount. He went under the water when Miss Goldsmith caught him, and when he rose the unfortunate girl, who was never seen alive again, was not with him.

He then got hold of his wife and child and managed to keep them up until assistance arrived, which was but a brief space of time, as several boats immediately put off on seeing the accident, and one which was passing not far distant rendered very material aid. How the remainder of the party managed to keep themselves afloat after they were thrown out is not known. They had nothing to cling to, for the boat rose bottom upwards and floated away, so that when they were picked up, it was at a distance of fifty yards from them. Those who were rescued were put ashore as speedily as possible and had all necessary assistance rendered them at the hotel.

The body of Miss Goldsmith was seen about an hour and a half after the mishap occurred by another party that was crossing, but as the boat was very heavily loaded, an attempt to recover it would probably have resulted in another disaster, and it was not made. Search was afterwards instituted and continued until dark, but without success, as the remains of the unfortunate girl were unrecovered up to that time.

She was a German, and one of between two and three hundred members and adherents of the Lutheran Church in Preston who had sought the beautiful scenery of the lake as the most fitting place for a day's entertainment.

from the Hespeler Herald newspaper

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## **Not Found**

**Saturday August 22nd 1868.**

We learn that the body of Miss Goldsmith, who was drowned in Puslinch Lake on Thursday, has not yet been recovered.

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## **Body Found**

**Tuesday August 25th 1868.**

We learn that the body of Miss Goldsmith, who was drowned in Puslinch Lake on Thursday, was recovered on Saturday. It was in a standing position with the feet deeply sunk in the mud at the bottom.

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**Hotel and Farm  
For Sale or Rent!  
At Puslinch Lake**

The property known as the Sportsman's Arms situate on Lot number 5, 1st Concession, Puslinch, in the county of Wellington, containing thirty-one and a half acres of land. There are 9 rooms in the house. There are on the premises a good bank barn, nearly new, a swing, 24 feet high, and six new boats.

This property can be bought with or without the stock, implements, and furniture, to suit purchasers.

This property can be bought cheap for cash or time given for part, if required.

The proprietor also has a lease of lot number 4 containing 19 acres, together with the island, of acres, which he will sublease to the purchaser if desired. Further information given by...

**F. Kent**  
on the premises, or by letter post-paid, Hespeler P. O., Ontario.

**Puslinch Lake, February 16th 1871.**

from the Galt Evening Reporter newspaper

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**Desirable Property for Sale in Puslinch  
April 17th 1872.**

The north part of Lot No. 4, on the 1st Concession, containing 19 acres, on which there is a good orchard and piece of bush and stable. Also, the Island on the lake containing 7 acres, and

**¼ of an acre off a corner of Lot No. 4 in the 4th Concession, formerly used as school ground.**

**For terms apply to:**

**Mrs. Z. Pembroke  
Lot 18, Concession 17, Minto,  
Drew P.O.**

**from the Hespeler Herald newspaper**

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**Town and County News  
July 24th 1873.**

**The employees of the Guelph Machine and Tool Company hold their annual picnic at Puslinch Lake on Wednesday next.**

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper**

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**Puslinch Lake  
July 28th 1873.**

**A correspondent from the Wellington Foundry sends us the following:**

**Through the kind liberality of the Messrs. Inglis and Hunter, the whole of their employees, with their wives, sweethearts, and friends, were given a most enjoyable outing by visiting Puslinch Lake on Saturday.**

**The party started in six pleasure vans, hired for the occasion from Messrs. Deverill and Hewer, and were accompanied by the principal of the firm and his family. The ride out was exceedingly pleasant, the earth having been cooled by Friday's rain.**



Arrived at the lake, the party embarked in what the Puslinch mariners term boats, but in our opinion were merely pieces of wood nailed so as to exclude the water. However, not disposed to stick at trifles, the party soon landed on the island, and after some cool drinks the party dispersed. The gong having sounded, the cloth was quickly relieved of the savoury viands. Various enjoyments came next, such as dancing, music supplied by Messrs. Doty and Beard, balling, boating, swimming, et cetera.

After spending a few hours very pleasantly, with another good fall too of the creature comforts, the party left the island and on landing again, indulged in sports and games.

They started for home by way of Hespeler, again enjoying a beautiful ride, and on reaching home, Waterloo Road and Wyndham Street, were made to resound with cheers and songs of “Old Lang Syne”, “Rule Britannia, and finally “God Save the Queen”. The party, whose number was between seventy and eighty, felt highly gratified with their day’s outing and very thankful to Mr. Inglis, who with his lady, added no small amount of pleasure by their courteous and affable behaviour.

from the Guelph Mercury newspaper

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## **Town and County News**

**July 28th 1873.**

For Puslinch Lake — The employees of Messrs. Hepburn & Co., with their wives and friends, started this morning for Puslinch Lake to spend the day in healthful recreation.

from the Guelph Mercury newspaper

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## **Town and County News**

**July 31st 1873.**

Guelph Machine & Tool Co. — The employees of Messrs. Arms & Worswick had a good time at Puslinch Lake yesterday, holding their annual picnic. About fifty were present.

Horse killed — We learn that Mr. John Gilchrist, near Puslinch Lake, had a horse killed by lightning on Friday night during the heavy thunderstorm.

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## **Town and County News**

**August 6th 1873.**

**The employees of Jackson's Melodeon Factory are picnicking today at Puslinch Lake.**

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper**

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## **The Butchers' Picnic**

**July 18th 1874.**

**The picnic to Puslinch Lake yesterday was, as we anticipated, a most enjoyable affair. Altogether, about two hundred persons were present. The spread was, as may be imagined, bountiful, so extensive, in fact, that a quantity of refreshments was brought home again. The best of order prevailed all day. Quoiting, baseball, boating, dancing on the green, and similar diversions occupied the happy hours. A rowing match, we believe, was one of the features of the occasion, and Mr. George Hood claims the palm as the champion oarsman. The company returned home about dusk, arriving here between eight and nine o' clock.**

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## **A Picnic**

**July 31st 1874.**

**Today, the employees of Mr. F. J. Chubb, builder, start for Puslinch Lake with the object of a good day's sport. They have been building up their hopes lately in anticipation of this pleasure, and we trust that, by it, they will be much edified. In baseball, they will make many good hits, no doubt, and though they do not aspire to fame in the game, they understand bases well. Taken all in all, they are, like Mark Twain's mother, "perfect bricks".**

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper**

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## **Artillery Practice**

### **June 11th 1875.**

**Guelph Artillery Company proceeds to Puslinch Lake, on the 2nd of July next, where they will engage in ball and shell practice, a suitable place at that well-known spot having been chosen by the officers in command. Artillery practice is a novelty in this part and therefore, no doubt, many of our readers will take a run out to the lake on that day to witness the sport.**

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper**

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## **Black Bass**

### **July 16th 1875.**

**The small lake in Puslinch is getting its name up as a spot for catching black bass. We last week chronicled the taking of one therein weighing 4½ pounds, by Mr. John Eagan of this town, and on Saturday last the same party showed us another one he had caught that day weighing 4¾ pounds. Mr. Eagan on Saturday caught altogether over 40 pounds weight of fine bass, which was a pretty fair day's sport.**

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper**

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## **Wealth in Puslinch Lake**

**September 29th 1875.**

In the smaller of the two lakes in Puslinch there is an island of almost two acres in extent, the soil of which consists almost exclusively of decomposed vegetable matter and minute shells, in about equal proportions, thus forming what may be termed a marl, rich in carbonates and phosphates. There is no doubt a valuable source of wealth here in the shape of manure. The marl in some places seems to be of such consistency as to possess many of the elements necessary to recuperate worn-out soil. It is quite available too, as that which is an island in certain seasons ceases to be an island at this time of year, when the water is low, and extends in a dry belt to the shore, which also seems to be composed of the valuable substances, and extending to an unknown depth. It is now so accessible that hundreds of tons may be obtained with apparently little difficulty, and we would suggest to the farmers in that vicinity the importance of giving it a trial. Would it not be well if some of the professors of our Model Farm would pay the place a visit and strive to ascertain the value of its contents.

from the Guelph Mercury newspaper

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## **The Picnic at Puslinch Lake**

**August 4th 1876.**

Yesterday, Mr. W. H. Goodeve and a number of his friends proceeded by conveyance to Puslinch Lake for the purpose of boating and picnicking. Among other amusements, that of boating was indulged in most prominently. A sail boat was rigged up by one of the party and was made to do service without the aid of oars. The party returned to town about nine o' clock p.m.

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## **Picnic at Puslinch Lake**

**June 21st 1877.**

Among the most delightful resorts in the vicinity of Guelph for holding picnics is the Puslinch Lake, and during every summer season a number of excursionists from various vicinities make a holiday jaunt to the lake. Last week, a very large party from West Dumfries met another party from Puslinch and Beverly at the lake, when a very enjoyable time was spent.

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## **At Puslinch Lake**

**August 2nd 1879.**

Mr. Wm. Goulding, of Guelph, has leased an island in Puslinch Lake from Mr. John Davidson, of Guelph, and he purposes opening a first class restaurant there at once. Those who visit the lake from this neighbourhood should not omit visiting the island and seeing what accommodation is offered the public. Several good boats are offered for hire. A large business, no doubt, will be built up, as parties visit Puslinch Lake every day.

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## **Davidson's Island Park**

**August 6th 1879.**

Mr. John Davidson's purchase of the pretty, romantic island in Puslinch Lake has been christened, no doubt, in the orthodox manner, and it will hereafter be known as "Davidson's Island Park". The island will at once be fitted up by Mr. John Hall, gardener, and a staff of assistants. Walks, croquet lawns, et cetera will at once be laid out for the accommodation of the public. A well will be sunk in order that all parties may have an abundant supply. Mr. William Goulding has established a restaurant upon the island where refreshments will be provided.

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## **Puslinch Lake News**

**August 13th 1879.**

A Guelph correspondent requests that the following be published: – I had the pleasure yesterday of a visit to Davidson’s Island Park in Puslinch Lake and was well repaid for my trouble. The island is being laid out with beautiful walks among the trees, with rustic seats in every direction, and the men are working at improvements of every kind. There will be croquet lawns, bowling alleys, baseball grounds, et cetera fitted up. The “Hotel de Goulding” affords good lunch or dinner, and temperance drinks of all kinds. A trip to the island these warm days is a real treat.

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## **Davidson’s Island Park**

**May 19th 1880.**

The people of Guelph will be glad to learn that Mayor Sleeman and Mr. John Davidson have undertaken and partly carried out several improvements at Puslinch Lake that will make it a first class resort during the summer months. For some years, the lake has been visited by large numbers from this county and Waterloo County, but the facilities for producing enjoyment were not good. Last year, these gentlemen obtained possession of the island, situated about a mile from the north shore, having in contemplation to form beautiful pleasure grounds there. The island is pleasantly located and is rendered a most attractive spot by reason of its natural beauty. By way of improvement, a number of croquet lawns have been formed, swings have been provided, and other provisions made for furnishing enjoyment. Stables have been built, which will furnish accommodation for fourteen teams of horses. A refreshment booth has been erected and refreshments and temperance drinks will be supplied during the season.

The most prominent feature of the arrangement and one that will be heard with more pleasure, is that a steamboat is to ply between the island and the shore. The steamer is named “The City of Guelph”, was built in Barrie, and is now on its way from that place to the lake. It

is a side-wheel boat, being in size, 41-foot keel, 9-foot beam and 13 feet over all. The boat is furnished with a 12-horsepower boiler, and two engines of four horsepower each. It will seat 50 persons and will make eight miles an hour. The boat will be running on the Queen's birthday, when the park is to be opened. The 24th, however, will not be considered the grand opening day, for the improvement in the grounds will not be complete then. An announcement will be made in a day or two as to the arrangements made for carrying passengers on the lake on May 24th.

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### **The "City of Guelph"** **May 21st 1880.**

Mr. John Davidson received word from Barrie this morning that the "City of Guelph" was not making very great progress by the overland route from Barrie to Guelph. The boat has arrived at Rosemont, near Orangeville, and word comes from there that bridges are washed away, roads bad, and that there is no telling when the boat may get through. There are five teams of horses attached to the wagon, on which the boat is being drawn. There is a possibility that the boat may reach here tomorrow night.

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### **Puslinch Lake** **May 22nd 1880.**

Davidson's Island Park at Puslinch Lake, to be opened on Monday, will attract a number of our citizens. An account of the improvements in the park, made by the lessees, Messrs. Sleeman and Davidson, was published on Wednesday, so that it is unnecessary to do more than remind our readers that they can enjoy themselves at no place better than there. It is doubtful whether the steamer "City of Guelph" will arrive at the lake from Barrie this evening. If it reaches the lake, it will carry passengers from the hotel to the island and return, for ten cents.

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## **Puslinch Lake**

**May 25th 1880.**

The steamer "City of Guelph" did not arrive here until the forenoon, so that Puslinch Lake did not attract as many people as it would have done had the steamer been running. A good many persons, however, visited the lake and spent a pleasant day in fishing, picnicking, et cetera.

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## **Local News – Puslinch Lake**

**May 27th 1880.**

The steamer "City of Guelph" is going to make a cruise on Puslinch Lake this afternoon. A number of gentlemen from Guelph will be on board, by invitation of Mayor Sleeman.

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## **Lake View Hotel**

**Puslinch.**

**June 2nd 1880.**

I have much pleasure in informing my old patrons and the public in general that I have and am improving buildings, grounds, et cetera, and am consequently in a better position to



accommodate picnic parties, et cetera, than formerly. Parties can have transit to "Davidson's Island Park" by either rowboat or steamer.

Large parties wishing dinner would oblige by notifying a few days previous to coming.

A good supply of temperance drinks is also kept on hand.

N.B. — No Sunday accommodation.

**John W. Parks**  
**Proprietor**

from the Guelph Mercury newspaper.

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**Puslinch Lake and Its Surroundings**  
**A Glimpse at the Island, Park, and Vicinity**  
**June 18th 1880.**

Persons living in cities and towns whose occupation confines them to the workshop or office welcome, perhaps more than anything else, a short period of rest during the summer months. Even a day's outing in the country has a wonderful effect on the human system, and most people, after such a jaunt, will return to work with renewed vigour.

A few years ago Puslinch Lake was largely visited by picnic parties composed of those employed in factories and stores in Guelph. These events became less frequent, without a reason, for these visits to the lake were generally pleasant ones. But they promise to become common again by reason of the efforts Messrs. Davidson and Sleeman have made this year to render the spot more attractive than ever.

Puslinch Lake lies in a secluded spot about nine miles south of this city and two miles from Hespeler, so that it is easily accessible either by rail or road. It is about one mile in width and one and a half miles long. The scenery surrounding the lake is varied and beautiful, particularly along the north and west shores where there is a pebbly beach. Besides the large island, there are a number of smaller ones covered with rich foliage, which present a pretty view from the mainland.

Davidson's Island Park comprises about seven acres and is situated a mile from the north shore. It is a very pretty spot, covered with a fine growth of grass and sheltered by massive trees. Lawns have been formed in various places to be used in playing croquet, a dancing platform is being made, and other improvements are in progress. There is a booth on the island where temperance drinks and cigars are to be had.

The island is reached by the steamer "City of Guelph", which plies between the new hotel being built by Messrs. Sleeman and Davidson, about half a mile east of the old Lake View Hotel. Owing to the shallowness of the water in some places, the steamer has to make a circuitous route between the two places, thus affording the passengers a fine sail on the boat. The channel has been marked off by buoys, and these give the water a navigable appearance.

The hotel, which has a stone foundation, will be forty feet by thirty-two feet in size and two stories high, with a kitchen in rear, the same height and twenty-eight by twenty feet in size. On the ground floor of the main building there will be two sitting-rooms, a bar-room, and a dining room. In the rear will be the kitchen and two bedrooms. Upstairs there are to be two parlours looking towards the lake, and in the rear eight bedrooms. Outwardly, the hotel will present an appearance somewhat like the Newton House in this city. It will be well furnished and boarders will be given ample accommodation. The contractors for the carpenter work, Messrs. Mahoney and Chase, have been allowed fourteen days longer to complete their work. The plasterers will commence when the carpenters have finished and it is expected that the place will be opened shortly after the 1st of July. The stabling is ample and good. The promoters of this scheme have shown a great deal of enterprise, and their efforts are to be rewarded. When all the improvements are made, doubtless, the house and grounds will be largely patronized.

from the Guelph Mercury newspaper

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## **Puslinch Lake**

**July 2nd 1880.**

Many residents of the city and country surrounding Puslinch Lake flocked to that resort to examine for themselves what improvement had been made this season by Messrs. Davidson and Sleeman. There were in all about five hundred and fifty visitors, perhaps fifty of whom belonged to this city. The steamer made regular trips between the wharf at the new hotel and the island, and was crowded every trip. A very pleasant day was spent on the island park, and the visitors, before taking their departure in the evening, were fully convinced of the suitability of the lake and surroundings for picnics and excursions.

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## **At Puslinch Lake**

**July 29th, 1880.**

**The Agricultural College students are picnicking at Puslinch Lake, today.**

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## **The News from Puslinch Lake**

**July 31st 1880.**

**This resort is being visited every day by numbers of people from the city and by large picnic parties from the neighbouring country. Messrs. Davidson and Sleeman have placed some fine pleasure rowboats on the lake, and intend adding others as soon as they can be built. The hotel is fast nearing completion and is going to be a handsome structure, affording every convenience for guests.**

**The "City of Guelph" – This boat was inspected and passed as safe by Mr. Meneilley, Government Inspector of boats, at Puslinch Lake, on Friday. The owners of the boat purpose making some changes in the arrangement of the machinery, with a view to increasing its speed.**

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## **The Local News**

**August 19th 1880.**

**Duck Shooting – Messrs. E. McKeague and Turnbull opened the duck shooting season with a day at Barber's Pond, near Puslinch Lake, on Monday. They shot thirteen birds, but only secured ten, three being lost in the marsh.**

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## **Visitors to Puslinch Lake**

**August 26th 1880.**

**This forenoon, the mayor of Brampton and three councillors, together with Martin Deady and five or six other gentlemen from Brampton, arrived in the city, on their way to Puslinch Lake. They were met at the station by Mayor Sleeman and some of the aldermen, and the party started for the lake, where they will spend the day picnicking.**

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## **Picnics at Puslinch Lake**

**September 6th 1880.**

**There were two picnic parties at Puslinch Lake on Saturday, one being made up of Sunday Schools and their teachers, from Hespeler, and the other of Good Templars, from Preston. Both parties numbered about 250. They were carried across the lake on the steamer to the island, where they spent the day.**

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## **The Puslinch Lake Hotel**

**September 7th 1880.**

**This new hotel, which has been named as above, has been leased by Mr. H. Whitmer, of Mildmay. He will take possession in a few days and purposes giving a grand opening benefit, to which, the Guelph City Council will be invited.**

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## **The Puslinch Lake News**

### **September 16th, 1880.**

The employees of the firm, Schofield & Company, held their annual picnic at Puslinch Lake, last Saturday. Numerous picnics visited the lake on the same day, from various places. The steamer, "City of Guelph", did a rushing business. It is thought that Puslinch Lake never saw a greater day, such crowds of people being there, and all seemed to enjoy the facilities offered for different games of enjoyment.

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## **The Hotel Opening at Puslinch Lake**

### **September 25th 1880.**

On Friday afternoon, several aldermen and other representative men from the city, in all, numbering about fifty persons, visited Puslinch Lake, on invitation of Mayor Sleeman. Their visit was made the occasion of the opening of the new hotel, lately leased by Mr. Whitmer.

On their arrival at the hotel, the guests were welcomed by Mayor Sleeman and invited to partake of a sumptuous dinner. After taking a hearty meal, the company adjourned to one of the sitting rooms, where Alderman Chadwick was asked to name the new hotel. This, he did in a few words, showing the suitability of the name "Puslinch Lake Hotel", from its surroundings. The party was afterwards conveyed to Davidson's Island Park, on the steamer "City of Guelph", and at this delightful spot, they spent the afternoon in playing baseball, quoits, ten pins, and other amusements. A chief feature of the entertainment was music by an Irish piper. His music fired up some of his countrymen present to such an extent that they spent the afternoon between listening and dancing jigs et cetera.

In the evening, the company returned to the hotel, where a capital supper was partaken of. Afterwards, the guests assembled in the sitting room, when Alderman Coffee proposed the

health of the mayor, and in doing so, referred to the able manner in which he fulfilled his duties as head of the city, and also referred, in kindly terms, to his genial and obliging disposition on all occasions. Mayor Sleeman replied in appropriate terms, thanking them for the way that they had honoured him by being present.

The party left for the city at about eight o' clock, highly pleased with their visit. The new hotel is a commodious, comfortable building, handsomely furnished, and pleasantly situated, and with splendid stabling accommodation. Mr. Whitmer is an obliging, attentive landlord, and will doubtless soon win many friends. The proprietors continue improving the island, and there is every prospect that the place will be largely visited hereafter.

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### **Local News – Puslinch Lake Wednesday October 13th 1880.**

A large number of citizens left this afternoon, for Puslinch Lake, to enjoy the last trip of the season by the steamer.

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### **Local News – Picnic to Puslinch Lake October 14th 1880.**

The picnic to Puslinch Lake on Wednesday afternoon was quite a successful affair. In all, the visitors numbered about one hundred persons. The trip by the steamer to the island was fully enjoyed. The afternoon was pleasantly spent, the party engaging in the various amusements provided.

## **Puslinch Lake Hotel**

**January 13th 1881.**

The hack drivers held a dance at the Puslinch Lake Hotel last night. There was a good turnout, and dancing was kept up till a seasonable hour. The affair passed off so well that the cabbies are thinking of holding another shortly.

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## **Sleighbing Party**

**January 18th 1881.**

The Puslinch Lake Hotel is becoming quite a popular resort for sleighbing parties. Recently, several parties have driven to the hotel, carried out a good programme of dances, and returned to the city at a seasonable hour. Last evening, another company of young ladies and gentlemen drove to the lake and spent an enjoyable three hours tripping the light fantastic.

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## **Pigeon Shooting Match**

**February 5th 1881.**

The pigeon match at Puslinch Lake yesterday, between a team of five from this city against a similar number from Peel County, resulted in a tie. The Guelph team would have had an advantage had the match been carried out as originally arranged, that a larger number should compose the teams. This was found impossible on account of one of the Brampton shots, who had promised to bring sufficient birds, failing to do so. This dampened the spirit of the contest to a certain extent, but nevertheless, those who took part enjoyed the sport and did average shooting, as the following record will show.

<b>Brampton team</b>										
<b>Gordon</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Waterhouse</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>Preston</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>Harris</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>Packham</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>Total score:</b>									<b>25</b>	
<b>Guelph Team</b>										
<b>Wayper</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>Turnbull</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Edwards</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>Walker</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>McElroy</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>Total score</b>									<b>25</b>	

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**At Puslinch Lake  
April 5th 1881.**

Inspector Kerr, of Hamilton, fishery overseer, has applied for a supply of salmon, white fish, herring, bass, and speckled trout for Puslinch Lake. By the Order in Council, recently issued, the lake will be set apart for three years for the propagation of these fish.

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**The News from Puslinch Lake  
April 23rd 1881.**

Messrs. Sleeman and Davidson have placed ten new pleasure boats on Puslinch Lake.

Messrs. Inglis & Hunter are making alterations in the gearing, paddlewheels, and engine of the "City of Guelph", which will fit it for ploughing the waters of Puslinch Lake more rapidly.



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## **Puslinch Lake**

**May 21st 1881.**

**The management has made great improvements in this attractive place of resort, since last season. The grounds at the hotel have been improved, the steamer overhauled, her speed increased, and ten new boats put on the lake, along with a large dancing platform, swings, et cetera. No more pleasant place can be found to spend the 24th than the above, as ample accommodation will be found for all parties, both at the hotel and island. Plenty of refreshments and amusements of all kinds are provided.**

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## **Local News – Puslinch Lake**

**May 21st 1881.**

**The steamer at Puslinch Lake will begin the season on the 24th. A platform has been built at the island, 30 feet by 40 feet in size, for dancing, and every other necessary accommodation has been provided for the comfort and enjoyment of visitors.**

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## **Puslinch Lake**

**May 25th 1881.**

**The turnout at this pretty spot numbered about 600. They spent a quiet, enjoyable day, with nothing to mar their amusements. The accommodation at the hotel is first class in every respect, both for man and for beast.**

**The steamer was kept busy, and the public may feel perfectly safe on board as all of the Government requirements have been carried out, and the engineer carries chief's papers and is**

a thorough gentleman. The Government allows only a limited number on board and this was strictly enforced yesterday, and always will be, as the boat will not leave the wharf if more than that number of passengers are on board.

The small boats, croquet, quoits, and bowling alley were in constant demand and the dancing floor, although 30 x 40 feet in size, was none too large. Dancing was a species of amusement and was carried on to the music of a concertina, the boys without coat or vest, and hoeing it down to the best of their ability.

There were a great number of little family picnics, all of which declared that it was the nicest and cheapest place to spend a holiday. The last of the visitors left about 9 p.m.

from the Guelph Mercury newspaper

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**The 24th of May  
The Doings in Guelph  
May 25th 1881.**

A very large number of citizens started at an early hour for Puslinch Lake, and some for Waterloo town, where a firemen's demonstration was in progress. It being the opening day at the Lake, quite a happy time was spent. The steamer, "City of Guelph", made her first trip, and the lake was alive with boating parties, who spent a portion of the day sailing around in small boats. The afternoon was spent in an enjoyable manner, in baseball and croquet playing, in picnicking, and in quoits and bowling, et cetera, and in the evening, the dancing platform was illuminated and the lovers of Terpsichore enjoyed themselves until the twinkling of the morning stars proclaimed the time for home.

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**Puslinch Lake  
June 3rd 1881.**

The female employees of John Hogg & Son were treated by their employers, last evening, with an outing to Puslinch Lake.

The Sunday School children of Ebenezer Church, Nassagaweya, intend having a picnic party at Puslinch Lake on June 10th.

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## **Puslinch Lake**

**June 10th 1881.**

**This Favourite Summer Resort Is Now Open for the Accommodation of Visitors**

**The steamboat has been remodelled and is running regularly. A large platform for parties wishing to dance has been erected on the Island. The Bowling Alley and Refreshment Rooms are now open. Croquet sets, quoits, and swings in abundance, in fact, everything has been provided for the amusement of the public. Board at the hotel by the day or by the week, furnished on reasonable terms.**

**S. Whitmer  
Manager.**

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper.**

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## **At Puslinch Lake**

**July 2nd 1881.**

**Some 500 excursionists visited Puslinch Lake yesterday.**

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## **The Afternoon's Despatches**

**July 23rd 1881.**

**Today, the employees of Messrs. D. McCrae and Company went to Puslinch Lake.**

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## **The News from Puslinch Lake**

### **July 26th 1881.**

**The butchers' and hotelkeepers' picnic at Puslinch Lake yesterday was a great success. There were between forty and fifty present and all enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Matches of ten pins and quoiting took place between the butchers and hotelkeepers, the butchers winning at the ten pins and at the quoits.**

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## **Local News**

### **August 2nd 1881.**

**The choir of the Norfolk Methodist Church is picnicking at Puslinch Lake, this afternoon.**

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## **The Picnic**

### **August 6th 1881.**

**The employees of the Guelph Carriage Goods Company left this morning at about nine o' clock, bent on a picnic excursion to Puslinch Lake. The party was in readiness to start shortly after eight o' clock, but the threatening thunderstorm drove them for shelter to the hotel and livery stables. After the shower had passed over, the procession, composed of six carioles and nine carriages, bedecked with gay streamers and flags, headed by a portion of the band, formed on MacDonnell Street, before the factory works, and then proceeded up Woolwich Street, and thence down Wyndham Street. The procession was very imposing and was witnessed by a large number of citizens. There were about two hundred persons, all factory hands, with the exception of a few ladies and a few friends. The party had left the city before the heavy thunderstorm set in, and they will have been fortunate indeed if they found shelter to escape a drenching.**

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**Puslinch Lake**  
**August 8th 1881.**

**Mr. G. D. Porter intends running his bus to Puslinch Lake, on and after Wednesday.**

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**Narrow Escape**  
**October 28th 1881.**

**Alderman Russell had a narrow escape from a serious accident while duck shooting at Puslinch Lake yesterday. He had wounded a duck, and both barrels of his gun being discharged, he asked Mr. Hugh Walker, who was in the boat with him, to pass over his gun. While Mr. Walker was in the act of doing this, the gun went off, the charge passing so close to Alderman Russell's face that his forehead was discoloured by it.**

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper.**

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**Fish for Puslinch Lake**  
**May 4th 1882.**

**Mr. S. C. Wilmot, of the Government Fish Hatchery, accompanied by J. W. Kerr, Fishery Inspector, Hamilton, deposited in Puslinch Lake, yesterday, 50,000 white fish, salmon trout, and California salmon. Fishing in the lake will be allowed for two years, after which, it will be prohibited for one year, to admit for the growth and spawning of the fish. It is likely that another lot will be placed in the lake next year.**

## **Local News – Puslinch Lake**

**May 17th 1882.**

The engineer who is to take charge of the “City of Guelph” steamboat, which plies its way between the mainland and the island, has arrived, and will have everything in full running order for the 24th of May.

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### **Puslinch Lake**

**This beautiful summer resort will be open for the season  
from the 24th of May 1882.**

**The steamer has been overhauled and repainted.**

**A courteous and obliging engineer has been secured.**

**The island is being cleared up, and everything done  
for the comfort and pleasure of visitors.**

**The hotel is first class in every way and rates reasonable.**

**S. Whitmer,  
Manager.**

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### **Puslinch Lake**

**June 8th 1882.**

**About 50 of the members of the Canadian Order of Oddfellows, from Rockton, held a picnic at Puslinch Lake, yesterday. They drove about eighteen miles and were accompanied**

by the Galt Brass Band. A capital time was spent on Davidson's Island, the games and amusements entered into with spirit. They left for home about nine o' clock.

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## **The Local News**

### **July 4th 1882.**

The relatives and friends of Mr. John Fielding, of the Western Hotel, to the number of about fifty, left this morning for Puslinch Lake, to celebrate the birthday of that gentleman, by a picnic.

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## **Local News**

### **July 21st 1882.**

**Good Templars' Picnic** – The "Galt Reformer" says "A grand picnic, under the auspices of the I.O. of G.T., of Galt, will be held at Puslinch Lake on Tuesday next, 25th inst. Invitations have been forwarded to Preston, Guelph, and Paris lodges, and a large turnout is expected.

Now that the hay is all in, the officers and students of the Agricultural College are holding their annual picnic at Puslinch Lake. They left this morning by...

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## **Local News**

### **July 28th 1882.**

**The Galt Sons of Temperance picnic at Puslinch Lake on Monday afternoon.**

**For the Lake** – Quite an excursion from Fergus passed through the city this morning, on its way to Puslinch Lake, where a picnic will be held. There are also a large number of private parties from the city at the lake today. No place in this neighbourhood offers more comfort on these hot days.

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## **At the Lake**

### **July 29th 1882.**

Yesterday was a big day in this season's history of excursions to Puslinch Lake, there being about six hundred people on the island at one time during the afternoon. That number was made up of small picnicking parties, who had, strangely enough, all fixed upon the same day for an outing. Messrs. R. Ward and W. Allen were the originators of one excursion, comprising over thirty couples, and Mr. W. Beney, of another, comprising nearly the same number. The different games at the island afforded the best of facilities for amusement. Wayper's quadrille band, being present, provided music for a number of the party who engaged in dancing, first at the island, and afterwards at the hotel. Everything passed off lovely and all pronounced themselves well pleased with the trip.

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## **Hurrah for the Lake!**

### **August 4th 1882.**

The employees of Raymond's stone sewing machine factory will hold a picnic to Puslinch Lake tomorrow. Besides from 60 to 70 of the men themselves, the party will include about the same number of ladies and friends. The picnickers will start from the stone factory at about eight o' clock a.m., in conveyances, in procession. The procession will be headed by a band composed of musicians employed in the factory, and will be marshalled by Mr. Isaac Spencer, a faithful, old servant, who has been employed by Mr. Raymond for quite a number of years. To fittingly lead the procession, Mr. Spencer will be wearing the uniform of a drum major and will mount a fiery steed. A provision van will accompany the excursionists, so that there will be comfortable seating in the other conveyances. Games will be provided, and what with boating, dancing, and various other amusements, a big day's enjoyment is expected.



## **On the Way to Puslinch Lake**

**August 4th 1882.**

On Saturday last, Mr. John Roche, dry goods merchant, met with an accident while driving to Puslinch Lake, from the effects of which he has not recovered very rapidly. It appears that some of the spokes of his buggy gave out, and the horse, taking fright, became unmanageable. Mr. Roche was thrown out, but held on to the lines firmly until he brought the horse to a standstill, after having been dragged several hundred yards along the ground. Although badly bruised and feeling unwell as a result of his injuries, he was able to attend to his business until yesterday, but he is now confined to the house.

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## **Picnics at Puslinch Lake**

**August 7th 1882.**

The large picnicking party, composed of employees of Raymond's stone shop, and their ladies and friends, who left Guelph on Saturday morning, arrived at Puslinch Lake shortly after 11 o' clock. The rain of the previous evening had laid the dust, and the roads being in good condition, the drive proved very pleasant.

On reaching their destination, the ladies were taken over to the island to spread out the refreshments, while the men engaged in a game of baseball in a field near Witmer's Hotel. The match was between the married and single men of the factory, and proved an event equally interesting to both spectators and players. There was much cheering, when at the close of five innings, the game was suspended, with the benedicts ahead by a score of 7 to 2. Immediately afterwards, the remainder of the party was taken to the island by the steamer, and sat down to a splendid repast, which the ladies had prepared for them.

This over, the picnickers divided into groups, to engage in such pursuits as suited their various ideas of enjoyment. Some of them took a quiet method of enjoyment and retired to shady nooks; others engaged in quoits, croquet, ten pins, swinging, boating, fishing, ball playing and games of that description.

Early in the afternoon, a large party arrived from Hespeler, and soon afterwards, a party of Bell & Co. employees, with their lady relatives. Each of these had quadrille bands with them, and they made the most of their services and of the facilities for dancing. The fun was kept up well into the evening.

The first boat load of the Raymond party returned to the hotel shortly after six o' clock. It was the intention that the others should join them immediately, and that the whole party should form a procession, come round by Hespeler, and enter the city as they left, but owing to the delay on the part of the men in charge of the boat, this arrangement could not be carried out. It was nine o' clock before the last load was brought over from the island, and nearly twelve o' clock before they reached the city, in consequence. The outing was heartily enjoyed by everyone in the party, and by no one more intensely than by the Grand Marshall, Acting Brigadier Major-General Spencer, whose military bearing whilst in command of the company, was simply unapproachable.

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### **The Local News**

**August 10th 1882.**

The mechanics are going in largely for picnicking this summer. The employees of the Guelph Carriage Goods Company will visit Puslinch Lake on Saturday, those in Raymond's brick shop, on Tuesday, and on Saturday week, there will be a monster excursion of Bell & Company's employees, to the same resort. The City Band will supply music for each.

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### **The Picnic Tomorrow**

**August 11th 1882.**

At eight o' clock tomorrow morning, the employees of the Guelph Carriage Goods Company, with their wives and families, will leave the factory, MacDonnell Street, in conveyances, to spend the day at Puslinch Lake. The company has engaged nine carioles, which will be decorated with flags, and there will be several conveyances besides, as the party will number about 150. The excursionists will go in procession, headed by the Victoria Band, along MacDonnell, Woolwich, and Wyndham Streets, and thence, by Waterloo Avenue, for the lake. It will be a sight worth witnessing.

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**For the Lake**  
**August 12<sup>th</sup> 1882.**

There were sixteen well-filled conveyances in the procession of the Carriage Goods Works, employees and their friends, who left this morning to spend the day at Puslinch Lake. The rigs were decorated with flags and made quite a fine display. The Victoria Band led the procession, which went by way of MacDonnell, Woolwich, and Wyndham Streets, Market Square, and thence out Waterloo Avenue.

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**The Local News**  
**August 14th 1882.**

The "Berlin News" says that Puslinch Lake is becoming a very popular resort with the people of that locality, many of whom have visited it during the season.

By mistake, it was stated that the picnic of the Raymond employees would be held at Puslinch Lake on Tuesday first. It does not take place until Tuesday the 22nd, a week from tomorrow.

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**The Carriage Goods Men at the Lake**  
**August 14th 1882.**

The second annual picnic of the employees of the Guelph Carriage Goods Company, with their ladies and friends, which was held at Puslinch Lake on Saturday, proved a big success as an event for furnishing enjoyment. The party was larger even than was anticipated, and numbered fully 200 persons. About half-past eight o' clock, they left the city in conveyances

drawn up in procession and very prettily decorated with flags and various coloured mottoes. The lake was reached about eleven o' clock, the nine mile drive having proven most pleasant over the well packed roads and through a refreshing atmosphere.

Dinner was the first event of importance on the programme. An arrangement had been made with Mr. Witmer to supply meals for the party in the hotel, and thus the bother of carrying provisions was avoided, while the ladies were left free to seek enjoyment without the worry of preparing eatables. The dining room was not large enough to accommodate the whole party at once, and for this reason, the tables had to be set five times. Those who were waiting their turn engaged in quoiting, baseball, and other amusements, while those who had satisfied the wants of the inner man, took the boat, which hied them to the island.

The afternoon was very pleasantly spent in boating, fishing, playing ten pins and croquet, swinging, dancing, quoiting, shooting at the shooting gallery, and in other pursuits of the kind. The Victoria Band, which took a conspicuous part in the procession, did good service during the day and lent not a little to the day's enjoyment. They played during the meal time, and furnished music for the dancers during the afternoon. Altogether, the outing proved most successful. The party returned home at various times during the evening, the first of them reaching the city at about eight o' clock, and the last, about ten.

The employees met in the office of the factory at noon today, Monday, and moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. J. B. Armstrong, President of the company, for his kindness in furnishing all of the conveyances, free of expense, and also to Mr. A. R. Woodyatt, through whose influence the picnic was gotten up and carried successfully through.

A vote of thanks was also passed to Messrs. Robt. Higham, Alex MacDonald, and John Thompson, the Committee of Management, for the able manner in which all of the arrangements for the enjoyment of the picnickers were made.

The meeting only lasted about fifteen minutes, during the noon hour, and the hearty manner in which all of the resolutions were seconded and carried showed that the workmen appreciated the kindness of their employer.

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## **The Bell Factory Picnic August 19th 1882.**

Today, the employees in Mr. Bell's Organ Factory hold their annual picnic at Puslinch Lake. The workmen had made elaborate preparations for this annual summer jaunt, and by

eight o' clock this morning, had their arrangements completed. At that time, every available conveyance in town was ranged in front of the factory on the Square, and every vehicle was ornamented with some flag or device. The procession started shortly before nine o' clock, headed by the City Band members, in their new uniforms, followed by a carriage drawn by four grey horses, in which were Mr. Wm. Bell Junior, the book-keepers, and representatives of the press. Then, followed a long line of carriages, all gaily decorated for the occasion with flags, banners, and appropriate mottoes. In front of the procession were two men bearing the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes, and in the centre a young lad with a banner, on which was inscribed "We Excel". Bringing up the rear was a large wagon, upon which were two organs that discoursed sweet music along the route. The procession, which was the largest seen this year in Guelph, being composed of thirty-five vehicles, proceeded up Woolwich Street, along Suffolk and Dublin Streets, and down Oxford Street, where Mr. William Bell lives, who is now laid up on account of the accident that he met on Monday. When opposite his residence, the procession halted in order to give him a chance to see it, and the band played an appropriate tune. The march was then resumed down Norfolk and Quebec Streets, into Wyndham, and thence through the Market Square, and finally down Waterloo Avenue to the lake, where, no doubt, a pleasant day is being spent. The party comprised all the men, their wives, sweethearts, et cetera, together with a good sprinkling of boys employed in the factory.

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## **The Raymond Picnic**

**August 22nd 1882.**

Notwithstanding the unfavourable weather this morning, the Raymond Sewing Machine factory employees, engaged in the brick shop, started for Puslinch Lake, to hold their annual picnic. The rain, which had continued most of the night, had rendered the roads heavy with mud, and the cloudy weather of the morning neither admitted of their drying very quickly nor augured well for a bright day. It is to be hoped, however, that by the time that the Lake was reached, that the grounds would have dried up, in which case, there is no doubt of the picnickers fully enjoying themselves.

In coming last with their picnic, these Raymond employees had the advantage of improving on the displays made by their predecessors, by adopting the best features of their processions and adding new ideas to them. The procession this morning was the largest of the kind yet seen in Guelph, comprising forty-four well-filled carioles and carriages, besides twenty horsemen. The horsemen, wearing plug hats upon their heads and sunflowers in their breasts, led off, two deep.

Following them, came a cariole, fitted up like one of the chariots seen in a circus procession and mounted in front with a large, gilded British coat-of-arms. In this conveyance were seated members of the City Band, who played along the route. Then came seven or eight carioles, and after them, a long line of double and single carriages. An aesthetic vein ran through all of the floral decorations, sunflowers, hollyhocks, and morning glory being the most conspicuous features in the display of vegetable sentimentality.

An abundance of flags and banners also appeared in the display. About the centre of the procession came a dray covered with canvas, carrying sewing machines, at which were seated, men costumed as Turks, Chinese, and representatives of other nationalities. This represented "the markets of the world". Last of all, but not least, was the provision van, labelled with letters worked in evergreens, "Commissariat wagon – We take the cake!"

The route was along Yarmouth Street, to Woolwich, thence by Wyndham and West Market Square, and out Waterloo Avenue. The procession was witnessed by a large number of people. On reaching the corner of Wyndham and MacDonnell Streets, a lively cheer was given in honour of the picnickers by the employees of Wm. Bell & Co., who had taken up a position at that point.

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## **Another Picnic**

### **August 28th 1882.**

Over two hundred employees of the Robert Forbes woollen mills, of Hespeler, with their wives and lady friends, picnicked at Puslinch Lake, on Saturday. Following the example of the Guelph factory men, they made an imposing procession through the village. Everything passed off pleasantly.

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## **Local News**

### **August 29th 1882.**

**The Lutherans, of Waterloo, will picnic at Puslinch Lake tomorrow.**

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**Local News – Puslinch Lake**  
**October 4th 1882.**

The “Royal City” has been laid up for the season at Puslinch Lake. The great attraction at this resort now is duck shooting.

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**Local News**  
**October 31st 1882.**

A big pigeon shooting match is to be held at Puslinch Lake, on Thursday, in which the Knights of Nimrod from Preston, Hespeler, Aberfoyle, and this city will take part.

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**Pigeon Pop**  
**November 3rd 1882.**

On Thursday, a pigeon pop took place at the Puslinch Lake Hotel. The match was to have been between the shooters of Wellington and Waterloo, but the latter did not put in an appearance so sides were chosen and the sport commenced. Each man had ten birds and the match was shot at 21 yards rise, with 18 yards boundary, the result being as follows:

Wayper	1111111111	10
Sleeman	0010011010	4
Root	1111011111	9
Allen	1010101000	4
O'Connor	1011100111	7
Underhill	0010010001	3
Total		37

<b>Black</b>	<b>1001110011</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Chadwick</b>	<b>0000111101</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Singular</b>	<b>10111111100</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Bradley</b>	<b>0001001010</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Sharpe</b>	<b>1011101111</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Witmer</b>	<b>0000100001</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	

After the match, the losers treated the winning party to a supper at the hotel.

from the Guelph Mercury newspaper.

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**Local News**  
**December 18th 1882.**

Sleigh ride parties are beginning to be the order of the day, or night. Puslinch Lake is the destination.

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**Puslinch Lake**  
**May 26th 1883.**

About four hundred people visited Puslinch Lake on the Queen's Birthday. The coy little steamer, "The Royal City" was then launched for the summer season. After the trip to the island, visitors spent the day in various sports, and dancing was kept up until after two o' clock the following morning. Puslinch Lake promises to be as popular as a resort, as ever, this season, for the people of the neighbouring towns and villages and for the Royal citizens.



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## **Border Festivities**

**May 30th 1883.**

**A grand gathering of Hawick people and those from the borders of Scotland is to be held at Puslinch Lake on the 9th of June. A meeting was held last night for the purpose of making arrangements for a good turn out on that occasion from the city. It is expected that upwards of one hundred from Guelph, Galt, Paris, and Hespeler will take part in the celebration.**

**In the year 1514, a band of English marauders crossed the border into Scotland and pillaged several towns and villages. When they came to Hawick, the boys of that old manufacturing town armed themselves and fought with such determination as to compel them to re-cross the border, and succeeded in wresting their colours from them.**

**Since that period, the people of "Auld Hawick" have commemorated the event by an annual celebration on the 9th of June. The great feature of the festivities is a grand procession of the young men of the town, headed by a standard bearer, who carries the colours wrested from the border plunderers of nearly 400 years ago. The gathering of former Hawick men, now resident in this part of the world, is in commemoration of the same event that their clansmen at home celebrate so enthusiastically each year.**

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## **The Local News**

**May 31st 1883.**

**Only a wine and beer license has been taken out for the Puslinch Lake Hotel, this year. This will do something to still further popularize the resort.**

## **More Fish for Puslinch Lake**

**June 14th 1883.**

Mr. Wilmot of the Newcastle Fish Hatcheries and Mr. Kerr, Fishery Overseer, Hamilton, yesterday deposited 50,000 more fish in Puslinch Lake, California salmon, salmon trout, and whitefish. The fish that were deposited last year are growing splendidly. The California salmon when placed in the lake were only about an inch long and they are now fully four inches. The other fish have grown in proportion.

from the Hespeler Herald newspaper.

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## **A Day at the Lake**

**July 26th 1883.**

Yesterday, the employees of the woollen mills of Mr. Thomas Cartilage, of Puslinch, with a few friends from the city, numbering about thirty in all, were driven to Puslinch Lake by Mr. R. Ewing. The day being pleasant, the drive was greatly enjoyed. The lake was reached in good time, and the passengers were at once transferred to the Island by "The City of Guelph". There, games and dancing were indulged in, and continued throughout the afternoon and into the night. The party reached home about 12 o' clock, all being unanimous in their expressions of pleasure with the outing.

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## **The Local News**

**August 9th 1883.**

The Agricultural College students picnic tomorrow at Puslinch Lake, instead of Elora, as was first proposed.

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## **Picnic at Puslinch Lake**

**August 16th 1883.**

Yesterday afternoon, a picnic party, numbering about fifty couples, visited Puslinch Lake, on invitation of Messrs. Geo. Patterson and R. Ward, liverymen, who were the originators of the outing. The day was all that could be desired and the picnickers made the best of it, in the search for pleasure. Arriving at their destination, the party immediately took the steamer for the island, where dancing was commenced and continued throughout the afternoon, to the inspiring strains of Mr. John Sheehan's string band. Those who grew tired of this enjoyment, found plenty to amuse them in other ways, such as quoiting, playing ten pins, and so forth. At dusk, the picnickers returned to Witmer's Hotel, where, after supper, dancing was resumed, and kept up until the wee small hours. They reached the city betimes, all well pleased with the outing.

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## **Picnic at Puslinch Lake**

**August 20th 1883.**

The employees of Crowe's iron foundry spent a very pleasant time at Puslinch Lake on Saturday. About eighty in number left the city shortly before ten o' clock, and reached the lake twelve, when they at once proceeded to the Island. They thoroughly indulged in all of the pastimes that are afforded by the proprietors for the amusement of visitors. Dancing, to music furnished by Mr. D. McLaren, was a chief feature. A sharp shower occurred in the afternoon, but it in no way interfered with the enjoyment of the occasion. The picnickers reached home about ten o' clock, asserting that they had spent a capital time.

There was also a large picnic party present from Galt.

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**The Local News**  
**August 22nd 1883.**

**Picnic – The employees of Burr Brothers factory are making big preparations for their annual picnic, to be held at Puslinch Lake, on Friday. The procession will start about eight o’ clock from the factory, thence along Suffolk Street to Woolwich, and then along Wyndham Street to Market Square, and on to the lake. The City Band has been engaged for the occasion, and most of the livery rigs are engaged.**

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**At Puslinch Lake**  
**August 31st 1883.**

**Those who took advantage of the Civic Holiday on Friday last to visit Puslinch Lake spent a most enjoyable day. The island on this lake, to which the little steamer makes constant trips, is admirably adapted for picnics, and scarcely a day passes but that it is crowded with young and old, grave and gay. On Friday, in addition to those from Galt and Dumfries, there was a large picnic from Burr Brothers furniture works of Guelph. They were accompanied by the Guelph Band and were as jolly, whole-souled lot of lads and lassies as anyone could wish to meet. Amongst them, we found some old Galt “boys” and spent a short time in pleasantly talking over with them the old days in this town.**

**from the Galt Reporter newspaper**

## **At Puslinch Lake September 1st 1883.**

About thirty citizens attended a picnic at Puslinch Lake yesterday, given by Mr. Philip, of Burr Bros. furniture factory. The party left shortly after ten o' clock in the morning and returned between eleven and twelve at night. They had a good time at Davidson's Island, and enjoyed a dance at the Puslinch Lake Hotel in the evening.

The employees of Russell's Novelty Works are having a holiday at Puslinch Lake today. The employees of the factory, together with a few friends, left the factory about nine o' clock in conveyances. The company numbered close on a hundred. The day being fine, there is no doubt that the party will enjoy itself immensely.

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## **To Be Closed October 6th 1883.**

It is understood that the Puslinch Lake Hotel is to be closed for the winter as soon as the duck shooting season is over. Mr. Witmer, who has kept the hostelry ever since it was opened, it is said, is going into the hotel business in Rockton, Beverly Township.

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## **Local News November 3rd 1883.**

Preparations are to be effected for making the Puslinch Lake Hotel a more popular place than ever for dancing parties this winter.

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**Local News**  
**December 31st 1883.**

**Mr. Adam Parker, formerly caretaker of the Industrial Home, Aboyne, passed through Guelph today on his way to take possession of the Puslinch Lake Hotel.**

**from the Guelph and District Advertiser newspaper.**

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**Puslinch Lake Hotel**  
**January 10th 1884.**

Since Mr. and Mrs. Parker, late keeper and matron, respectively, of the Wellington County Poor House at Fergus, have become installed at the Puslinch Lake Hotel, that hostelry promises to become a more popular resort than ever. A night or two ago, a party from the city drove down, and although their journey was not, to say, an altogether pleasant one, in consequence of the heavy snow storm that prevailed, yet the hearty reception and kindly hospitality with which they met, from Mr. and Mrs. Parker, and the fun that was indulged in, amply rewarded them for the trip.

Dancing and games engaged the attention of the visitors until midnight, when these were suspended for half an hour or so in order to discuss the roast turkey and beef with vegetable accompaniments, and a couple of other courses that followed. The light fantastic was afterwards tripped till a late hour in the morning, and all left well pleased with their night's enjoyment. With good roads and fine weather, Mr. and Mrs. Parker's hospitality, shown on this occasion, should induce many other such parties, desirous of having a good time at a quiet resort, to visit the Puslinch Lake Hotel during the winter.

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## **Puslinch Lake Hotel**

**May 15th 1884.**

Parties wishing for a pleasant day on the Queen's Birthday or during the summer could not do better than visit Puslinch Lake, as I have a fine lot of pleasure boats for hire at moderate rates. In addition to this, I have made extensive improvements in widening the drive to the lake so that parties can pass each other with pleasure. Also have made improvements on the island, and am prepared to afford first-class accommodation to customers. Table well supplied with season delicacies, bar with best brands, liquors and cigars. Stable under management of an efficient hostler. Charges moderate.

**A. Parker  
Manager  
Hespeler P.O.**

**from the Hespeler Herald newspaper.**

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## **Puslinch Lake Resort**

**June 2nd 1884.**

Messrs. Sleeman and Davidson, who, as is well known, have been at great expense in fitting up the island at Puslinch Lake as a place of public resort, will not this year use the small steamboat "City of Guelph" to convey excursionists to the island. The reason for this is that the boat is considerably out of repair, and it would entail considerable outlay to fix her up and put her in a seaworthy condition. In place of the "City of Guelph", 35 keel and flat boats will be placed on the lake, together with two or three lifeboats.

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**Local News**  
**July 14th 1884.**

**The hotel keepers are going to have a picnic to Puslinch Lake on  
Wednesday.**

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**Picnic at Puslinch Lake**  
**July 21st 1884.**

**The employees of Russell's Novelty Works, with their wives and families and a few  
friends, spent a pleasant day at Puslinch Lake on Saturday. The whole party enjoyed itself  
immensely and no accidents occurred to mar the pleasures of the outing. The majority arrived  
home between nine and ten o' clock.**

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**Sudden Death at Puslinch Lake**  
**July 25th 1884.**

**We regret to learn that while Mr. Walter Cook, Hotel Keeper, Hamilton, was fishing, along  
with a companion, in a boat on Puslinch Lake on Wednesday, he very suddenly expired. He  
appeared to be in the very best of health and spirits and was enjoying himself at the sport,  
when suddenly his companion observed him to bend forward and then fall partially over in the  
boat. Assistance was rendered him but without avail, as it appeared as if he had been  
instantaneously stricken dead. The deceased was well known in Guelph where at one time he  
carried on a hotel.**

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper.**



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## **Sudden Death**

### **Walter Cook Drops Dead in a Boat At Puslinch Lake July 24th 1884.**

About ten minutes past six o' clock yesterday afternoon, Mr. Thomas Ellis Senior, of the American Hotel, received a telegram stating that his brother-in-law, Walter Cook, had dropped dead at Puslinch Lake. Mr. Ellis and his son, at once, left for the lake, and afterwards, Mrs. Ellis. On arriving there, they found that the contents of the telegram were but too true.

So far as can be gleaned, Walter Cook, together with a friend, by the name of Robert McIlroy, left Hamilton on the morning of Wednesday for the lake, to have a day's fishing. Between four and five o' clock in the afternoon, when out on the lake, near the island, Cook suddenly threw up his hands and fell on the side of the boat. His companion grappled a hold on him and prevented him from falling over the side of the boat and into the water. Seeing that something unusual was the matter, and from Cook's appearance, dreading the worst, he called to his assistance a boat nearby, occupied by two young lads, named Burt and Hod Clark, of Guelph, who assisted McIlroy in pulling the boat to the shore.

By the time that they landed, it was evident that the spark of life had fled from the body of Walter Cook. A physician was sent for, though it was well known that the case had passed beyond his skill. No time was lost in telegraphing to his brother, David, in Hamilton, and to Thos. Ellis, in Guelph. David Cook and J. Chapman, the undertaker, started for Puslinch as soon as possible after the receipt of the telegram, and the remains were taken to Hamilton by conveyance last night or early this morning.

Walter Cook is well known in Guelph, his brother, David, and he having kept the hotel now known as "Reynold's", for some two or three years, after their sister, Mrs. Chase, was married to the late Archie Mitchell, who kept hotel on the Market Square. Some five years ago, Walter removed to Hamilton, and latterly, he and his brother, David, and Mrs. Mitchell have been keeping hotel in Hamilton. The deceased belonged to a family of hotel keepers, and it may be said that he was in the business all of his life. He was born 31 years ago in the old frame hostelry, kept by his father, on the site now occupied by the Dominion Hotel, in Hamilton. He was the youngest of four brothers, all of whom are in the hotel business. There are also two sisters, Mrs. Ellis, wife of the proprietor of the American Hotel, in Guelph, and Mrs. Mitchell, of the Franklin House, in Hamilton.

The cause of death is, no doubt, from apoplexy, as the deceased was a tall, very stout man, and a fit subject for such an attack. During a protracted illness, before he left Guelph, his physician informed him then that he was liable to die suddenly at any moment.

In speaking of the deceased, the Spectator newspaper says "The image that will be called up in the minds of those who knew him well, will be that of a man of unwieldy bulk, with a heart in him of a size proportionate with his body. Walter will be remembered by many as an enthusiastic admirer of baseball, and also as a player. Some five or six years ago, when he weighed about 350 pounds, he was an active member of the Fat Men's Baseball Club, of Guelph, and played at second base in several matches. Notwithstanding his size, he was an excellent player, and helped his team to win many a game. Before that, in Hamilton, he was distinguished as a baseball player."

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**At Puslinch Lake**  
**August 1st 1884.**

A leap year picnic left today for Puslinch Lake. The ladies are to defray all expenses and the gentlemen are to provide the provisions. It may be surmised that few coffee beans and cloves will be used on this occasion.

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**At Puslinch Lake**  
**August 4th 1884.**

The Agricultural College students spent a grand time of it at the Lake, on Saturday. There were two other picnic parties there, the same day, one of them comprising a large number of people from Galt.

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## **Snakes in Puslinch Lake**

**September 6th 1884.**

While rowing from the island to the mainland at Puslinch Lake, on Thursday, two Galt gentlemen saw a huge serpent rise fully four feet out of the water. The reptile headed toward their boat and only ceased following them when shallow water was reached. The serpent is described as being fully fourteen feet in length, with a large flat-topped head. An old farmer, who lives across the lake, said that the same serpent was seen twelve years ago.

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## **The Fish in Puslinch Lake**

**September 9th 1884.**

The Fishery Overseer, Mr. Kerr, was in the city the other day and stated that he would return in a few days for the purpose of fishing at Puslinch Lake. It is his intention to send specimens to Ottawa of the California and Salmon trout that were put in the lake three years ago, as a proof that they are flourishing, it being stated by some parties at the time that they were put in that they would die there. Fishing is now prohibited in the lake in order to give the fish a chance to breed.

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## **At Puslinch Lake**

**September 12th 1884.**

Yesterday afternoon, a party of young people connected with St. Andrew's Church, numbering about twenty-five in all, drove down to Puslinch Lake and held a picnic there. What with croquet, dancing, and other amusements, a pleasant time was spent.

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**Pigeon Match**  
**February 18th 1885.**

The following is the score of the pigeon match and snow bird shoot at Puslinch Lake on Monday.

	Pigeons		Snow birds		Grand Total
J. Wayper Jr.	111111	6	0001	1	7
M. A. Boyle	101111	5	1101	3	8
C. Root	001111	4	0100	1	5
J. Wayper Sr.	011010	3	1100	2	5
<b>Totals</b>		<b>18</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>25</b>
J. Turnbull	000110	2	0111	3	5
G. Sleeman	111111	6	1001	2	8
A. Edwards	000010	1	0000	0	1
W. Shattuck	100010	2	1110	3	5
<b>Totals</b>		<b>11</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>

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**The Fish in Puslinch Lake**  
**May 23rd 1885.**

The Galt Reporter newspaper says that the past winter, from some cause or another, proved most destructive on the fish in Puslinch Lake, and since the ice disappeared, thousands of dead fish have been noticed floating on its surface. It is supposed, by some, that the extreme severity of the winter caused the ice to form of such a thickness that no air could be obtained by the fish. Whatever may be the cause, it is certain that they have suffered severely.

The Agricultural College boys were to have held their annual excursion to Puslinch Lake today, but did not start this morning on account of the threatening weather. They may go this afternoon.

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## **At Puslinch Lake**

### **July 30th 1885.**

#### **Gathering of Temperance People — Notes About the Resort**

Yesterday was the day fixed for the reunion of temperance people at Puslinch Lake and if the members of other lodges had turned out in such handsome numbers as did those of Beaver Lodge I. O. G. T. here, the occasion would have been one long to be remembered. John Mahoney guaranteed an attendance of sixty from Guelph and the actual turn out of members was only two below this number, while the friends invited brought it up considerably above that number. Galt Lodge, however, had not a dozen representatives present although it was the first to propose the gathering. This is accounted for by the fact that the Good Templars of that town have a number of entertainments on hand just now of a local nature and could not patronize this affair and those too. Paris, which was likewise expected to send a party to join in the festivities, had not a single representative, and so with Hespeler and other places. Therefore, what was to have been a sort of reunion of temperance people from different places settled down into a picnic of Good Templars from Guelph.

The party left the city at different times during the day, the majority reaching the lake by noon. Hot weather and dusty roads were the disagreeable features of the drive but these were more than counter balanced by the opportunity of seeing the country, which presents a beautiful aspect just now.

Arrived at the hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Parker, as usual, did all in their power to facilitate the comfort of their visitors, and soon had them all dispatched across to the Island in boats. Here, the afternoon was spent in playing baseball, football, croquet, ten pins, dancing, swinging, boating, and various other amusements, the deficiency in the attendance of the sterner sex being more than made up by the spirit with which the ladies entered upon all the sports. Darkness was approaching before the party left the island for home and it was after ten o' clock when most of them reached the city.

The success of this gathering furnishes an augury of what the temperance people might do in the way of having a genuine annual reunion of different lodges at the lake if they undertook the thing in earnest. Such an occasion might be made profitable as well as pleasant, for without going into a three or four days camp, as is done in Halton, a single day's amusement such as this, interspersed with a few addresses and an interchange of ideas upon temperance work, might be found beneficial in the highest degree.

A more suitable place for such a gathering could not be found.

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## **Agricultural College Picnic**

**July 31st 1885.**

The students and officers of the Experimental Farm held their annual picnic yesterday at Puslinch Lake. The party left betimes in the morning, and together, with their eatables, occupied some five or six carioles. On reaching the lake, boats were taken for the island, where the day was spent in the enjoyment of various games. They reached here again as darkness was setting in, having had a jolly good time of it.

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## **Deaths**

**Accidentally drowned at Puslinch Lake, on September 30th 1885,  
Robert Kerr, of Galt, in his 41st year.**

**from the Galt Reporter newspaper**

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## **The Body of Robert Kerr Found**

**October 12th 1885.**

It will be remembered that about a couple of weeks ago, Robert Kerr of Galt, accompanied by his nephew, Newton Kerr of Brantford, left Galt for a week's shooting and fishing at Puslinch Lake. They drove from Galt, taking camping materials, et cetera. Before reaching their destination, they met with an upset, Mr. Kerr being thrown out and his head being injured somewhat. Mr. Kerr had been for years suffering from an affection of the brain caused by a previous injury, which had the effect of making him delirious at times.

During their camping out Mr. Kerr Sr. became so ill that his nephew went to Galt to procure assistance to take him home. During his absence, Robert wandered away, and from that time until Saturday evening no tidings were heard of him although the neighbourhood of Puslinch Lake was scoured in every direction by parties of friends from Galt, for days in succession.

On Saturday afternoon, Mr. Joseph Craig, employed in the Bell's organ factory, and Mr. Robert Dodds, of Armstrong's carpet factory, left Guelph in the afternoon to enjoy a day's duck shooting at Puslinch Lake. On arriving at the lake they found that a picnic party had been over the water, and considering it not worthwhile to go shooting as the ducks would be scared, started for home about four o' clock. When a little way from the hotel, near Pierce's house, Dodds remarked to Craig that he saw what appeared to be a duck on the water of the small lake nearby. Craig jumped out and ran in a straight line for the object in the water, which eventually proved to be a log, but on his way he discovered the body of a man in about two feet of water, close to the shore, and about 40 or 50 yards from the road. The left leg was sunk to the thigh in mud while the right was almost out of the water. The face of the deceased man was also under water but the back of his head was not.

Mr. Craig summoned Mr. Dodds and both concluded that it would be better to return to the Parker Hotel to make inquiries and procure assistance. Mr. Parker and his hostler accompanied them to the spot and identified the body as that of Robert Kerr. They took the remains of the unfortunate man from the water, and left them with one watching, while Messrs. Craig and Dodds drove to Hespeler and telephoned his friends in Galt. They arrived in a short time afterwards and took charge of the remains, which were conveyed to Galt. So far, nothing has been heard of an inquest being held. The general opinion is that the man in his semi-unconscious condition had wandered away and accidentally walked into the water.

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## Local News

### June 12th 1886.

This morning, a picnic party from Rockwood and Eramosa passed through the city to Puslinch Lake. They stopped at the Western Hotel for a time to have a rest and refreshments.

## **At Puslinch Lake**

**June 23rd 1886.**

The Catholic Union is holding a picnic at Puslinch Lake this afternoon. There were six carryall loads left the city, besides several private conveyances.

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## **Puslinch Lake**

**July 16th 1886.**

This pleasure resort is attracting great attention this season and Mr. Parker is receiving encomiums on all hands for the excellence of his arrangements in his hotel for the comfort of his guests and their amusement by boating, fishing, et cetera, on the lake. Large parties from Guelph, Hespeler, Preston, and Galt are continually arriving for a day's picnicking. Quite a number of parties are camping out at different places around the lake and the islands.

from the Galt Reporter newspaper

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## **Local News**

**July 19th 1886.**

Picnic — The boarders and employees of the New Western Hotel are being entertained to a picnic today at Puslinch Lake by the popular proprietor, Mr. W. D. Shattuck. The company, comprising several carryall loads and a number of private parties, to whom invitations had been extended, left this afternoon at about two o' clock. They will no doubt spend a pleasant time.



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## **Picnic at Puslinch Lake**

**July 20th 1886.**

Yesterday afternoon, the boarders and those employed in the Western Hotel, together with a few invited guests, spent a very pleasant time at Puslinch Lake. Baseball, croquet, quoits, et cetera were the amusements, with a social dance in the evening. All heartily enjoyed themselves. They brought their provisions with them, and it is said that the spread was equal to that which would be supposed to adorn any hotel table. The party returned about twelve o' clock, well pleased with the afternoon's outing, and with Mr. Shattuck's generous treatment.

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## **Local News**

**September 7th 1886.**

R. Parker, who keeps the Puslinch Lake Hotel, will be before Scott Act Magistrate Lowes, on Thursday or Friday, probably Friday, for violating the Scott Act. The case will be tried in Aberfoyle.

from the Guelph Mercury newspaper

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## **Local News**

**September 10th 1886.**

The charge against Mr. Parker, who keeps the hotel at Puslinch Lake, did not come off at Aberfoyle yesterday afternoon. Inspector Cowan received a telegram from Scott Act Magistrate Lowes stating that he was sick and could not attend. The case was postponed.

from the Guelph Mercury newspaper

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**Local News**  
**September 16th 1886.**

**Adam Parker, of the Puslinch Lake Hotel, will be tried today in the Temperance Hall at the lake before Scott Act Magistrate Lowes for violating the Scott Act. Inspector Cowan is prosecuting.**

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper**

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**Hespeler Correspondence**  
**September 16th 1886.**

**Failed — The miserable attempt of a number of misguided or ill-advised young men of our town, who, under a mistaken zeal for the temperance cause, in an adjoining county, laid an information against Mr. Adam Parker of the Puslinch Lake Hotel, for violation of the Scott Act, has failed. Mr. Parker, on hearing of it, was very much surprised, but feeling assured of his own innocence he was not afraid to face any charge that would be brought. The magistrate, probably hearing of the flimsy character of the evidence, did not come to try the case, so it is dropped. Out of consideration for the parents of the boys, who are among our best citizens, we shall not publish their names, but would suggest to their parents the advisability of teaching their boys to do better in the future than to go in for shelter during a rainstorm, and then inform on the hotelkeeper for selling ginger ale.**

**from the Guelph Herald newspaper**

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## **Scott Act Trials**

**September 17th 1886.**

The case against Adam Parker of the Puslinch Lake Hotel, for violating the Scott Act, came up for hearing before P. M. Lowes, of Rothsay, in the Temperance Hall at the lake, yesterday afternoon, and was disposed of after hearing the evidence of five witnesses for the prosecution.

The first witness called was Mr. Geo. Kribs, miller, who swore that he and four others went to the hotel on the 6th of June last, asked for something to drink, and were told that they could get pop, which they said was what they wanted. The liquor was poured out from bottles, containing more than one glass. They all drank it. The witness swore that it was not pop, but beer, that it was intoxicating beer, and that Harry McIntyre paid Mr. Parker for it. The evidence of the other four corroborated that of Kribs. No evidence being offered for the defence, the defendant was convicted and fined \$50 and costs.

The result of the case seems to be altogether different from that furnished by the Hespeler correspondent of the Guelph Herald newspaper, who seems to have a fatality for getting things wrong. He mentions that the case had failed and adds, "Mr. Parker, on hearing of it, was very much surprised, but feeling assured of his own innocence, he was not afraid to face any charge that would be brought. The Magistrate, probably hearing of the flimsy character of the evidence did not come to try the case, so it dropped." The comparison is sufficient.

from the Guelph Mercury newspaper

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## **Leg Broken**

**September 18th 1886.**

It is said that troubles never come singly. Such would appear to be the case with Mr. Adam Parker, of the Puslinch Lake Hotel. On Thursday, he was fined \$50 for violating the Scott Act, and the following day, he had the misfortune to have a small bone in one of his legs broken through a fall.

from the Guelph Mercury newspaper.

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**Local News**  
**November 5th 1886.**

**A pigeon match between the sports of Wellington and Waterloo will be held at the Puslinch Lake Hotel on Tuesday next.**

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper**

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**Local News**  
**August 13th 1887.**

**The water in Puslinch Lake is very low. Navigation is consequently seriously impeded.**

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper**

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**At Puslinch Lake**  
**May 30th 1888.**

**Puslinch Lake is again offering a number of attractions to all who wish to spend a pleasant day at this delightful spot, where anyone can be at home, fishing, shooting, boating, courting, et cetera, and for all of which happy pursuits, it has no rival. The mosquito family has not yet arrived. Mr. Parker, the Boniface of the place, is pleased to cater to the wants of all tourists.**

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**Local News**  
**July 7th 1888.**

**Picnic parties to the Lake are of frequent occurrence just now. The place has been refitted and improved, a new dancing platform has been added, and Mr. Parker provides every comfort for the convenience of his guests.**

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**The Local News**  
**July 20th 1888.**

**A number of the milk vendors of the city drove to Puslinch Lake yesterday afternoon. They enjoyed themselves highly.**

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**The Local News**  
**August 7th 1888.**

**The travel to Puslinch Lake this year is said to have equalled that of the previous three years put together.**

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## **Puslinch Lake**

**July 2nd 1889.**

On July 1st, two first class picnics were held at the island, Puslinch Lake, at which a very pleasant time was spent. Sports of all descriptions were indulged in, and the outing was an enjoyable one. Johnson Brothers steamer has been transferred to the lake and ran trips between the mainland and the island, and sailing to and fro, added greatly to the pleasures. The steamer will be on the lake the remainder of the season.

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## **Local News**

**July 15th 1889.**

The excursion of the Guelph Carriage Top Company to Puslinch Lake on Saturday was a very pleasant outing. There were between eighty and ninety present and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

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## **Hespeler Correspondence**

### **Picnics**

**July 24th 1889.**

A large number of picnics are now being arranged for. Several took place last week and several more are being arranged for. Most of them go from here now to Puslinch Lake. The A.O.U.W. is arranging for a monster picnic, which will be held in the grove here in a few weeks. This, no doubt, will be the picnic of the season.

**from the Guelph Herald newspaper**

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**Local News**  
**July 30th 1889.**

**The young people of Knox Church held a meeting last night at which they decided to hold their annual picnic at Puslinch Lake on Thursday August 15th.**

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper**

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**Local News**  
**August 10th 1889.**

**All the farm hands at the O. A. College are picnicking at Puslinch Lake today.**

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**An Exciting Chase on the Lake**  
**August 14th 1889.**

**Puslinch Lake was, on Tuesday, the scene of quite an exciting as well as highly amusing chase. The lake was selected as the rendezvous for quite a large contingent from Berlin and the Royal City. After the usual exchange of courtesies they commenced to go off into different groups, some to arrange the festive table, others to play ball, et cetera.**

**Someone suggested a run out to the fishing grounds of the lake, which idea seemed to take them all, so, accordingly, the large life boat was called into service and manned by a crew**

of five and carrying seven lady passengers. The Captain of the smack was a prominent official of the Berlin Waterworks Department as well as the hero of many a battlefield. The crew was drawn from the commercial and financial institutions of the German capital, with the exception of one young able seaman who is an aspirant in one of our well-known legal offices in this city. He was the ship's adviser.

Thus ably manned, fully equipped, and provisioned for at least sixty days unless they ran short, the noble little vessel moved slowly but surely away from port, for the happy fishing grounds on the high seas. They had, however, barely got clear when the "Collector of the Port", Adam Parker, arrived and blew a blast from his horn, the sound of which startled the captain on the lookout. This sign was followed by numerous signals from Collector Parker to return to port and obtain outward papers. They took no heed of this demand. "Heave to", commanded the Collector in a loud and stern voice that left no further doubts as to his frame of mind. Not till now did the runaways realize their position. The Captain called the crew on deck and a hurried consultation was held, the result of which the spectators did not hear, but could easily determine, as they now put to sea with all the power of locomotion at their command.

The enraged Collector now boarded his revenue cutter and started in full pursuit, amid roars of laughter from the spectators, and in less than two miles he succeeded in overhauling the fishing party and placing his prize crew on board. He warned the captain of the captured vessel to do as he was commanded and to put into his port without delay. The half-frightened crew and almost distracted passengers had but to obey but the assistance that they rendered was not very effective and the prize crew only hauled her into port after the utmost exertion of "all hands".

As they neared the docks, the cheers and roars of laughter from the large crowd assembled, for a time, deafened even the sound of the Collector's "foghorn". The passengers and crew enjoyed their venture very much, only feeling the humility to which their captain submitted them.

from the Guelph Mercury newspaper

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## **Hotel Change**

**September 13th 1889.**

On Thursday, Mr. J. B. Lang, barber, of this city, concluded the bargain for purchasing the furniture and fixings of the hotel at Puslinch Lake occupied by Mr. Adam Parker. He has also secured a lease of the hotel for a term of years from Mr. Sleeman. The building will have



several improvements made to it before Mr. Lang takes possession this fall. The new proprietor is widely known in Galt, Hespeler, Preston, et cetera, as well as in Guelph, and his obliging nature and industry will make his new venture a success. He is determined to set himself to work to make this place one of the most respectable and well kept in the county. He has disposed of his barbershop here to Mr. C. Reinhart, of the Commercial, who will have Mr. D. MacGillivray in charge. Mr. Parker is negotiating for the purchase of a hotel in Campbellville.

from the Guelph Mercury newspaper

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## **Puslinch Lake**

**January 25th 1890.**

Last evening, a very pleasant dance took place at the Puslinch Lake Hotel pavilion. A large number of people from Galt, Preston, Hespeler, and Guelph were present. Barney McQuillan furnished the music and Mr. and Mrs. Lang did all in their power to make the affair an enjoyable one.

from the Guelph Mercury newspaper

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## **Puslinch Lake**

**April 26th 1890.**

The Puslinch Lake Hotel promises to be a popular summer resort. Mr. Jake Laing, proprietor, now has the place fitted up in first-class style. The dancing pavilion will be a source of attraction for the young people and, no doubt, many a pleasant hour will be spent there during the summer months. The little steamer has also been fitted up and a delightful sail can be indulged in by the frequenters of that resort.

from the Guelph Mercury newspaper

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**Puslinch Lake Correspondence**  
**June 10th 1890.**

**Regatta — A boat race of no mean order is to take place at Puslinch Lake during July. O'Connor, of Toronto, is to take part.**

**Fine Colts — Mr. Wm. Dickie is the owner of a yearling stallion, "Young Napoleon", the weight of which is 1,100 pounds. Geo. Collins' horse, "Prince Imperial", sired by "Hambletonian King", is considered one of the best two-year-olds in Western Ontario.**

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper**

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**The Chosen Friends Picnic**  
**June 26th 1890.**

**The picnic to Puslinch Lake yesterday, under the auspices of the Guelph Council Chosen Friends, was attended by about fifty, and a very pleasant and enjoyable time was spent. Boating, fishing, quoit-playing, et cetera, were the amusements, and an old-fashioned basket picnic was indulged in. Mr. Lang, of the Lake Hotel, was very obliging and rendered great assistance to picnickers.**

**Two accidents occurred. Messrs. Gilmore, Hall, and Sanders were enjoying a boat ride and the scenery among the islands of the lake, when off the east end of the large island their boat commenced filling, and in short order the three worthies were floundering in the treacherous depths of the lake. They grabbed the bottom of the boat and held on for dear life. Two boats were manned from the shore, one under the command of the Chief of Police, and started for the scene of the accident, and in a short time they got the men in the boats and**

took them to shore. They were then taken to the hotel and their clothes were hung out to dry. It is reported that the big man was standing on the bottom of the lake when he was signalling for help. The other two, being somewhat small, and not being used to water, were rather pale when rescued.

The other mishap occurred to a prominent civic official who slipped off the edge of the wharf in his promenading and got up to his waist in water. He had to dry himself in the sun. But the whole party had a good time.

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### **Monster Picnic at Puslinch Lake July 1st 1890.**

One of the largest picnics ever held in Puslinch was held on July 1st in Mr. Cyrus Holm's grove near the Lake under the auspices of the Star Football Club of the 3rd Concession, Puslinch. The leading features were a junior football match between the Stars and the Puslinch Lake team and a senior match between the senior teams of the same clubs. Both teams in the junior match played well and the match ended in a score of 1 to 0, in favour of the Stars.

The players of the senior Stars were placed as follows: Goal, Jno. Cooper, backs, Jas. McCaig and H. Smith, half backs, R. Stewart and J. Clifford, forwards, R. McCrae, H. McCaig, M. Gilchrist, E. Gilchrist, M. McCaig, and Jno. Fraser. Those of the Puslinch Lake team were: Goal, J. Devine, backs, T. Robertson and A. Robertson, half backs, J. Robertson and F. Schaumberg, forwards, A. Little, W. Gilholm, J. Gilchrist, W. Little, J. Fyfe, and W. Gilchrist.

There was a fair amount of science shown in the playing of both teams. Worthy of special notice was the play of Evan Gilchrist on the Star line of forwards and of John Gilchrist on the Lake line of forwards. During the first half, the Lakes succeeded in scoring 1 goal to 0, but after the half time they scored three, ending the match in a full score of 4 to 0. The Stars are only a young team, and judging from the playing done by them, and considering the short time that they have practised, they have a brilliant future before them. The game was refereed by Jas. Bryce, a sport of Clyde, and justice was fairly dealt out to both sides. The match was closed about 6:00 p.m., after which the picnickers had supper.

Then came the programme consisting of races etcetera. The games and winners were as follows:

100 yard race: 1st — Evan Gilchrist, 2nd — A. Little

Boy's 100 yard race: 1st — M. McCaig, 2nd — H. Stewart

**Ladies' 100 yard race: 1st — Miss Kitchen, 2nd — Miss Bond, 3rd — Miss Stewart**

**Whittling race: 1st — Jno. Fraser, 2nd — J. Devine**

**Wheel barrow race 1st — J. Cooper and E. Gilchrist**

**Kangaroo race 1st — E. Gilchrist, 2nd — J. Cooper**

**Long kick at football: 1st — Tim Bailey, 2nd — T. Robertson**

**After the programme was carried out, the crowd went to the old Temperance Hall where the evening was spent in dancing and where everyone enjoyed a good evening's fun, notwithstanding the great heat. Long live the Star Football Club!**

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper**

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**The Local News  
July 26th 1890.**

**Fined — At the Temperance Hall, Puslinch Lake, Friday, before Magistrate Ellis, Ferguson Gilchrist and Little Jacob Laing, of the Puslinch Lake Hotel, were charged with selling liquor in prohibited hours, and R. Baker charged with selling without a license, by Inspector Cowan. No defence being made, they were fined \$20 and costs, each. G. W. Field appeared for the prosecution.**

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**Puslinch Lake  
March 10th 1891.**

**This resort still continues to be patronized by a large number of people nightly. There are excellent facilities for dancing, the pavilion being erected for that purpose. The general proprietor, Mr. Jake Lang, carefully looks after the requirements of all guests.**

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper**

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## **Hawick Common Riding**

**June 8th 1891.**

On Saturday afternoon, this festivity, so dear to the hearts of Hawick folk, was celebrated at Puslinch Lake, with the greatest enthusiasm. Mr. Thos Spalding, of Guelph, was Cornet, and as such, waved proudly the flag, the grand memorial of the gallantry of the Hawick gallants centuries ago. The rallying song was sung on the balcony of Lang's Hotel, and chorused by beardless youths and warriors hoary. Afterwards, boating, dancing, replenishing the inner man, et cetera were indulged in.

The dancing was in the new and spacious hall for that purpose, and the dance of the evening was what is known as Cornet's reel, when the following devotees took part: Cornet Spalding, Mrs. J. E. Edwards, G. A. Murray, Mrs. Law, John Boyd, Mrs. Green, James Green Junior, Mrs. C. Spalding, Walter Grierson, Mrs. Ryan, Richard Wilson, Mrs. Wilson, Chas. Spalding, Mrs. Hudson, James Green Senior, and Mrs. Harris. At the conclusion of the dancing, a grand social time was spent in songs and speeches, which was kept up until nine o' clock.

The Guelph party went around by Hespeler to see their Galt friends part of the way home, and arrived in the city shortly before 12 o' clock. They speak in the highest terms of mine host Lang and the music of fiddler Edwards, of Guelph.

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## **The Local News**

**June 8th 1891.**

Mr. James Caulfield has just completed building a large refrigerator for Mr. J. Lang, at Puslinch Lake.

## **Puslinch Lake Correspondence**

**July 15th 1891.**

**Patrons' Picnic —** A large number of patrons from this section took in the mammoth picnic that was held at the Model Farm. On account of the day being wet there were not as many present as expected but those who attended enjoyed the day very much.

**A Good Offer —** A syndicate from New York State has been prospecting here with a view of purchasing the Lake Hotel property. If a purchase takes place, the intention of the company is to build a race course and to have a spur line from McCormick's Point to the C.P.R.

**Building —** Messrs. C. H. Barrett and A. Begerow are building concrete houses. The contractors are the Messrs. Wildfong.

**Fine colts —** Wm. Moran, who is one of our leading horsemen, has a heavy draught colt by "Bold Boy" and a Hambletonian by "Hambletonian King" that cannot be beaten in the country.

from the Hespeler Herald newspaper

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## **Excursion to the Lake**

**September 3rd 1891.**

**Tomorrow, weather permitting, there will be an excursion to Puslinch Lake. Mr. D. Martin is the supervisor, and from the way that he engineered several similar outings last season, no doubt, tomorrow's entertainment will be relished to the fullest extent by those who have signified their willingness to attend. This characteristic annual gathering should have come off last Friday, but owing to the unfavourable weather, it was postponed until tomorrow. Unfortunately, Puslinch Lake is the nearest summer watering place to which Guelph citizens can resort and imagine that they are enjoying the cool breezes of a veritable summer resort.**

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**Local News**  
**October 24th 1891.**

**This morning, Harry and Wm. Williams and Jas. Johnston bagged eight black ducks at Puslinch Lake.**

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**Local News**  
**November 3rd 1891.**

**Yesterday's shooting party at Puslinch Lake returned home last night with a number of hare and woodcock. They report ducks scarce and hard to get.**

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**Local News**  
**December 3rd 1891.**

**Mr. F. Guyett, of Galt, the new proprietor of the Puslinch Lake Hotel, will open with a grand ball on Friday evening next.**

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## **The Puslinch Lake Hotel**

**May 4th 1892.**

The favourably known summer resort, Puslinch Lake Hotel, under the management of Frank Guyett, has been overhauled from cellar to attic, rendering it home-like. It is now open for guests, and charges are moderate. Picnics can be arranged for, on fair terms.

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## **A Pretty Place**

**May 10th 1892.**

Of all the places where the beautiful in nature reigns supreme in this Canada of ours, Puslinch claims to take the front rank, and the far-famed Puslinch Lake is the spot that all dwellers in the historic township speak of as being the place of all places, where supreme happiness only can be obtained in this world, and then, only at a picnic.

It is certainly a pretty place, but it could be much improved. For this laudable purpose, Mr. W. J. Ellis has leased the "hotel" on the lakeshore that was kept for so many years by the late Alex Parks. Mr. Ellis will run a genuine temperance hotel, and has a large number of new boats and a large dancing platform, croquet grounds, and is prepared to cater to the wants of picnic parties. He also has good stabling and is very moderate in his charges. He has lately planted a number of trees in his lovely grove, which will make this place really an ideal summer resort.

### **News Notes:**

Messrs. W. J. and Henry Ellis have planted some 3,000 raspberry bushes at Puslinch Lake.

Mr. Thos. Rife has rented his farm in Puslinch and has moved here, to Hespeler, and is occupying the old home of Lieut.-Col. Hespeler, on Silver Heights.



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## **Assault at the Puslinch Lake Hotel**

### **July 7th 1892.**

**Skipped out – Last evening, about eleven o' clock, Constable Gilchrist arrived in the city, armed with a warrant for the arrest of Peter Collins and John O'Keefe, on a charge of brutal assault and robbery. The circumstances, as given, are as follows: On Tuesday night, Mr. John M. Goebel, merchant, of Hespeler, with a friend, drove over to the Puslinch Lake Hotel, and while there, they met Collins and O'Keefe. The conversation turned on the merits of their horses, when all at once, Collins struck Goebel over the head with a ginger beer bottle, felling him to the floor, and while there in a semi-conscious state, he was kicked by the two. During the scuffle, his watch chain was broken, and the watch is missing, portions of the chain being picked up the next morning from the floor. The police were notified, but the assailants, having got wind that they were wanted, skipped the town. They are supposed to have gone to Buffalo.**

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## **The League Picnic**

### **July 29th 1892.**

**Three carryalls and private conveyances carried to Puslinch Lake, yesterday, a party of the members of the Epworth League of the Norfolk Street Methodist Church. The day was spent on the island, enjoying the cool breezes from the lake. Boating was the chief amusement, while baseball, archery, and other, quieter recreations were indulged in. There was abundance to supply the picnic appetites that the day produced, and all returned home at a seasonable hour. Mr. and Mrs. Guyette, of the Puslinch Lake Hotel, were very attentive and contributed to make the occasion pass off very pleasantly.**

## **Hespeler Correspondence**

**August 30th 1892.**

**The Puslinch Lake Hotel has again changed hands, Mr. Goyette having sold out to his brother-in-law, Mr. James P. Mullin, who formerly kept the Commercial Hotel here, but more recently kept hotel in Detroit. Mr. Mullin is well known to the people of Hespeler and will keep a respectable house.**

**Mr. Archibald Gilchrist is a little better and resting quietly. His many friends hope for his recovery.**

**The framers picnic at the Lake on Friday last was a great success.**

**A number of the R. T. of T. (Royal Templars of Temperance, possibly) will attend the picnic at Puslinch Lake, on Saturday next.**

**“Goosey”, the famous witness in the Heslop murder trial, who has recently been visiting his friends at Puslinch lake, has left, as well as his friends, some twenty in number. The section feels relieved by their absence.**

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## **The News at Puslinch Lake**

**October 12th 1892.**

**Mr. J. P. Mullin, of the Puslinch Lake Hotel, is arranging a series of winter sporting events that will make it lively during the winter as well. Mr. Mullin is determined to have only the better class of trade.**

**Notes — Mr. John W. Gilchrist has again won honours, this time at London, capturing the medal in the rifle competition.**

**Messrs. Charles Barrett and Archibald Gilchrist are convalescent.**

## **The Row at the Lake**

**April 10th 1893.**

A couple of weeks ago Sunday, it will be remembered that a drunken brawl took place at the Puslinch Lake Hotel, in which Eugene Sullivan had his cheek cut with a jack-knife. Hugh McGinnis, Valentine Dalson, and Wm. Campbell were implicated in the affair. On Saturday, Constable Elliott, at the instruction of the County Crown Attorney, had the accused parties summoned before Justices of the Peace Thos. Ellis, James H. Ellis, Peter Gilchrist, and Robert Little, in the Temperance Hall, near the lake. All parties pleaded guilty and were fined each \$2 and costs.

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## **A Pleasant Picnic**

**August 1st 1893.**

On Saturday afternoon, the employees of Galbraith & Company knitting factory had their first summer outing in the shape of a picnic to Puslinch Lake. There were about 35 in the company. They arrived at about half past two. The majority crossed over to the island, where a jolly time was spent in different games and amusements. About dusk, they returned to the hotel, spent a short time there, and arrived home about 11 o' clock, all well pleased with the day's outing.

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## **Picnic at Puslinch Lake**

**August 25th 1893.**

A most successful and enjoyable picnic was that of Chalmers Church choir and their friends, at Puslinch Lake, on Thursday afternoon. The weather was simply perfect. The party, numbering about fifty, reached the lake at 3 o' clock, and immediately set to work enjoying themselves. Boating, ball playing, and every conceivable kind of amusement was entered into and continued, with spirit, until utter darkness compelled them to halt. Towards evening, a splendid spread of refreshments, which would have graced a table for a wedding, was prepared by the ladies, and the way in which the delicacies disappeared was ample proof that this part

was heartily appreciated. The drive home by moonlight was also much enjoyed. The party conveyances were all home by midnight, and everyone was more than delighted with their outing.

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## **Marden Movements**

**July 4th 1894.**

The Templars' picnic to Puslinch Lake was a great success. Some, who were not Templars, declared that it was the best picnic that they had ever attended from Marden. Many of the boys still bear traces of boat rowing on their hands, but as all of the blisters were raised in an effort to please the fair sex, the boys do not mind.

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## **The Local News**

**August 2nd 1894.**

The St. Andrew's Church choir picnics at Puslinch Lake this afternoon, while St. George's Church Bible Association is off to Mr. J. Isle's bush, at Farnham, Puslinch.

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## **A Water Serpent**

**June 3rd 1895.**

Of late, a large water serpent has been seen in Puslinch Lake. It is described as being about five feet long and about as thick as a stovepipe. Little credence was given to the story at first, but it was verified today by a party that was at the lake yesterday. They say that it followed their boat for a considerable distance, and they were fain to put to shore.

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## **At Puslinch Lake**

**June 12th 1895.**

**Mr. Geo. Farncombe went fishing to Puslinch Lake yesterday. On his return, he frightened the domestics of the Victoria by putting a piece of rubber hose among the fish caught, explaining to them that he had caught the reported snake at Puslinch Lake, and desired it to be cooked. It took considerable persuasion after this to make them believe that it was a piece of rubber.**

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## **The Snake at Puslinch Lake**

**June 14th 1895.**

**The Puslinch Lake correspondent of the Hespeler Herald says that "The Guelph Mercury may laugh if it likes, but the Puslinch Lake water serpent is attracting large crowds. Though it has not been seen for a few days, there is no reason why it should not make its appearance again. This is not the first summer that it has been seen. Those who see it say that it is timid and disappears before they can examine it. It is always noticeable that those who do see it soon tire of boat riding."**

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## **Picnic to Puslinch Lake**

**June 28th 1895.**

**A picnic party of about 75 from the city drove to Puslinch Lake on Thursday and had a most enjoyable time. Mr. Ewing, proprietor of the hotel there, did everything in his power to**

make all put in a pleasant time, and entirely succeeded. Since Mr. Ewing has improved the place so much it has become quite a popular resort for picnics. The dreaded snake that infests the waters of the lake — an old water hose — is said to be seen on exhibition in the lake or in the stable yard.

from the Guelph Mercury newspaper

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**Local News**  
**July 3rd 1895.**

The Canadian Order of Oddfellows, of Sheffield, will hold its annual picnic and ball at Puslinch Lake on July 12th.

from the Guelph Advertiser newspaper

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**Local News**  
**August 30th 1895.**

The choir of Chalmers Church, to the number of about twenty-five, picnicked at Puslinch Lake yesterday afternoon and had a nice time rowing on the lake, playing football and baseball, et cetera. The ladies distinguished themselves in the field sports, and afterwards, they provided a first-class luncheon. The party arrived home about half past eleven, much pleased with their outing.

from the Guelph Mercury newspaper

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## **Drowning Accident**

### **October 15th 1895.**

A sad drowning accident occurred at Puslinch Lake shortly after three o' clock yesterday, whereby Mr. R. Lamb, one of the proprietors of the Central Hotel in Galt, owned by Caldwell and Lamb, lost his life.

It appears that a shooting party from Galt consisting of Messrs. A. Patrick, tailor, R. McCrudden, livery man, and the deceased went to the lake to shoot ducks. Arriving at the lake, McCrudden engaged a boat for himself, and Patrick and the deceased went in another boat, with Lamb's brown spaniel. They went in somewhat different directions. When about a mile from the shore, Lamb and Patrick saw a duck and both fired at once. The recoil from this and the dog jumping out of the boat to bring in the duck is supposed to have upset the boat. Lamb hung on to one side and Patrick to the other, while the dog got on top of the upturned boat. Lamb climbed up on top of the boat several times although his companion urged him to stay in the water, holding on to the boat, until help would arrive.

After being in this position for a short time, shouting for help, Patrick said to Lamb, "Hold on, I'm going to swim for the shore", which was some 30 or 40 yards away. When Patrick let go of his hold on the boat, Lamb's weight pulled it to one side and he sank in the lake.

Mr. Douglas Sorby, Guelph Township, was also out shooting and probably 150 yards away. He saw the accident and rowed to the boat. He saw Lamb below the surface of the water in an upright position and put down his paddle for him to catch, but as Lamb did not take hold of it, he could not help him, and he left him and rowed to Patrick who had reached land in an exhausted condition.

He took Patrick to the hotel where a search party was organized, consisting of Messrs. W. McElroy and A. Barber of Guelph, Mr. Stevens of Galt, D. Sorby, and one or two others. After a search of some three hours, they found Lamb's body in a standing position. The feet were stuck in the mud and the head about a foot under water. The deceased was taken to the hotel, a wagon procured, and the remains taken to Galt.

All the time that they had been searching, the dog kept swimming backwards and forwards in the vicinity and took his master's hat to the shore. Had the searchers watched the actions of the dog they would have recovered the body in a short time, but they were so intent on the search that they paid little attention to the actions of the dumb animal.

**The deceased was a keen sportsman, and was well known in this city, having participated in many shooting matches here and in the vicinity.**

**Mr. Lamb was a well-known hotel man, was unmarried, and about 45 years of age. Deceased had lived in Galt for about 20 or 25 years. He was born in Blair and had lived in Galt and vicinity all of his life. Mrs. Wm. Twaits of Galt is a sister of the deceased and E. Bowman of Hespeler is a nephew.**

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper**

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## **Local News**

**October 17th 1895.**

**The pigeon pop at Puslinch Lake was well attended yesterday, quite a number from Guelph being present. The Guelph men killed a large number of birds but they came home without anything. They were removed from their rigs before starting.**

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper**

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## **Hotel and Farm to Rent**

**The Puslinch Lake Hotel and farm adjoining  
can be leased for a term of years,  
and immediate possession given.**

**Apply to  
George Sleeman.**

**May 7th 1896.**



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## **The News from Puslinch Lake**

### **August 24th 1896.**

**The annual Ellis Church Sunday School picnic was held at Ellis' Landing, Puslinch Lake, on Friday last, and an enjoyable time was the result. During the afternoon, boating was the amusement, but as the even shadows fell, all gathered on the beautiful green beneath the tall, waving willows, to enjoy a bountiful repast. After tea, the games of the evening began. A committee of young men had arranged the games, and the prizes were of the best quality.**

**Mr. John Little and his sister spent Sunday with friends in Rockwood.**

**The Misses Archibald, of Lucknow, are the guests of their sister, Mrs. William Dickie.**

**Miss Belle Robertson has started a dress-making establishment in Hespeler.**

**Our public school re-opened on August 17th. Mr. McDiarmid will, no doubt, be pleased to be among his pupils, who did him such credit at the recent exams.**

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## **Puslinch Lake News**

### **January 26th 1897.**

**The fierce storm of Sunday and Monday caused the snow to drift into the roads, making them very heavy in places, but despite this fact, traffic has not decreased.**

**Mr. John Robertson is taking a course in the Kingston Military School.**

**Miss Mary Dickie spent Sunday at her home.**

**Misses Ray and Volic, (possibly Vollick), of Hespeler, are the guests of Miss Eliza Little.**

**Mrs. John McDonald, who has been seriously ill, is recovering.**

**Dr. Barrett, of Winnipeg, is visiting his father, Mr. Chas. Barrett.**

**A number here attended the concert given by the Sons of Scotland in Morrilton. All express themselves well pleased with the entertainment.**

**The present storm forms the topic of general conversation this week, reminiscences of similar storms fifty years ago, how we are prepared for the storms of today in comparison with the poor protection that our parents had, though it is certain that they enjoyed the protection of the mighty forests, which we are sorry to say have been denied the present generation. And here let us consider the advisability of cultivating similar trees to those that nature provided in time past. It is true that the land was needed and must be cleared, that the trees were decaying and must be hewn into timber while valuable. But is there not plenty of room on every farm for a few trees, which besides their useful shelter make such beautiful ornaments?**

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper**

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**At Puslinch Lake  
February 10th 1897.**

**Mr. Robert Ewing, of the Puslinch Lake Hotel, returned from Victoria this morning, by way of the United States, after a very successful business trip. It will be remembered that he was largely interested in the shipment of apples to British Columbia in the fall.**

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**Puslinch Lake News  
February 16th 1897.**

**The shouts of merry laughter echoing o'er hill and vale these fine evenings come from the youths and maidens who are once again enjoying that old time sport of coasting down the steep side of Puslinch hills. All imaginable runners are used for this purpose, from the "bobs"**

confiscated from a drive shed to the freshly painted glittering coaster that speeds past its heavier brother half way down the slide. Yet we must admit that there is nothing like the roomy old "bob" for the whole company to take a good ride on. They count climbing the hill no trouble if they can have another ride. If one had time to moralize, how much it would remind us of our lives, a constant hurry, push and pull to reach the summit, only to be hurled back in an instant to begin again.

One of the best and largest trees in the neighbouring woods has been cut down by the McAlister brothers and made into logs for Mr. Lewis Kribs, of Kribs Mills, Hespeler.

Mr. Jacob Cooper is the possessor of three fine Dorset lambs, five weeks old. Who can beat that for early lambs?

Mr. Thomas Ellis and family are suffering from la grippe.

Miss Minerva Bond has gone to reside in Toronto, where she has secured a situation as secretary of a wholesale establishment.

Miss Jessie Robertson has completed her course of instrumental music with Professor Maitland. We believe that she intends making music her life's profession, and wish her success in her undertaking.

Mr. Hugh Ross has purchased a fine bay horse.

Miss Collins is the guest of Miss Little.

Mr. James Murphy is again residing in this section.

from the Guelph Mercury newspaper

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## **The News from Puslinch Lake**

**May 17<sup>th</sup> 1897.**

Mr. Duncan McLean has purchased the farm of Mr. Alex McGregor, in Waterloo, and will take possession this week. Mr. McLean, of Galt, intends running the Lake hotel this season.

A pleasing event took place last week when Miss Mary Evans, of this place, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony, to Mr. John Taylor, of Guelph. The wedding was a very quiet one.

**The happy couple will take up their residence in the Royal City. We wish them every happiness.**

**We are sorry to hear of the illness of our worthy teacher and hope that he will soon be around again. Miss McDermaid is teaching in his place.**

**Mr. Wm. Devine is again living on the farm. Mr. Wm. Aikens has taken the contract of building a barn at Mr. John Taylor's, of Guelph. Mrs. Black and son have returned to Galt. Mr. Hugh Ross spent Sunday with his father.**

**There is some preparation being made for the Queen's birthday, but her jubilee will be the gala day with us this year.**

**Seeding is over. There is a splendid growth so far, fruit trees of every description are covered with bloom. Mr. Thos. Ellis has a fine patch of strawberries, well formed.**

**The Guelph Mercury**

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## **Puslinch Lake News**

**June 8th 1897.**

**A Jubilee social is to be held in the grounds belonging to the Ellis Church, on Thursday evening, June 17th. Tea served from seven to eight, after which a programme will be given, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, recitations, and readings. The Hespeler Presbyterian choir will provide the vocal music. Admission, 10 and 15 cents.**

**It grieves us to hear of Mr. Thomas Ellis' bereavement, through the death of his son, David Ellis, of New York, on Thursday June 7th. Mr. David Ellis was born and grew to manhood on the old home here and was greatly respected. He has seen active service in the American Civil War, where he rose to the position of captain. He was wounded in the right arm and partially lost the use of it. Since then, he has received a pension for his bravery in suffering for his country. He leaves a wife and two daughters to mourn his loss.**

**from the Hespeler Herald newspaper**

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## **Puslinch Lake News**

**June 30th 1897.**

The work done by Mr. McPherson on the given road has made a vast improvement on the hill, and the large stones and stumps being removed, we may now travel without fear of a jar or breakdown. Mr. McPherson understands his business and does it well. The Council was fortunate in tendering their work to his charge.

The Jubilee social on the 17th was a great success. The programme was excellent. Many thanks to the Wilkins' Orchestra, which so willingly took part, and the Presbyterian Choir of Hespeler, which was highly appreciated. Reverend Mr. Nugent officiated as chairman, interspersing the different orations with witticisms all his own. The instrumental duet by Mr. A. Robertson and Miss McKay brought down the house, while the speeches of Mr. Knowles of Hespeler and Mr. Short of Kingston were greatly enjoyed. Miss Hamilton favoured us with a recitation, "The Religious Fiddle", and by request, "The Fashionable Choir", in her usual good style. The song "Fiddle and I" by Miss Kribs was strongly encored, but as the chairman had prohibited encores on account of short time, this was not granted. "God Save the Queen" was sung, after which the participants in the programme had tea and were driven back home singing "Good Night Ladies".

Miss Minerva Bond is spending the summer months at home.

The Misses Guyer, of Morriston, spent Sunday with their friend, Miss Etta Bond.

The young yeomanry of this place assisted in the celebration in Hespeler on Tuesday, the 22nd, by riding on horseback and leading the procession.

The social for the children on Saturday was well attended, and the games and luncheon greatly enjoyed.

Mr. John Agnew is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Thos. Fyfe.

Mr. Bert Little, of Oshawa, visited his father last week.

Mr. Jas. Devine has the largest crop of strawberries this season ever grown on that farm.

Mr. Thos. Robertson narrowly escaped being injured on Tuesday. While riding into town, his horse, a fractious colt, threw him and kicked. However, he held the beast and controlled it, although those who were witnesses cannot understand how he escaped.

from the Guelph Mercury newspaper

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## **The Boys' Brigade in Camp at Puslinch Lake**

**July 16th 1897.**

St. James Church Boys' Brigade left on Monday for a week's camp at Puslinch Lake. Marching from Hespeler, to which place it had gone by train, the Company arrived at the lake at 5 p.m. Soon all were over at the Centre Island, the tents having arrived earlier. Heavy rain fell that evening but fortunately the tents were pitched and the ground beneath was dry. Though rain has fallen every day since our arrival here, the boys have suffered little or no inconvenience. Drill has, however, somewhat suffered.

The daily routine which has been carried out as far as the wet weather will allow, is as follows: 6 a.m. — reveille, 6:30 a.m. — breakfast, 7:30 a.m. — parade and prayers, 7:45 a.m. — drill, 9 a.m. — inspection of tents, 9:15 a.m. — guard mounting, 12 o' clock — dinner, 6:30 p.m. — tea, 7:15 p.m. — parade, 8:15 — prayers, 9:30 p.m. — first post, 10:00 — last post and tattoo, 10:15 — lights out. The morning and afternoon are spent in fishing, boating, bathing, and games.

The Company is composed of three commissioned officers, 2 non-commissioned officers, and 10 privates. Lieut. Ogg is drill instructor, the warden, Reverend A. J. Belt, being in charge. Simultaneously with this camp, several companies are camping at Kew Beach, near Toronto, where the brigade headquarters is situated. Other camps are being held at Peterboro, Hamilton, and Clinton. The Church Boys' Brigade now numbers over 50 companies in Ontario, and is growing rapidly. The camp at Puslinch is to break up on Saturday.

Capt. And Mrs. Merewether and Miss Worswick spent the afternoon at the lake and visited the camp of the Boys' Brigade, with whom they had tea.

from the Guelph Mercury newspaper

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## **Party at the Lake**

**August 25th 1897.**

**Miss Annie Reinhart, Fountain House, gave a party at Puslinch Lake last night. Guests were present to the number of over one hundred, from Guelph, Galt, Hespeler, and Preston. The party from Guelph arrived home about half past five this morning. The time was spent in dancing and other amusements.**

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper**

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## **Row at Puslinch Lake**

**October 25th 1897.**

**Seriously mixed up were affairs at Puslinch Lake on Friday night. Some Galt men went out there to spend the evening, and judging from the results, they had a time that was both interesting and exciting. An altercation arose and a fight ensued. A bottle of some kind was brought into requisition, and at the present time there lies in the Galt hospital a town representative with 17 stitches in the back of his neck. This is where his anatomy and the bottle came into contact. The man gashed was not the only one hurt. Others in the bar room were cut but their hurts were slight. It is understood that the hotel keeper is thinking of prosecuting some of those concerned in the fracas.**

**from the Galt Reformer newspaper**

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## **Dance at Puslinch Lake**

**June 16th 1898.**

One of the most successful dances of the season was held at Puslinch Lake Hotel on Wednesday night. It was under the management of five very popular young ladies of Puslinch, the Misses Phelan, McGill, McPherson, and Laird. Seventy-five people were present. The floor manager was Mr. John Gilchrist. The music was furnished by Messrs. Gilchrist and Robinson and Miss Gilchrist.

from the Guelph Mercury newspaper

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## **Picnic at Puslinch Lake**

**July 21st 1898.**

A picnic was given at Puslinch Lake by the Mesdames Doran, Seelos, Schmuck, Sauers, Reinhardt, and Singular. They drove down, accompanied by their husbands and friends, and spent a very pleasant day.

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## **Big Time At the Lake**

**August 4th 1898.**

The campers at Puslinch Lake had a big time on Friday night. In the afternoon, ball teams, captained by C. Reeves and R. H. Brydon, respectively, played for the championship of the district, the latter side winning by two runs.

In the evening, at the pavilion, with Reverend Mr. Robertson of Morriston in the chair, a splendid concert was given, R. H. Brydon, Prof. Quantz, Mr. Jardine, Miss Lunan of Toronto,



**Miss Robertson, and others taking part. Between 200 and 300 of an audience were present. They broke up after singing "Auld Lang Syne", "God Save the Queen", and the "Maple Leaf".**

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper**

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## **At The Lake**

**August 18th 1898.**

**Puslinch Lake is regaining its old time popularity. In fact, it is questionable if so many visitors ever have taken in this summer resort before in any one season. Yesterday, it is estimated that at least 400 people were on the islands or about the hotel. Mine Host McLean is evidently a popular fellow. There is still quite a large number camping out.**

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper**

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## **The Puslinch Lake Hotel**

**June 19th 1899.**

**Mr. Robt. McLean, hotelkeeper, Puslinch Lake, states that business during the summer has been pretty fair. If the electric railway goes to the lake, he will endeavour to put a steamer on its placid waters for excursion purposes during the summer season. The attendance of excursionists this year has been very good.**

## **Puslinch Lake Hotel**

**Chas. Sachs, Prop.**

**The place to hold a picnic**

**Hall for dancing**

**Bowling alley**

**Fine boating and perch fishing**

**Come out and spend a day**

**June 12th 1902.**

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## **Dominion Day**

**(How Guelph Honoured the Dominion's 35th Birthday)**

**July 2nd 1902.**

**The Alexandra Tennis Club had a very pleasant picnic to Puslinch Lake, in the afternoon and evening. About forty-two members of the club went down to the lake early in the afternoon, and spent a most pleasant time boating on the lake, and in other occupations. After a delicious tea, the services of a violinist were brought into use, and a few pleasant hours spent in dancing, and the outing concluded with a very pleasant ride home, which was reached at a seasonable hour.**

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**Where Cooling Breezes Blow...  
Puslinch Lake Resort  
Chas. Sachs, Proprietor**

**The Best Place To Go...  
Picnicking, Boating, Sailing,  
Ball Grounds, Fishing, Dance Hall.**

**July 16th 1903.**

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper**

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**Burglars Make Raid on Puslinch Hotel  
August 3rd 1903.**

**The Puslinch Lake Hotel was the scene of a burglary some time on Sunday morning. The thief or thieves entered the bar room through the skylight over the side door and got away with a Winchester Take Down shot gun, equipped with a 26 inch and 30 inch barrel, \$3.00 in change from the till, a quantity of 10 cent cigars, and a jug of whiskey. The empty jug was found on the premises in the morning.**

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper**

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# **No License for the Lake**

**April 30th 1906.**

## **Commissioners So Decide at Saturday's Meeting**

The License Commissioners had rather a field day on Saturday afternoon in dealing with the Puslinch Lake, Queen's, and Victoria hotels.

There was a large deputation present from the churches and temperance organizations of the city, more particularly in opposition to any favourable reconsideration of the action of the License Commissioners in refusing to renew the license of the hotel at the lake. Among those present were Reverends Glassford, Speller, Smith, Marshall, and Harris, and Messrs. Bollert, Carter, Hobson, T. C. Rogers, J. McBride, H. Precious, E. Daniel, M. W. Burr, Wm. McCrae, and W. R. Leadlay, and Mrs. Chas. Raymond, Mrs. D. D. Christie, Mrs. R. C. Bennett, and Mrs. A. I. Johnston.

Reverend Mr. Glassford introduced the deputation, and Revs. Smith and Speller, Messrs. Carter and Bollert, Messrs. Eagle and Tovell for the Lake section, and Messrs. Lyon and Drew, on behalf of the railway directors, were heard. The railway directors had no interest in the license, the latter said. They were simply anxious to protect the property in case of another hotel.

The Commissioners decided to adhere to their former decision and there will be no hard drinks at the Puslinch Lake Hotel this year.

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper**

**Note: The sections of the newspaper article dealing with other hotels were omitted.**

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## **Josh Wayper's Summer Resort**

**May 17th 1906.**

Mr. Josh Wayper is busy fitting up the old Parks property at Puslinch Lake and when he gets through spending money on it he expects to have a nice, neat, comfortable, little summer resort.

He is building a new boathouse, which will be equipped with galvanized steel boats of the most improved design. Provision has also been made for a spacious lunch room. He expects to have a gasoline launch and everything in readiness by the 20th of May. He will also build a number of cottages to rent during the summer.

Mr. Wayper has the idea that there is no better summer resort for the people of Wellington and Waterloo counties than at Puslinch Lake, where there is boating, fishing, good scenery, and a nice breathing place, and he is just about as good a guesser as we know of around these parts.

from the Hespeler Herald newspaper

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## **At Puslinch Lake**

**June 16th 1906.**

Mr. Josh Wayper, of Hespeler, who is running the old Temperance House at Puslinch Lake, recently erected a large boat house and refreshment pavilion, and will cater to the requirements of visitors to the lake. Mr. Wayper has just received a steel gasoline launch from Detroit, which has been placed in commission, and is at the service of visitors. He has also purchased a number of fine row boats equipped with air chambers, which makes them non sinkable.

from the Guelph Mercury newspaper

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## **Picnic at the Lake**

**July 4th 1906.**

The entrance candidates, to the number of one hundred or more, of Miss Oldham's, Mr. Shortill's, and Mr. Ward's classes, had a pleasant day of recreation yesterday, after the strain of the examinations. They gathered at the Central School at 12:30 and journeyed to Puslinch Lake in the tally-ho and three carrioles. The afternoon was spent in games et cetera, a baseball match being played between the girls of Miss Oldham's class and Mr. Shortill's, which resulted in a victory for the former, the score being 23 to 18, and it is needless to say that all enjoyed

themselves exceedingly. It was about ten o' clock in the evening when the picnickers arrived home, and even though the return journey was rather uncomfortable on account of the rain, it did not mar the pleasure of the day.

from the Guelph Mercury newspaper

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## **Picnic at Puslinch Lake**

**July 4th 1906.**

The party that was held at the lake on Wednesday July 4th was a grand success. The evening was fine and cool, and the water was calm, so everything was at its best to make it an enjoyable outing. The crowd, numbering about one hundred in all, some of whom gathered early in the evening, spent the time in fishing, boat riding, et cetera.

About nine o' clock the dance started, Mr. Ed. Phalen acting as floor manager, and the music, supplied by Robinson and McPherson, was up to the standard. The merry crowd tripped the light fantastic till nearly dawn, when it dispersed, all congratulating the committee, Messrs. Hanlon and McPherson, on the success of the event.

from the Hespeler Herald newspaper

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## **Local News**

**August 30th 1906.**

"Booky" Witmer, "Clothy" Roos, "Stooky" McLean, "Saily" Bechtel, "Electric" Thomas, and "Doc" Chapman are having the merriest kind of times out at the lake, where they are doing stunts at Washington Camp. They expect to put in another week of Crusoe life.

from the Hespeler Herald newspaper

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## **Hot Time at Puslinch**

**August 30th 1906.**

**Mr. Cornelius Wilson, in speaking to the Galt Reporter, said, "I spent a recent Sunday at Puslinch Lake and the scenes that I was witness of were of a most disgraceful character. A gang of inebriated men from Freelton drove to the lake in a large cariole and proceeded to take possession of the hotel and its surroundings. They acted in a most ruffianly way, to the terror of many of the hotel guests, and to the disgust of all. The landlord, who is a respectable man and anxious to keep his house orderly, was utterly powerless to check the rowdies. Finally, word was sent to Hespeler for constables. Whether arrests were made I do not know, but the occurrence certainly called for police intervention."**

**It is only fair to Mr. Marriott to say that he was in no way responsible for the rowdyism complained of and that he took prompt and efficient measures to squelch the fresh young men. The lake has been quieter and more orderly this year than ever before and Mr. Marriott deserves every credit for keeping it so.**

**from the Galt reporter newspaper**

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## **Eleven Freelton Youths**

**Pay \$1 and Costs Each for Riotous Conduct at Puslinch Lake  
September 10th 1906.**

**At the police court this morning, eleven young men from Freelton and vicinity were charged under the Vagrancy Act, with being vagrant, loose, idle, and disorderly persons within the meaning of the statute, at Puslinch Lake on Sunday August 19th. The charge was laid by Mr. William Marriott, proprietor of the Puslinch Lake Hotel, and there were nine or ten witnesses present to back up his statements. The accused pleaded guilty through their counsel, Mr. J. J. Drew, and were fined \$1 and costs each. When they get settled up with Mr. Marriott and pay the law costs, it will run them about \$7 each.**

The original charge was that they were all drunk, but as it appeared that only three of them were in that condition, that accusation was stricken out of the indictment. The facts appear that they went to the lake with a keg of lager, that they took possession of the house, that Mr. Marriott had to close his rooms, and that their swearing was disgraceful and their conduct outrageous, according to the magistrate's information.

His Worship spoke at some length to the young men on the disgraceful proceedings credited to them and the violation of the Sabbath Day, of which they were all guilty. They had each laid themselves open to a penalty of \$50 and six months in the central prison. As this was their first offence, and they appeared to have hitherto been respectable young men, he hoped that this would be a warning to them, and he would inflict a fine of \$1 and costs.

from the Guelph Mercury newspaper

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## **That Puslinch Hotel**

**April 18th 1907.**

A long felt want at Puslinch Lake, the popular summer resort for Galt, Hespeler, Preston, and Guelph, will be supplied during the coming summer by Mr. Josh Wayper, who is making preparations for the erection of a handsome, commodious, and modern summer hotel. The plans for the structure are being drawn up now and it is hoped that the building will be finished before next fall. Puslinch Lake has long been the Mecca of holiday visitors and the lack of accommodation is the only drawback so far felt. With the advent of the new hotel, however, Puslinch should be more popular than ever. Then, if that electric railway from Galt to Guelph is ever built, the lake will become a summer resort of no mean importance.

from the Galt Reporter newspaper

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## **Big Day at Puslinch Lake**

**July 19th 1907.**

The pleasure seekers of the Royal City did not by any means all depart for Berlin yesterday, the second half-holiday of the summer, as was attested to by the large crowds at Riverside Park and Puslinch Lake. At the latter resort particularly, the number of picnickers was unusually large, and the accommodation of the hotel was taxed to the utmost. Besides a large number of single rigs and carioles, with private picnics, Hopper's tally-ho took down the St. James' Church choir and Sprague's tally-ho was also chartered by a party of picnickers.

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## **Picnics at Puslinch Lake**

**July 26th 1907.**

**Many Happy Parties Took Advantage of the Pleasant Holiday Afternoon**

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Not even rain, which caught many of the picnickers at Puslinch Lake yesterday before they could reach the city, could seriously dampen the pleasant memories of an enjoyable afternoon spent at this beautiful and popular resort.

Yesterday's crowd was perhaps the largest of the season and the accommodation was taxed to the utmost to look after the pleasure seekers and their outfits.

The choir of Dublin Street Methodist Church and their friends, to the number of about fifty, went down in the tally-ho and in carioles and report a most pleasant outing. The afternoon was spent in boating on the lake, and after partaking of the dainties provided by the ladies, a programme of races was run off, but which had to be curtailed owing to the threatening appearance of the weather.

Another picnic from the city was the annual outing of the children and members of the Christadelphian Church. There were about fifty in the party, who drove down in carioles, and they report a most enjoyable time.

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper**

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## **A Unique Gathering**

**August 3rd 1907.**

There was a call to arms issued to the Barber clan in the city yesterday afternoon, to which about fifty descendants of that distinguished family responded, and in the tally-ho and other conveyances proceeded to Puslinch Lake. The party was indeed a unique one, especially when it is considered that all present were related to one another although not all bearing the same name. At the lake, a very pleasant afternoon was spent in games of baseball, football, et cetera, and races for everyone.

from the Guelph Mercury newspaper

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## **Visitors at the Lake**

**August 9th 1907.**

Mr. W. J. Marriott, of the Puslinch Lake Hotel, has kindly sent to this office a photo card of the Guelph and Hespeler firemen at supper in front of the hotel on the occasion of their recent re-union. The venerable figure of Chief Robertson is seen at the head of the table, and there are other familiar faces also.

The card states that among the guests at this popular summer resort are Mr. and Mrs. Dreaver and family, of Chicago, Miss M. Barber, Miss Stanley, Miss Wardell, Mr. Cliff Walker and family, of Guelph, Miss Rose Patterson and the Misses Patterson, of Preston, and Mr. and Mrs. Woolcot, of Hamilton.

## **Street Railway Commission Visited Puslinch Lake**

**August 14th 1907.**

### **Commissioners Had a Pleasant Outing and Inspected the Popular Pleasure Resort**

Alderman Lyon's big touring car was working up to standard yesterday and the trip of the Radial Railway Directors to Puslinch Lake was a most pleasant one. The auto seemed to have forgotten all about its recent trip to Goderich, and for that matter, so did His Worship and Alderman Lyon, and the miles were eaten up in a rapid manner as the machine seemed to fairly fly over the ground, touching only the high places, under the direction of Mr. Lyon.

The party looked over the different properties at the lake, as well as that portion owned by the city, and discussed how this resort could easily be made one of the most beautiful and popular in the province. The property will be shortly deeded to the Railway Commission, but there was no special significance in this trip.

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## **Picnicked at the Lake**

**August 23rd 1907.**

At Puslinch Lake yesterday afternoon and evening, the young people of St. George's Church thoroughly enjoyed themselves, the occasion being the annual outing of the choir and Bible class. The party went down to the popular resort in three carioles and returned late in the evening when the full moon made the drive most enjoyable. The afternoon was spent in games, et cetera, a baseball match being played between the boys and the girls, the score of which was beyond computation.

## **Puslinch Lake to be Popular Resort**

**May 9th 1908.**

Some important matters, such as the improvement of Puslinch Lake for a summer resort, which will eventually be connected with the city by a radial railway line, as well as with Hespeler and the G. H. & P. Road, were discussed at a meeting of the directors of the Guelph Radial Railway Board, last night, held in the office of Mr. J. J. Drew.

The commissioners had before them plans, showing how the property at Puslinch Lake can be divided into lots for summer visitors, where cottages can be erected for their accommodation. It was decided to have the ground surveyed as a further step in the scheme. It is not proposed to offer these lots for sale to those who wish to put up residences for the summer, but long leases will be granted.

The time when a line will be constructed from the city was also spoken of. This is a matter, however, of expense, and cannot be carried out until the city feels in a position to invest a large amount of money in such an extension, unless it should be that some private corporation build the road. The commissioners feel, however, that if such a road is ever built, the city should be behind the scheme.

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## **To Improve Park at Puslinch Lake**

**June 25th 1908.**

Something definite is at last being done to make Puslinch Lake the popular summer resort that it should be. The Guelph Radial Railway Commissioners have now laid the foundation for what in the future will undoubtedly be one of the most beautiful and picturesque spots in this section of the province.

A section of the property at the lake that is owned by the city and is held by the commission has now been laid out in lots for summer cottages and at the meeting of the railway directors last night the plan of the survey made was received and favourably passed upon.

There will be in all about fifty lots along the lake shore to the east of the hotel. The lots are fifty feet by sixty feet and are on the level ground some distance from the shore so as to leave the pathway along the shore as it is at present. There will be a fourteen foot lane at the rear and two streets running in each direction.

These lots are to be leased on long terms at the rate of \$10 per annum for front property and \$5 for back lots, the prices to be doubled when the street railway line is laid from the city to the lake, as it is sure to be in the course of a few years. All cottages built on these lots must, of course, be erected under the permission of the directors.

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### **Bass in the Lake September 2nd 1908.**

The fisheries department of the Ontario government intend stocking Puslinch Lake and Big Lake, near Minden, with 10,000 black bass. More bass will also be placed in Sparrow Lake. Mr. J. W. Lyon went down to Hespeler yesterday and, in his capacity as Chairman of the Radial Railway Commission, arranged for putting the fish in the lake.

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### **Was Drowned in the Lake June 21st 1909.**

#### **Young Hespeler Canoeist Met His Death at Puslinch Lake Yesterday Afternoon**

About half-past one yesterday afternoon, two Hespeler boys, Nelson Dickie and Jack Yates, mounted bicycles and proceeded to Puslinch Lake. Here, they met two other chums, Percy Eaton and Austin Dandeno, and all four boarded a canoe, bound for the swimming place across the lake. Though warned by the man on the shore to take a boat instead of a canoe, all the boys seemed to prefer the canoe. About a hundred yards from the island, the canoe, in some

manner, capsized, precipitating all of the occupants into the water. All could swim but Dickie, and he hung to Yates for safety, pulling him down with him several times. Yates and the other boys encouraged Dickie, telling him what to do in the terrible plight, but being unable to swim, he was evidently unable to carry out their instructions, and when he lost his hold on Yates, he sank to rise no more. The point at which the boat upset was about 100 yards from the island shore, and had not campers upon the island gone to the rescue, undoubtedly, the other three boys would have met a watery grave. They were assisted into the improvised lifeboat, but before its arrival, Dickie had disappeared beneath the surface.

Chief Constable McMaster was at once telephoned for, while Dr. Lockhart was also on hand, not only in his capacity as physician but also as coroner. However, though six grappling irons were at work, with twice as many men manipulating them in the long weeds and turbulent water, the body was not found until about nine o' clock, last night. The victim, Nelson Dickie, was the only son of his mother, and had just arrived at the age of 17 years, when he was becoming a help to her. A great gloom was cast over the entire population of Hespeler upon hearing of the calamity, about 4 o' clock, just as the mass meeting of the Sunday School children were singing, without the knowledge of the accident, "Throw out the life line with hand quick and strong", after having been addressed by Mrs. Nalder.

The suddenly bereaved mother and grandmother have the profound sympathy of all.

from the Galt Reporter newspaper

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## **A Sad Drowning Accident**

### **June 24th 1909.**

#### **Nelson Dickie Loses Life at Puslinch Lake**

Puslinch Lake was the scene of a sad drowning accident on Sunday at 3:30 o' clock, when Nelson Dickie, a popular young Hespelerite, lost his life through the upsetting of a canoe in which he and three young companions were crossing the lake to the island.

The accident occurred about 50 yards from the island, the water at this point being about six to ten feet deep. The other members of the party, Austin Dandeno, John Yates, and Percy Eaton were saved through the prompt assistance of several young men from Preston, who were on the island and promptly went out in boats, but young Dickie had disappeared beneath

the waters, and although several present dove for him repeatedly, they could not locate him, and his bright young life was sadly ended 'neath the enclosing waters of the lake.

Grappling irons were secured from Hespeler and Guelph and the lake was dragged, but the body was not recovered until nearly ten o' clock.

The lake was very rough on Sunday and the boys were warned not to go out in the canoe, but they thought that they could handle it all right, and had nearly reached the island when the unfortunate accident occurred.

Coroner Savage, of Guelph, after making full enquiries, decided that it was an accident pure and simple and was satisfied that it was not necessary to hold an inquest.

Nelson Dickie or "Wag" as he was generally known among the boys, was in his eighteenth year and was very popular in a large circle of friends who will miss him sadly. He was an only son and his bereaved mother will have the heartfelt sympathy of everyone in this sad hour of trouble.

The funeral was held from the residence of his grandmother, Mrs. Urias Wilson, Queen Street, on Wednesday, at 2 o' clock p.m., to the Hespeler Cemetery and was very largely attended.

Reverend J. Forward, of Preston, conducted the ceremony and the pallbearers were six chums of the deceased, Clarence Dopfer, Harry Traplin, Percy Eaton, George Wakefield, Will Howell, and Rex Thomson.

from the Hespeler Herald newspaper

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## **Picnic to the Lake**

### **July 10th 1909.**

The annual picnic of the Sons of Scotland is being held this afternoon at Puslinch Lake. There are a large number of Scotchmen and their friends in attendance and four carioles conveying them left the Market Square at half past one.

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## **Picnics at the Lake**

### **July 12th 1909.**

The Sons of Scotland from the city had a very good time at their annual outing at the lake, and only the rain that interfered with the return trip spoiled the complete pleasure of the day.

There were a large number at the lake for the afternoon including a number of the Guelph firemen, who joined with members of the Hespeler brigade and Chief Jardine in an annual celebration.

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## **Eucharists at Lake**

### **August 16th 1909.**

The Alert Euchre Club, numbering about twenty-five, journeyed to Puslinch Lake on Saturday afternoon in a tally-ho. Needless to say, a most enjoyable time was spent in games, dancing, boating, racing, et cetera. After partaking of a dainty supper, a tired but happy crew returned to the city by about 11 o' clock, everyone being well pleased with the day's outing.

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## **Complaints Are Heard**

### **August 17th 1909.**

Much complaint is being heard in regard to the unsanitary condition of the lavatories at Puslinch Lake. The present ones are not only unsanitary but they are quite out of repair. Many complaints are being made to the Health Inspector but this appears to be under the jurisdiction of the Street Railway Board. The commissioners are receiving a good rent for the hotel and



should provide better accommodation for those visiting the lake. It is to be hoped that during the annual visit of this body to the lake an inspection will be made, for if it is, a change is sure to follow.

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## **What Should Be Done at the Lake? August 18th 1909.**

### **Plans for Making a Popular Resort There**

The question of making a grand summer resort out of Puslinch Lake is again being discussed in civic circles. Many prominent citizens are of the opinion that some definite move should be made by the Railway Commissioners. It is argued that for an inland lake, Puslinch excels them all. If it was looked after and some money spent, it could be made very attractive and would be the source of a good revenue for the city. Of course, it would be necessary to have a radial line running from the city, with perhaps, one to Hespeler, connecting with the Preston and Galt lines.

Then, there should be some changes in the present hotel, which is old and far from being commodious. It might be wise to erect an entirely new building with all the latest improvements. It might also be well to build a few small summer cottages. These would not need to be elaborate. They could be inexpensive and rent for a good sum. The present dancing hall and bowling alley should be torn down and something in the form of a pavilion built.

It would also be an improvement to seed a good-sized plot, perhaps the entire piece that at present is used for crops. A large recreation field is always a drawing card and would add greatly to the appearance of the place. Something might also be done with the island, which at present is allowed to run wild. If something definite were done, the place could be lighted with electric light, taking the power either from the railway system, or as is sometimes done, a small generator could be installed and run by a gasoline engine.

The water, at present, is in a fairly good state but would be materially improved if some of the weeds were taken out.

**In conversation with many businessmen, they are all of the opinion that something should be done and they even go further and state that if this is followed out they would send their families there for the entire summer.**

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**Soon Be Deserted  
August 23rd 1909.**

**For several weeks past, Puslinch Lake has had the look of a huge summer resort. Most of the land around its banks has been dotted by canvas homes but one by one these are disappearing and the park will soon be deserted.**

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**Annual Trip to Lake  
October 6th 1909.**

**The Radial Railway Commission, at the invitation of the chairman, Mr. J. W. Lyon, will this afternoon take the annual trip by automobile to Puslinch Lake. The members of the commission state that there will be just an inspection of the property there, as usual, to see how things are getting along. It is very questionable indeed, however, if this trip will not have some bearing on the proposed construction of a line from the city to the lake and Hespeler, especially in view of the fact that during the present winter Niagara Power should be installed, and this has been awaited for some time as the signal for the construction of the radial line to connect with the Hespeler, Galt, and Preston line, with a spur to Puslinch Lake. When a couple of members of the commission, this morning, were asked regarding this they merely put on a knowing smile and refused to talk for publication.**

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## **Dance at Puslinch Lake**

**May 23rd 1910.**

Three carioles containing young people to the number of about forty journeyed Friday night through the rain to Puslinch Lake where a most enjoyable time was spent tripping the light fantastic until the early hours of the morning.

from the Guelph Mercury newspaper.

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## **A Popular Resort**

**May 26th 1910.**

Puslinch Lake was on Victoria Day the scene of a happy throng. Many took advantage of its placid waters, upon which to ply the graceful canoe, while others used the gasoline launch or the skiffs, of which there is an abundance to choose from.

Mr. and Mrs. Marriott deserve much credit for the excellent manner in which they conduct this rendezvous, which is constantly growing in popularity.

The Salvation Army with its many friends enlivened proceedings. The ball game between Puslinch and Killean resulted in a victory for the former.

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## **Liverymen's Picnic**

**June 15th 1910.**

The Galt liverymen will hold their annual picnic at Puslinch Lake on July 5th. The usual big time is expected. Local liverymen, it is expected, will participate.

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## **Two Parties Picnicked**

### **June 15th 1910.**

The employees of the G. B. Ryan store held enjoyable picnics yesterday after the early closing hours. The milliners left for Riverside Park, when an enjoyable time was spent, while the downstairs clerks journeyed by the tally-ho route to Puslinch Lake, where they also thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Such events are promotive of an esprit de corps and good fellowship between the clerks in the store, and might be well followed by other establishments.

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## **Tally-Ho**

### **June 21st 1910.**

### **City Councillors Will Picnic to Puslinch Lake**

At a date not far distant, the members of the city council, with their wives, and possibly some of the ladies of the City Hall clerical staff, will have a tally-ho party to picnic at Puslinch Lake. The following non-official resolution was handed around the board last evening.

“That this council, with our wives, form a tally-ho party and spend an afternoon at the lake, at a convenient early date, and that the following be a committee to make all arrangements, The Mayor, Aldermen Thorp and Carter.

Those who signed were Aldermen Geo. Thorp, J. E. Carter, S. Rundle, W. E. Taylor, Jos. Pequegnat, H. Mahoney, D. E. Rudd, and R. McMillan.

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## **Exciting Times at Puslinch Lake June 28th 1910.**

### **Taylor-Forbes Office Staff Have a Fearful & Wonderful Time — A Baseball Game**

The picnic of the office staff of Taylor-Forbes, held on Saturday at Puslinch Lake, was a success in every sense of the word. Soon after 2 o' clock, weird strains of music were heard from the interior of the Winter Fair Building.

The Mercury immediately dispatched a special correspondent to the scene and found a tally-ho and two double-seaters filled with the office employees of the big iron and steel works on Queen Street. They apparently had quit invoices and correspondence for the day and seemed intent upon an afternoon's enjoyment.

The drive out to the lake was made in record time, the only stop being made at Gourock to see the International Limited come into that metropolis.

Several valuable prizes were awarded for different sports, the event of the day being a baseball game that was played by picked teams. There were more than the usual nine, but it didn't matter, they all played, fifteen on a side.

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## **Will Picnic to Lake June 29th 1910.**

The Young People's Association of St. James Church will hold their second annual picnic at Puslinch Lake on July 1st. The members will meet at the church at 12 o' clock.

## **Held Picnic July 2nd 1910.**

**Saint James Church Young People's Association held their annual picnic yesterday to Puslinch Lake and it was largely attended. This being an annual outing, the young people take advantage of the opportunity afforded and so make it a great success. The party left the church at half past twelve and after participating in various games returned home at eleven o' clock, tired.... (remainder of article missing).**

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## **Ho, For the Lake June 29th 1910.**

**No, it was not a trip to Florida party that left the City hall at 2 o' clock today. Nor was it a deputation of scientists to view the spots on the sun. And on a third guess, it was not the Board of Education looking for a tug-of-war. It was that happy aggregation known as the city fathers, with their wives, and a number of the City Hall staff, who, on pleasure bent, but not broke, were hieing away to that pleasant little spot known as Puslinch Lake, where can be obtained fresh air, also some mosquitoes. Nevertheless, in spite of such dire prospects, there was no gloom in the party, for it is confidently thought that on their return they will be able to say "all went merry as a marriage bell", for there is no hatchet to bury this year.**

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## **Picnicked at Puslinch June 30th 1910.**

**Zion Church Sunday School, near Fisher's Springs, picnicked to Puslinch Lake yesterday, spending a delightful afternoon and evening.**

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## **At Puslinch Lake**

**July 2nd 1910.**

**A day of sports was held at Puslinch Lake yesterday in which many of those who picnicked out there joined. The card included a ladies' 50 yard race, men's sack race, 100 yard race, hop-step-and jump, running high jump, and three-legged race. Both afternoon and evening, a dance was held. Messrs. W. McAninch, G. Glazier, and R. Campbell were on the committee in charge.**

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## **To Puslinch Lake**

**July 15th 1910.**

**About thirty young people picnicked at Puslinch Lake yesterday, going out by cariole. A ball game was played in the afternoon and a dance was held in the evening.**

**from the Guelph Evening Mercury and Advertiser newspaper**

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## **Local Happenings**

**July 23rd 1910.**

**Two merry cariole loads of Scotsmen left for Puslinch Lake this morning to the accompaniment of pibrochs from the bagpipes.**

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper**

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## **To Puslinch Lake**

**July 28th 1910.**

**A merry bunch of young people left for Puslinch Lake, comprising the choir of St. George's Church.**

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## **Went to Puslinch**

**August 12th 1910.**

**A large number went to Puslinch Lake yesterday and had a good time. There are a very large number of campers there, the resort proving a popular place to spend the vacation.**

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## **Jottings from Puslinch Lake**

**August 18th 1910.**

**A number of camps have broken up but others have come to keep up the population of the town. Monday was a very busy day at the lake, it being the civic holiday of Berlin, Waterloo, Bridgeport, and Preston. A dance was held in the evening and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.**

**Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Parks, the Misses Parks of Hespeler, Mrs. Lang of the E. R. Boiler Company of Guelph, Miss Boyd, nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital of Guelph, Mrs. McKeown and two daughters of Guelph, Mrs. B. Coulter of Galt, and Miss Octzel and friend of Berlin are all camping here.**

**On Friday last, the printers of Galt tried to hold down the lake, but upon the swelling of the tides, they became violently seasick. It is seldom that a bunch comes to the lake who know how to get the amount of enjoyment in a single day that the typos do.**



**The Guelph auto bus was not very well patronized on Sunday on its trip to the lake. The Lord's Day Alliance interfered and would not permit the issuing of tickets. The difficulty will be overcome and passengers will ride in state to the lake the same as in the past.**

**In ninety-nine cases out of every hundred the lake breezes prove beneficial to the campers and visitors at this popular resort, but there are exceptions to the rule. On Tuesday evening, Mr. J. Wesley Parks, of Hespeler, was taken suddenly ill at the tea table at the hotel, and to save his life the official surgeon found it necessary to perform an operation at once. The operation revealed the fact that Wesley's stomach contained a dead lake rat, and he now owns up to his nationality and no longer conceals his queue.**

**The following are registered on the lake directory: Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson of Guelph, Mr. and Mrs. Renwick of Guelph and their daughter and son, Gladys and Ethel Gaynor of Hamilton, Miss Plant, Mr. and Mrs. Benallick, Mr. and Mrs. Conchie, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert, Mr. and Mrs. Despond and daughter, Mr. Bullock, Miss Drinkwater, Mr. Kirby, all of Guelph, Mr. and Miss Mease and Miss Harper of Hamilton, Miss Currie and Miss J. Currie of Ayr, Mrs. and Miss Cober of Hespeler, Mr. Len Pattinson, Mr. Kerr, both of Preston, Miss Violet Rife, Miss Walker Rife, Miss Ada Rife, Miss G. Etherington, Miss S. Etherington, and Mrs. Ralph Parks, all of Hespeler, at Dew Drop Camp.**

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## **To Puslinch Lake August 24th 1910.**

**The Chalmers Church choir will hold their annual picnic to Puslinch Lake tomorrow afternoon, the carioles leaving the church at one o' clock. Preparations have been made to make it the most successful yet held.**

## **Marriott May Leave Puslinch Lake Hotel September 6th 1910.**

**There may be a change in affairs at Puslinch Lake, this city's most popular summer resort, within the next six months.**

**Mr. William Marriott, the present tenant of the hotel, and lessee of the property that the Radial Railway Commission owns at the lake, stated to a reporter from the Herald this morning that he was advertising all of his boats and hotel furniture for sale and spoke as if he was about to give up his work as proprietor of the resort.**

**Mr. Marriott explained that he rented the place from the city, paying \$200 a year for it, and he complained that he could not make any too much money out of it at that price, low as it might seem. It was true, he said, that he did quite a big business while the summer season was on, but that lasted only about three months, at best, and the rest of the year it was all expense and no profit. "The commissioners want me to paint the house and keep it in repair, or else take six months notice from last April and get out, and I think that's what I'll do," said Mr. Marriott.**

**from the Guelph Herald newspaper**

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## **Supper at Lake September 15th 1910.**

**A most pleasant time was spent yesterday at Puslinch Lake by several members of the staff of Homewood Sanitorium. They left early in the afternoon and arrived at their destination at 3:30, where a row on the lake was much enjoyed, and they then adjourned to the local hotel where a splendid supper was served. A good concert followed, the feature of which was a juggling act by Mr. Fox. This occupied the time until 9 p.m. when the return journey started, the party arriving home, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.**

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**Is Improving His Lake Property  
June 15th 1911.**

**Joseph Wayper is making Extensive Changes  
A Box Bowling Alley.**

**Mr. Josh. Wayper is planning extensive changes at his summer hotel at the lake. Mr. Amos Mosser is engaged erecting a large box bowling alley, which will be among the best of its kind. Many picnickers have visited the lake this summer, and the popularity of the resort is growing.**

**A dance was held at the lake last evening by a party of Hespeler citizens. A most enjoyable time was had by all.**

**Mr. Joseph Wayper returned home yesterday from a business trip in the northern counties. Josh. brought with him a fine string of rainbow, speckled and salmon trout.**

**from the Galt Reporter newspaper**

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**Purchases at Puslinch Lake  
July 6th 1911.**

**With a deep perspective of the future prospects of the developing of that popular summer resort, Puslinch Lake, Mr. Josh Wayper has taken time by the forelock and purchased fifty acres of land bordering on the lake from Mr. Robt. Harmer. The deal was put through yesterday. Mr. Wayper is maturing plans, which when carried into effect will transform that portion of the lake into keeping with the requirements of a popular summer resort.**

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## **To Puslinch Lake**

**July 6th 1911.**

A large number went to Puslinch Lake on Dominion Day, the Royal City being well represented. Among these were the members of St. James Young People's Association, who drove down in a number of carioles and spent a very enjoyable time at the popular pleasure resort.

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## **Puslinch Lake Popular**

**July 24th 1911.**

Puslinch Lake as a summer resort is becoming more popular every year. Quite a number drove down yesterday and spent the day with the Guelph campers, of whom there are a large number at the lake.

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## **At Puslinch Lake**

**(in the Hespeler News)**

**August 1st 1911.**

The carpenters and joiners of Hespeler and Preston held their first annual picnic at the Lake on Saturday, and had a most enjoyable outing, the day being an ideal one. A good programme of sports, music by the Roos Hill Band, and a sumptuous supper filled up a happy afternoon.

**The Hespeler Fire Brigade held its annual picnic on Saturday at the Lake and, as usual, had a very enjoyable time.**

**Among those breaking camp this week are Messrs. Andrew Jardine, John S. Baker, and A. W. Day.**

**Mrs. O. S. Eby and daughter have returned from the Lake, where they spent a pleasant holiday.**

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## **Will Build Line to Puslinch Lake Provided They Get a Square Deal February 6th 1912.**

### **Promoters Were Here Looking Over the Puslinch Lake Deal Refused to State Who was Behind the Scheme**

**Several American promoters, interested in electric railways, were in the city yesterday and drove over the several preliminary lines that have already been surveyed to Puslinch Lake.**

**When seen by the Mercury this morning at the G.T.R. station prior to leaving for Toronto, although they refused to give their names, and state who was interested in taking over the franchise that is owned by the city, it is understood that MacKenzie and Mann are interested in the matter, and that it may have been one of their agents who was in charge of the party that drove over the line yesterday.**

**“It would not pay us to build the line unless it was extended to Hespeler to connect with the G. H. & P., and it is likely that in the event that we take the franchise over, that the line is built to Hespeler to make the connection.”**

**Puslinch Lake is one of the finest spots in Western Canada for a summer resort, and if we decide to push the proposition we will build one of the finest hotels in any summer resort in Canada. I understand that Mr. Josh Wayper who owned several cottages down on the edge of the lake proposes to remove the buildings to Hespeler. He is making a big mistake. Property in the vicinity of the lake will be worth money in a short time and those who hold will make good.**

**“We don’t care what they do, so far as the summer resort is concerned,” he continued, “but we want to give the natives a chance to make good. All that we want is the right to the franchise over the road, as we are impressed with the situation and think that it would prove a money maker.”**

**“I believe you mean business all right,” stated the Mercury representative, who then asked if the gentlemen could provide “us with a name or two”.**

**“Nothing doing,” answered the civil engineer who was in charge of the party. “I have nothing for the press”. Continuing, he stated that the company that he represented had plenty of money to push the project through provided that the Guelph Radial Railway, who held the franchise, were willing to part with it and were satisfied to see the proposition go through.**

**“Give us a chance and we will be satisfied,” stated the engineer as he climbed on the car, followed by several other Toronto and Buffalo capitalists who are interested in the deal.**

**“You give us a decent deal and we will build the road,” he called out as the train pulled out of the yard.**

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## **Puslinch Lake**

**May 7th 1912.**

**At Puslinch Lake, but nine miles from Guelph, the city owns one of the most charming summer resorts in Canada, and in the very near future, it will be a place well patronized, as there will be a branch of a railway running there some time soon. This property contains two hundred acres of the finest and safest water stretches probably in Ontario, and on the north shore of the lake, the city owns about fifty acres of land, admirably suited for the building of summer cottages.**

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## **Open at Puslinch**

**May 23rd 1912.**

**A great many citizens will take in Puslinch Lake on the holiday if the weather is fine, this being the opening of the season.**

**from the Guelph Mercury and Advertiser newspaper**

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## **Dance at the Lake**

**May 25th 1912.**

**A large number of Guelph people attended the social dance at Puslinch Lake last night. They report having spent a very enjoyable evening and state that they had a splendid time.**

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## **Puslinch Lake News**

**July 2nd 1912.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lantz, of Puslinch Lake section, will have the kindest sympathy of all who know them, in the loss of another member of the family, in the person of Mrs. Frank Hawes, who passed away at Weston, on Friday, from tuberculosis. The deceased was in her 28th year, and is survived by her husband and two small children. A brother passed away from the same dread disease about five weeks ago.**

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper**

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## **Went to Puslinch**

**July 12th 1912.**

**One of the most enjoyable picnics of the year was that held at Puslinch Lake yesterday by the choir of the Dublin Street Church. The happy throng boarded the carioles here and had a very pleasant drive to the lake, where they held sports and afterwards had supper. Boating and fishing were attractions enjoyed by a number, and they arrived home last evening thoroughly pleased with their outing.**

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**Training for Races**  
**July 27th 1912.**

**Fred Meadows, the crack professional runner, is training just now at Puslinch Lake for a series of races at the Canadian Soo, to take place in a couple of weeks. Fred is rapidly rounding into old time form, and is being ably handled by Fred Couling. He is out on the roads around Puslinch Lake.**

**Galt Reporter newspaper**

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**The Puslinch Lake News**  
**June 30th 1913.**

**Mr. Daniel O'Neill, of Paris, spent Sunday with Mr. Chas. Barrett.**

**Mrs. Grier and daughter, Margaret, of Owen Sound, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Evans.**

**Reverend George Little, of Winnipeg, who was visiting his cousin, Mr. John Little, for a few days, gave a short address to the Sabbath School, last Sunday.**

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper**

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**Purchases Boats for Puslinch Lake  
July 5th 1913.**

**Puslinch Lake Summer Resort Visited by Many This Season**

**Mr. John Chester, of Puslinch Lake Summer Resort, was at Hamilton the other day and purchased several rowboats and canoes. John says that there is a growing interest in the resort by residents within a reasonable radius, which has compelled him to almost double his service for boat hire. On Dominion Day, all previous records were beaten and fully five thousand people visited the lake.**

**from the Galt Reporter newspaper**

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**All Thrown Out When Canoe Tipped  
Friday July 25th 1913.**

**Party of Young People Had an Exciting Experience at Puslinch Lake**

**What might very easily have been a triple drowning accident was averted at Puslinch Lake yesterday afternoon. Two Sunday School classes from Dublin Street Methodist Church were there for the afternoon, and all the sports around the place were being indulged in. A young man from the College, who is camping at the lake, took three girls in a canoe out on the water.**

**They did not even take the precaution to sit in the bottom of the canoe, but perched on the crosspieces and set out in this dangerous way. They managed to keep going until near the island when a fairly large wave struck the boat on the side, and over it went, throwing all into the water, which at this point is well over their heads, besides being grown with reeds.**

**Fortunately, other boats were near at hand, and the canoe party was pulled out of an unpleasant predicament, but not before they had been thoroughly soaked and scared.**

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## **Puslinch Lake News**

**August 11th 1913.**

Notwithstanding the uncertainty of the weather, last Wednesday afternoon, over one hundred people gathered for a sociable time at the annual Sunday School picnic that was held in Mr. McAllister's field. Shortly after arriving at the field, the game committee got together and commenced an interesting programme of games. After the distribution of prizes, the company sat down and did ample justice to an excellent tea, prepared and provided by the ladies, after which all dispersed to their homes, well pleased with their afternoon's outing.

Mr. Everett Ireland, of Hespeler, called on Mr. J. M. Eagle, Thursday of last week.

We all welcomed heartily the lovely showers of rain that fell last Saturday.

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## **The News from Puslinch Lake**

**March 23rd 1914.**

A happy but quiet event took place at the residence of Mr. Wesley Parks, Queen Street, Hespeler, last Wednesday afternoon, when Mr. Russell Cober, only son of Mr. Isaac U. Cober, 3rd Concession, was united in marriage to Miss Roxy, 3rd daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Parks. The happy couple left for a few weeks' honeymoon trip to Toronto and other eastern points. Congratulations.

Mr. Wilson Robertson spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. J. W. Gilchrist, in St. Catharines.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Eagle entertained a few friends on Monday evening.

Mr. Joseph May entertained a few friends to an oyster supper last Monday evening, prior to his removal to Little Germany.

**Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meiers have moved to Mr. May's farm and it is expected that Mr. Tribute, of Hespeler, will take possession of the Hortop farm in a few days.**

**On Friday evening of last week, a number of the intimate friends and associates of Mr. Wilson Robertson met at his home and presented him with a handsome club bag, accompanied by the following address, which was read by Mr. Robert Reeve, the presentation being made by Mr. Walter Holm.**

**To Mr. Wilson Robertson:**

**Dear Friend: — It is not the wish of this small company of your friends to present a formal address to you on this, the eve of your departure from us, but we feel, nevertheless, that we cannot permit your leaving us without first calling on you, and in a simple and sincere manner wishing you Godspeed.**

**Many of us have known you from childhood, and we know that although quiet and unassuming in manner, you are endowed with those sterling qualities that mark the true gentleman.**

**You have always taken a willing, active and prominent part in the social life of the community, and we feel that your absence will be a distinct loss to us. However, we are trusting that the lure of the west will not be so great but that you will yet see the advantages and privileges that our own beautiful province holds forth to her sons, leading you to return and live among us again. But whatever the future may hold in store, rest assured that you carry with you our best wishes for every success and happiness, and we would ask you to accept this small gift as a reminder of our good fellowship and in remembrance of the many happy times we have spent together.**

**Mr. Robertson, although taken completely by surprise, made a most feeling reply, thanking them for the gift and the good wishes for his future welfare. Short speeches were made by Mr. William Little, who acted as chairman, Mr. John Fyfe, Mr. J. M. Eagle, and Mr. Jacob Cooper. The remainder of the evening was pleasantly spent in a sociable manner, games and music taking up most of the time.**

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## **Y.M.C.A. Boys' Camp**

**June 17th 1914.**

**The boys' summer camp of the Y.M.C.A. will be held in July at Puslinch Lake. It had been thought to hold the camp at Lakeside but the facilities and accommodation there were found to be much inferior to Puslinch Lake, besides being farther from Guelph. An ideal spot at**

**Puslinch has been found. Representatives from the Guelph Y and Galt Y went over the ground this week, and arrangements are being made for a big crowd of boys. A parents' day excursion will also be run.**

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## **Off To Camp June 25th 1914.**

**The boys' division of the local "Y" are making their final arrangements for the annual summer camp. The camp this year will be held at Camp Wabanak at Puslinch Lake. Every member of the "Y" is cordially invited to take in this camping trip, which will be thoroughly enjoyable and very economical, the total cost to the boys, exclusive of transportation, will be \$3.50 a week.**

**Exceptional arrangements are being made, and precautions taken to ensure safety and comfort for the boys. Special instruction will be given in swimming. Each tent will be in the charge of a leader. The regular life and discipline in good surroundings will be an inestimable benefit to the boys. Arrangements should be made with Mr. Brennand as soon as possible by any boys who want to go. A meeting of the campers will be held on Friday evening, July 3rd, to make final arrangements.**

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## **Off to Camp July 8th 1914.**

**The boys of the local Y.M.C.A. went into camp at Puslinch Lake this morning. They left on the eleven train this morning. There are about thirty who left, and there will be more go down from now on. A number who could not get away before next Saturday, will go then.**

**In charge of the boys are Mr. Brennand, their secretary, and Mr. C. Fairley. Mr. Fairley is a qualified life saver and he will have charge of that end of the camp. Mr. James Millar and Mr. H. C. Cockburn also went with the boys.**

In Camp Wabanak, there will be, besides the Guelph boys, about twenty from Galt. The camp will be very interesting to all present. It will be in the nature of a training camp. Besides sports, there will be instruction in camp life, wood lore, swimming, signalling and other useful branches. A competent cook has charge of the culinary department and the boys will be well looked after, physically, mentally, and morally.

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## **The McCrea Picnic July 10th 1914.**

The staff of the J. A. McCrea & Son store held their annual picnic and outing at Puslinch Lake yesterday when they were the guests of the management of the store. About twenty-five of the members of the staff and some friends were present. The crowd went down in a big tally-ho that was gaily decorated, and from which a large streamer announced to the world at large just who they were and where they were going. One could judge from the antics of those on the rig that they were also going to have a good time. It is evident that they did. Games and swimming were indulged in at the lake and after a bountiful supper had been partaken of, the party left for the beautiful drive home.

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## **“Dastardly Attempt Made to Poison the Campers at Puslinch Lake**

### **Decision of Judge Infuriates Savage Mob”**

**July 18th 1914.**

This is camping weather and a great many Guelph people are taking advantage of the climatic conditions to get out in the open with tents. The people who rent tents in the city are almost out of them, as they have been grabbed up like hot cakes lately. There are a number of campers at Riverside Park, and a number up the river as well as down near Sorby's.

The Y.M.C.A. “Camp Wabanak” at Puslinch Lake is attracting a good deal of attention from visitors. Yesterday the parents of the boys in camp there who are from Guelph went down

and inspected it and were the guests of the campers. On Thursday, the parents of the Galt boys were there in the evening and a minstrel show around the campfire was put on for the benefit of the parents, and they as well as the boys enjoyed themselves for a day by the water.

There are six tables and also six tents. Each tent is named as well as the tables. Each tent is under the command of a leader, and the whole camp is bossed by the camp commandant, Mr. Geo. Brennand.

Mr. Chas. Fairley is in charge of the life saving crew and teaches swimming. Every boy in camp has learned to swim, and at least fifteen have passed the first test, which is to swim to the island, a distance of one hundred yards over a quarter of a mile. This is a long swim, and the directors of the camp are pleased to think that so many of the boys are learning the safety first lessons.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner Harvey are camping near the boys, and Mrs. Harvey has kindly consented to take charge of the musical end of the camp. She has composed two songs for the camp, which have been dedicated to Camp Wabanak. One is a sacred song and the other a campfire song.

The names of the different tents are, No. 1 — Managers, No. 2 — Sodbusters, No. 3 — Incubators (These are the youngsters.), No. 4 — Cabbage cutters, No. 5 — Headlights, No. 6 — Mangle mushers.

The boys are having the times of their lives and some of them are burned black. They are all pretty well burned up but they don't mind that. Mr. James Millar has just returned from spending a few days at camp and he is burned until he is good and sore but he says that he wouldn't have missed it for anything. He was elected a supreme grand judge of the morning court. He came into court tastefully draped in his robes, which consisted of a long kimona. Here, he pronounces awful sentences on the culprits that are brought before him and sees that justice is not done.

With a large dictionary in front of him, his knowledge of law was something marvellous. His docket is generally full too. Just the other day, he had to try an attempted murder case. One of the boys was accused of trying to kill the whole camp by putting chloride of lime in the ice cream. After a spirited defence in which a number of witnesses were called, the defence proved, first, that he didn't put the chloride of lime in the ice cream, second, that if he did, it was unintentional, third, that it wouldn't hurt anyone, if he did, and fourth, that he urged only the regular ingredients for making ice cream, which consisted of carbolic acid, soft soap, Castor oil and Puslinch Lake water. The judge refused to let the case go to the jury, expressing the hope that the prisoner did not feel at all put out for having to defend the charge and complimenting him upon his new recipe for making ice cream. He dismissed the case without costs.

However, one of the decisions of the court did not meet with the approval of the mob, and lead by Chas. Fairley, who wanted the job of judge, they captured the judge and gave him a

face shampoo of jam. Later in the day, they turned on their leader, and by the judgement of the court, the ringleader, Mr. Fairley, was forced to undergo the same face treatment with the addition of some shoe blacking.

A great deal of fun is being had at the camp, and the boys are all in favour of next summer coming as quickly as it can. They expect that about one hundred boys will take in the camp next year.

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## **Puslinch Lake Popular August 18<sup>th</sup> 1914.**

This is a record year for visitors at Puslinch Lake. The hotel has been put in good repair, and many local people have engaged rooms for the summer months, while others take a run down for a week, now and again. Several, who have returned after their vacation, say that everything is in the pink of condition, and although a very quiet time is spent, they enjoyed the rest.

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## **New Year's Party January 3rd 1915.**

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. John McMillan, Sunny Lee Farm, Puslinch Town Line, on New Year's night, when about sixty of his friends and relatives gathered to spend the evening with him. The evening was enjoyably spent in card playing, dancing, songs, et cetera. At midnight, a dainty lunch was provided by the ladies. After everyone doing ample justice, dancing was again indulged in. Excellent music was furnished by Mr. Gordon McKay, while Wm. Hogg acted as floor manager. At five o' clock, the party broke up with the singing of "It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary", and all returned to their homes, thanking Mr. McMillan for the old time evening that everyone had spent.

**from the Galt Reporter newspaper**

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**The News at Puslinch Lake  
March 31st 1915.**

**The farmers of this vicinity, who are fortunate enough to have a maple bush, are now busy making maple syrup. Everything looks favourable for a big run.**

**Guelph Mercury newspaper**

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**Puslinch Lake News  
April 5<sup>th</sup> 1915.**

**Miss Grace Ryde, of Guelph, spent Good Friday with her cousin, Miss Elizabeth Reeve.**

**The Puslinch Lake Farmers' Club held a social evening at the Puslinch Lake hall, last Thursday evening, commencing with a program of songs, music, and recitations, after which, a dainty lunch was provided by the ladies of the section, and to finish up with, a good old time dance was indulged in until the early hours of the morning. The directors of this club are sure some entertainers.**

**The many friends of Mr. George Elliott, who underwent a serious operation at the General Hospital, last Monday, will be pleased to learn that he is slowly recovering and is on a fair way to recovery.**

**Miss Elizabeth Reeve is spending Easter with friends in Guelph. Miss N. Rogerson is spending her Easter vacation at her home in Fergus.**

**The stork visited the home of Mr. Thomas Aikens, last Monday, and left a fine baby boy. Congratulations Tommy.**



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## **The News from Puslinch Lake**

**April 18<sup>th</sup> 1915.**

**Seeding has commenced in this section. Some of the farmers have already sown oats.**

**Mr. Geo. Elliott, who underwent a serious operation at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, has so far recovered as to be able to return home.**

**Mr. A. L. Eagle, of Clyde, spent Sunday at his home here.**

**Mr. Aaron Cober has received his fine new Ford automobile, and is busy performing acrobatic stunts and trying to get acquainted with the newcomer.**

**Mr. Chas. Barrett was visiting old friends in this section, on Sunday.**

**Puslinch Lake Farmers' Club held a business meeting last Thursday evening. There was a good turnout of members and some important business was transacted.**

**Reverend Mr. Small, of St. Andrew's Church, Hespeler, will conduct a prayer meeting at Mr. John Robertson's, on Friday night.**

**Mr. and Mrs. P. Alfred Burgess have decided to leave this section and return to their former home in the Old Land, and they are holding an auction sale of their household effects.**

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## **Puslinch Lake News**

**May 6<sup>th</sup> 1915.**

**Mr. Krueger, popular proprietor of the Puslinch Lake summer resort, is making extensive improvements on the premises and remodelling the hotel, and is now ready to receive the crowds.**

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## **Many at Puslinch**

**May 25<sup>th</sup> 1915.**

**Puslinch Lake was a favourite holiday resort yesterday. There were numerous small picnic parties from Guelph and other neighbouring towns. Many motoring parties took in the resort on their rounds, and at one time, sixteen cars were counted on the grounds. The gas launch and row boats were in constant request and the hotel people plied a busy trade in soft drinks and ice cream. Anglers of both sexes were busy with rod and line.**

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## **Fell Into Lake**

**June 12th 1915.**

**Billy Krueger, proprietor, manager, and licensee of the Puslinch Lake Temperance House, on Friday, had a narrow escape from drowning. While landing a party at the wharf, he fell into the briny deep, and it is said, had to sink four times before the grappling irons would work in satisfaction to bring him up. Billy says that there are all kinds of fish at the bottom of the lake that never come to the top to take a chance.**

**Galt Reporter newspaper**

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## **Dance at Lake**

**June 24th 1915.**

**A party consisting of about one hundred and fifty people from Puslinch Township and Badenoch settlement held a dance at Puslinch Lake, last evening. The perfect evening, the good condition of the floors of the dance hall, and the splendid music rendered by the three-piece orchestra made the hours pass quickly and pleasantly. During the evening, a number**

took advantage of the moonlight and went for a row on the lake, and when nearing the island wharf, one of the canoes upset, letting the occupants into the water. Fortunately, some of the island campers came to the rescue and brought them safely ashore, none the worse for their experience.

Galt Reporter newspaper

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## **At Puslinch Lake**

**July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1915.**

Puslinch Lake was a popular picnicking place on Dominion Day. A number of parties of picnickers from this city drove out in the morning and spent the day at the old resort. There were also crowds of people from Hespeler, Preston, Galt, and other neighbouring places.

from the Guelph mercury newspaper

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## **Hespeler Suburb**

**July 10th 1915.**

Summer life at Puslinch Lake is fast getting back to the high water mark of past seasons. Many new campers are on the scene and the population is daily swelling. The lake, under the new management of Mr. William Krueger and his helpmate, Mrs. Krueger, is gaining in popularity, and once a camper under their kind care, always a camper there in future. On Friday night, the populace of Killean and Crieff held a dance at the lake, which was attended by many from Hespeler, some from Hamilton, who motored up, and some also from Puslinch. A slight accident occurred on Friday that caused a camper to receive a ducking. The person in question was tipped out of a canoe while endeavouring to remove a bottle from the lake, which had not yet shed its last tear.

Galt Reporter newspaper

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## **Picnics at Puslinch Lake**

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1915.**

Three picnics from this city were held at Puslinch Lake yesterday, St. James' Choir and the Y.P.A. members, Dublin Street Sunday School, and G. B. Ryan and Company's staff all spent the day at the southern resort. The afternoon was splendid picnic weather, but in the evening when the showers came on, the programs were cut a little short. Some of the picnickers journeyed to the lake in the large four-in-hand carriage, and on the return trip, they were given a nasty ducking, there being no top to their transport outfit.

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## **Puslinch Lake News**

**September 20<sup>th</sup> 1915.**

The Guelph Radial Railway Board has leased the Puslinch Lake Hotel for a term of five years to the present lessee, Mr. Wm. Krueger. The lessee pays \$50 a year more rent for the hotel, while the city will spend \$200 in renovating the building.

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## **Looked Over Lots**

**October 9<sup>th</sup> 1915.**

Messrs. J. W. Lyon, Mayor Mahoney, Dr. Howitt, Alderman Hewer, and Manager Foster, of the Street Railway Company, drove to Puslinch Lake in automobiles yesterday afternoon and looked over the lots that the city will offer for sale on May 24<sup>th</sup>. They also made arrangements to have some repairs made to the hotel and to have it painted.

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**Will Sell Puslinch Lake Lots**  
**April 26<sup>th</sup> 1916.**

There was a meeting of the Street Railway directors last night, when a number of accounts were passed, and other routine business transacted. At the next meeting, on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May, the commissioners will finally decide on terms and restrictions in connection with a proposed auction sale of building lots at Puslinch Lake on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Quite a number of lots will be offered on that holiday, when it is expected that there will be a large turnout of citizens at the lake and spirited bidding.

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**Died at Puslinch Lake**  
**August 31<sup>st</sup> 1916.**

The death occurred last Thursday night of Mrs. Simpson, of London, at the Puslinch Lake Hotel. Deceased, with her husband and family, had been stopping at the summer resort for several weeks. She took ill on Saturday and a heavy cold developed into pneumonia, from which she passed away. She was 58 years old. The remains were brought into Hespeler and shipped via the G.T.R., on the 8:06 train going north. The funeral took place in London on Monday.

## **Sad Fatality at Lake**

**Lieut. E. Robidaux, Returned Soldier, Drowned**

**June 14<sup>th</sup> 1917.**

**Puslinch Lake was the scene of a sad fatality on Wednesday afternoon, when Lieut. J. Emile Robidaux, a returned soldier, whose home is in Sorel, Quebec, fell from a canoe and was drowned.**

**Lieut. Robidaux, who is a returned soldier, had been at the Homewood Sanatorium, Guelph, for about a month, recovering from wounds received in action, and with a party of friends, including two house physicians and a Lieut. Dunton, of Montreal, another returned soldier, visited the lake on Wednesday, and with an attendant named Gowan, had gone for a canoe ride on the lake.**

**Gowan had stopped paddling for the purpose of turning the canoe around so that it would come into the shore broadside. Gowan, being in the bow of the canoe, did not actually see how the accident happened. He heard a splash, and turning around, he saw his companion in the water. The latter yelled for a paddle and Gowan immediately threw him one, but Robidaux went down before he could grab it. The canoe was between 75 and 100 yards from shore at the time of the accident.**

**Word was at once sent to Hespeler and Guelph and searching parties with grappling irons were organized to search for the body. Dr. Hobbs, of Homewood, took a party of searchers to the lake on Wednesday night, including Detective Greenaway and Dr. MacKinnon, the coroner. The heavy storm on Wednesday night made it impossible to go on, and the search was resumed early this morning, the body being finally located in about 12 feet of water, at 3:30 this afternoon. The remains were taken to Guelph, where an inquest will be held, and will later be sent to the soldier's home in Sorel, Quebec.**

**Dr. A. T. Hobbs, Superintendent of the Sanatorium, stated that Lieut. Robidaux was a very fine character. He was perfectly sound mentally, and was fast recuperating from his wounds. He was only 24 years of age. He was an officer in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Battalion and had seen much active service during the present war. He was wounded at Courcellette, and was invalided home some time ago. About a month ago, he came from his home in Sorrel to the Homewood for rest and recuperation, and soon made himself a prime favourite there. He had so far recovered his health that he expected to return to his home next week. Before going overseas, the deceased was on the staff of one of the banks at Sorel, where his parents reside. He had been a member of the Royal Canadian Dragoons for six months before joining the 22<sup>nd</sup> Battalion.**

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## **Big Fish at Puslinch**

**June 25<sup>th</sup> 1917.**

**Big fish are being caught at Puslinch Lake this summer, but probably the best catch of the season was made on Saturday morning by Mr. Marriott, when he hooked five bass, weighing 14½ pounds. The largest one measured 17½ inches and weighed 3½ pounds.**

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## **Puslinch Lake Notes**

**August 16<sup>th</sup> 1917.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Iveson and Mrs. Hoover and family are newly arrived campers at the lake. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald and Miss McDonald, of Hamilton, and Miss McDonald, of Toronto, are guests at the Lake Hotel. Quite a number of picnics were held at Puslinch Lake this week; the Salvation Army from Hespeler, Preston, Galt, and Guelph spent a most enjoyable day. The Aberfoyle annual picnic was held last Thursday and was the usual success.**

**The many friends of Mr. Arthur Eagle will be pleased to know that he is steadily improving.**

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## **The Puslinch Lake News**

**August 23<sup>rd</sup> 1917.**

**The campers' weekly dance was held on Monday evening, owing to the dance from Guelph being held on Thursday. The campers numbered about fifty and had a very enjoyable time. Mr. Harold Urquart, of Stratford, ably assisted with the music. Mr. McKellar also rendered some fine selections with his Edison.**

Six auto loads of campers motored to Guelph and were shown the Sterling Rubber factory and then spent the evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Abler, where a pleasant evening was spent. Refreshments were served and all motored home after an enjoyable outing.

Mr. Bern Flynn made his initial trip to the Lake on Thursday with his new Dodge car.

Mr. Holman and friends spent Sunday at the Lake. Six young ladies are spending a pleasant two weeks' outing at the Lake.

The Oddfellows will hold their picnic and dance at the Lake on Saturday August 25th.

Messrs. William Stokes and Forest Ross have returned to their homes at Mount Albert after a pleasant outing with Mr. and Mrs. Osborn at Barry cottage.

Mr. John Flynn is having a holiday.

A. B. Jardine & Co. Ltd., of Hespeler, held its annual picnic at the Lake last Saturday, when three hundred and fifty sat down to a bounteous dinner and supper. A jolly time was spent by the picnickers in various sports, which were keenly enjoyed by all. Sports included canoe races, tub races, a walking greasy poles contest, and a tug-of-war, munition workers versus shop men, with the winners being awarded a box of cigars.

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## **Puslinch Lake to Get Stock of Black Bass August 30<sup>th</sup> 1917.**

### **Car Load Supplied by the Government to Arrive this Week.**

Some time last fall, City Clerk Moore wrote the Department of Game and Fisheries and took up the question of stocking Puslinch Lake with bass. The department has now seen the wisdom of the suggestion and the following letter was received by Mr. Moore this morning:

Dear Sir:

It gives me much pleasure to advise you that the Ontario Government fish car "Beaver" will go forward on Wednesday next, the 29<sup>th</sup> instant, with a cargo of black bass parent



fish for Puslinch Lake, and will arrive at Hespeler at 10:26 a.m. I have notified Mr. James Jardine, of Hespeler, to kindly be on hand to meet the car and take delivery of the fish and arrange for their transportation to the lake. I am sending you parent fish as I know it to be the proper way to stock the lake and I am also aware of the number of good sportsmen that you have in your vicinity and will depend on them to see that none of the fish are taken this season.

If the fish are given proper protection, this shipment should give results equivalent to four carloads of fingerlings.

Yours truly,  
D. McDonald,  
Acting Deputy Minister of game and Fisheries

The above will be good news to the people generally in this section, and especially to the large number of ardent fishermen, but Mr. Moore stated this morning that fishermen should bear in mind the fact that the bass are not to be caught until next year at the earliest. If this is strictly adhered to, Puslinch Lake should be a regular anglers' paradise in 1918.

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**Many Lots Sold at Lake  
Thursday September 13th 1917.**

There has been a brisk demand for lots at Puslinch Lake this year, and up to the present, \$725 in cash has been paid over to the Guelph Radial Board in payment for them. It is the intention of the owners of the lots to build on them, and next year will likely see quite a summer colony at the lake.

from the Galt Evening Reporter newspaper

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## **At Puslinch Lake**

**April 29<sup>th</sup> 1918.**

Even small places have busy times occasionally. Yesterday, the vicinity of Puslinch Lake was all excitement as a result of a grass fire at McCormick's Point, which was finally extinguished by the residents. In preparation for the coming season, alterations are being made to the hotel and several new buildings are in course of construction.

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## **Dance at Lake**

**June 13<sup>th</sup> 1918.**

The dancing season opened at Puslinch Lake last night when the open air dancing class, under the management of Mr. George Campbell, held its first dance of the season. Howard's orchestra supplied music that certainly made up for any chilliness on account of the unusual condition of the weather. A number from Galt, Preston, and Guelph were present in addition to Hespelerites.

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## **Big Radial Plans at Puslinch Lake**

**C.P.R. Official Goes Over the Ground – Talk of Real Summer Resort There**

**July 11<sup>th</sup> 1919.**

Mr. F. R. Wanklyn, assistant to the President of the Canadian Pacific, and Mr. W. K. Kirkwood, Manager of the Grand River Railway, have been here, conferring with the civic officials in a matter of interest to the citizens of Guelph, concerning which, an important announcement is likely to be made soon.

**In company with Mayor Carter and the members of the Railway and Manufacturers Committee, they paid a visit to Puslinch Lake and were greatly impressed with the possibilities of the place as a summer resort. From reliable financial resources, it is learned that the plans embrace taking over the street railway and an extension of the line to the south, through Puslinch, skirting Puslinch Lake, to Hespeler or Galt , to connect at the former with the Grand River Electric Railway or in Galt with the Lake Erie & Northern Railway.**

**The City of Guelph recently obtained a charter for an extension of the Guelph Radial to Puslinch Lake and Hespeler.**

**from the Globe & Mail newspaper**

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### **Engine Refused to Work August 5<sup>th</sup> 1919.**

**When the Puslinch Lake motor launch started out in the lake the other day and then refused to do its work, the occupants had to content themselves while the operator of the launch did everything possible to get the engine started, but it simply refused to answer the call. After considerable time had elapsed, a returned soldier, who was one of the passengers, and who was a signaller in the army, removed the flag from the front of the launch and gave the signal of distress to the people on shore. His message was soon answered, and in a few minutes a boat was along side and conveyed the passengers to shore.**

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### **Puslinch Lake Popular September 30<sup>th</sup> 1919.**

**Puslinch Lake was a very busy place on Sunday afternoon. The fine weather that prevailed saw many visitors at the popular summer resort. Upward of several hundred people were present, and at three o' clock in the afternoon there were over one hundred automobiles**

lined up on the bank. The season, which has just closed, has been a very successful one, and it has been many a year since there has been such a boom at the lake. Every Saturday and Sunday during the entire summer there have been many large picnics. Never in the history of this summer resort has there been as many campers as this year. Several new cottages have been built and a number of others are in course of erection. Things look very bright for another good season in 1920.

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## **Hydro Meeting at Aberfoyle**

**April 14<sup>th</sup> 1920.**

A public meeting of the ratepayers of Puslinch has been called for this evening at Aberfoyle for the purpose of testing the feeling of the ratepayers in regard to submitting the Hydro-Electric By-law and authorizing the issue of bonds to secure the Puslinch assessment for the construction of the proposed Hamilton-Kitchener Electric Railway. Mr. G. W. Hewson, from the Hydro Railway Association, and Mr. T. J. Hannigan will address the meeting, which will be presided over by Reeve Alex. McLean.

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## **Puslinch Ratepayers to Vote on Proposed Hydro Radial Railway**

**April 15th 1920.**

**Public Meeting at Aberfoyle Votes in Favour  
of Council Submitting By-law to the Ratepayers – Project is Part of Guelph to  
Hamilton Railway, With Puslinch Lake Branch – Several Ratepayers Opposed to  
Present Survey and Favour Direct Line Through Aberfoyle**

By a vote of five to one, a representative gathering of ratepayers of Puslinch, at a public meeting held in the Township Hall at Aberfoyle, on Wednesday evening, went on record as being in favour of submitting the Hydro-Electric Railway By-law, authorizing the issue of bonds to

secure the Puslinch assessment for the construction of the proposed Hamilton-Kitchener radial railway. As a result of the public meeting, the Puslinch Council will submit the by-law to the ratepayers at an early date, as last night's meeting was called for the purpose of testing the feeling of the people on the question.

Because the proposed railway will only pass through a few miles of the western end of the township, considerable opposition was expressed by several of the ratepayers present, and when the vote was called for by Reeve Alex. McLean, who presided, a number refrained from expressing an opinion either way. But the general feeling was that the ratepayers should have an opportunity of saying with their ballot whether or not they wished to become partners in the proposed Hydro project. During the evening addresses were delivered by Mayor Mercer, of Galt, W. G. Hewson, Hydro electrical engineer, and T. J. Hannigan, of Guelph, each of whom took considerable time in explaining the scheme. They were followed by several prominent Puslinch ratepayers, all expressing unbounded confidence in the Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission, but at the same time they did not hesitate to say that the scheme now under way would make a stronger appeal to them if a more direct line between Guelph and Hamilton was being considered. Some of the ratepayers pointed out that the time had come when the farmers must rise in their might and secure a fair share of the public expenditures of the province and not let all the benefits go to the urban centres. The ratepayers were informed by the Hydro speakers that their share of the bond guarantee for the construction of the railway was \$38,543, which is about one third of the amount of the next lowest municipality in the group interested.

After the meeting had been called to order, T. J. Hannigan stated that they were there for one purpose only, and that was to explain the project. He invited that questions should be asked and this invitation was taken full advantage of. Mayor Mercer, of Galt, was the first speaker, and he was characterized by Mr. Hannigan as the man who was primarily responsible for the radial now under discussion.

Mayor Mercer reviewed the difficulty that Galt had with the C.P.R. over the Water Street pavement in that city, over which the Grand River Railway runs. He stated that Galt had previously been one of the staunchest friends that the C.P.R. had among the municipalities in Canada, but when the time came for the company to pay its share of the paving of Water Street, they had refused. Had it not been for Sir Adam Beck and the Ontario Hydro Commission, Galt would have been at the mercy of the C.P.R. Galt decided to fight the C.P.R. and the City Council unanimously passed a resolution asking Sir Adam Beck to come and address a public meeting, at which there were representatives from a number of municipalities between Guelph, Kitchener, and Hamilton. The result was that the foundation was laid for a Hydro Radial Railway which would serve a district in which was a combined population of over 200,000 people. The proposition was considered favourable by the Hydro Commission, surveys followed, and by-laws were submitted to 14 of the 17 municipalities interested. Three, Hespeler, Puslinch, and Guelph Township, had not yet voted.

Mayor Mercer pointed out that North Dumfries was similarly situated as Puslinch, the line only skirting the municipality, but North Dumfries' share of the guarantee was \$157,817. You are

starting here with the foundation of a radial system, and I am sure that you want Hydro and realized the benefits at an early date. I believe that the time is not far distant when you will have a line running through Aberfoyle. It is a matter for co-operation; you are now asked to support the people at the west end of the township, and they will later be asked to help you. You should take advantage of every horsepower that you can get, for I believe that through this power the greatest benefit that ever came to the municipalities of western Ontario will result.

Mayor Mercer pointed out the saving in coal which would come with Hydro Radials, and said that there would be that much more money in the pockets of the people of Ontario. He stated that the individual farmer did not realize the immense benefits that would come with Hydro radials. The way to get this power is to vote for the by-law. Personally, I am a great believer in the system of letting the people decide such questions, because if they defeat it, they cannot blame the persons who gave them the opportunity of doing so. I think that it is up to the people of Puslinch to become a partner in the scheme. He also pointed out that if the scheme did not pay through this particular township, the loss would not be charged up to Puslinch, but to the system as a whole. The policy of the Hydro Commission is to give service at cost, and in order to do this they must build lines where they are most advantageous to the people.

Galt's mayor also recalled the fact that Hydro had pulled down the cost of electric power in that city from 12 cents per kilowatt to less than two cents. "How many kilowatts represent a horsepower?" he was asked. Mayor Mercer replied that  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a kilowatt represented one kilowatt.

Engineer Hewson told of the enormous amount of survey work that had been carried on by the Hydro Commission at the request of some 300 municipalities in the last few years. He stated that two surveys had been made through Puslinch, one of which was a direct line, through Aberfoyle, from Hamilton to Guelph. But the radial schemes of the Commission are based on the principle of building the trunk lines first. The Commission had therefore advised a line from Hamilton to Galt and to Guelph and on to Kitchener, and the branch lines are sure to follow.

Mr. Hewson stated that the estimated cost of the present project was some \$6,000,000. The Commission, after an exhaustive survey, in which every detail was taken into consideration, estimates a revenue of \$900,000, the first year of operation, with expenses of \$600,000, leaving a net surplus of \$300,000 to take care of capital. The engineer gave an outline of the daily operation on the new line, which would include limited trains, hourly runs, with the trains stopping at every crossroad, express cars for fruits, vegetables, and milk, and five electric locomotives to haul standard freight trains, and described it all as an economic method of operating a railway.

Mr. Hewson also stated that the line from Guelph to Aberfoyle was sure to be built. In answer to a question, Mr. Hewson gave the average cost per mile of construction as being about \$100,000. "How many miles of this line are there in Puslinch, including the lake?" asked a ratepayer. "Between 6 and 7 miles altogether, with about three miles to the lake" was the reply. "Would you not parallel the G.T.R. line between Guelph and Galt, if a new line was

built?" asked T. J. Mahon. "We would if we built a new line, but we expect to acquire the G.T.R. and electrify it" answered Mr. Hewson.

T. J. Hannigan stated that if the meeting decided to ask the Township Council to submit the by-law, meetings would be held all over the township before voting day, in order that the ratepayers would have the fullest information possible regarding the project. "If it is true that we will have a margin of profit from the start, then we are not running very much risk" said Mr. Hannigan "and we have the record of the Commission behind us". He stated that the debentures of the municipalities were the guarantee that they would be responsible for the success of the project. The debentures were not sold, but held by the Commission, which in turn, markets its own bonds. Bankers say that this is a good method of financing. "Back of every \$100 worth of bonds there will be \$100 worth of physical assets in the railway" he said. "There will be no money paid to promoters, no watered stock, and no special consideration to anyone in the building of the road."

Regarding deficits, Mr. Hannigan said that even if one did occur in the first year, say of \$600,000, Puslinch would have to guarantee their share of the loss on \$38,000, while Galt's share of the loss would be about one fifth of the whole amount. You would have the option of sending along a cheque for the amount, or the Commission could sell sufficient of the debentures to make up for it; but there is no chance of a deficit, unless the figures of the engineers are wrong, but the record of the Commission's engineers would not lead us to believe that.

Mr. Hannigan then recalled what the Ontario Electric Power Commission had done for the municipalities, despite the opposition of private ownership. "Not in one single case have the estimates been wrong" he said.

The line from Guelph to Galt and Elmira, and to Galt and Hamilton, should be one of the best paying lines in the province. When this is in operation, the extensions to the north and south will surely follow. He also informed the ratepayers that farmers living within a radius of 10 to 15 miles on each side of a Hydro Railway benefited from cheaper power and light.

At this juncture, Mayor Mercer urged the electors to consider the possibilities that would come from the Puslinch Lake line. It would develop this lake into a large summer resort and would wonderfully assist the township by added revenue. He advised an early vote in order to show the Commission and Government that the ratepayers were in earnest.

Township Clerk Falconbridge said that it was somewhat of a disappointment to the Puslinch ratepayers that they were not to have a direct line, but he saw great possibilities for better power for domestic purposes in the present project.

T. J. Mahon was of the opinion that the question had been very well placed by the speakers, but that the line, as proposed, was not of vital interest to the township. "The direct line is the one that we favour" he said. "I wonder if the Commission has any other system whereby the

farmers will get cheaper power, to which they are entitled. I believe that there should be flat rate zones.”

Mr. Mahon also informed the city people that the farmers are going to get their rights from the Hydro Commission and that it was pretty nearly time for a stock-taking. He said that he was a believer in Hydro Radials, if they were built in the right place, but that he was opposed to any paralleling. There were dangers and pitfalls ahead and the Commission should go slowly in the matter of big expenditures for railways. He said that the present line looked favourable and that he would not like to put any obstacle in its way.

The proposed survey in Puslinch did not appeal very strongly to J. A. Cockburn, and he thought that a Hydro line running through the centre of the township would be successful. Mr. Cockburn also took occasion to remark that it was high time that the farmers were getting a share of the money expended in the Province. “Until we rise in our might, we will come off second best” he said, “and the cities and towns will get everything while we are left out in the cold.”

Mr. Cockburn said that he was strongly in favour of Hydro, but that he had little sympathy for the present project, as far as Puslinch is concerned, and until he could see something which would be of more advantage to the township, he would not give it the support that he would like to. He said that the Council was in a difficult position because the line would benefit some parts of the township and not others, and he suggested that a deputation from every section of the municipality wait on Council and discuss the matter.

Ex-Reeve Hugh Ross thought that the proposed line would be of great value to the western end of the township, and because of added taxes, the township as a whole would benefit. He was in favour of submitting the by-law to the people.

Angus McPherson was opposed to the present scheme. He wanted a trunk line through Puslinch, and he said that the branch line to the Lake could begin right at Aberfoyle.

Daniel McFarlane couldn't see any benefit to the township in the project under discussion. He favoured Mr. Cockburn's idea of calling a deputation to meet the Council.

George Meldrum strongly favoured Puslinch becoming a partner in the scheme. He believed that the radial would be a good thing for the township, and that nothing should be put in the way of submitting the by-law to the ratepayers. Mr. Meldrum recalled the fact that Puslinch had lost the opportunity of getting the C.P.R. years ago because of too much “canniness”. “If we had taken a chance then, we would have had the Guelph Junction running to Aberfoyle today” he said.

Duncan McLean feared that there would be too many railways in existence in a few years and he wondered how they were all going to pay. He was of the opinion that the motor trucks would cut into the express and freight revenue of the radials.



Reverend Mr. Woods, pastor of Duff's Church, was of the opinion that the people should be consulted on such an important question. "I would say go ahead with the vote" he said "but first, get all the information that we can. Hydro has had a tremendous fight on its hands in its endeavour to secure rights for the people over rights for a few, and whether we vote on the question or not, we cannot stop the Hydro Commission from succeeding. They are back of a people's movement that cannot be stopped, and anything that you or I do to stop them is a step in favour of private interests. The question of whether or not this project is going to benefit the township is a matter for the future to decide. I would like to see a line running right through Aberfoyle, but this is not a selfish question, and I am sure that we have no doubts of the general principles of Hydro. We ought to look to the future and do our share to develop this great scheme. My advice to the Council is to trust the electors, and if we don't reap the benefits ourselves, we will be laying the foundation for better conditions for our sons and our sons' sons.

John Hohenadel wanted to see a better system in the rural districts for securing electric power and he did not see any chance for cheap power under the present system. He thought that the farmers were entitled to more consideration, and recalled the fact that better mail service had come through agitation and that now the rural districts were served at the same cost as the city. "We have got to stand up for our rights" he said. Regarding the present project, he was of the opinion that if the township turned it down, it might prevent them from getting consideration in the future. "I don't think that we should oppose it" he said.

J. A. Ord agreed with Mr. Woods and favoured the by-law being submitted to the people.

Mr. Hannigan, in replying to several of the points raised, stated that the road would belong to the municipalities interested in proportion to the money invested. Regarding different prices for power, he stated that the power was the same price at Niagara Falls to all municipalities. It was only paid for by the users and not by all the people, as was the case with mail delivery. "If Puslinch had asked for power and had guaranteed the necessary expenditure, the power would be there, and the price of the power was governed by the amount that each municipality used" he said.

He stated that the Commission was opposed to operating parallel lines, and that as far as the present was concerned, it was expected to take over the G.T.R. Galt to Elmira line and also the line from Guelph to Galt, which would leave only the portion of the road from Galt to Hamilton to be built new.

"Good highways, he said, were favoured by the Commission, because they were feeders to the radials." Motor Trucks, according to statistics, competed with radials only up to two miles, and 95 per cent of the freight hauled by trucks in the summer, went over the railroads in the winter.

The vote was then taken and those who expressed an opinion went on record, by a big majority, of being in favour of having the matter submitted to the ratepayers. A vote of thanks was tendered the speakers, on motion of Mr. Mahon and Mr. Cockburn, and the meeting adjourned

at midnight. Despite the bad conditions of the roads, over 100 were present, many of whom travelled several miles to get there.

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## **Puslinch Lake a Popular Resort**

**April 26<sup>th</sup> 1920.**

Puslinch Lake is becoming one of the most popular resorts in this part of the country. One thing in particular that has made the resort as popular as it is, is the beautiful scenery and the peaceful quietness. The lake is attracting many of the leading citizens of Guelph and other nearby cities and towns, with the result that during the past few years there have been a number of summer homes erected and at the present time there are a number of cottages in the course of erection. The prospects look exceedingly bright for a number of cottages being erected during the coming summer.

A few weeks ago, a number of lots were offered for sale, along the lake front, and these have been bought up quite readily and the purchasers are contemplating the erection of cottages on them. It is only a matter of time when every lot on the lake front will have a cottage on it. The lake is a very attractive spot for picnics and every day during the summer months there are large picnics at this popular resort.

There is no resort in Ontario as well patronized as Puslinch Lake. With a railroad running to the lake in the near future, it will mean a great boon to the resort. One thing that is lacking at the lake is an athletic field, but it is understood that one will be provided within the near future. On account of the number of lawn bowlers who spend their summer at the lake, a bowling club is about to be organized, and for the coming season, they will try to arrange with the Hespeler bowling club to play their games on their green. They expect to have a green of their own by 1921.

Manager William Marriott of the hotel is looking forward to an extra good season. He says that every cottage will be occupied and he has already completed arrangements with a number of campers who will spend the summer at this popular resort.

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## **At Puslinch Lake**

**June 21<sup>st</sup> 1920.**

Saturday and Sunday were two busy days at Puslinch Lake. On Saturday, the resort was crowded with picnickers, including three large picnics from Guelph, Galt, and Preston. It was estimated that over 4,000 people were present on Saturday. Sunday afternoon and evening saw another large crowd. The Lake is sure becoming a popular place.

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## **Held Picnic at Puslinch Lake**

**June 21<sup>st</sup> 1920.**

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Galt Burns Club held its first annual picnic on Saturday afternoon to Puslinch Lake, and with ideal conditions prevailing, the event proved a grand success in every way, everybody having a most enjoyable time. The happy party, consisting of the members of the Auxiliary, their husbands and families, made the trip to the neighbouring resort by motor. On arriving at the picnic grounds, a program of sports was staged, which was followed by a very fine supper, served in picnic style. The evening was pleasantly spent in a social way and in dancing. The happy crowd returned home at a late hour, tired but all unanimous that it was one of the best outings that they had ever had.

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## **Farmers' Clubs Picnic at Lake**

**June 28<sup>th</sup> 1920.**

### **Prominent Men Address the Gathering of Puslinch and Waterloo Farmers**

Saturday was a red letter day with the agricultural classes of Puslinch and Waterloo, who gathered in goodly numbers at Puslinch Lake to picnic together and to hear the leaders of the U.F.O. movement discuss matters pertaining to the welfare of farmers. The executive, which

had the matter in hand of arranging the details for the outing, was more than fortunate in securing prominent men identified with the management of the new movement that has become of such great importance to the Province of Ontario as a whole.

Those present were J. J. Morrison, Secretary of the U.F.O. and also Secretary of the United Farmers' Co-operative Society, Mr. Ross, editor of the Farmers' Sun publication, of Toronto, Mr. Fulthorp, Secretary of the Livestock Department, at Toronto, and M. C. McCurdy, the veteran stock salesman who looks after the sale of livestock for the U.F.O. at the Union Stockyards, West Toronto.

Mr. C. T. Groh, chairman of the meeting, introduced Mr. Fulthorp, who gave the opening address and outlined the remarkable growth of the work at the stockyards since its commencement 16 months ago, up to the present, in which fully one third of the stock of the province shipped to the stock market is consigned to the U.F.O.

Mr. McCurdy, who is of a genial disposition, showed what real Irish wit and humour consisted of in his address to the farmers. He gave many timely hints on the class of stock that the farmers should raise and very forcibly described the difference between animals which were money-makers on the market and those which were non producers.

Mr. Ross, editor of the Farmers' Sun, a fluent and pleasing speaker, had many nice things to say to the farmers on matters of interest in general.

As is the custom of well planned gatherings, the best of the wine was reserved for the last of the feast, and Mr. J. J. Morrison provided the real treat of the day, dealing with events which gave birth to the U.F.O., the many trying times that it had passed through, and the work in hand since assuming the duties involved in carrying on the work of the Legislature at Toronto. The speaker upheld the "recall" of members of parliament when they ceased to represent the wishes of those who elected them and scathingly scored the Union Government at Ottawa, which has long since ceased to represent the wishes of the people of the Dominion of Canada.

Mr. Morrison, who is frequently referred to as the man behind the throne, proved himself to have a clear vision of public affairs, a deep thinker, and possessing great power to reason out matters of most vital importance in present day politics. His address on Saturday was a rare treat to the many who were present.

At the close of the addresses, luncheon was served, after which a program of sports was carried out, in which one of the chief items was a tug-of-war between the Puslinch and Maple Grove Farmers' Clubs, in which the stalwarts of Puslinch twice pulled their rivals across no man's land.

At the close of the picnic, all returned to their various homes, feeling that the Union picnic of the farmers of Wellington and Waterloo was one of the most pleasing held in many moons, and all hoped that it would be repeated a year hence.

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## **Improvements at Lake**

**July 8<sup>th</sup> 1921.**

With a view to having certain improvements carried out at Puslinch Lake for the accommodation of the campers and visitors, the members of the Railway and Manufacturers' Committee, accompanied by City Manager Hastings, City Engineer McArthur, and Alderman J. E. Carter, motored to the nearby resort last evening, where plans were discussed in connection with the providing of greatly improved accommodation. As a result of their visit, it is altogether probable that work will be gone ahead with this year on the building of a proper bathing beach, the repairing of roads, and other necessary alterations. A proper place for parking motors will also be made, while the question of fitting up an athletic field is also under consideration.

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## **Big Day at the Lake**

**July 15<sup>th</sup> 1920.**

One of the largest crowds that has gathered at Puslinch Lake this year was at the favourite resort yesterday, when several large picnics from Guelph, Galt, Preston, and other places were held. The staff of the Simpson Company of this city held its annual outing at the lake yesterday afternoon and spent a most enjoyable time. A number of citizens also motored down last night to attend the Wednesday night dance at the lake pavilion.

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## **Baseball at the Lake**

**July 29<sup>th</sup> 1920.**

The second of the series of ball games of the Campers' League, played at Puslinch Lake last evening, resulted in a win for the Hewitt nine, they having it over their opponents, known

as the Flynn team, in all departments. The score was 14-7. These games are proving very interesting and attract a large turnout of fans. The Flynn brothers were the battery for the losers. Leo, behind the bat, caught a good game, but James, on the mound, was not as effective as usual and was hit hard. Both twirlers suffered from sore arms and their delivery was off colour. The next game will be played on Wednesday night and it promises to be interesting, both managers scouring the woods for new material to strengthen their teams.

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## **Picnic at the Lake**

### **July 29th 1920.**

The Perfect Machinery Company of Galt held their annual picnic at the lake yesterday afternoon and there was a big crowd in attendance. The picnickers went right in for a good time and certainly had it. There was a long list of races, which were run off successfully and a ball game. A number stayed for the dance in the evening, at which there was an exceptionally large crowd.

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## **Buy a Launch**

### **July 29th 1920.**

Reuben Buck and Redvers Baker, two Hespeler young men camping at Puslinch Lake, have purchased, for their own use, a handsome launch, and the boys now expect to have a busy time taking their friends for a ride. Although not a new one, the launch will be the handsomest boat at the lake. It was purchased in Galt and was teamed to the lake yesterday.

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## **Doings at the Lake**

### **September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1920.**

The cold air in the evenings and the nice fresh mornings of the past week have been too much for the campers at Puslinch Lake, and one by one, they are gradually packing up their duds and making for their homes. The cottagers are holding out, however, and the majority will remain at the resort until fall. A number of campers have been specializing in duck shooting since the season opened on September 1<sup>st</sup>, and have been very successful in their attempts, one of the number bagging thirteen birds yesterday.

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## **The Flynn Family Entertains**

### **September 8th 1920.**

The Flynn family, which has been summering at Puslinch Lake, entertained the cottagers, campers, and their many friends from town at their cottage last night. There were a large number of guests and a most delightful time was had by all. Dancing was the feature of the evening, and on account of the large number present, the lake pavilion was engaged and the young people as well as many of the older campers tripped the light fantastic until a late hour.

At midnight, the merry bunch adjourned to the Flynn cottage, where a real spread of good things awaited them. In addition to dancing there were games and amusements of all sorts, many enjoying themselves by playing cards in the large living room. The cottage was beautifully decorated for the occasion and made an attractive appearance.

The Flynn family are good entertainers and the function last night was greatly appreciated by those present.

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## **Big Doings at Puslinch Lake**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1921.**

There promises to be a busy summer at Puslinch Lake, Waterloo County's popular summer resort. The cottages have all been rented and many strangers will spend the summer at this picturesque spot. Manager Marriott has been receiving inquiries for cottages and camping space for the summer. A number of Guelph citizens owning lots contemplate erecting cottages this year. Host Marriott has not been idle this winter and has had carpenters engaged in making tables, benches, and fancy seats to be placed on the lawn in front of the hotel. The dancing hall has been remodelled and put in first class condition. Other improvements have been made at the lake, including a new dock, all of which are a decided improvement at the summer resort.

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## **Trouble at Lake**

**June 4th 1921.**

There have been reports for several weeks past, received by License Inspector O'Brien, of Guelph, to the effect that a great deal of liquor drinking was going on in connection with the dances that are being held regularly at Puslinch Lake, principally by youths from Galt and Guelph. Wednesday night, at a late hour, the inspector accompanied by Detective Greenaway and Sergeant Morrison, of Guelph, drove to the lake. They saw enough to convince them that there was a great deal of truth in what had been told, and a number of names were secured, and the inspector stated that in all probability there would be some prosecutions in a few days. It is understood that one or two have been doing a profitable bootlegging business in connection with these affairs, and the inspector is on their trail.

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## **To Sell Lots at Lake**

**June 17<sup>th</sup> 1921.**

**In order to complete the sale of a block of property at Puslinch Lake, the Railways and Manufacturers Committee, at a special meeting held yesterday afternoon, decided to dispose of seven more lots owned by the city, at prices ranging from \$50 to \$75. There has been a big demand for lots at the nearby resort, and it is expected that little difficulty will be experienced in putting through the deals. Following the meeting, the members of the committee journeyed to the lake by motor, where they inspected the land that is to be offered for sale.**

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## **May Plant Trees at Lake**

**September 30<sup>th</sup> 1921.**

**At their regular meeting held yesterday afternoon, the Railway and Manufacturers Committee of the City Council discussed several important matters in connection with improvements to the property at Puslinch Lake owned by the city. In the report to the Council, it will be recommended that 100 maple trees be planted along the roadway at the rear of the city lots at the nearby resort, the cost not to exceed \$200, and also that the form of deed submitted by the City Solicitor for the sale of lots at the Lake be approved by the Council. A resolution was passed to the effect that all lots enumerated in the second report of the Railway and Manufacturers Committee for 1921 be sold at the same prices as formerly, and that the City Solicitor be instructed to take steps to see that clause two of the sixth report of the Railways and Manufacturers Committee for 1920 be put into effect. The clause referred to applies to persons who bought lots from the city, and who did not carry out their promises, by building on the property within a period of three years. These persons will be asked to surrender their deeds to the city and take a refund of the money that they paid for the lots.**

## **To Plant Trees at Lake**

**November 4<sup>th</sup> 1921.**

The question of planting a number of trees on the property at Puslinch Lake, owned by the city, was taken up at a meeting of the Railways and Manufacturers Committee of the City Council, held last night, and after a lengthy discussion, it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of City Manager Hastings and Parks Superintendent Nichol.

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## **30,000 Bass for Puslinch Lake**

**November 23<sup>rd</sup> 1921.**

Some time ago, Alderman H. J. McElroy, Chairman of the Railways and Manufacturers Committee of the City Council, took up with Reverend C. H. Buckland, M.P.P., member for South Wellington in the Provincial House, the question of securing a stock of bass for the waters at Puslinch Lake, with the idea of making the lake a popular fishing resort. Chairman McElroy learned this morning that Reverend Mr. Buckland had placed a requisition for the supply of fish, and a promise has been made that 30,000 bass fry will be secured for the lake next spring.

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## **New Hotel for Lake**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1922.**

Puslinch Lake is to have another summer hotel. The Wayper property at the lake has been sold to a Guelph syndicate and a fine summer hotel is to be erected as soon as weather permits. The location is undoubtedly one of the finest on the lake front, and the new enterprise should prove a very successful one. The same syndicate is running the bus line between Guelph and Hespeler, and it is the intention of the company to run a number of cars to

the lake as soon as the season opens. The bus line is to be run on schedule time during the summer months. Several buses will be in operation, and they will stop at the lime kiln, Christieville. This will give the citizens of this growing village a better chance to get in touch with their friends in neighbouring communities.

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### **Trees Planted at Puslinch Lake**

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1922.**

Fifty-one new elm trees were planted on the city property at Puslinch Lake this week by Parks Superintendent Nicol and his men, with a view to beautifying a section of land on which a number of cottages will be erected. Owing to a shortage of funds, it is not expected that the Railways and Manufacturers Committee of the City Council will undertake any further improvements at the nearby resort this year.

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### **Improvements Wanted at Lake**

**May 12th 1922.**

Property owners at Puslinch Lake will make a demand of the government for better conditions at this popular summer resort. A meeting, held at Guelph yesterday, was largely attended by those interested, who have money invested in land surrounding the lake. It was decided to organize, and officers were elected who are going to show the government that the condition of the roads leading to the summer resort must be improved. Many questions came up before the meeting and an effort will be made to have them carried out. One improvement to be requested is that of providing a bathing beach in front of the present dance hall. As it is, there is no public bathing beach, the only beach there is, being off the island. A good bathing beach near the hotel will prove a big attraction to visitors and will be much appreciated by the cottagers. A request will also be made to have the lake freed of weeds. This, it is felt, could be

done with very little expense. The dredging of the lake could follow later. It was also suggested that a number of trees be planted along the present new roadway, which could be opened at once, and an effort made to stop traffic on the present road along the water's edge. Traffic over the present road makes it miserable for the picnickers, especially during the lunch hour, because of the dust. Following the meeting, the property owners interviewed the Guelph Railway Committee at the Guelph City Hall. The following were the officers elected for the Puslinch Lake Property Owners' Association: President — John Abler, of Guelph, Vice-President — John Jardine, of Hespeler, Secretary-Treasurer — Joe Hewitt, of Guelph, Executive — Alex Forbes and Alex Parks, of Hespeler, and Archie Van Elley and Mr. MacElroy, of Guelph.

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### **Committee Will Visit Lake** **May 12<sup>th</sup> 1922.**

A large deputation of residents from Puslinch Lake waited on the Railways and Manufacturers Committee of the City Council at their regular meeting last night, and made a request for a proper bathing place at the nearby resort. The spokesman for the deputation was Mr. J. A. Hewitt, who told of the great convenience it would mean to the campers and others who visit the lake during the summer months. The committee, after giving the deputation a hearing, promised to look into the matter, and arranged to visit the lake in a body on Wednesday afternoon next to look the situation over. The deputation also asked that the roads at the lake be put into better shape, but they were informed that they would have to place this complaint before the Puslinch Township Council.

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### **Fisherman's Paradise** **May 16<sup>th</sup> 1922.**

Puslinch Lake, in a year or two, is likely to be a fisherman's paradise. Last week, there were planted in the lake 50,000 pike and pickerel, to provide sport for anglers a little later on. Watching them grow will be the chief pastime of the disciples of Isaac Walton for a long while.

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## **Puslinch Lake a Busy Holiday Spot**

**May 25th 1922.**

**Puslinch Lake was a very busy spot on the holiday and hundreds of people from all over the county spent the day at the popular summer resort. Picnickers arrived early in the morning and spent the entire day at the lakeside, it being near midnight when the last of the motor parties made their getaway. The weather was ideal and those in attendance made it a real day. There were baseball and football games during the afternoon and a big dance in the pavilion at night. Quite a number of owners of cottages have already taken up their summer homes and the lake now has its regular summer appearance.**

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## **Puslinch Lake to Show Much Activity**

**May 26<sup>th</sup> 1922.**

**Puslinch Lake looked like a real start on the 24<sup>th</sup>. "Red" Baker, of Hespeler, landed in early with his big launch and his camping outfit. Mr. McArthur, of Hespeler, followed in with a fine new launch. Alderman McElroy came from Guelph with lumber and trees, also Archbishop Bennalick, of Guelph, with his furniture, intending to stay the season.**

**Mr. Ed Hyman, of Hamilton, spent the holiday at the cottage with the family at the Lake.**

**A meeting of the cottagers was held at the hotel. Quite a lot of business was transacted, and the name of the association will be known as the Puslinch Lake Improvement Association.**

**Mr. Halgarth, of Guelph, was busy getting in shape for the camping season.**

**Dr. and Mrs. Charlton and children, of Hamilton, spent the day at the hotel.**

**Eitels' Orchestra commenced the season's dances with a very large crowd and good music.**

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from 3 to 5, and judging by the crowd in attendance at the opening concert, these promise to give a great deal of pleasure to the people of this district.

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## **Better Lighting at Puslinch Lake**

**June 16th 1922.**

A Delco lighting system is being installed at Puslinch Lake. A better system of illumination has been needed there for a long time. The day of the old kerosene lamp is a thing of the past. While there were always a number of lamps in use at the hotel and dance hall, still, there was a gloomy appearance after nightfall, and many, who visited the lake in the afternoons, would always leave as soon as the shades of night began to fall. Electrical contractor, Gus Huether, received the contract yesterday for wiring the hotel from cellar to attic, the dance hall, and barn, and a number of lights will be strung around the grounds. This new lighting will be a big improvement. Host Marriott of the Lake Hotel is always alert to better conditions at the popular summer resort.

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## **The Puslinch Lake News**

**July 1st 1922.**

**Mr. Joe Saur, of Guelph, and Mr. Fletcher, over 80 years of age, had their annual fishing trip to the Lake on Thursday. Mrs. C. S. Vila, of New York, and her daughter, Mrs. Thos. Jones, of Galt, Mrs. T. W. Rutherford and Miss Isabella Rutherford, of Galt, visited the Lake on Thursday.**

**Twenty young ladies of the Y.W.C.A., of Kitchener, will camp on the island next week. Mr. and Mrs. Nix and son, Preston's popular tonsorial artist, are camping on the mainland.**

**H. J. Marriott has installed a Delco plant, 1,250 watts, which adds greatly to the appearance of the lake. The Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Waterloo, had dinner and supper at the Lake on Tuesday. There were 120 in their party.**

**Mr. Charles Powell and family, of the D. E. MacDonald Men's Furnishing Department, of Guelph, are camping at the Lake. Friends of Miss Ruth Parks, of Hespeler, are pleased to know that she is able to be out at the summer home.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Halfang, and Mr. and Mrs Peterson, of Chicago, and Mrs. P. Halfang, of Kitchener, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wilkinson at the Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Smith and daughter spent the weekend at the hotel.**

**About 20 of the fifth form, G.C.I., picnicked at the Lake on Thursday. Norfolk Street Methodist Church Bible Class adults held a very enjoyable picnic at the Lake on Thursday.**

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## **The News from Puslinch Lake**

**July 5th 1922.**

**The Knights of Columbus are entertaining the patients of the Freeport Sanatorium to a picnic today.**



Guests registered at the Lake are: Mr. and Mrs. A. Benallick and family, of Guelph, Mr. John Flynn and family, of Hespeler, Mr. McArthur and family, of Hespeler, Mr. and Mrs. Abler and family, of Guelph, Mr. and Mrs. Black and family, of Galt, Mr. and Mrs. Holgarth, of Guelph, Mr. John Baker, of Hespeler, Mr. and Mrs. C. Powell and family, of Guelph, Mr. and Mrs. Shouse and family, of Hespeler, Mr. and Mrs. Riddell and family, of Hespeler, Mr. and Mrs. S. Gowdy, of Guelph, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hewitt and family, of Guelph, Mr. Woods, of Hespeler, Mr. Cameron, of Hespeler, Mr. and Mrs. Nix and family, of Preston, and Mr. and Mrs. McElroy and son, of Guelph.

Miss Myers and friend, of Hespeler, are guests at the hotel.

E. Detweiler, H. Ruepley, W. A. Detwiler, Holman Howard, and Carol Rose, of Kitchener, spent the weekend on the island.

Miss Loretta Flynn is spending her vacation at their summer home at the Lake. Mr. James Palframan, of Toronto, was the guest of Mr. W. J. and Mrs. Marriott at the Lake during the weekend.

Miss Katherine Crowe, of Guelph, is the guest of Dorothy Hewitt, of "Douwondering Cottage", at the Lake.

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## **The Puslinch Lake News**

### **July 10th 1922.**

A very large crowd attended the band concert on Sunday afternoon; many guests from Hamilton enjoyed the lake breezes.

The following Girl Scouts, chaperoned by Miss McLean, are holidaying on Big Island at the lake: Evelyn Smithson, Virginia Potter, Leronia Snyder, Norma Creas, Margaret Rudell, Kathleen Schmidt, Muriel Ahrens, Frances Tracey, Myrtle Newman, Jean Rieppell, Elizabeth Paton, Beulah Beese, Helen Poque, Thelma Protzueon, Leola Frist, and Betty Erb, all of Kitchener.

Mr. and Mrs. Osborn, of Galt, have moved into their summer cottage.

The Huether families, of Hespeler, held a picnic at the lake on Saturday.

The Zion Methodist Church choir, of Hamilton, held a picnic at the lake. The day included boating, baseball, and a sumptuous supper on the hotel lawn.

Mrs. Lester Weaver, of Hespeler, entertained her Sunday School class to a picnic at the lake on Saturday. A very enjoyable time was spent in boating and games.

Mr. Wilkinson and family, of Kitchener, moved to their summer cottage at the lake.

Mrs. Herb Leadlay, wife of the City Clerk, of Guelph, spent Thursday at the hotel. Mr. Phillips and friend, of Kitchener, visited Miss Voelker, of the K-W Hospital, who is resting at the hotel.

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## **Contract at Lake Delayed**

**July 18<sup>th</sup> 1922.**

City Manager Geo. Hastings intended putting a gang of men to work this week on the fixing up of a proper bathing beach at Puslinch Lake, but owing to the fact that the water is very high at present, it has been found impossible to go on with the work. According to Mr. W. J. Marriott, proprietor of the Lake Hotel, the water is over a foot higher this summer than it has been for many years at this season.

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## **Held Picnic at Puslinch Lake**

**July 18<sup>th</sup> 1922.**

Members of the junior Bible classes of St. James' Church Sunday School, about forty strong, motored to Puslinch Lake yesterday afternoon, where they held a very enjoyable picnic. The afternoon was devoted to a varied program of races, canoeing, swimming, and other amusements, while last, but not least, was the splendid picnic supper to which everyone in the party did full justice. The outing was a very pleasant one, and all enjoyed a really good time.

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## **Hotel at Lake Was Lightning Struck**

**August 2nd 1922.**

The hotel at Puslinch Lake was struck by lightning on Monday afternoon during the severe electrical storm that passed over that vicinity. A bolt struck a tree near the boathouse, and from the tree it followed one of the electrical wires into the hotel where it burned out the fuse plugs, knocking them from their fastenings. Two of them pierced one of the large windows at the front of the hotel.

A switch near the entrance to the hotel, and directly underneath the fuse plugs, was blown from the wall and was found later underneath one of the showcases, a considerable distance away. There was no fire and no other damage done, although the occupants of the hotel received quite a fright.

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## **The News from Puslinch Lake**

**August 2nd 1922.**

A very bad electrical storm struck the Lake yesterday. Mrs. Marriott had a slight shock. The lightning blew out two fuses and went through two panes of glass as Mrs. Marriott was passing through the hall, but she is none the worse for her experience.

Mr. Charles Powell, of Guelph, has purchased a cottage at the Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Miss Thomas left for Toronto today after two weeks' vacation on the big island.

Mr. Oscar Huether, of Hespeler, landed a small mouth bass on Saturday, weighing 2¾ pounds and measuring 13 inches. Mrs. Davidson and daughter are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Holgarth.

Miss Adams, Miss Gembert, Miss Mary Adams, Miss Reivel, of Dundas, Mr. Frank Pattinson, of Preston, Mr. McKenzie, of Galt, and Mr. and Mrs. Bot were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hewitt.

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## **The Puslinch Lake News**

**August 10th 1922.**

**W. J. Marriott has donated a silver cup for the Puslinch Plowing Club, for boys under 16 years of age, to become the property of the winner.**

**Friends of Mr. H. B. Heller will be sorry to hear of the death of his father in Port Elgin, at the age of 85.**

**Miss Priest, Miss Banfield, Miss Cockburn, and Miss Cope, of Toronto, are guests at the hotel. Mrs. Smith and son, of Guelph, Mr. Ellis, of Manitoba, and Mrs. Barbara Eagle, of Toronto are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Eagle.**

**Mr. Hall and Mr. Taylor, of Toronto, are stopping at the Hotel Marriott. Ernest Frank and Alfred Rock, of Hespeler, are guests at the hotel.**

**Mr. Alex Dickie, of Texas, who left this district some forty years ago, is a visitor at the lake. Miss Marion Smith, of Hespeler, was a guest of Miss Cope and Miss Banfield at the hotel.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Jasper, of Guelph, are occupying Mr. Barry's cottage.**

**Mr. William Jardine, of British Columbia, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jardine, on the island.**

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## **Two-Year Baby is Drowned in Puslinch Lake**

**August 19th 1922.**

**Infant Child of Mr. and Mrs. Benallick of Guelph Fell from Wharf**

**Before Rescued, Tot Was Dead — Body Floated in Water**

**Elizabeth, the little two-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Benallick, of Guelph, was drowned yesterday afternoon in Puslinch Lake.**

The little one wandered down to the edge of the wharf and before anyone noticed the danger, she fell over into the water. The child had been missed only a few minutes when the mother sought her, only to find her floating in the water a short distance from the shore. Jno. Black, of 147 St. Andrews Street, of this city, who was spending the day at the lake, waded in and brought the child out. Dr. Slater, of Hespeler, was sent for, but all efforts at resuscitation proved fruitless. It was stated that a weak heart was a contributing factor in her death.

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## **Lake Scene of Sad Drowning**

### **August 19<sup>th</sup> 1922.**

#### **Infant Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Benallick Loses Her Life**

A sad drowning fatality occurred at Puslinch Lake on Friday afternoon, at about 4 o' clock, when Elizabeth Benallick, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Benallick, of 36 Foster Avenue, this city, lost her life in the waters of the lake, in front of her parents' summer home. The little tot, who had just returned to the cottage from the lake beach, where Mrs. Benallick and her three children had spent the afternoon, was missed from the yard at the rear of her home by her mother within a few minutes of their arrival at the house, and when a search was made for the child, her lifeless form was found lying in the water, just at the edge of a small wharf, a few feet out from the shore. The body was first discovered by one of the neighbours who assisted in the search, as the water was very clear, and the form of the child could be easily seen from the pathway that runs along the lakefront.

A gentleman from Buffalo, who was with a picnic party at the lake, and who happened to be passing along the walk at the time, rushed into the water, but when the little child was lifted up, it was quite apparent that life was extinct. Dr. Slater, of Hespeler, was summoned, while a call was also sent to the local fire department for the lung-motor, but after working over the child for more than an hour, it was found that all efforts at saving her life were hopeless.

The water at the point where the little girl fell in is about three feet in depth, and although no person witnessed the unfortunate accident, it is believed that she wandered back

to the wharf where she had been playing a few minutes before, and had lost her balance while walking out on the small wooden platform.

Immediately after the drowning, Coroner Dr. MacKinnon was notified, but after making inquiries into the circumstances surrounding the fatality, it was decided that an inquest was unnecessary. The child, who was an exceptionally bright little tot, had not been in the best of health during the past few months, and the physician who was in attendance, after the drowning, was of the opinion that the shock of falling into the cold water was sufficient to cause her death.

News of the unfortunate accident cast a gloom over the section at the lake where many Guelph people are making their summer homes this year, as the victim was a general favourite among the Guelphites at the resort. Besides her parents, who will have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in their bereavement, she leaves two sisters, Annabelle and Jacquine. The funeral will take place this afternoon to St. James' Church, at 2:30 o' clock, thence to the Guelph Cemetery.

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## **Enjoyed Duck Supper**

**October 15<sup>th</sup> 1922.**

A party of twenty-four Guelphites journeyed to Puslinch Lake, last evening, where they sat down to a delightful duck supper. The bountiful spread was prepared by Mine Host Marriott, at the Lake Hotel, who was highly complimented by the guests for the splendid meal provided.

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## **The News of Puslinch Lake**

**November 7th 1922.**

The U.F.O. (United Farmers of Ontario), of Puslinch, held a very enjoyable social and old time dance at the Lake Hotel on Friday evening last. Nearly 200 sat down to wieners, baked beans, sauerkraut, and mashed and scalloped potatoes, not counting all kinds of pies and cakes.

After the inner man was satisfied, all joined in a real old time dance with music furnished by a four-piece orchestra. All voted the U.F.O., jolly good fellows.

Guests at the Hotel on Sunday were Mr. Bert Kribbs, of Toronto, Mrs. Kribbs, of Hespeler, Mr. James Palframen, of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Marks, of Hamilton, and Mr. Leo Flynn, of Hamilton.

Quite a large crowd motored to the Lake on Sunday, taking advantage of the fine weather.

Friends of Mrs. Chris Bond will be sorry to hear that she is on the sick list.

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## **The News from Puslinch Lake**

### **November 15th 1922.**

The dance hall was a merry place on Monday evening when the Jolly Club, of about 40 Hespeler young people, held a social and dance. A dainty lunch was served, and dancing was kept up until near 2 a.m. Music was furnished by a few of the musicians of the O.A.C. orchestra. This is the first of their fall socials and proved a most enjoyable affair.

Mr. Geo. Garner, salesman for Shirley and Dietrid, of Galt, left for Sudbury on Monday.

Miss Ruth Little, of Erin School, visited her parents over the weekend, bringing with her, Mr. and Mrs. Russell.

Mr. Archibald Benallick was a business visitor at the Lake on Wednesday.

Mrs. Chris Bond is under the doctor's care, friends will be sorry to hear.

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## **The News from Puslinch Lake**

### **December 21st 1922.**

An entertainment and box social was held last night at Killean. Wm. Bolduc was auctioneer and some \$35 was realized.

**Friends of Wilfred Palferman will congratulate him on his marriage, which took place in Toronto this week.**

**The annual school closing exercises of S.S. No. 11 will be held tomorrow afternoon. A real, live Santa Claus will be present.**

**Mr. Murphy, of Calgary, is renewing acquaintances in this neighbourhood.**

**Miss Alice Marriott won the first prize for a champion Shetland pony, driving in the ring herself.**

**Mr. Patterson, of Hamilton, is the guest of W. J. Little.**

**Miss Ruth Little comes home today to spend her holidays at her home here.**

**Mrs. W. Brown, who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Marriott and mother, Mrs. Lister, who is recovering from her recent severe illness, has returned to her home in Detroit.**

**The lake is at present one of the best open-air rinks to be had.**

**W. J. Marriott took 11 prizes with his Bantams and ducks at Guelph show.**

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper**

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## **Want Puslinch Lake Dredged March 10th 1923.**

### **Deputation of Property Owners Waited on Government This Week**

**A deputation from the Property Owners' Association of Puslinch was in Toronto on Wednesday and waited upon the Ontario government with respect to having some improvements made at Puslinch Lake during the coming season. It was made known by the deputation that some places in the lake are rapidly filling up, and if something is not done, it would be a great hindrance to those who own expensive motorboats, as the water conveyances would be of no further use to them. The government was asked to have the lake dredged, have the weeds removed, and to make other improvements which would make the lake safe for bathing and boating. It was explained that for an expenditure of a few thousand dollars the lake**



could be made ideal for boating and swimming and that water sports could be held every year. Among those who comprised the deputation were John Abler, Archie Benallick, and S. M. Gowdy, of Guelph, and Alex Parks, Alex Forbes, and Burn Flynn, of Hespeler, all of whom are owners of property at the lake.

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## **Puslinch Lake**

### **April 19<sup>th</sup> 1923.**

Puslinch Lake is to be a bigger attraction this season than ever before. The lake in the past has been a most popular place, but with improvements as now outlined, with the grounds and surroundings beautified, the popular summer resort will be more attractive than ever. All during the summer months, there are many visitors to the lake, in addition to the number who have erected summer homes at the above ideal spot. It is stated that there will be at least several cottages erected along the waterfront, some of which will be built on the mainland, while others will be erected on McCormick's Point. It is expected that before the summer elapses a number of the much talked of improvements will be well under way.

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## **Puslinch Lake**

### **May 28<sup>th</sup> 1923.**

Puslinch Lake was a busy spot on Sunday, from early morning until late in the evening. Hundreds spent the entire day at the water's edge. There are indications that the summer of 1923 is going to be the best in the lake's history. Each year shows an increase in attendance on the Sabbath. Hundreds of families arrived early in the morning and had their dinner and supper at the water's edge. All day long, there was a steady stream of cars going to and from the lake. Many of the cottages showed signs of life, and their owners making preparations to

occupy their summer homes. The coming weekend will see many cottages occupied and the resort will be in full swing next weekend.

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## **Puslinch Lake**

### **June 8th 1923.**

Quite a large crowd motored to the lake on Sunday from Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Cutting, of Hespeler, have moved to their new home, which they purchased from Mr. Tremain.

Guests at the lake on Sunday were Mat Seigel, of Hamilton, Jim Palframan, of Toronto, I. P. Campbell, of Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. Holgarth, of Guelph.

Twenty-eight members of "The Gleaners Club", of Galt, held an enjoyable picnic, recently. Games, boating, and a tasty lunch were enjoyed.

Sunshine kiddies, twenty-four in number, who are touring Canada, visited the lake on Sunday and entertained the numerous visitors during the heavy rain storm, and their efforts were much appreciated. They came from Hollyhook, New York.

The Union Church, from Arthur, held its picnic at the lake on Monday, and an enjoyable time was spent.

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## **The News from Puslinch Lake**

### **June 14<sup>th</sup> 1923.**

Puslinch Lake is the place for bass. There is not a question of doubt but that there are a number of large bass in the lake. Evidence of this was proven the other day when a large bass

was seen floating on the water, dead. The measurements of the fish were not taken, but by the statement of one of the lake's noted fishermen, Alex Parks, it was the largest bass he ever saw, and Alex has caught some beauties in his time.

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## **The News from Puslinch Lake**

### **June 19<sup>th</sup> 1923.**

The Puslinch Lake Improvement Committee consists of the various cottage owners at the lakefront and on McCormick's Point. Those who are members of the association and who are foremost for improvements at the lakeside are Alex Parks, Alex Forbes, J. D. Conway, Jas. Jardine, W. Driever, Joe Hewitt, John Flynn, Dibbie Sault, William Merriott, John Limpert, James Goudie, and many others.

A strong movement is being launched at the present time to obtain Hydro power at the lake, and if this should come to pass, a long-felt want will be fulfilled. With the obtaining of Hydro power, the cottagers will immediately set about having their cottages wired. The Lovers' Lane, as it is now called, which is the pathway from the hotel to the cottages, will also be lighted. It is the intention to have lights on poles, fifty feet apart. The Improvement Association plans to erect two tennis courts, which will be for the sole use of the cottagers, and the work will be commenced at once, so that tennis will be one of the leading games for the campers. Lawn bowling has also been suggested, but, at present, nothing definite has been decided upon. The bowling question will again be taken up at the next meeting of the association, which will be held in the latter part of the present week.

Dibbie Sault and Burn Flynn are erecting quite a handsome double garage on their respective properties at Puslinch Lake.

Hundreds of citizens spent Sunday at the lake. From early morning until well on in the evening, there was a line of cars going to and from the popular summer resort. During the afternoon, the banks of the lake were crowded with people, and hundreds of cars were parked here, there, and everywhere. The Lakeside had its usual Sunday appearance yesterday.

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## **The Puslinch Lake News**

**June 20th 1923.**

**Bass fishing is on in full swing, and many beauties have been caught. Mr. Brewster and Dan McMaster landed eight fine bass. J. P. Campbell, of Toronto, landed a 4¼ pound bass, 18¼ inches long.**

**Quite a large crowd gathered to hear Lincoln Goldie speak at S.S. No. 11.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Howard Renwick were guests at the Lake on Monday, also Mr. and Mrs. Gilchrist and guest, of Guelph.**

**A very large crowd visited the Lake on Sunday.**

**Miss Hilda Hewitt and her friend, Miss Mary Grey, have returned to Toronto after a short visit at the summer cottage of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hewitt.**

**Fifteen young ladies from Kitchener will camp on the mainland on the 28th of June, also 20 young men on the island.**

**Quite a heavy electrical storm passed over the Lake. Mr. Jardine's cottage on the island was struck, but no damage done.**

**Prof. Howitt and Dr. Cook, of the O.A.C., Guelph, and two friends spent the day at the Lake gathering specimens for their botany class.**

**Dr. C. M. Gratz, of Toronto, who is Dr. J. P. Campbell's guest at the Lake, spent two or three hours in quite an exciting time trying to manipulate a racing shell. Doc. Black, also of Hespeler, took a hand in it too, but was in the water longer than in the shell. With a little more practice, Campbell will have the art mastered.**

## **The News from Puslinch Lake**

**June 27th 1923.**

**Mr. Nix and family have taken up camp for the summer.**

**Friends of Mrs. John Ross will be sorry to hear that she is not enjoying very good health.**

**The annual picnic of the choir of St. James' Lutheran Church, of Hespeler, was held at Puslinch Lake. There was a good attendance of the members and their friends. The baseball game was the big feature. Other games were pulled off under the charge of choir leader, H. Ireland. The dainty refreshments were in the charge of Mrs. Frank Russ.**

**Everything is in readiness for the soldiers who are coming to camp. The 24th Light Infantry Band, of Dundas, will be in attendance on Sunday.**

**Jim Reid, the noted Scotch entertainer, and Chief Wilson, of Hespeler, and a few friends motored to the Lake and spent an enjoyable time bathing.**

**Quite an interest was taken this year over the election. Almost everyone turned out and did their bit.**

**Miss M. Logan has been engaged to teach another year at S.S. No. 11. She is leaving shortly for her holidays to the West and will visit Alaska before she returns.**

**S.S. No. 6, Puslinch, held a very enjoyable picnic at the Lake. A dainty supper was served in the dance hall. Baseball and other games were enjoyed.**

**A very bad windstorm passed over our section but no damage was done.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hendrick and daughter are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Abler, prior to their leaving for their new home in California.**

**Twenty young ladies from Hespeler held a very enjoyable outing on Monday at the Lake. A dainty lunch was served in the dance hall on account of the storm.**

**A nice little party from the Loretto Academy, of Guelph, held a picnic at the Lake, on Wednesday. Games, boating, and a tempting lunch were enjoyed by all present.**

## **The Puslinch Lake News**

**July 5th 1923.**

**A very large crowd patronized the Lake lately.**

**The returned men and officers from Dundas entertained the visitors with their numerous sports, and fine prizes were given to the winners. Another feature was the mess tent, where the meals were served. The band concert was well rendered. The boys left on Monday evening after a nice holiday that was held in an orderly manner.**

**Mr. Ed Spealon, of New York, and Mr. Bryant, of Galt, are guests of Mr. Jack Marshall.**

**Mr. L. Barrie and family, of Galt, are holidaying at the Lake.**

**Mrs. E. Thring, of Guelph, and her daughter, Mrs. McLean, of Toronto, and her baby are guests at the hotel. Miss French, Miss B. French, of Toronto, Miss Molly Grey, of Chatham, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold French, of Toronto, are guests at "Drummandine".**

**Miss Ivydell Campbell, of Toronto, is the guest of Dr. Campbell, Puslinch Lake.**

**Mr. Edge, Grand Rapids, Michigan, caught a 4½ pound bass on the holiday, and also one that weighed 3½ pounds.**

**Guests at the Lake are Miss Rose, Miss Milhausen, Miss Crest, Miss Musslama, of Kitchener, Miss Reider, Miss Snyder, of St. Jacobs, Adelaide Mulhausen, Miss Pochrig, Miss Chapman, of Kitchener, and Jas. A. Kerwin, of Dundas.**

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## **The News of Puslinch Lake**

**July 18th 1923.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and daughter, of Toronto, are holidaying at the Lake.**

**The "You Know Me" Club is holding a picnic at the O.A.C.**

**Miss Coburn and Miss Priest are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Art Panabaker.**

The lady members of the Woolworth store, Guelph, held an enjoyable picnic. Boating, dainty lunch, swimming, et cetera, and dancing in the evening were much enjoyed. All voted the Lake a "dandy" place to picnic.

Mrs. McElroy has her mother visiting at her cottage.

The annual picnic for 74 patients and guests of Freeport Sanatorium motored to the Lake on Wednesday and all were entertained by the K. of C. Tables were set near the hotel, laden with good things, ice cream, et cetera. Speeches, launch rides, et cetera were much enjoyed. Messrs. Jim Drayton, Coughlin, and Heavey looked after the setting of the tables and did it in a capable manner. All left for Freeport at a reasonable hour.

Mr. Lou Evans, who has been seriously ill, is on the road to recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Garner and daughter have returned from Toronto.

Miss Mildred McKay and Isabella Campbell, of Preston, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nix.

Dr. and Mrs. Ballantine, of Woodstock, Mr. and Mrs. Karn, of Woodstock, and Miss Kent are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edge, at "The Hickories".

Mrs. Dakin and friends, of Galt, are spending their vacation at the Lake.

Miss Anderson, of Los Angeles, after an absence of 17 years, is with Mr. and Mrs. Barrie, at their cottage.

Mrs. John Ross has returned home after visiting Mrs. Jake Cooper, of Hespeler.

Congratulations to Miss Tremain on passing her entrance examinations.

Dr. Campbell has returned from Grand Valley after a pleasant holiday.

The choir of the Methodist Church, to the number of thirty, held its annual picnic at McCormick's Point, Puslinch Lake, on Wednesday afternoon. Games and races were in order as well as a couple of close games of softball, and the afternoon came to a close with the usual good things to eat.

The children of Coomee were treated to a day's outing at the lake on Saturday last. The children were motored to and from the popular resort, and while at the lake, they were guests at Robert McArthur's cottage. During the afternoon, they were taken on a motor ride on the lake, and games and races of all sorts furnished the program for the afternoon. To wind up the day's proceedings, a very interesting softball game was played, which was followed by a spread of good things to eat.

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## **Puslinch Lake News**

**August 16<sup>th</sup> 1923.**

Campers and cottagers at Puslinch Lake held another of their social evenings at the pavilion on Tuesday evening. There was a ready response from those who are spending the summer months at the lakeside. These weekly functions and get together assemblies of the lakeside residents are becoming more popular each week. There were in attendance on Tuesday night over ninety, and an evening of real enjoyment was indulged in until the midnight hour. In addition to dancing, the evening was spent in a social manner. During the interval, little Miss Evelyn Gray, of Hamilton, gave a number of recitations, which were more than pleasing and which brought forth much applause. Miss Hahn, of Kitchener, gave several selections on the piano, which were very much enjoyed. Moses Wildfong's solos were also much enjoyed. In addition to the large turnout of cottagers and campers, a number of the boy scouts, who are camping at the lakeside, were in attendance.

"Red" Baker, catcher of the Hustlers baseball nine, met with a peculiar accident at Puslinch Lake, recently. He was diving into the water and struck his head on a stone at the bottom of the lake, inflicting a severe gash. The accident proved very painful, and it will be some time before he will be able to don the mask and take his place behind the bat.

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## **The Puslinch Lake News**

**August 27<sup>th</sup> 1923.**

Despite the cool weather, the following cottagers and campers are still enjoying themselves at the Lake: Mr. and Mrs. Heisey and Mr. Fennant and son, of Toronto, Mrs. Geo. Black and friends, of Guelph, Mr. Black and family, of Galt, Mr. Nix, of Preston, Mr. Jack Marshall, of Preston, Mr. Chas. Powell and family, of Guelph, Mr. Mat Seigel, of Brantford, Mr. Folk, Mr. Burton, Mr. Love, Mr. Baggs, of Guelph, H. Walker, J. Keffer, U. McVettie, R. Aurbanch, C. Murray, F. Freehorn, R. Armehr, of Hespeler, Mrs. Grant, of the O.A.C., Guelph,



**Mrs. Connop, Mrs. House, Miss Grant and Miss H. Grant, of Arkell, Mr. and Mrs. Helafang and Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson, of Kitchener, Mr. and Mrs Sam Gowdy, of Guelph, Mr. Fraser and family, of Galt, Mr. Couch and family, of Galt, Mr. Dakin and family, of Galt, Mr. McElroy and family, of Guelph, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, of Toronto, Mr. Flynn and family, of Hespeler, Mr. McArthur and family, of Hespeler, Mr. and Mrs. Holgate, of Guelph, Mr. Frank Edge and son, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Miss Annie Robertson, of Puslinch, Miss Eva Courtney, of Hespeler, and the Misses Keffer, of Hespeler.**

**The Hespeler Trail Rangers camped here are: Mr. and Mrs. J. Jardine, Miss Ida Jardine, Albert Pirke, Billy Logan, Fred Harvey, Ralph Ireland, Bob Walker, Alex Wright, Fred Hutchings, Johnnie Stremble, Mr. Harvey, and Wilfred Pullham.**

**Mr. Ewing, Mr. Mullen, and Mr. McClan, ex-proprietors at the Lake, were visitors during the week.**

**Mr. Reynolds, of the O.A.C., Guelph, is the guest of Mrs. Sam Gowdy.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Flynn have returned from Kentucky, having visited their son, Patrick.**

**Mr. Gordon Sault, Mr. Dick Chester, Miss Alice Marriott, and W. J. Marriott are making a showing of horses, a pony, bantams, and ducks at the Toronto Exhibition.**

**Mr. T. E. Colehouse, Secretary of the Dundas Pastime Club, has made arrangements for a large hotdog and corn roast to be held at the Lake, around September 15th. About one hundred are expected.**

**Mr. and Mrs. David Calder, of Glasgow, Scotland, who are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, visited the Lake on Saturday.**

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### **To Improve Puslinch Lake September 23rd 1923.**

**A meeting of the Puslinch Lake Improvement Association was held at the Hall on Tuesday evening. There was a good attendance. Manager Hastings of Guelph represented that city's interests and there was a good representation of the property owners of the Wayper property as well as the cottagers and property owners around the lake. The following officers were elected:**

**President: Mr. McIlray, of Guelph.**

**Vice President: J. Jardine, of Hespeler.**

**Secretary-treasurer: Charles Powell, of Guelph.**

**Executive: Alex Forbes, Alex Parks, Marvin Eagle, Mr. Manally, S. Goldie.**

**A committee was appointed to wait upon the government with regard to cutting out the weeds. The one last year was well received and consideration promised. A road committee was also appointed and another one to see about getting hydro service at the lake.**

**One of the big things discussed was the making of the lake into a bird sanctuary and efforts will be made to have this carried out. Several other matters were discussed, showing that the organization is a real live one.**

**The organization is anxious to get the backing of the towns and cities in the neighbourhood, for this, the playground of the district.**

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper**

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## **The News at Puslinch Lake**

**(from the Hespeler Herald newspaper for September 27<sup>th</sup> 1923.)**

**Puslinch Lake Improvement Association, with President McIlray, of Guelph, at its head, is undertaking things, and which, if successful, will greatly improve conditions at the lake. A committee of the association will wait upon the government with regard to cutting the weeds in the lake. Last year, a committee waited upon the government in this respect, and consideration was promised, but to date nothing has been done. The association will make another effort, and they look forward to their mission being successful. The road committee has not been idle in doing its work, and the roads leading to the lake will be greatly improved.**

**The big thing that the association wants is Hydro power at the lake, and a strong bid will be made to light the cottages, hotel, and grounds with electricity. A strong committee will make an extra effort to obtain Hydro at the lakeside for 1924. The following officers represent the Puslinch Lake Improvement Association: President – Mr. McElroy, of Guelph, Vice-President – J. Jardine, of Hespeler, Secretary-Treasurer – Chas. Powell, of Guelph, Executive – Alex Forbes, Alex Parks, Marvin Eagle, Mr. Manally, and S. Goldie.**

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**The News from Puslinch Lake  
June 19th 1924.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Hy Lantz, of Toronto, and their son George, of Acton, visited Mr. and Mrs. William Marriott at the Lake.**

**Mr. John Jardine is busy painting his cottage at the lake.**

**Several catches of bass have been reported, the open season having commenced on Monday.**

**The road in front of the property of Mr. Chris Bond is being torn up, graded, and rolled.**

**One of Hespeler's business men, with his guest from Chicago, took a dip in the lake here yesterday. Being rather hefty, he stepped on the side of the canoe when getting in and both men were tipped into the drink.**

**from the Guelph Mercury newspaper**

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**The News from Puslinch Lake  
July 10th 1924.**

**Reverend G. W. Tebbs, formerly of Hespeler, but now of Burlington, brought his choir up on Saturday and had a really enjoyable picnic.**

**The Junior Endeavour of the Presbyterian Church held a picnic here on Saturday.**

**The U.F.O. (United Farmers of Ontario) and the U.F.W. (United Farm Women of Ontario) of Acton, numbering about 75, were the guests of the president of the ladies' organization, Mrs. Thomson, at a picnic here on Saturday.**

**An orchestra from Woodstock, all the members of which play two instruments, were out here Tuesday and played at a dance. They are coming again on Thursday evening.**

**The Methodist Epworth League of Waterdown held a picnic here on Tuesday.**

**Mr. Cutten of Chicago, formerly of Guelph, spent Tuesday at the lake.**

**Among the residents who have taken up their abode here are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gowdie, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hewitt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Holgarth, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Powell, all of Guelph, Mr. Chummie Nix, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall of Preston, Mr. and Mrs. John Jardine, Mr. and Mrs. W. Sault, the McArthur family, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Panabaker, Mr. and Mrs. Joyner, Gordon and Charles Klager, John Baker, the Rock family, all of Hespeler, Mr. and Mrs. Scotchmer, Mr. and Mrs. Mehenney of Kitchener, Mr. and Mrs. Osborne of Galt, and Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Keeling of Toronto.**

**from the Galt Evening Reporter newspaper**

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## **Jack Miner's Lecture**

**(from the Hespeler Herald newspaper for April 2nd 1925.)**

### **Advocates Making Puslinch Lake a Bird Sanctuary – Tells of His Own Success at Kingsville.**

**Jack Miner, who is known as the man who tamed the Canada wild goose, but who says that man is wilder than the goose, talked to an audience that filled the Queens Theatre, last night, on his work among the wild fowl at his home in Kingsville.**

**The speaker was introduced by Reverend H. L. Merney, who said that it had been his privilege to spend ten days at Jasper Park, four or five years ago, and to know the man as he is in the woods. He wanted the people of Hespeler to meet one of the best known and best loved men in all of Canada.**

In opening, "Uncle Jack" gave a little personal history. He was the son of English parents, born in Iowa, but the family immigrated to Canada and settled in Essex in April 1878. They cleared the land, and raised oats and corn, and had real hard work in a "gymnasium" of 100 acres. He paid a tribute to Reverend Jasper Wilson, a former pastor of Hespeler Methodist Church, who had hunted with him through the woods of Essex County, and who gave him an insight into the love of God. He had a son named after the minister, whom the Hespeler people had also learned to love.

"Do birds come back to their old home?" he asked. And his answer was that they not only come but that they also know you when they do come back. He cited the cases of robins that followed his young son to school.

In 1912, he set some wild duck eggs and four ducks were raised, that were tagged. In the fall, these birds went south. One of them, on the way, was shot at Chatham. The others returned in the spring. One of these ducks returned for six successive years, bringing her brood with her on five occasions, and these young also brought their broods. Do birds come back? They do so.

He had been an inveterate hunter. He had sought to get a Canada Goose for 39 years, without success, and had come to the conclusion that the geese had come to know him as an enemy. He thought that they ought to know him as a friend. In 1904, he bought seven geese and placed them in a mud hole on his place; he is a brick and tile maker. The geese went south, but they didn't come back the next spring, and his neighbours ridiculed the idea that they would. He prevailed upon his neighbours not to shoot the geese as they flew overhead, and in 1908, he was rewarded by having his own geese and some others come to his pond. After some days, the neighbours came, and five were killed. The others flew away but returned the next day, and they have been coming back in greater numbers ever since.

In 1911, a goose came there with a broken wing. The wing was amputated and, of course, the bird couldn't fly north. A brother gander stayed with it, and it was the neighbours' tribute to the love that this goose had shown that they asked the government to make Jack Miner's property a bird sanctuary, and there is no shooting allowed within a mile of his home.

He told of many personal experiences. When the geese first came, he wondered how he could feed them, to keep them there. The first year, considerable corn in Essex County moulded, and they wouldn't feed it to the hogs. He bought a lot of it at 10 cents per bushel. Now, he feeds 75 bushels of corn on the ear and 15 bushels of shelled corn, every day, while the geese are in. He is, at present, receiving some assistance from the government, but he said that it was only about 25 per cent of the cost. The money that he makes lecturing, he turns into feed for the geese. The geese begin to come north about the middle of February, and some are there until the middle of April, or later.

He showed a number of slides of his own home, and the geese in the ponds, but the moving pictures that he had of the birds proved even more interesting. These showed the birds on the pond and in the lake, three miles away, where they go to spend the night. It showed the birds journeying from the ponds to the lake, and coming into the pond. There were pictures also of

the trapping pens, where he caught the birds to tag them. He had received tags from North Carolina to Hudson's Bay. Only one tag had been returned from a point in the United States that was west of the Mississippi, though he had received them from Alberta and Saskatchewan. The birds mostly summer at Hudson's Bay.

Mr. Miner's lecture was interspersed with witticism, and humorous ways of expressing his ideas, that made the lecture not only intensely interesting but amusing as well. Through the whole talk, he emphasized the God given instinct of the birds, and the God given power of man to have dominion over the fowl of the air. He emphasized, too, that kindness to the birds is appreciated by them, and he quoted a number of incidents to show the sagacity of the birds. His pictures showed how birds could be attracted, and the robins being fed by the children.

He put in a plea for the turning of Puslinch Lake into a bird sanctuary, saying that nature had provided it with everything that would make it an ideal spot for just such work as he is carrying on, and he urged the people of Hespeler to take the matter up.

His pictures showed the swans on the lake also, and before supper, to which about thirty men had been invited at the Queen's Café, he told of how the first swans had come to him.

Up until 1918, he had not any more than heard of swans, and he was anxious to secure one, to mount with his deer head trophies. That winter, a man wrote him from North Carolina, asking him if he had the swans with him, and he said that if they weren't, they would come where the geese were plentiful. They did in 1920. A half dozen or so came within five miles of his place. That winter, he secured seven from "Red" Hill, a river man at Niagara Falls, birds that had come over the falls. They went north in the spring but came back in the fall. In the fall of 1923, there were many more. A year ago last winter, he told the government man at Ottawa that he had over 500 of them at the lake near his place. The man said that so far as he could learn there were only 400 of them in North America. This spring, there were over fifteen hundred swans down there. Hill told him that there would be hundreds go over the falls and perish every winter. This last winter the man had not seen a single swan come over, and there were fewer geese. The inference was that they were now using his place as a resting place on their way north, and it was a place of safety.

Those who heard Mr. Miner were pretty well agreed that it was the most interesting lecture that they had ever listened to.

**Bird Sanctuary**  
**(From the Hespeler Herald for May 14th 1925.)**

The Naturalists Association and the Guelph Council will meet in joint session at Puslinch Lake tonight to discuss the bird sanctuary proposition. The Puslinch Lake Improvement Association has met the farmers round about, and these men are in favour of extending the sanctuary for some distance around the lake. Mr. Ed Shantz intimated that he would put in some English pheasants if the sanctuary took in his farm. The proposal to make Puslinch Lake a bird sanctuary is well under way, and after tonight's meeting it is probable that the necessary steps to have the district created a preserve will be taken with the government. The meeting tonight will discuss the seeding of a portion of the lake with wild rice.

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**Dance at Lake**  
**May 21<sup>st</sup> 1925.**

A well-attended dance was held at Puslinch Lake on Friday evening. Those present enjoyed a couple of hours of dancing after which refreshments were served. The sum of \$28.55 was realized as a result of the dance, which will go towards paying for the seeds and prizes at the Puslinch Township Fall Fair. The dance committee consisted of Mr. Joe Heinie, Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Reeve. A hearty vote of thanks is tendered Mrs. R. Logan, Mr. Picken, Mrs. Neubauer, Mr. and Mrs. McMillan, and Mr. Geo. Steffler for their services at the dance. Another dance is planned for a later date.

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**Will Request Sanctuary**  
**September 25<sup>th</sup> 1925.**

A petition is being prepared to have Puslinch Lake, and the vicinity around it, made a bird sanctuary. At a meeting of the Puslinch Lake Improvement Association, held at Alex Forbes' cottage, President Harry Howitt, of the Guelph Field Naturalists Club, addressed the gathering, which was attended by a number of the neighbouring farmers. The request form, to

be submitted to the Department of Game and Fisheries, was signed by all present. Other farmers in the neighbourhood will be asked to sign. The committee appointed to look after weed cutting at the lake reported progress, and an additional grant of \$75 was voted. The City of Guelph will also be asked for an additional grant for this work.

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## **Caught Big Bass**

**Sept. 17th 1925.**

Jim Flynn returned from a business trip through the West on Thursday night, hustling his trip, to see if there were any more big bass in the Lake. And though there weren't any big ones pulled out last summer nor this, yet Jim has a winning way with the big fellows and yanked one out that weighed over five pounds and was 21 inches long. Two years ago, Jim was the top-notcher on big fish stories.

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## **Hike to the Lake**

**(from the Hespeler Herald newspaper for May 20<sup>th</sup> 1926.)**

About 75 of the teenage girls of the town went on a hike to Puslinch Lake on Saturday afternoon, where they enjoyed games, supper, and campfire talks. The arrangements were in the charge of Mrs. Klager, the President of the Girls Work Board. Miss McPherson, General Secretary, was expected to be present, but Miss Ismay, of Hamilton, took her place. The object of the hike was to put forth the ideals of camp life to the girls, and to give an impetus to the local camp, which will be carried out here in August. Miss Ismay's talk, however, dealt mostly with the camp at Normandale, though she had some excellent suggestions as well, and closed with an inspirational story. The girls had a most enjoyable time.



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## **Lots at Puslinch Lake**

**May 20th 1926.**

**Valuable lots for summer cottages on McCormick's Point.**

**Large lots fronting on the lake, high and dry, across the lake from the hotel.**

**Strictly private property.**

**A dozen cottages there now, including James Jardine, Alex Parks, Alex Forbes, J. D. Conway, of Hespeler, Conduit, Jeweller, of Galt, Freudman, of Guelph, and others.**

**Meet me there, Monday May 24th, Empire Day, from 3 to 5 p.m., weather permitting.**

**See lots, prices, improvements, et cetera. Good bass fishing.**

**If unable to come, consult me or J. D. Conway, of Hespeler, any time.**

**J. W. Lyon, Guelph.  
Owner.**

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## **Puslinch Lake**

**June 10th 1926.**

**The death occurred at St. Joseph's General Hospital, on Friday last, of Mrs. Archie Benallick, wife of the lessee of the Puslinch Lake Hotel. Mrs. Benallick was ailing for some little time before going to the hospital, two weeks ago.**

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## **Game Preserve**

**October 14<sup>th</sup> 1926.**

**This copy of an Order-in-Council, approved by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, appeared in the Ontario Gazette, which creates a game preserve of Puslinch Lake, and is worthy of note. It has been known for some weeks that the government, at the request of the people of that section and of Guelph interests, had made a reserve of the Puslinch Lake area, but the wording of the text of the proclamation is interesting.**

**“Upon the recommendation of the Honourable Minister of Mines, the Committee of Council advises the pursuant to the provisions of Clause (g) of Section 8 of the Ontario Game and Fisheries Act, and at the request of the owners of the property involved , it shall be unlawful to hunt, shoot, take, kill, wound or destroy, or have in possession any bird or animal, as defined in Section 3, Clause (e) of the said Act, or to be in possession of any firearm of any description on the land, in, under, and within five hundred yards of the shoreline of Puslinch Lake or Pond or Lagoon in the Township of Puslinch in the County of Wellington, and such territory shall be created into a Crown Game Preserve, and designated as the Puslinch Game Preserve and provided, however, that any officer of the Department of Game and Fisheries may be given a special permit to carry firearms and to kill predatory animals and vermin on the said Preserve, and to take animals for educational, scientific, or propagation purposes; and further provided that any owner of land within the said Preserve may at any time shoot hares, rabbits, fox, ground hogs, and crows within said Preserve, unless otherwise forbidden by law.**

**Signed,  
C. F. Bulmer,  
Clerk, Executive Council.**

## **Puslinch Skating**

**February 7th 1927.**

The recent soft weather, followed by freezing temperatures, made a rink of approximately 800 acres of Puslinch Lake. Advantage was taken of this natural open-air arena on Saturday, when people from the surrounding towns and district gathered there to enjoy the great winter pastime of ice skating.

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## **Puslinch Legend – Buried Treasure**

**February 14th 1927.**

### **Story of Puslinch Lake Has Many Interesting Features**

When legends are mentioned, the mind of the average person turns to ancient history and foreign climes. Romulus and Remus, King Arthur's Round Table, Robin Hood, and other similar tales are jumbled in their minds. In the same way, the mention of buried treasure brings up thoughts of Captain Kidd and the buccaneers and of searches for pieces of eight and doubloons in the South Seas.

But the people in this district need not go so far afield. There is one place near Hespeler where legends and tales of buried treasure caused, and occasionally still do cause, a great deal of interest. This place is Puslinch Lake.

The way in which the lake obtained its name is shrouded in mystery. One of the many explanations offered is the tale of a party of pioneers who were moving through the primeval wilderness. Their wagon had become mired and the oxen were unable to extricate it. This part of the tale can be easily understood by anyone who is acquainted with the swamps surrounding the lake. Among the party was one man named Linch who put his shoulder to the wheel and was cheered by the cry "Push Linch". With much hard work and many a cry of "Push Linch", the party at last broke through to the shore of the lake, and it is believed that from this oft repeated phrase that the name of Puslinch, which was applied to the lake and later to the township, was derived.

According to history, there was at one time a Jesuit monastery on the largest island in the lake and the remains of foundations, which can still be seen there, are said to be the ruins of the building. There was much valuable church property in this building, it is said, and when it was abandoned, there was no time to arrange for the transportation of it. According to the legend, the treasure was buried somewhere around the lake.

There is one way in which this tale differs from the orthodox tale of buried treasure, and that is that no map, marked with an "x" to show the spot in which to dig, has been left. This encouragement was not necessary, however, as within the memory of many of the residents of the district, parties have been organized to search for the hidden wealth, and much of the land surrounding the lake and on the islands of the lake has been dug up in carrying out the fruitless searches.

Tales of the Indians, who were peaceful in this district, of deer and wolves being plentiful, of bears raiding the pigpens of the early settlers, et cetera are also occasionally mentioned by those who knew the men of the district.

At one time Puslinch Lake was rather the social centre of the surrounding country, and then as the towns grew up it became a picnic place for the citizens. The convenience of motor transportation in the last few years has converted it into a settlement of summer cottages, and now many of the people of the surrounding towns spend the warm months of the year in their summer homes.

The present Lakeview Inn was built by the late George Sleeman, an ex-mayor of the city of Guelph, fifty years ago, 1877, the work being done by the late R. Mahoney, of Guelph. The year after the completion of this hotel, a small passenger steamer was launched on the lake and made its regular voyages for several years.

Thus, Puslinch Lake has progressed from a primeval wilderness, through the many stages of development, and is a heritage to the present generation as one of the summer resorts of the district and a sanctuary for bird life. Here, in the warm weather, the dwellers in the town live, and the followers of Izaak Walton wet their lines in pursuit of the black bass. Wild birds find a place to live in this sanctuary for bird life, which was created by the government in the fall of 1926.

## **Cottages at Lake Entered**

**March 31st 1927.**

The Conway, Forbes, Jardine and Parks cottages at McCormick's Point and John Jardine's cottage on the island were found to have been entered sometime during the winter by trespassers. Some of the owners had not yet visited their cottages and could not tell just what damage had been done or what property had been stolen. The discovery was made by one of the cottagers who visited his own and found things disturbed and then visited several nearby cottages and found that they had also been entered.

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## **City Council Decides to Erect Dance Hall and Boat House at Puslinch Lake This Summer**

**(from the Guelph Mercury newspaper for July 5th 1927.)**

It was found necessary to extend the time at last night's meeting of the City Council, the last session before vacation, in order to wade through the business that had piled up and get everything possible cleaned up before the City Fathers take their annual two months' holidays. Much of the business dealt with was of a routine nature, the one matter over which there was any controversy being a clause embodied in the report of the Puslinch Lake Committee recommending an appropriation of \$1,500 for the purpose of erecting a combined boathouse and dancing pavilion at the lake. After considerable discussion, the report carried, the only aldermen voting against its adoption being Aldermen Penfold, Rundle, and Grundy, all of whom expressed the opinion that it was money thrown away.

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# **Give Grant to Improve Lake**

**July 7<sup>th</sup> 1927.**

## **Guelph Council Votes \$1500 to Improve Puslinch Lake Property**

**At the meeting of the Guelph City Council, held on Monday evening, the report of the Puslinch Lake Committee, recommending an appropriation of \$1500 for the purpose of erecting a combined boathouse and dancing pavilion at Lakeview Inn, was carried by a vote of 11 to 3.**

**The recommendation of this special committee was that the sum of \$1500 be granted for erecting the boathouse and pavilion, and that the committee be empowered to prepare specifications and call for tenders. It was also recommended that the present lease, which is held by Andrew Aitchison, be surrendered and a new lease be drawn up, by which Mr. Aitchison would pay the city an extra \$100 rent each year. This new lease would be drawn up before the work on the building would start.**

**There was considerable discussion of the committee's report when it was presented, and Alderman Bentley, Chairman of the special committee, said that the lake was a splendid place of recreation for the citizens in the summer. In the past, he said, the buildings had been neglected and it would now be necessary to spend some money in order to keep the property in good shape.**

**The lease called for a boathouse on the property, he said, and the dance hall was not in a fit condition to use, and he thought that if the place were fixed up it would be an inducement to people to build cottages. The work would not cost much and he believed that it would result in a marked increase in revenue.**

**Alderman Rundle was of the opinion that any more money spent on the property would be thrown away, while Alderman Grundy thought that the sum could be spent to a greater advantage at Riverside Park.**

**As opposed to these views, Alderman Cunningham said that he thought that if the city decided to retain the property and not sell it to some private corporation or individual, it might be advisable to go ahead and spend \$10,000 or \$15,000 and make a real place of it.**

**The other members of the council expressed their opinions, and the general belief seemed to be that if the city was to retain this property, it would be necessary to build the boathouse and dancing pavilion, and that the sum of \$1500, which was asked for, was a moderate sum for this purpose.**

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## **Narrowly Escapes Drowning in Waters of Puslinch Lake**

**July 13th 1927.**

**George Henderson, of Hespeler, Has Close Call When High Wind Upsets Canoe**

**Was Alone in Craft**

**Compelled to Swim Ashore Fully Clothed After Abandoning Overturned Boat**

**Some Damage in City**

**Residents Given Quite a Scare During Brief Storm Early Last Night**

Heralded only by a pall of threatening black clouds, which sifted swiftly across the sky, blotting out the daylight, a sudden, sharp storm descended on Guelph and the surrounding district for a few minutes early last evening. After the first blast of wind, which tore at everything that was not securely fastened, rain descended in torrents, and, in less than five minutes, it was all over except a steady drizzle.

Caught halfway across Puslinch Lake in a canoe, George Henderson, of Hespeler, had great difficulty in keeping his frail craft on an upright keel as it was driven swiftly toward shore. It was blown into the weeds a short distance out from shore. The first sharp gust over, he started for the opposite shore again, and had only proceeded a short distance, when another squall whipped the waters of the lake into a fury and drove the gunwale of the canoe under the surface and upset it. The youth abandoned the canoe and battled his way through the waves to the shore, which he managed to reach with difficulty. The canoe was rescued later.

## **Much Damage Done as Storm Sweeps Western Ontario**

(from the Globe & Mail newspaper for July 14th 1927.)

### **Canoeist Thrown From Boat in Puslinch Lake**

Caught halfway across Puslinch Lake in a canoe when a heavy gale blew up, George Henderson, of Hespeler, had a narrow escape from drowning last night. By expert handling of the craft, Henderson managed to keep it on an upright keel for some time, but finally the squall whipped the water into a fury and drove the gunwale of the boat under the surface, upsetting it and throwing him into the lake. With some difficulty, he managed to swim ashore.

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### **Still A Sanctuary**

July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1927.

A report has been current that Puslinch Lake was no longer a game preserve. According to all information available, this report is erroneous, as Puslinch game preserve is among the 1927 game laws, copies of which have been recently issued. On June 5<sup>th</sup> 1926, an order-in-council was passed, making Puslinch Lake and the land around it within a distance of 500 yards a game preserve or sanctuary for wildlife. There has been some talk of having this law repealed, but, as yet, it has not been done, according to the latest issue of the pamphlet dealing with such matters. It is understood that steps have been taken to cancel the present arrangement and the order-in-council may be repealed in the near future.

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### **Merchants Picnic at Lake August 10th**

from the Hespeler Herald newspaper for July 28th 1927.

The Merchants, employees, their families, and sweethearts will picnic at Puslinch Lake on Wednesday August 10th. This was the decision of the meeting called for Tuesday evening in



the town hall. There was not a large turnout of those interested, but it was reported that the general feeling was in favour of an outing of that kind, and it was decided to organize. E. L. Foster was appointed chairman and Alex Jardine secretary of the meeting, and afterwards they were confirmed in office.

The place and date were decided on and it was also decided to confine the outing to the merchants rather than make it a community picnic, this first year. While the memory of the big community picnics of former years still lingered with many, the old timers, who were behind these picnics, were not out on Tuesday evening, and those present decided to confine the picnic to the Merchants and their families.

The program will include races and competitions of various kinds, softball games, and a dance in the evening, with the probability of someone to address the gathering.

The following committees were appointed to make the arrangements, and they were given the power to add to their numbers:

**Transportation:** Alvin Gingrich, Frank Russ, Frank Calvert, M. Prong.

**Sports:** Rex Thomson, R. McCreary, Chas. Stager, Alex Jardine, Geo. Sheppard, R. Walker, Geo. Murray, Frank Murphy, F. Gilstorf, V. Goebel, Geo. Henderson.

**Program:** Dave Panabaker, Robt. Phin, W. F. Krueger, W. J. Marriott, B. Flynn.

**Refreshment:** Dr. Henderson, Mrs. J. Krieg, Mrs. A. Leybourne, Mrs. G. Sheppard, Mrs. F. Kohli, Mrs. E. C. Henderson, Mrs. Alex Jardine, Mrs. A. Gingrich, Mrs. Marriott, Mabel Prong, Mrs. Turner, E. Midgely, W. Howell, W. Sault, J. C. Krieg, G. E. Hudson, J. F. Kohli, August Lang.

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## **Council Favours Expending an Additional \$3,500 on Puslinch Lake Pavilion and Boathouse**

**July 28<sup>th</sup> 1927.**

**Accept Tender of Balconi and Battaglia for Erection of \$5,000 Building  
Andrew Aitchison's Rental Will be Increased After First 2 Years  
Vote on Report Finally Showed Only Four Aldermen Were in Opposition**

The report of the Puslinch Lake Committee recommending that the lowest tender, that of Balconi and Battaglia, be accepted for the construction of a combined boathouse and dance hall at Puslinch Lake for a total sum of \$4,934, and that a supplementary appropriation of \$3,500 be granted to the committee to complete the work, was approved by the City Council at a special meeting held last night.

The City Council gave consent to the surrender of Mr. Aitchison's lease, but the by-law, which in its original form provided for a rental of \$600 per annum for five years, was changed, and in its present form calls for a rental of \$600 for the first two years of the lease, \$700 for the third, and \$800 for the fourth and fifth. The committee will confer with Mr. Aitchison today, and if the new agreement is satisfactory, he will sign it, otherwise the situation will be the same as it was before the new agreement was drawn up.

On the opening of the session, Alderman Bentley, Chairman of the Puslinch Lake Committee, explained that the proposed agreement called for an increased rental of \$200 a year, beginning on January 1<sup>st</sup> 1928, making it \$600 annually.

The new plan takes in the old dance hall, giving about 3,000 square feet, with a four-foot promenade on each side. The lease proposed was to run five years. Alderman Bentley believed that it would prove a revenue producer.

Alderman Grundy objected strongly to providing such an appropriation, declaring that it would be throwing money away.

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## **To Build Dance Pavilion August 4<sup>th</sup> 1927.**

A special meeting of the city council of Guelph was held on Wednesday evening to consider the increase of \$3500, which was asked for in addition to the requisition of \$1500, already granted for the purpose of building a boathouse and dance hall at Lakeview Inn, Puslinch Lake. It was reported that this addition was allowed and that the entire \$5000 will be used for the purpose of putting up a real building at the resort. Work on the new structure is to be started at once. The plans for the building include a boathouse, bathing lockers and conveniences on the lakeshore, and the dance floor will extend over the boathouse and on the land. This level will be used for a dance floor, refreshment booth, ladies' cloak room, and a smoking room for the gentlemen. The entire building will be surrounded with a verandah. The completion of this hall will fill a long felt want at Puslinch Lake and should add considerably to the popularity of the summer resort.

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## **Boys' Camp**

**August 4<sup>th</sup> 1927.**

The Boys' Camp at Puslinch Lake is well under way. The camp supervisor, J. M. Findlay, arrived on Monday and, with the camp leaders, discussed the work of the camp. Mr. Douglas, of Toronto, is in charge of the life study classes, Mr. Jas. Kerr, of the nature study, and Gordon Klager, of the swimming. There are twenty-eight boys in camp. On Tuesday afternoon, after they got their tents erected, this year, on top of the hill, the boys gathered for a conclave, and, with Mr. Findlay, drafted out a program of study and recreation, which will be carried out during the week. Last night, Reverend Mr. McKenzie, of Palmerston, gave them a short address. This will be the only outside address this week. Friday is being planned as visitors day, with an Indian pow wow at night.

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## **Dancers Get a Thrill, Puslinch**

**August 16<sup>th</sup> 1927.**

### **Floor sinks in Pavilion – New Dance Hall Ready by Labour Day**

Dancers at Puslinch Lake last night were given a thrill for their money when a portion of the dance hall floor slipped, the benches, slipped, and the dancers slipped. The building had been jacked up, all ready to move it over onto the new foundation, and the mishap was the result of the fact that the floor did not have the support of a foundation under it. No damage was done and the thing was really of but a very slight nature. Everyone had a good laugh over it. The dancing went on, those taking part steering clear of the sunken portion of the floor, and half an hour later another part of the floor creaked and went down a notch. By this time everyone was having a lot of fun over the situation, but they were disappointed, for the floor, after the second episode, refused to do any more tricks.

## **Work on New Pavilion**

The dance hall is being moved over onto its new foundations today, and the work is rushing ahead with the new pavilion, which will jut out over the water. It is expected that the new hall will be ready for opening on Labour Day, and that members of the Guelph city council will grace the opening. Efforts are being made to have the Hon. Hugh Guthrie snatch a few moments from his already busy agenda and perform the opening ceremonies.

The new dance hall will certainly be a big boost for the lake, something for those living there to be proud of. There will be ample floor space for dancing, practically half of which will extend out over the water, with a platform in the centre for the orchestra. Underneath the pavilion will be boathouses and dressing rooms for the bathers, while the present hall will be gone over and made into washrooms and lavatories. The whole structure will be done in stucco. The entrance will be particularly pleasing, and the wide balcony surrounding the building, to which access will be gained through French windows, will be a very desirable feature of the new pavilion.

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## **The New Pavilion**

**August 18th 1927.**

The new pavilion at the lake is well under way and the work is being rushed with the hope that it will be ready for occupancy by Labour Day. The cement work was completed last week. The pavilion will extend partly over the water, the upper part being utilized for a dance hall, while the lower part will be a boat house, and will contain dressing rooms for the bathers. The whole building will be stucco finished and will be surrounded by a balcony. The building, providing more room for dancing, should be a big addition to the facilities for enjoyment at the lake.

## **May Form Canoe Club**

**August 18<sup>th</sup> 1927.**

Fraser Klager started the ball rolling for the formation of a canoe club at Puslinch Lake, and has been getting some of those who are fond of canoeing interested in the formation of the club. They have secured the Barry Island for a couple of years, and will use the cottage as a club house. A meeting will be held on Friday evening at the lake, of those interested in the formation of a club. There should be quite a number, not only of Hespeler, who make the lake their summer headquarters, but of other summer residents as well.

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## **New Dance Hall at Lake**

**September 8<sup>th</sup> 1927.**

The new dance hall at Lakeview Inn, Puslinch Lake, which has been under construction, is now nearing completion and it is expected that the opening dance will be held there in about two weeks. This date is tentative and will depend on the progress that is made in the work of finishing the building. The new structure will include a boat house, level with the water of the lake, and a large sized dancing floor, which will extend over the boathouse, as well as dressing rooms and a refreshment booth.

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## **Dance Pavilion About Ready**

**September 17<sup>th</sup> 1927.**

Mayor Robson, of the city of Guelph, made an announcement yesterday that the new dancing pavilion at Lakeview Inn, Puslinch Lake, will probably be officially opened on Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup>. He stated that the work on this new structure, which will cost the city of Guelph some \$5000, was nearing completion, and that likely the finishing touches would be put on the dance hall and boat house by the end of this week. According to the plans for the

opening of this addition at the popular resort, a Toronto orchestra will be engaged for the occasion, and Mayor Robson will officially open the new building. This will add much to the enjoyment of those who visit Lakeview Inn, as a real dancing floor has long been needed, and the new structure will meet these requirements by providing a larger floor space and many other conveniences for the dancers.

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## **Dance at Lake September 30<sup>th</sup> 1927.**

Arrangements have been made for Bruce McMillan's orchestra to be in attendance at the new Puslinch Lake Pavilion tonight. This will be the second evening that there has been dancing in this new building, which was officially opened on Wednesday by Beverly Robson, Mayor of Guelph, and those who attended on that occasion will be pleased to know that it is planned to hold dances there every Wednesday and Friday evening until the weather makes it impossible to continue.

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## **Puslinch Lake Canoe Club Plans Dance September 30<sup>th</sup> 1927.**

When discussing the dance, which the Puslinch Lake Canoe Club will hold in the near future, it was reported that one of the leading orchestras of the district had been arranged for the occasion. The present plans are to hold this event in the new dance hall at Lakeview Inn, which was offered to the club for this purpose by Andrew Aitchison, when the possibility of holding a dance was first mentioned, and as soon as Mr. Aitchison sets the date upon which the building will be at the disposal of the newly organized club, final plans will be made.

There was also some discussion of the club joining the Canadian Canoe Association, and it was suggested that a delegate should be sent to the convention that will be held by the American Canoe Association, in Toronto, on Saturday. The feeling of the meeting was that it was not necessary to have a representative at this meeting, and that it would be better for the club to wait until their activities had started next season, before joining, and that a representative might be sent to the meeting of the Canadian branch, known as the northern division, when this was held, some time in the spring. F. Klager was in the chair.

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## **Good Ice at Puslinch**

**January 16<sup>th</sup> 1928.**

**It was reported that there was a fine sheet of ice at Puslinch Lake, as the recent weather has resulted in the surface becoming a smooth rink for the followers of the winter sports. On Saturday evening, there was a party who enjoyed the skating, and the weather over the weekend has made the ice even better.**

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## **More Cottages at the Lake**

**April 5<sup>th</sup> 1928.**

**There is a probability that a half dozen cottages will be put up at Wayper's Point, at the lake, this year. Ross Barber, of Guelph, did some preliminary work there during the winter and intends putting up the cottages this spring.**

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## **Birds Thick at Puslinch Lake**

**April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1928.**

**"Sixty Different Species Observed by Guelph Sportsman on Sunday"**

**Puslinch Lake is a naturalist's paradise this spring. The incalculable value of Provincial legislation, which designated that section as a game sanctuary, is seen in the abundance of feathered wildlife, which can be seen by the nature lover who cares to stroll about the shores of the beautiful little stretch of water.**

Mr. Carl Beumer, well known Guelph sportsman, is a lover of wildlife and an authority on birds of every description. With Mr. Andrew Aitcheson, proprietor of the Lakeside Hotel, at Puslinch Lake, he journeyed to all parts of the lake yesterday and identified no less than sixty different species of birds.

The list compiled by Mr. Beumer follows:

Holboell's Grebe, Horned Grebe, Pied-billed Grebe, Common Loon, Herring Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Red-breasted Merganser, Hooded Merganser, Mallard, Black Duck, Baldpate, Pintail, Redhead Duck, Greater Scaup Duck, Lesser Scaup Duck, Bufflehead Duck, American Golden-eye, American Bittern, American Coot, Killdeer Plover, Ruffed Grouse, Mourning Dove, Marsh Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Red-shouldered hawk, Broad-winged hawk, American Osprey, Belted Kingfisher, Hairy Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Yellow-billed Sapsucker, Northern Flicker, Phoebe, Prairie Horned Lark, Blue Jay, Crow, Starling, Cowbird, Red-winged blackbird, Meadowlark, Rusty Blackbird, Bronzed Grackle, American Goldfinch, Vesper Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Tree Sparrow, Slate-coloured Junco, Song Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Purple Martin, Winter Wren, Brown Creeper, Black-capped Chickadee, Golden-eyed Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Hermit Thrush, Robin, and Bluebird.

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## **Birds at Puslinch Lake**

**April 26th 1928.**

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## **Improvements at Lake**

**May 10<sup>th</sup> 1928.**

The old barn has been torn down near Puslinch Lake Hotel and part of the timbers have been added in making a new wharf, which was so badly needed. More of the trees around the small lake have been removed, thus lessening the danger of collision on the sharp curves. Considerable has been done in the past couple of years to improve this resort.

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## **At Swastika Beach**

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1928.**

Work at Swastika Beach, Puslinch Lake, on the property formerly owned by the late J. Wayper, is still under way, and from appearances, the nucleus of a summer colony will soon be available there. One cottage has been completed and work on a pavilion and bowling alley is nearly done. Equipment for the children is also being installed, and swings, slides, and other apparatus are being erected. Attention has also been given to providing a bathing beach, and several loads of fine sand have been drawn.

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## **New Camping Ground at Lake**

**May 24<sup>th</sup> 1928.**

“Swastika Beach”, as the old Wayper property at Puslinch Lake has been named, is to have its being this summer. It is said that a pavilion is to be erected, as well as several cottages. The road to this property, which ran along the edge of the lake, has been changed and will skirt the rear, thus making the lakeshore of a more private nature. Mr. Barber, who is behind the movement for a new lake resort, will have the grounds levelled to some extent.

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## **Rural Hydro in This Section**

**May 24th 1928.**

Workmen are busy on the rural hydro lines to Puslinch Lake. This line will run from the power line at Westcott's Corner up the back road. Quite a number of the farmers along the proposed route signed the contract some time ago, and some of them have already had their homes and barns wired to be ready for the juice when the line is completed. The line to Puslinch Lake will be a boon to the cottagers out there. This line also has been under consideration for some time. Some of the cottagers signed their contracts several months ago.

A Delco lighting system or two have been in operation at the Lake, one in a private home and the other at the hotel, but apart from these, the tallow dip and kerosene lamp have been the means of enlightenment. It might not be a bad idea too, if the Guelph authorities had the roads and some of the paths along the Lake lit up. But the rural lines should prove a boon to the farmers. It is expected that the lights at the Lake will be ready in another month.

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## **Opening Day at Puslinch Lake**

**May 25<sup>th</sup> 1928.**

### **“Throng of People Spends Holiday at Nearby Resort”**

The official opening of Puslinch Lake for the summer season was held yesterday and was an eminently successful occasion. At the Lake Hotel there was a throng of people from the surrounding district and distant points, and during the afternoon and evening the new dance pavilion catered to capacity crowds, with many people unable to get into the building. In the afternoon, Fair Pearce and his orchestra, who will play at this resort throughout the summer, were on duty, and jitney dancing was enjoyed, and in the evening another enjoyable dance program was rendered.

Throughout the day, cars were coming and going, and the attendance bids well to prove a record for the resort, and would seem to point to an even more successful season this year than in the past at this summer resort, which has become more popular each year.

The management of the hotel had spared no efforts to provide for the entertainment of the guests, and the dance pavilion proved a veritable fairyland, being prettily decorated with vari-coloured streamers from the ceiling, and all of the light fixtures being draped to add to the effect. In all, there were some 6,000 streamers and banners used in the decoration of the hall.

As well as the attendance at the hotel property, there were a number of parties that visited the new resort, Swastika Beach, on the former Wayper property. Here, the arrangements for the entertainment of the guests had not been completed, but there were many picnics held there, and this would seem to indicate that this resort will also receive the support of the residents of the district when it has been completed.

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## **Doings at the Lake**

**June 21<sup>st</sup> 1928.**

There is a keen rivalry around Puslinch Lake these days and as a consequence this favourite summer resort is receiving more attention than it has ever done before, not only in the way of visitors, but in improvements as well, and it begins to look as if this pretty little lake will have plenty of visitors this and succeeding summers, for big things are being done for their entertainment.

The biggest improvement seems to be around the old Wayper property, for the old foundations have been wiped off the map, a new pavilion has been erected with rustic seats and tables around the gallery on the outside, a bowling alley is also an added feature, while a hotdog stand caters to the inner man. A temporary wharf has been built, and canoes, rowboats, and an outboard motor boat secured. While to make it pleasant for the youngsters, a beach is being made with real, honest to goodness, sand, that the youngsters can play on, and that will make a good bathing beach as well. The old road by the lake has been closed and two new ones made.

Then, over at the boys' campsite, considerable changes have been made. The small swamp has been filled up, by cutting down the sharp hill there. The bigger swamp is being drained and will eventually be filled. One cottage is erected and more are to follow.

The trees have been trimmed up and rustic seats and tables have been added and this will make an excellent picnic ground. Rumour has it that a golf course is also being laid out. Swings, slides, et cetera have been added near the pavilion. Ross Barber, of Guelph, is behind this venture, and he is making things very inviting for the public, so much so, that the new park bids fair to outdo the old.

On Saturday, several ponies for the youngsters to ride were added to the equipment at the hotel. On Sunday, Swastika Beach got its shipment.

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## **Oppose Sunday Swim by Young and Others** **(Globe & Mail newspaper for June 26th 1928)**

Announcement of a Sunday swimming exhibition at Puslinch Lake on July 1st by George Young and other natators, who are being trained by Johnny Walker, of Toronto, for the C.N.E. Marathon, has brought a strong protest from the Guelph Ministerial Association.

Meeting in special session today, members of the association passed a unanimous resolution denouncing the entertainment as a desecration of the Sabbath, and calling on the City Council to take action to prevent the carrying out of the program. The ministers also raised objection to the holding of a post-midnight dance at the lake, which is advertised to commence at 12:15 a.m. on Monday July 2nd.

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## **Electric Lights at Lake** **June 29<sup>th</sup> 1928.**

The re-wiring of the Puslinch Lake Hotel has been completed and the power was reported to have been turned on last evening. This service has been extended to the summer resorts and cottages at Puslinch Lake this summer, and should prove welcome to the owners of the different properties. The line, which connects with the other hydro electric lines of the district, will also serve the farms of the neighbourhood.

## **Puslinch Canoe Club Holds Its First Regatta**

**from the Globe & Mail newspaper for July 3rd 1928.**

**The first of the programs of aquatic sports to be held by the Puslinch Canoe and Boat Club at Swastika Beach, Puslinch Lake, was held this afternoon, July 2nd, when fifteen events of racing in canoes, rowboats, swimming, and tilting were run off. The prize winners were:**

**Men's single canoe race: E. Smith, of Preston, G. Klager & S. Ramsay, Hespeler.**

**Boys' double canoe race: H. Ekins & C. Klager, of Hespeler, E. Musson & H. Hooper, of Toronto, McBeth and Griffith, Toronto.**

**Women's double canoe race: Miss M. Parr & Miss I. Deacons, Miss R. Parks & Miss I. Zyrd.**

**Men's double rowboat race: Ramsay & Gibson, of Hespeler, Kerr & Baker, Hespeler.**

**Boys' single canoe: C. Klager, H. Ekins.**

**Mixed doubles canoe race: E. Smith, Preston & Miss Alma Saunders, Waterloo, G. Klager & Miss Ball, of Hespeler.**

**Boys' single rowboat: J. Blair, H. Mussen, of Toronto, E. Hooper, Toronto.**

**Men's double canoe race: E. Smith & H. Pfeiffer, of Preston, G. Klager & F. Klager, of Hespeler.**

**Men's single rowboat: G. Warder, of Preston.**

**Men's 100 yards swim: P. MacDonald, of Galt, T. Woods, of Hespeler.**

**Women's 50 yard swim: Miss Hammond, of Guelph.**

**Foursome in 16-foot canoes: F. Klager, G. Klager, Kerr, & Baker.**

**Men's double rowboat, under 18 years of age: H. Campbell and M. Reid, of Hespeler.**

**Men's 100 yards swim, under 18 years of age: F. MacDonald, of Galt, E. McBeth, of Toronto.**

**Tilting, no elimination series: M. Wehener & J. Kerr who won by toss against G. Klager and F. Klager.**

**The events were concluded shortly after 5 o' clock and prizes presented to the several contestants.**

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## **Six Thousand Came and Six Hundred Saw**

from the Toronto Star newspaper for July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1928.

– **Would Not Allow George Young to Race at Puslinch Sunday** –

– **Dance at Midnight** –

– **Rustic benches Along Lake Shore Were Popular Spots in the Gloaming** –

At least 6,000 people came here on Sunday to watch an exhibition of swimming by George Young, and possibly 600 of them knew when he entered the water and when he left it.

Nearly a thousand remained for the dance scheduled to start at midnight Sunday, and not more than three or four hundred of them ever got on the dance hall floor.

Numerically, Sunday's program at Puslinch Lake, the little summer cooling spot of the farm district around Guelph and Kitchener, was a success, but in other respects, it did not go off as was advertised. The first setback came when it was pointed out to Johnny Walker, who came up with George Young, that a Sunday race was illegal. Provincial Police Inspector Grey made this quite clear. Young could swim but he could not race. The result was that, almost unheralded, the conqueror of the Catalina channel, stepped into the water, showed a few of the strokes that carried him to victory, and then stepped out. Walker had intended to race him against Stanley Hodkinson, the school teacher who swam 11 miles in last year's C.N.E. marathon. Hodkinson was to have had a 440-yard start in a mile race.

Early in the afternoon, the cars began to arrive and by 2:30 o' clock there was a steady stream of motors entering the grounds. Almost 2,000 autos were parked at the time Young entered the water. It was a crowd that even the Woodbine would have been proud of. The advance protest was effective advertising. From Kitchener, Galt, Guelph, Preston, Hespeler, and the farm districts, they came. All afternoon, until the word got around that the swim was over, the question was "When will George Young do his stuff?" Even the best efforts of the band failed to satisfy the crowd.

Then, it was a case of waiting for the dance to begin. Eight hours of it faced those who intended to remain. But they were not impatient. The dance was a novelty and they were satisfied to participate in something that had aroused protests. Picnic suppers took up

considerable time, and then, Puslinch Lake is surrounded by a path with shady rustic benches and rustic bridges, and when the gloaming came, these benches and paths were popular.

To make sure that everything was kept within the letter of the law, the first blare of the saxophones did not come until a half-hour after midnight. Parked cars were emptied and rustic benches deserted as the young people answered the call of the dance music. But the desertion was not for long. It was impossible for all to dance at one time. Many watched the dawn come from the dance hall floor, but just as many saw it come through the windshield of an automobile and from the sheltered nooks along the water's edge.

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## **Old Time Dance**

**July 6<sup>th</sup> 1928.**

An old time dance was held last evening by the U.F.O. (United Farmers of Ontario) at the new pavilion, Puslinch Lake. There was an attendance of some 340 and an enjoyable time was reported. The program consisted of the numbers that were popular in years gone by as well as the more modern steps of the present day.

In the afternoon, a picnic from below Campbellville was at the lake and almost every day in the week there has been at least one picnic party at the resort. The management reports that for the past few days there has been an extra large number of American tourists visiting Puslinch Lake, this probably being due to the holiday in the neighbouring republic on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

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## **Weekly Dance**

**July 7<sup>th</sup> 1928.**

The Puslinch Canoe and Boat Club has arranged to hold a regular weekly dance at Swastika Beach each Thursday evening throughout the summer. The pavilion will be put at their disposal, and although it was not planned to hold particularly formal dances, it is hoped that these occasions will be made a weekly rendezvous by the members of the club and their friends. A nominal charge will be made, it is planned, and the bulk of the funds realized will be used to finance the activities of the club.

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## **Swastika Beach Roads Discussed**

**July 14<sup>th</sup> 1928.**

T. Ross Barber waited on the Puslinch Township Council at their last meeting held at Aberfoyle, and brought the matter of the need of work on the roads leading to Swastika Beach, Puslinch Lake, to their attention. Mr. Barber had done much improving at this new summer resort and has provided good roads on the resort property. The township roads leading to this place were reported to be in such a condition that a truck cut through the surface and caused considerable trouble before it could be extricated. The council took no action on the matter, however, as it was thought that there had been considerable work done on these roads. The general opinion of those who have used the roads seems to be that the council could still spend considerable money on them before they would be in a condition to stand the traffic of those going to the new beach.

Reeve Roszell presided and all members were present. The tender of E. F. Earl, of Milton, for a new furnace for the township hall was accepted and accounts totalling \$1,286.13 were passed.

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## **Puslinch Lake Popular Place**

**July 16<sup>th</sup> 1928.**

### **— Busy Weekend at Resorts — Outboard Racing Boat Drew Attention —**

While the weekend was not as summer-like as the weather was last week, still there was a large attendance at both of the summer resorts at Puslinch Lake. Many picnic parties were in evidence, both on Saturday and Sunday, and several tourists had picked this spot to spend the time. At both places, facilities are supplied for the visitor to spend a pleasant time and advantage of this was taken by many of the residents of the district and of more distant towns.

The Elks Band, of Guelph, rendered an enjoyable program of varied selections at the Puslinch park hotel yesterday afternoon, which drew many of the visitors.



Another added attraction that appeared at the lake over the weekend was an outboard-motor racing boat or "sea flea". This boat is owned by W. H. Butler, of Guelph, and he will make his headquarters at Swastika Beach while putting it through its paces. Mr. Butler knows the motorcycle game, and has ridden these machines in races, hill climbing contests, and other similar events, but admitted that driving an outboard racing boat introduced thrills that vied with the riding of the motorcycle.

The boat at Swastika Beach is 12 feet in length, approximately, and has a beam of 44 inches, that is, it's 44 inches wide. It is built with a step, and when travelling at speed with one person in it, it seems to be merely skimming the water. Under favourable conditions, Mr. Butler said, the boat was capable of travelling at a speed of over 25 miles per hour. This, on water, was a thrilling speed and when the waves are of any size, the riding is rough, he said, as the boat seemed to glory in jumping from the crest of one wave and landing on the next one to it. The little craft is capable of manoeuvring at high speeds, and when making a turn when travelling fast, would throw up a spray that would nearly hide it from sight. With two people in it, it did not plane as much nor attain as high a speed, but still thrills were not lacking to a person being introduced to the sport. A bystander, in estimating the speed of the boat, guessed at about 20 miles per hour, saying that it looked like 40 miles per hour, but he took half of this off, owing to the difficulty in telling speeds on water.

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## **Swimming Raft Ready**

**July 18<sup>th</sup> 1928.**

It was reported that the floating platform for swimming at Swastika Beach, Puslinch Lake, has been completed. This is a raft that has been built on four metal floats and should prove popular as a diving board, and other conveniences have been provided for the use of the swimmers.

The annual picnic of the choir of the United Church, of Hespeler, is being held at McCormick's Point, Puslinch Lake, today.

## **Busy Weekend at Swastika**

**July 30<sup>th</sup> 1928.**

The weekend was a busy one at Swastika Beach. On Saturday, a picnic of over 150 from Callender Foundry, of Guelph, visited the resort, while, on Sunday, the Robinson Band, of Guelph, presented a program, and there was a large attendance. The traffic was successfully handled by a troop of boy scouts from Guelph, and the scouts also assisted the visitors in every possible manner.

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## **Puslinch Lake Holiday Program**

**August 4<sup>th</sup> 1928.**

### **Vierkoetter, World Champion Swimmer, Will Perform on Monday**

Indications point to a large attendance at Puslinch Lake on Monday when the holiday program of attractions will be featured by swimming exhibitions by Vierkoetter, German conqueror of the English Channel, winner of the Wrigley marathon at the C.N.E. last year, and world champion long distance natatorial expert. Vierkoetter will give his exhibitions at three and seven p.m., demonstrating the famous crawl stroke, which has won him so many important events. Vierkoetter is admittedly a more popular champion than George Young, who, despite the fact that he gave no real individual exhibition, nevertheless drew a large crowd of spectators at this popular summer resort, a month ago.

In addition to this foremost attraction, the lake will be the Mecca for picnickers of this district. One party, consisting of the employees of the Beechnut Chewing Gum Company, of Hamilton, will make the lake the scene of their annual outing this year, while there will also, on Monday, be a monster picnic of Loyal True Blues and friends from this district. The Galt Lodge will be in attendance, for it is really their picnic, and it is understood that the Preston and Hespeler members of the order will also be present. Dancing at the lake pavilion will round out a notable holiday program.

The dance at the pavilion last night, with the Fair Pearce orchestra in attendance, was well patronized and a large crowd of young dancers was present.

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## **Happenings at Puslinch Lake**

**August 9<sup>th</sup> 1928.**

### **Dance is Enjoyed at Pavilion — Many visitors There Yesterday**

A splendid dance was held at the pavilion at the Lakeview Hotel, Puslinch Lake, last evening. An unusually large crowd of dancers was present and the music by the Fair Pearse orchestra left nothing to be desired. This, combined with the splendid weather, made the event a very enjoyable one. Tonight, there will be an old time dance.

The splendid weather, which prevailed all day yesterday, made the lake a real Mecca for picnickers; many small picnic parties motored out and had their lunch at the tables overlooking the water. Canoeing was very popular and boats were to be seen in every part of the lake.

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## **Happenings at Puslinch Lake**

**August 13<sup>th</sup> 1928.**

The weekend brought large numbers of visitors to both resorts at Puslinch Lake. The attendance yesterday probably broke records at both places. Robinson's Band, of Guelph, played a fine concert at Lakeview Inn, while the Galt Kilties, resplendent in their new uniforms, presented a pleasing program at Swastika Beach. There were small picnic parties galore at both places and the beauty of the lake was at its best for the occasion. The weather was just about perfect, and many who visited the lake for the first time were enthusiastic over it as a summer resort.

Saturday saw many picnics there, including one from Hamilton. The main event of the day, however, was the combined picnic of the cutting, sewing, and knitting departments of the R. Forbes Company. There was a splendid program of races and sports of all kinds, topped off with a delightful picnic lunch and a dance in the evening with John Murphy acting as master of ceremonies. The lake, always a Mecca for the picnickers of this district, is enjoying increased popularity, due largely, no doubt, to the fine new dance pavilions, and the other many

conveniences, which go to make a picnic a very pleasant event. Boating was popular yesterday, and many enjoyed the band concerts from the water.

Tonight, Fair Pearse will provide music for the regular Monday night dance at the Lakeview Inn pavilion, while similar dances will also be held on Wednesday and Friday evenings, with an old time dance to music by the Franks orchestra on Thursday night.

An event of high interest to followers of the art of Isaac Walton took place over the weekend, when Dave Panabaker, a local angler of repute, landed a pretty, four and a quarter pound black bass. Some fine fish have been taken out of the lake in the past and there are many more left, which are daily giving anglers some fine sport.

The Pontiac Trail Rangers, of Hespeler, and the Galt Trail Rangers held a combined picnic at the lake on Saturday.

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## **Kiltie Band at Swastika Beach**

### **August 13<sup>th</sup> 1928.**

The Kiltie band played to a record audience at Swastika Beach, Puslinch Lake, on Sunday afternoon, and also at Guelph, on Sunday evening. Both of the programs were of a high order, and were well received by the large audiences that attended the concerts at both places, the management at Swastika Beach especially complimenting the band upon their fine appearance and excellent playing.

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## **Happenings at Puslinch Lake**

### **August 14<sup>th</sup> 1928.**

A. Aitchison, host at Lakeview Inn, Puslinch Lake, broke into prominence yesterday when he pulled in a nice 3½ pound black bass out of the lake, proving that there are still lots of them to be had. The popular resort, it is stated, is pretty well booked up for picnics during the

next few weeks. There will be quite a number of large ones and a multitude of small family affairs. There is no doubt as to the lake's popularity as a summer resort and picnic centre. That is constantly being proved by the ever-increasing number of visitors. The dance last night was an enjoyable event, with many dancers present.

Fred Conway, of Toronto, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Conway, at McCormick's Point.

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## **Rescued at Lake**

### **August 23<sup>rd</sup> 1928.**

A couple of Preston canoeists were rescued from a watery grave on Sunday morning by W. J. Marriott and Matt Siegle, who were out early, bass fishing. These two men were making for the island, the canoe steering a rather unsteady course, when they toppled into the drink at the deepest part of the lake. The two local men, who were in a rowboat not far off, struck out to render assistance. One of the men was under the canoe. They were assisted to the canoe, where they held on until they were towed to the island. They lost some of their clothing when the canoe upset.

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## **Repairing Road at Puslinch Lake**

### **September 15th 1928.**

Several sections of the roads in the district, which required attention, are being put in shape, it is reported. Among these was the Lake Road. This road, on the section from the town line to the popular resort, had seen heavy service during the summer months, and as the work of dragging was not continued steadily, was not in good shape. This is being rectified and the work of dragging has been commenced.

The Third Concession of Puslinch has also been undergoing improvements. The road leads to Aberfoyle on the Guelph-Hamilton highway and the stretch from the Seventh Concession to this road is being widened.

## **Legends Told of Treasure Puslinch Lake**

**September 18th 1928.**

### **Search Parties Sought Buried Valuables in Former Years**

While the activities at Puslinch Lake have been reduced to a certain extent since Labour Day, when considered at an end, this resort still remains popular, and there are few evenings when some corn roast or other event is not held. The management at the hotel has provided for a program of fall dances and among these will be the visit to be paid there by Gilbert Watson's orchestra, of Toronto, tomorrow evening.

The opening of the duck season recalls the fact that formerly, this season of the year, the place has been a game sanctuary and shooting of any kind has been prohibited by the government.

Puslinch Lake has many legends of buried treasure, which were current in past years, and those who knew the place in earlier years tell of search parties that visited there and did much excavating in search of the treasure trove. The story is that the valuables from the monastery, which was formerly on the island, were hidden when the occupants left this place without time to take everything with them. According to the legend, the valuables were never reclaimed. This led to many attempts to locate them, searching proving a popular sport for several seasons.

One story was to the effect that a party of fishermen, who were spearing bass, a practice that is frowned upon now, believed that they nearly reached the objective of the searching parties. At a point on the northern shore of the lake, between the location of Swastika Beach and the outlet, a good-sized fish was seen and an attempt to spear it was made. The thrust failed as the fish evaded the fisherman's attempt, and the prongs of the spear, the story continued, were buried in wood, which was thought to be sunken log. In retrieving the spear, the object was pulled up near the boat, when it was seen to be a chest or box, although so far as is known, there was no statement as to whether it was iron-bound or not, according to the usual instructions for treasure searches. Just before the men could get hold of the box, it slipped off the spear and sank, burying itself once more in the water and the swampy bottom of the lake. Several attempts to locate the spot again were made, it was told, but the find was never rediscovered.

At the time, according to the story, there was believed to be some kind of subterranean passage into which the box had sunk, but it would also be possible for the chest to have sunk into the bottom of the lake, and be hidden in the mud, as the shore at this point is of a swampy nature.

**Puslinch Lake News**  
**September 18th 1928.**

**An enjoyable corn roast was held at Swastika Beach last evening by the young people of St. George's Anglican Church. Delicious refreshments were served and a program of dances was enjoyed.**

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**News from Puslinch Lake**  
**October 18th 1928.**

**The bird sanctuary at Puslinch Lake is being recognized by the birds. A flock of sixteen wild geese and quite a large number of ducks have been reported. Others will probably patronize this highly advertised resort later in the season, but whether they will make their rendezvous at the Lake pavilion or at Swastika is not known.**

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**Cottages Entered**  
**January 3rd 1929.**

**Several Cottages Broken Into – Extent of Thefts not Known – Police at Work**

**No less than six of the cottages at Puslinch Lake were entered, some time between Friday and Tuesday, but just how much was stolen has not yet been ascertained.**

Albert Sault made a visit to his cottage yesterday and found that the locks had been broken and the cottage entered. Four blankets had been taken and an old raincoat was found outside, covering a pipe wrench, which probably was used in opening the doors.

The panels in the back door of the Flynn cottage were broken in to make an entry, but whether any goods had been stolen was not known. Windows were broken in the Hewitt, Goudie, McArthur, and Marriott cottages, but the cottagers had not been out to see the extent of the thieving. The provincial police are on the job today. Andy Atchison is said to have heard a car pass the house early one morning, but took no further notice of it.

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## **Puslinch Lake Committee**

### **February 28th 1929.**

To discuss improvements and changes at Puslinch Lake during the coming year, the special committee, appointed by the Guelph Council, meets tonight, prior to the meeting of the Finance Committee. There are several matters that the members wish to discuss in connection with the resort. The committee is composed of Aldermen Bentley, Brown, and Ritchie.

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## **Canoe Club Organizes for the Year**

### **April 8th 1929.**

Organization of the Puslinch Canoe and Boat Club was carried out at a meeting held in the town hall, when the officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

Honorary Presidents – George D. Forbes, Mayor G. A. Gruetzner, G. Alex Forbes, and R. Barrie (of Galt), President – S. T. Organ, First Vice-President – William Marriott, Second Vice-President – W. Conduit, Secretary – Neil A. Baird, Treasurer – A. H. Sims, Executive – Alex Parks, T. Ross Barber, D. S. Jackson, and George Murray, Captain – Fraser Klager, Trustees – Dr. C. K. Henderson, J. G. Hortop, J. F. Kohli, and S. M. Goudy (of Guelph).



## **Canoeists! Ahoy!**

**(from the Toronto Star newspaper for May 15th 1929.)**

**Did you ever hear of the Puslinch Canoe and Boat Club? I thought not. That is one of the canoe clubs that members of the big city clubs never hear about. Well! It is on the map, and it is going to be on the racing map too, before very long, for the other day the club purchased the National Yacht Club's war canoe, a pretty smart old boat, and they are going to organize and train a war canoe crew from the huskies of the district.**

**The club has been organized for a couple of years now, and this year they have completed a new clubhouse at Swastika Beach on the shores of Puslinch Lake, which is a little lake not far from Hespeler and Kitchener.**

**The club plans local regattas and dances for every Saturday all summer and is right now engaged on a "Wrigley" of its very own. This is a long distance swim, distance not yet settled, open to swimmers residing within twenty miles of the lake. That lets in the "fish" from Guelph, Kitchener, Waterloo, Galt, Preston, and Hespeler, and it is proposed to give special cups to the first swimmer from each town to finish. Ross Barber has put up two nice cups for major prizes.**

**The President of the club is S. F. Organ; Vice-Presidents are W. J. Marriott and William Conduit; the Secretary is N. A. Baird, of Hespeler and the Captain, J. F. Klager. I hope that I have these names spelled correctly, for the secretary writes a mean fist, and I don't mean maybe!**

**They are going to have a couple of Sea Fleas up there too.**

## **Opening Dance at the Lake**

**May 16th 1929.**

The opening dance at Lakeview Inn, Puslinch Lake, was held on Friday evening with Jack Slater and the Canadian Aces, a nine-piece orchestra from the Palais Royal with singing trio. The Pavilion was beautifully decorated in rainbow effect, and the red and blue spotlights added to the beauty of the scene. About 300 couples were present.

### **Launch War Canoe**

The Canoe Club is launched on its summer campaign, having painted up its war canoe and launched it on the waters of Puslinch Lake on Saturday. The boys were all anxious to try it, but only the braves manned it on its initial trip from the pavilion to Swastika Beach, where they saw that everything was ready for its comfort. The clubhouse is rapidly rounding into shape. It is expected that the other canoe, as well as some smaller ones, will be brought up from Toronto to the lake shortly.

### **Canoe Club Executive Met**

At the meeting of the executive of the Puslinch Boat and Canoe Club, held on Tuesday evening, arrangements were made for the opening day, which will be celebrated on May 24th at Swastika Beach. The program will include single and tandem paddling races, as well as novelty contests of several kinds. The day's program will close with a dance in the pavilion. There was some discussion as to the judging of events, not only for the opening day but also for events throughout the season, and the probability is that the point system will be used. The purchase of necessary equipment was ordered.

### **Eltherington – Hortop**

A quiet wedding was solemnized at Norfolk Street United Church parsonage, Guelph, at two o' clock on Saturday afternoon, when Alice Maude, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hortop, of Queen Street West, became the bride of Mr. Ernest Eltherington, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Eltherington, of Queen Street West. Reverend H. A. Graham, the pastor, officiated, and following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Eltherington left on a short wedding trip to Tara. On their return, they will reside at McCormick's Point, Puslinch Lake, for the summer months.

# **Puslinch Lake Pavilion**

## **Dancing**

**Dancing every Wednesday and Friday**

**Friday May 31st 1929.**

**Norm. Brotherton  
& his Alexander Academy Orchestra, of Hamilton.**

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## **Cottagers at Lake**

**June 3rd 1929.**

**The summer season has opened at Puslinch Lake, from all appearances. Practically all of the summer residents have opened their cottages, it is understood, and the activities have begun. Yesterday, the first of the regular band concerts was held at the lake hotel when Robinson's Band, of Guelph, presented a program.**

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## **Boat Club to Meet**

**June 3rd 1929.**

**Tomorrow evening, the Puslinch Canoe and Boat Club will hold a meeting in the council chamber in the town hall. The matter of the ticket sale for the picture, to be presented under the auspices of the club this month, will be discussed, as well as final plans for the weekly regattas, which will begin Wednesday evening.**

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**Puslinch Lake Opening Up  
June 6th 1929.**

With the approach of the summer season, activities among the cottagers at Puslinch Lake are commencing and many of the little houses along the lake are being prepared for occupancy by their owners. A dance was held at the lake last night, when visitors from Guelph, Galt, Kitchener, Hespeler, Preston, and other points made up the splendid crowd in attendance. Music was provided by the Monarch Orchestra, of Guelph.

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**An Old Time  
Dance**

**Will be held on  
Friday June 14th 1929 at 8 P.M.**

**In the Pavilion at  
Swastika Beach**

**Snyder's Orchestra in Attendance  
Admission 70¢ per Couple**

## **Happenings at Puslinch Lake**

**June 29th 1929.**

**From the number of events planned for Puslinch Lake, and the attendance that has been noticed for the past few weeks, since the beginning of the favourable weather, the popularity of the resort could scarcely be doubted. On Sunday last, it was authoritatively stated that there was one of the largest attendances at the hotel that had been seen on an ordinary weekend. Some special attractions in the past have drawn larger crowds, but for a regular Sunday attendance, last weekend was believed to have set a record.**

**In addition to the larger attendance at the weekends, the regular dance nights at the Puslinch Lake Pavilion, Wednesday and Fridays, have been well patronized.**

**The summer residents have also taken up their abodes there and whether in cottages or under canvas, have set up for the season's residence in practically all cases, few of the cottages still being unoccupied.**

**An addition to the activities at Puslinch Lake has been noted in the programs put on by the Puslinch Canoe and Boat Club, which has its headquarters at Swastika Beach. This organization, which was organized only a couple of years ago, has been active this summer, and among other events planned is a regatta on Dominion Day, while tentative plans for an inter-county swim for later in the year, probably Civic holiday, have been made.**

**And a new sound to the district, which has been introduced this season to a larger degree than in the past, is the hum of the racing outboard motor. While the sound of the outboard is far from novel at this summer resort, the sight of sea fleas still has rather a novelty, and an increase in the number of these outboard powered craft has been noted. Last year, one sea flea was on the lake, and this season there have been some four boats of this nature running on the land-locked body of water.**

**Picnics have also added to the attendance at the lake, and while scarcely a day passes without some smaller gathering, there have also been a number of larger picnics. Yesterday, a party of Guelph insurance men visited the resort, and today, the farmers of Wellington and Waterloo counties are staging a picnic there.**

# **Dancing**

**Return engagement of Kalani and his orchestra,  
of the Grange Café, in Hamilton,  
at**

## **Puslinch Lake Dance Pavilion**

**Friday June 28<sup>th</sup> 1929.**

**Dancing 8:30 – 12:00**

**Come and hear a Real Band.**

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## **Happenings at Puslinch Lake**

**June 28th 1929.**

**On Wednesday afternoon, despite the rain, there were some picnics at Puslinch Lake, and with the aid of the verandahs, the day proved enjoyable, even though the weather was not suitable for such gatherings.**

**A large attendance was reported at the regular dance on Wednesday evening when the Kalani orchestra, of Hamilton, was in attendance. Arrangements have been made to have this orchestra return for the dance this evening, it is understood.**

**Last evening, the regular farmers' dance was held, and a program of old time dances, as well as modern numbers, was enjoyed.**

**Preparations for accommodating the visitors over the weekend are also under way, and it is understood that plans to hold a midnight frolic have been made. This will mean that a dance will start of 12:15 on Monday morning.**

For Sunday, the program of band concerts at the hotel has been continued and the Kiltie Band, of Galt, will visit the resort on this occasion, rendering the regular Sunday afternoon program.

Preparations are being made for the holiday at Swastika Beach also, and the Puslinch Canoe and Boat Club has been busy getting the courses ready for the regatta to be held there on Monday. Yesterday, several of the buoys marking the courses were prepared, and it is understood that as well as paddling and novelty events, there will be a number of sea flea races, which should add a spice to the day's program.

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## **Happenings at Puslinch Lake**

### **July 2nd 1929.**

The holiday weekend was a busy time at Puslinch Lake with visitors from far and near coming to the resort. Some eight or ten picnic parties were present, and with perfect weather on the holiday, the weekend proved extremely enjoyable.

This weekend marked the opening of the engagement of the Rich-London Versatile Canadians at the Puslinch Lake dance pavilion, and there were good crowds at the dances held on the holiday. Early Monday morning, at 12:30 o' clock, the first program was rendered in a midnight dance, and a pleasing program marked the holiday dance last evening.

During the day, cars from all parts of the country were noted, and the visitors enjoyed the pleasures of this place, where dancing, bathing, and picnic facilities made it a perfect place for the spending of a holiday out of doors.

The Galt Kilties rendered a very enjoyable program on Sunday afternoon. The various selections were well chosen and admirably presented, and the concert provided a real attraction.

## **Puslinch Lake Popular July 2nd 1929.**

The popularity of both Puslinch Lake and Swastika Beach as places at which to spend a holiday was demonstrated on Sunday and yesterday, for an almost constant stream of cars lined the roads leading to them from morning till night. Several thousand took the opportunity of the holiday to get away from the city for an outing, and the grounds were with picnickers and others who were merely passing through. The rain curtailed the day for some of them, but no serious accidents occurred to mar the pleasures of the visitors.

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## **At Puslinch Lake July 4th 1929.**

They had a big weekend at Puslinch Lake. There were cars there from Sarnia and across the border and everyone spent a pleasant holiday. A midnight dance was staged for a couple of hours early Monday morning that drew several hundred couples. The Rich-London orchestra supplied a pleasing program. The Galt Kilties band supplied the music for Sunday afternoon's concert.

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## **Happenings at Puslinch Lake July 8th 1929.**

The weekend saw the usual good attendance at Puslinch Lake, with parties from far and near taking advantage of the conveniences of the resort to enjoy picnics or weekend camps.

On Sunday afternoon, the Italian band, of Guelph, presented the regular concert at the hotel, and a program of diversified numbers was well rendered. Many of the residents of the



district, as well as tourists and others who happened to be present, were present, and were well pleased with the entertainment.

This evening, the first of the cabaret nights will be held at the dance pavilion at the hotel. Rafferty, well known member of the "Dumbell" troupe, will be present, and, in addition, the Rich-London orchestra, which will play at this pavilion for the summer months, will be heard in a novelty number, "The Old German Band".

And while the picnics and other holiday parties provide the greater number visiting Puslinch Lake, there is still considerable fishing done there. With the opening of the bass season at the beginning of July, a number of the followers of this sport tried their luck. Today, a nice bass was caught there when Gordon Hortop was successful in capturing one measuring some 18 inches. While no record breaker, this fish was a nice example of the bass that may be taken there.

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## **Happenings at Puslinch Lake**

### **July 11th 1929.**

On Monday night, the first of the cabaret evenings at the Puslinch Lake dance pavilion proved a success. This occasion, with the regular Wednesday evening dance, drew good attendances, and the programs, as presented by the Rich-London Versatile Canadians, who play each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at this resort, were well received.

During the week there were several small picnics that visited Puslinch lake and took advantage of the conveniences provide to spend the day out of doors. In addition, it is understood that several of the larger annual picnics in the district have arranged to hold their yearly gatherings there.

It is also understood that arrangements for a busy day on Civic Holiday are being made at the resort. It was stated that a softball tournament, with representatives from Galt, Guelph, Preston, and Hespeler, would be staged at the hotel property on this occasion.

At the same time, plans are underway for a program of aquatic sports at Swastika Beach on Civic Holiday. This was the day chosen to hold the inter-county swim and it is understood that the program has been laid out for this event, including several swimming races, varying from 50 yards to 2 miles, and paddling events, although the swimmers will hold the centre of the stage. Several cups and medals have been donated for the swimming races, it is understood, and the occasion will be held under the auspices of the Puslinch Canoe and Boat Club.

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## **Revenue from Puslinch Lake is Very Small November 7th 1929.**

### **City Expends \$11,000 More Than It Received in Seven-Year Period**

#### **Council May Act**

#### **Certain Aldermen Favour Putting Question of Selling Property to Ratepayers**

So far as can be gathered from the city auditors' reports, this city, since 1922, has expended something like \$19,200 on its Puslinch Lake property, from which it has derived a revenue, in that time, of a little less than \$1,300.

Prior to 1923, the forty acres or so of land, bordering on Puslinch Lake, which reverted to Guelph in 1903, when the city acquired the street railway from the late George Sleeman, did not bear very heavily on the civic treasury. It was not until then that the City Council saw fit to authorize any considerable expenditure on the summer resort, which might be said to have been wished on the municipality. That year the amount expended totalled \$298.97. The previous year all that it cost the city was \$37.10, paid the Township of Puslinch in taxes. In 1924, the lake cost \$688.90, and in 1925, \$80.00, in insurance. In 1926, expenditures jumped to \$2,113.87, and in 1927, the year the dance pavilion was erected, \$7,404.78, approximately \$7,000 of which went into the amusement hall to provide entertainment for those who delighted in tripping the light fantastic. The city coffers were touched to the extent of \$1,078.01 in the succeeding year for improvements to the lake property, and this year, to date, \$512.75 was expended for the same purpose.

#### **Is Property White Elephant?**

Several members of the City Council look on the Puslinch Lake property as a veritable white elephant and have so expressed themselves whenever the opportunity offered, and have urged that the taxpayers be called on to show by plebiscite whether or not they wish the city to retain the lake acreage. They feel that it is a pretty expensive plaything, and that Guelph would be well rid of it. There is a possibility that Council will be asked to take such action in the near future. Others of the City Fathers believe that the property will in time prove a good investment and are loathe to part with it. There, the matter rests.

Fifty-four years ago, the lake was a popular summer resort, and, if reports are to be believed, was a mighty good paying proposition. At that time, the property bordering on the lake was owned by Mr. Sleeman, while the island belonged to the late Colonel John Davidson. These two enterprising gentlemen installed a small steamer, which travelled to and from the island, carrying passengers at 10 cents per head. It is said that the net weekly profit on this investment was about \$300. Finally, the vessel played out, the machinery was removed, and the craft was sunk.

Eventually, Mr. Davidson disposed of his island property to Mr. Sleeman, who retained it until it was taken over by the city in the early nineties.

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## **Suggests Method of Mosquito Control at Puslinch Lake February 8th 1930.**

### **Assistant Entomologist of Opinion Project is not Overly Difficult Commends Improvements at Swastika Beach as Start of Work**

While the present weather would scarcely seem the proper time to mention mosquitoes, a memorandum, prepared by A. R. Twinn, assistant to the dominion entomologist, in reference to the Puslinch Lake mosquito control project, should be of interest to the people in this district. This memorandum became available recently and follows, in part.

Acting on your instructions , I visited Guelph on November 22nd, and the following morning accompanied Professor Caesar and T. Ross Barber, by car, to Puslinch Lake, which is distant about ten miles south of Guelph.

Puslinch Lake is a shallow body of water, roughly circular in shape, and somewhat more than a mile in diameter. Along the margin of the lake, throughout most of its circumference, there is a narrow strip of low-lying and, in places, swampy land. It is probable that the mosquito nuisance develops in these areas. The northern extremity of the lake opens into a small, overgrown stream, which meanders through low-lying, brush covered territory for a distance of about three miles before emptying into the Speed River.

## **Popular Resort**

**The towns of Guelph, Hespeler, Preston, Galt, and Kitchener lie within a radius of a few miles from the lake, and during the summer it is a favourite resort for the residents of these localities and for tourists. A number of cottages have been built along the lakeshore, at Lakeview Beach and Swastika Beach, where attractions such as dance halls, refreshment booths, boathouses, et cetera have been erected by municipal and private enterprise.**

**At Swastika Beach, T. Ross Barber is creating a very attractive summer resort, and has accomplished some excellent results in connection with beautifying the vicinity and reducing mosquito breeding by removing underbrush, filling low spots with soil from the lake bottom, and facilitating drainage where possible. In one low-lying place, Mr. Barber has created an attractive artificial lake which serves as a reservoir, draining the surface water from surrounding low-lying places, and this small lake, by its permanent character, and the fact that it is connected with Puslinch Lake, allowing the influx of fish, prevents mosquitoes from breeding. If the excellent work of Mr. Barber in clearing brush and draining or filling low places were carried out wherever necessary along the lake margins, there is no doubt that the satisfactory control of the area would be secured.**

**As previously stated, the lake has an outlet through a small stream, which flows into the Speed River. The flow of water in this stream is greatly impeded by the presence of collections of debris and rank growth of vegetation. The topographical survey may show the margins of the stream to be bordered with a narrow strip of swampy woodland on each side. From my observations, I feel that a very great deal could be done towards reducing the local mosquito population by cleaning out this stream. The improved drainage of the area could be secured without interfering with the level of Puslinch Lake by the construction of a dam where the lake enters the stream. In addition to the cleaning out of the bottom of the stream, I would suggest that it be widened, and the sides made straight and clean, and also, that the underbrush be removed along the banks.**

**Professor Caesar has promised to co-operate with Mr. Barber and other interested persons, by supervising a survey of the breeding places early next spring. Mr. Barber states that he will endeavour to raise the money to cover the cost of treating these places with oil until more permanent measures can be put into effect. My opinion is that the control problem in the Puslinch Lake area should not be difficult to deal with, provided that the money and enthusiasm are forthcoming to put the necessary measures into effect.**

## **Are to Survey Lake Property**

**February 27th 1930.**

### **Civic Finance Committee Makes Move Toward Sale of Puslinch Lake**

A move towards the sale of the Puslinch Lake property was made by the Finance Committee, last night, when the chairman, Alderman Lorne Cunningham, was authorized to engage Mr. E. P. Bowman, C.E., to make a survey of the land and report at an early date.

A by-law to dispose of the property was ratified by the ratepayers at the municipal elections, and it is expected that as soon as Mr. Bowman's report is received that steps will be taken to have tenders called for on the lake land.

Proponents of the scheme pointed out that the outlay annually towards upkeep was not justified by the income received from the place.

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## **Pony Killed by Auto but Rider Escapes Injury**

**April 16th 1930.**

### **Young Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Ross Barber Has Very Close Call**

#### **Dog Frightened Animal**

#### **Swerved Suddenly Into Traffic and Was Struck by Approaching Car**

"Chester", a tiny Shetland pony, which became the pet of hundreds of kiddies at Swastika Beach last year, is dead, killed in a motor accident on the York Road yesterday.

Nine-year-old George Barber, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Ross Barber, of this city, owner of the pony, was riding Chester at the time, and miraculously escaped injury when he was thrown to the sidewalk after the little animal was struck.

A dog, running out onto the street, frightened the pony, which swerved into the traffic, directly into the path of an approaching automobile. The pony was knocked to the pavement, his youthful rider flying over his head.

Bad head injuries, which the tiny equine received in the fall, were too serious for assistance to be of any value, and Chester expired during the night. His loss is sincerely mourned by dozens of kiddies that sat astride his chubby back on the lakeshore last summer.

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**Dancing  
At  
Puslinch Lake**

**Every Tuesday and Friday Nights  
9 Till 1 o' clock**

**Canadian Ambassadors Orchestra,  
of Toronto, will supply the music.**

**June 9th 1930.**

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**Happenings at Puslinch Lake  
June 17th 1930.**

The fine weather has resulted in most of the summer residents at Puslinch Lake taking up their abodes at their cottages and camps for the season. Each day picnic parties from different parts of the country make this resort their place of call, and yesterday a party from Alma was entertained there.

An interesting item to the cottagers at the hotel property is the report that the Puslinch Township council will make a new road behind the cottages that are on the lakeshore, east of the hotel. This road, at present, is merely a track in the grass and should the township council take over the care of it, the condition should be considerably improved. The roadway along the lakeshore has had little attention in the past several years and is far from being in good shape, which would make the roadway back of the cottages a welcome improvement.

Road work has been done on the stretch between the two resorts at the lake, and this road, through swampy land, has been widened and put in better condition. For the purpose of carrying on this work, a gravel loader was installed in the pit near the lake, and this was removed this week, on the completion of the work.

Within the next few weeks, it is understood that the annual insurance picnic will be held at the hotel, when several hundred people will make this resort their headquarters for the day.

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## **No Steps Taken as yet to Sell Puslinch Lake**

**July 11th 1930.**

The fact that the lease of the present occupant is in force is the chief obstacle to the sale of the city's Puslinch Lake property, authorized by citizens at the last municipal elections.

While the city could make a sale subject to the lease, it is believed that the value of the place would be reduced because of that, and it is very unlikely that any steps will be taken to dispose of the property.

Citizens voted overwhelmingly in favour of the plan to sell the lake property, at the polls, and when the present Council commenced its session, action was taken to have a survey made and blueprints provided.

E. C. Bowman was the engineer engaged for the task, and he completed his survey, which now lies in the hands of City Clerk, H. J. B. Leadlay, for use, at any time that it becomes possible for the city to make an advantageous arrangement.

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## **Motor Boat Races**

**August 7th 1930.**

The first motor boat races to be staged in this vicinity were pulled off at Swastika Beach resort on the holiday. It was an attraction that drew an immense crowd of people, for few in this part of the country had seen power boat races.

The events were held under permit from the Power Boat Association and was a tribute to Bill Butler in holding these races in Butler's home waters, and the boat owners were out in numbers to help make it a regular day.

Most of them had been up to Southampton where they staged races on Saturday, and after a day's rest up, came on to Puslinch Lake, to show what speed in boats really means.

The racing included a local event, settled in two heats, owing to spills and motor troubles; a class B event, of three heats; a special five-mile race, a Class C event, of three five-mile heats, and a free-for-all of 12 miles, for any class, in which engines from Class C to Class F, the big four-cylinder motors were represented.

W. J. Marriott, driving "Ol' Bill", won the local event, with William Butler Senior, of Guelph, driving "Miss Guelph" in second place, Alex Forbes, of Hespeler, with "Lake of Bays", third, and W. G. Gardiner,, of Galt, in "Green Goat", fourth. These were the four contestants in this event, slated to consist of three heats of five miles each. "Green Goat", with Gardiner at the tiller, upset at the western turn in the third lap of the first heat, giving the first of the thrills of the day. In the second heat, "Lake of the Bays", with Alex Forbes, turned turtle at the eastern turn, and "Miss Guelph", driven by W. Butler Senior, developed engine trouble. This left W. J. Marriott, with his "Ol' Bill", to finish the heat and take first honours, while no third heat was needed.

In Class B, Harold Ballard, driving Tommy McClure's "Soapdish", gave Butler plenty of opposition; he even headed him a couple of times in each heat by daring driving on the corners, but the best he could do was three seconds to the Guelph driver. Herb Clark of the N.Y.C. was third in all three heats after a hard battle with Ted Matthews, driving Lou Marsh's wicked-acting "Smart Alex".

In the free-for-all, Percy Dallimore, of Toronto, driving "Miss Cyclo", a Peterboro Bullet with a 32 h.p. Johnston, furnished the chief opposition to Butler and his "Baldy Bill". Jerry Mordaunt, of Oakville, drove his new Ashbridge boat, "Miss Oakville IV", with an Evinrude "C", into third place, while Ballard, in "Soapdish", was fourth, and Herb Clark in "Passing By", a Class B outfit, was fifth.



There were seven starters in the Class C five-mile race, which was won by Frank James, of Toronto, in "Tadpole". James took the first and third heats, but Jerry Mordaunt, in "Miss Oakville", got down in front in the second heat. Third in the summary was Kitchie Russell, the fifteen-year-old Toronto driver, while Ballard was fourth, Bill Marriott, of Hespeler, fifth, Lock Hague, of Toronto, sixth, and Art Heaven, of Oakville, seventh. Heaven had plenty of trouble with bad coils.

In a special invitation race, Andy Cleland, of Hamilton, in "Penn-Drake", defeated Percy Dallimore, of Toronto, in "Miss Cyclo" and Red Foster, of Toronto, in "Miss Windsor III". Through an error, Cleland went on an extra lap and dumped.

Lou E. Marsh, Harris Ardiel, Gordon Huolding, and George McFarlane, of Toronto, handled the races efficiently.

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## **Guelph Kiwanians at Swastika September 4th 1930.**

A large holiday crowd was present at the varied sports activities at Swastika Beach on Labour Day. The interesting event was sponsored by the Guelph Kiwanians and the proceeds were turned over to a Fresh Air Fund. Besides aquatic sports and airplane rides, the day's entertainment was featured by an aerial feat accomplished by Warner Lips, Kitchener parachute jumper.

Fred Gillies, of Gillies Air Service Limited, took Lips aloft in his plane, and after attaining an altitude of 2,000 feet, the aerial performer hopped into space and made a perfect landing in the water in front of the summer hotel. Several motor boats rushed to the spot and brought him to shore.

Ten booths did a rushing business all afternoon and evening, and the Guelph Jazz Band furnished the music for the day.

## **Puslinch Lake**

**Sealed tenders, marked "Puslinch Lake", will be received up to 5 p.m., Monday, March 23rd 1931, for the purchase of the Puslinch Lake Summer Resort, owned by the City of Guelph, 41 acres on the mainland, and 7 acres on the large island.**

**Terms – Cash. A marked cheque for 10 % of the amount must be attached to the tender.**

**H. J. B. Leadlay,  
City Clerk.**

**March 15th 1931.**

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## **Sale of Puslinch Lake Again Deferred**

**March 23rd 1931.**

### **Aldermen Believe Better price Should be Obtained for Property**

**Puslinch Lake tenders came in for a more or less satisfactory airing at last night's meeting of the City Council, and after a debate, which was prolonged for twenty minutes, but which was exciting enough while it lasted, all offers for the property, including a last minute one for \$7,700 were referred back to the Finance Committee.**

**Both committee reports passed without comment, the clause in the Finance Committee's being a non-committal phrase recommending "consideration" of Albert Dempsey's cash tender of \$7,100. The fun started when new business was the order of the evening.**

**A motion and an amendment, the first recommending that the question be referred back, and the second that Mr. Dempsey's tender be accepted, were moved and seconded, and immediately precipitated a discussion.**

Declaring that his only interest was to obtain as much as possible for the property, Aldermen Penfold produced figures purporting to show that while the city had expended a total of over \$15,000 on its lake holdings, the total receipts, in rent, did not reach \$2,000. He was very doubtful that it would be good business to turn down an offer of \$7,100.

Alderman Stuart strongly supported Mr. Dempsey's tender, and fought the resolution. "Mr. Dempsey has filled all requirements. I don't think that we should kick this around any longer," he urged.

Alderman Newton thought that the same rule applied as to the Canadian Legion property, and believed that if action were delayed, an additional \$2,000 might be secured.

Alderman Berry was a strong supporter of the original resolution. "The lake has been a white elephant. We have a cash offer here, and I believe that we should take it," he declared.

While he was in favour of accepting the highest tender, Alderman Lye stated that considerable interest had been shown in the property by parties that he was not at liberty to name, but who, he was sure, would not hesitate at paying a figure close to \$9,000. "I think that the Council would be making a big mistake if it sold this property now," he said, and stated that he felt that the Aldermen were unanimous in believing that \$7,100 was not a satisfactory price.

"If the city's name is worth anything, I say take the highest tender," Alderman Stuart pressed.

Alderman Brown agreed that "the tenders should not be kicked around, but it was not a matter of that," he declared. He was anxious to see the property sold but he firmly believed that \$8,500 or \$9,000 could be obtained for it.

At this point, a new tender was handed to City Clerk, H. J. B. Leadlay, by A. G. Loblaw. It was for \$7,700, on terms of \$2,000 cash and the balance over a period of three years.

"It was fortunate for the last tenderer that the price was given publicly," Alderman Berry interjected.

"I think that Mr. Dempsey's tender should be accepted," Alderman Rae believed.

When the vote was taken, the amendment was defeated by six to four, and the same figures prevailed when the motion to refer all tenders back to the Finance Committee carried.

Those present were: Aldermen Bafa, Berry, Croft, Frank, Lye, Newton, Penfold, Stuart, Brown, Rae, and Dempsey.

## **Puslinch Lake is Finally Disposed of**

**(from the Guelph Mercury newspaper for March 24th 1931.)**

### **Council Accepts Tender of Toronto Resident for Summer Resort Holdings**

**E. T. Bridges offer of \$8,250 Cash Taken by City Fathers**

**Three Tenders in All**

**Guelph and Preston men Made Lower Tenders for Property**

**The other two tenders were from Homer Precious, on behalf of John Walsh, of Guelph, for \$7,500 cash, and from L. E. Burton, on behalf of R. W. Atkinson, of Preston, for \$8,500, \$2,000 cash and the balance in annual instalments.**

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## **Ice Out of Lake**

**April 10th 1931.**

**Puslinch lake is all clear of ice at the present time and “navigation is open” for the year. While the big problem about the ice in the lake is trying to figure out where it floats away to each spring, the fact remains that it is gone somewhere and the water is all clear. Several residents of that district report that the lake has been visited this spring by flocks of wild geese and ducks, which spent some little time there in the marshes.**

## **Activities Start at Puslinch Lake**

**April 20th 1931.**

Activities in preparation for the summer months are noted at the hotel property at Puslinch Lake. For some time, the Swastika Beach property has been receiving attention, apparently getting ready for the summer season, but until now, the new management at the hotel resort, which was recently sold, has been more or less a mystery. Last week, however, Mr. Bridges arrived from Edmonton, Alberta, his former home, and took charge of putting the hotel property in shape.

A complete renovation is apparently being made at the hotel, interior decorating, laying of hardwood floors, et cetera, engaging quite a number of men getting the property in shape.

Over the weekend, when real summer weather held sway, there was a goodly number of visitors at the lake. From a considerable distance, visitors came to visit the popular resort, and while it is not in full swing by any means, for so early in the year, the number of visitors would indicate a good season.

During the past week, a number of the cottagers have been busy preparing their summer homes for the warmer weather. Planting and painting seem the order of the day, and should the fine weather continue, it would seem that an early arrival of the summer residents is likely.

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## **Working at Lake**

**April 21st 1931.**

Extensive improvements are being effected at Puslinch Lake, and workmen are busy making alterations to the various buildings. The hotel is being painted and hardwood floors are being laid throughout the building, while the rear portion of the dance pavilion is being raised. Other improvements will be carried out as time passes.

## **To Play at Lake**

**June 6th 1931.**

Continuing their summer program, the Guelph Musical Society Band will appear at Puslinch Lake tomorrow afternoon and present a concert there. Since many Guelphites visit the lake on Sunday, it is expected that there will be a large crowd.

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## **No Picnic Charge**

Puslinch Lake management wishes to assure the public that no charges whatever are made for picnic parties of any kind. All are welcomed. Camping sites may be obtained at \$2.00 for the season.

**J. Bridges**

(June 18th 1931.)

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## **Puslinch Lake**

**More Popular Than Ever.**

— New Attractions —

**Motor Boating — Swimming — Dancing.**

**Hotel Accommodation.**

**Large Picnic Grounds**

— Under New Management —

## Lake View Hotel

Puslinch Lake.

Good Orchestral Music Each Wednesday and Friday.

Also Orthophonic Music With Amplifiers

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### Consignment of Black Bass for Puslinch Lake July 4th 1931.

For the first time in a number of years, Puslinch Lake will be the destination of a shipment of bass for stocking purposes.

Word was received locally that a shipment of large-mouth black bass would arrive this morning, destined for the land-locked body of water.

So far this season, there has been a certain amount of luck reported by the anglers, and the further stocking of the inland waters should tend to improve the conditions.

The message received yesterday was addressed to Alex Forbes and read, "Meet shipment of large-mouth black bass, arriving by truck at Post Office, 10 a.m., standard time, Saturday." The signature was J. Neal and the message was sent from Brantford. Mr. Forbes was unable to attend to the matter and the message was turned over to W. J. Marriott, who arranged for the reception of the shipment and the transfer to the lake.

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## **Happenings at Puslinch Lake**

**July 8th 1931.**

Enjoying the hospitality of Lakeview Resort, Puslinch Lake, a summer camp of the Church of England, in Hamilton, is located on the island. Over 100 of the young people, boys and girls, are visitors there.

The landlocked water is proving particularly popular, with the hot weather bringing thoughts of swimming and picnic parties to the minds of every person. Almost every day, parties visit the resorts to spend a day in the open air, and holidays and weekends have so far this season found many visitors enjoying an outing at the lake.

One drawback to a full enjoyment of picnics has been the more or less ever-present dread of encountering poison ivy, which has been prevalent in several localities about the lake for years past. On hearing of this detriment to full enjoyment of a holiday at the lake, J. C. Bridges took the matter up with authorities at the O.A.C., Guelph, and was given a formula to fight the growth of the noxious plant. The powder secured is sprinkled on the poison ivy wherever found and when the sun strikes it and it becomes warm, the powder seems to liquefy, and the plant withers up. Co-operation in carrying out this campaign, coupled with the use of oil to lessen the number of mosquitoes bred in the swamps in the neighbourhood, should add greatly to the popularity of the lake.

As well as catering to the daytime visitors, the resorts provide enjoyable evenings, with dancing every night. Lakeview, Wednesday and Friday evenings, breaks the rule of music provided by an electrical pick-up system, when recognized orchestras provide the program at the pavilion.

And not the least of the attractions of the lake is the opportunity given the angler to match his skill with the aggressive black bass. Several fish of fair size have been taken this season so far, although no record-breaking fish has, as yet, answered the lure. Almost every morning and evening sees a number of boats bearing fishermen on the lake, and many of the anglers visit the small body of water known as "Little Lake", from which, in seasons past, several large fish have been secured.



**Little Boy is Badly Scalded at Puslinch Lake  
August 7th 1931.**

Hespeler — Bobby Scott, the small son of Robert Scott, of Lewis Street, was badly scalded yesterday morning. The family has been camping at Puslinch Lake, and in some way, the little chap pulled a kettle of water from the fire. He was badly burned about one shoulder and under the arm. The child was brought into Dr. Slater who attended the burns.

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**Puslinch Lake**

**August 12th 1931.  
This Week's Program**

**DANCING**

**Wednesday and Friday**

**Frieland's 10 piece Orchestra**

**Thursday — Old Tyme Dance**

**Franks' Orchestra**

**Saturday — Jitney Dancing**

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