



History of Little Swan Lake

1967 - 2002



by Judith K. Jones

HISTORY OF LITTLE SWAN LAKE



IN MEMORY OF

RALPH WILKINS

February 16, 1922 Oct 1, 1980

ORIGINAL DIRECTORS

Herbert & Ethel Wilkins

Zelpha Pendarvis

Leo & Lucille Watkins

John & Ruth Kramer

Everett & Wilma Brookhart

Pearl Lincoln

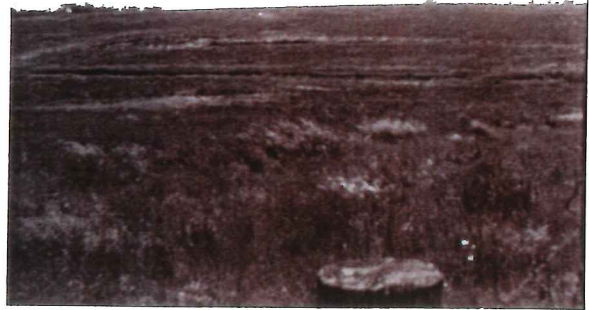
Miles & Maribell McGrew

Signa Bricker

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Future site of Little Swan Lake



Wilkins Pasture

1966

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Aug 1965

Excavation at the Dam



July 1965

Note silo in background, red stake is to be water line on east side of lake.



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Compacting Soil

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NOTE - Swan Creek

Dam excavation



Ralph Wilkins standing in tube that goes through dam for overflow



NOV 9 1966

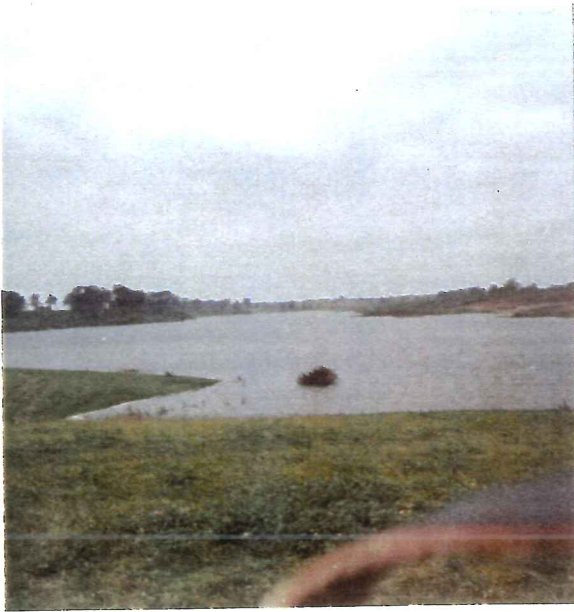
Note concrete braces above dam tube



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Installation of tube in dam

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Lake filling August 1967



Clearing land for building



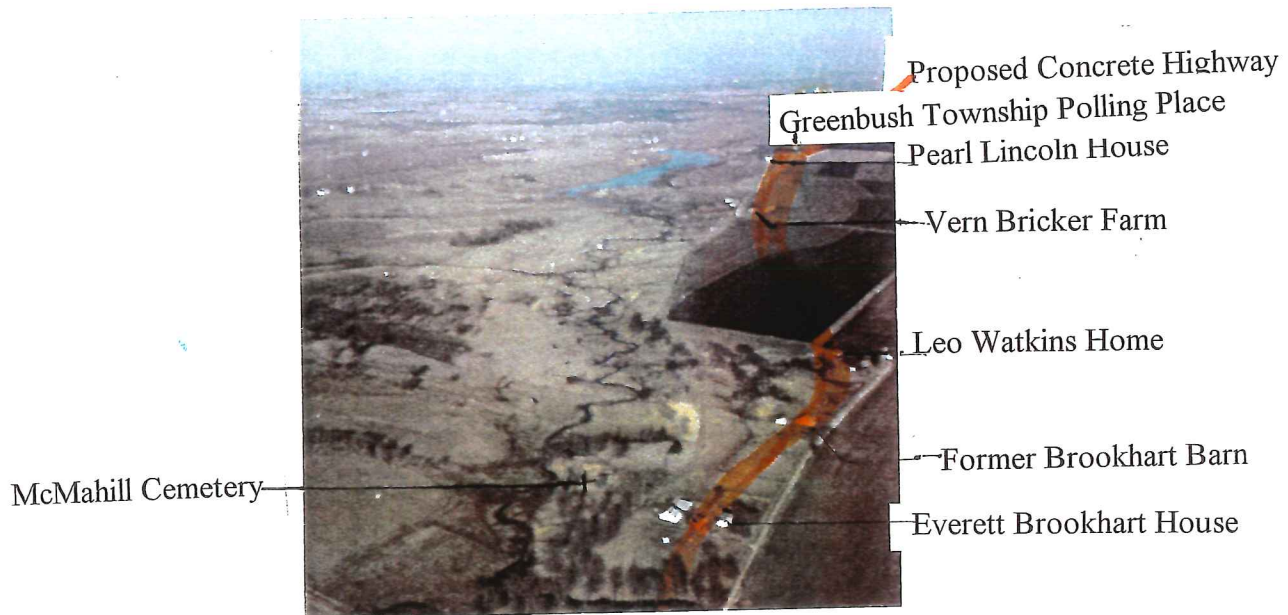
Note Vern Brickers buildings that were moved south, across the road.



John boats were sometimes used to clear land

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1967 Aerial Photo of Little Swan Lake Filling



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Little Swan Lake Sanitary System



Laying the water line
1978



Concrete Highway Construction 1973

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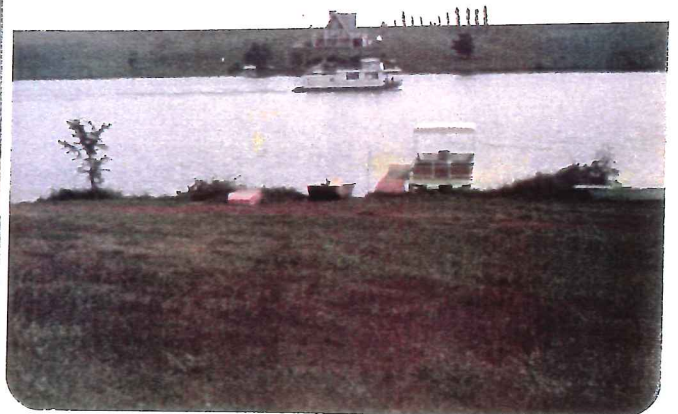


Jud Henninger, first manager, on his pontoon that he toured potential buyers around the lake on 1967.



Pelican - Little Swan Lake

A welcome surprise, a pelican at Little Swan Lake 1971.

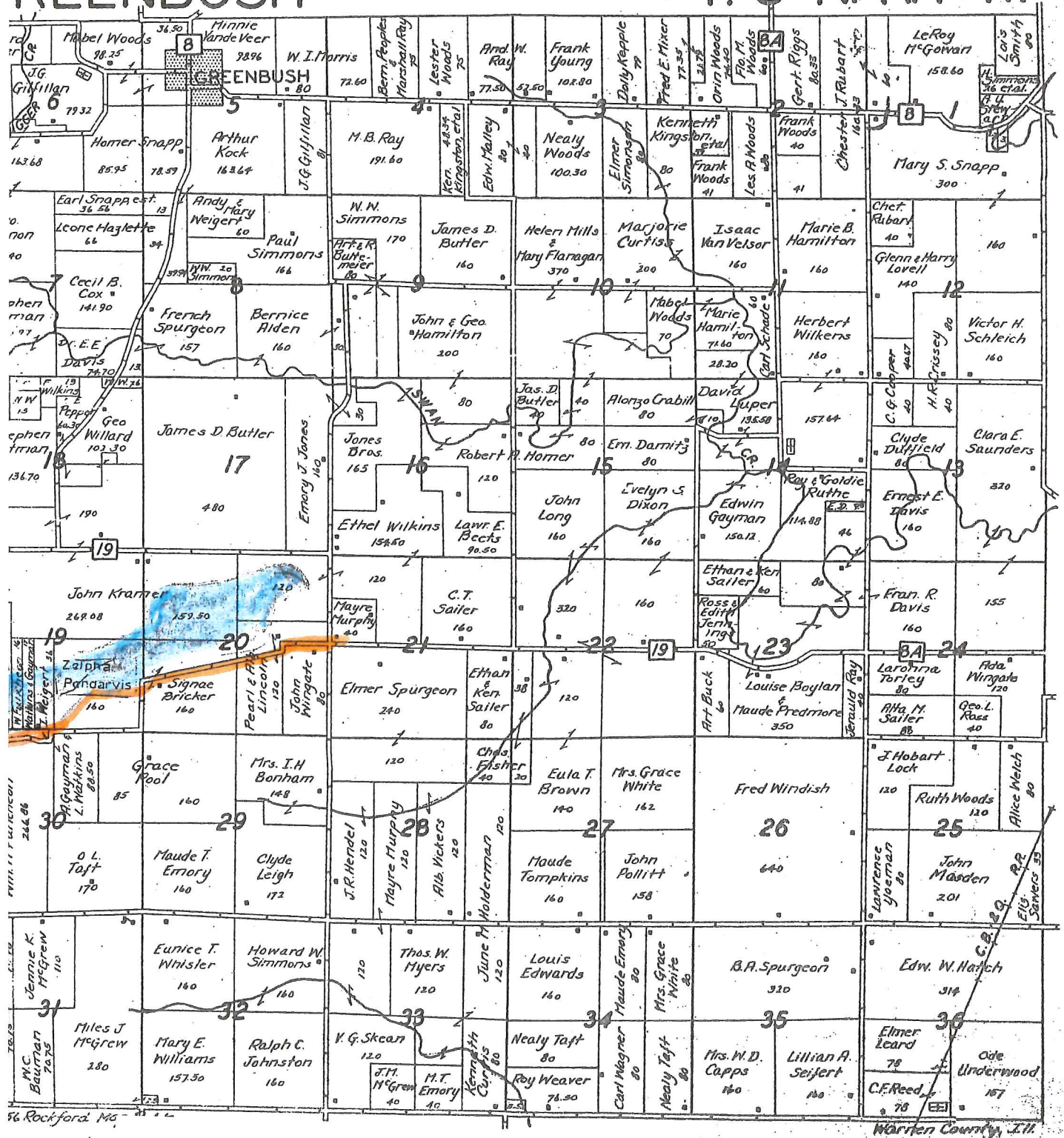


"Holiday Queen" Cruiser Boat brought by Elsworth Stoller for free rides for potential buyers. October 1, 1974.

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REENBUSH

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1956 Greenbush Township Map. Golf course is in Berwick Township, west of this map.

Little Swan Lake is blue. The new concrete highway is marked in orange.

HISTORY OF LITTLE SWAN LAKE

Warner favorable slaughter case

(Publish Feb. 14, 1967)

NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF WARREN COUNTY, ILL.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Appeals of the County of Warren, Illinois, on Friday, March 3, 1967, at 2:00 p.m. at the Greenbush Town Hall, at which time and place the Board will consider an 800-acre subdivision of:

Parts of Sections 19 & 20 of Township 8 North, Range 1, West; also,

Part of Section 24 of Township 8 North, Range 2 West, for the purpose of the establishment of Little Swan Lake recreational area.

All persons desiring to appear and be heard for or against said variation may appear at the said hearing and be heard thereon.

Dated this 14th day of February, 1967.

Board of Appeals of the
County of Warren, Illinois

By Robert M. Grier,
Chairman.

(Pub. Feb. 7, 14 & 21, 1967)

VILLAGES

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50,000 to 99,999
100,000 and over

shown by symbols

20 25 MILES
30 40 KILOMETERS

ELY 12 MILES
18 KILOMETERS
F ILLINOIS

West Liberty

Mississippi River

Lock and Dam No. 18

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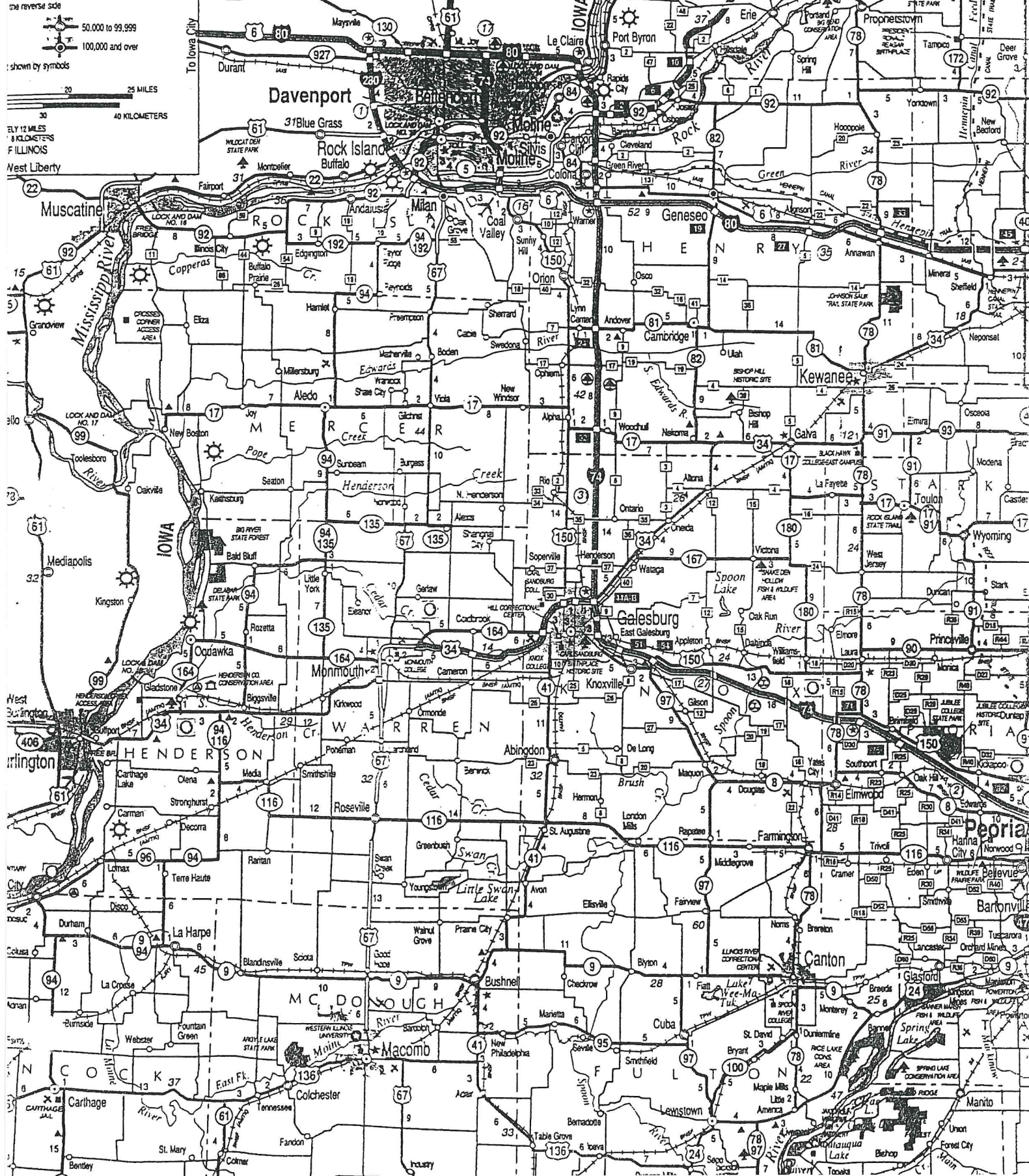
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Ralph Wilkins and son Bruce. Ralph's leg broken by power take off Dec 10, 1962.



Ralph Wilkins home utilized as first sales office



Little Swan Lake Assoc 4/13/67

Seated: Dan Pendarvis, Wilma Brookhart, Lucile Watkins, Treas, Zelpha Pendarvis, Vice Pres. Pearl Lincoln.

Standing: Leo Watkins, Vern Bricker Herbert Wilkins, Pres. Everett Brookhart, Ralph Wilkins, Sec.

MEETING OF LAKE PROJECT AT TOWN HALL.
Tues. Feb. 18, 1964 at 2:00 P.M.

The following are some figures pertaining to survey and thoughts on how the project could be run.

Form Corporation of all land owners.

300 Shares or 300 acres @ \$200.00 per acre = \$60,000.00 of Class A Stock.

WILKINS	86 acres	= 28 2/3%	or	\$17,200.00	of Stock	5%	Dividend	1st. yr.	\$860.00
LINCOLN	21 "	= 7%	or	4,200.00	" "	5%	"	"	210.00
KRAMER	84 "	= 28%	or	16,800.00	" "	5%	"	"	840.00
BRICKER	14 "	= 4 2/3%	or	2,800.00	" "	5%	"	"	140.00
PENDARVIS	70 "	= 23 1/3%	or	14,000.00	" "	5%	"	"	700.00
MARTINS	6 "	= 1 2/3%	or	1,000.00	" "	5%	"	"	50.00
BROOKHART	6 "	= 1 2/3%	or	1,000.00	" "	5%	"	"	50.00
McGREN	15 "	= 5%	or	3,000.00	" "	5%	"	"	150.00
	300 acres			\$60,000.00					\$3,000.00

1. Issue 300 shares Class A Stock to be bought by landowners at \$200.00 per share if they so desire.
2. Limit 100 shares per landowner.
3. Dividends paid on all stock as income warrants.
4. Corporation will lease land (to be agreed on) for 99 yrs., subject to renewal each year, with landowners right to sell any useful trees, to be removed within a limited time.
5. Establish a beach and recreational facilities such as boating, fishing, skiing and swimming for public at a nominal cost.
6. Provide camping areas and picnic grounds for tourists and organizations such as Scouts, 4-H Clubs, etc.
7. Lease building lots for 99yrs. 100 ft. sq uare on lake front where designated at a price to be agreed on.
8. Each landowner to reserve 2 lots for their own use.
9. Lots will be sold to any individual; final approval resting with the Officers and Directors of the Lake Organization.
10. Terms for lots may be 10% down, 7 to 10 years on the balance, with interest at 6% on the unpaid balance.
11. One year's dues (to be agreed upon), with exception of tax, given with the purchase of each lot, paid in full within one year.
12. Discount of 5% allowed for cash, and 30 days considered cash on lot sales.
13. A Plot Plan, showing location of house, septic tank and disposal field, and along with plans of house, must be submitted to Building Committee for approval prior to excavation.
14. All lots in the lake area will be subject to zoning. Persons wishing to build permanent homes will be given an opportunity of securing a lot in an area set aside for this purpose, while those interested in a summer cottage may pick their lot from areas reserved for this type of construction. Areas may be set aside for the establishment of commercial enterprises.
15. Periodic spraying of mosquito can be carried out at all time.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER LAKES

1. No noxious or offensive trade shall be carried on in lake area, nor shall the same be used for the sale or manufacture of intoxicating liquor.
2. No lot may be subdivided and in the case of re-sale, the names of the new purchasers must be submitted to the Lake Organization for approval.
3. Only domestic pets, such as chickens or fowl of any sort, or livestock, will be permitted.
4. No weeds or grass more than 12 inches in height shall be permitted to grow or stand upon any lot. The Lake Organization reserves the right to enter any lot or lots and to cut or trim, and keep trimmed, any weeds or grass allowed to grow or stand in violation of this restriction, which cutting or trimming shall be done at the expense of the lot leasee.
5. Docks may be built only 10 feet into lake from water line, or $\frac{1}{4}$ the width of the lake or connecting channel, at the location of the dock, whichever be the lesser.
6. No surface or underwater fences or obstacles may be placed in the lakes.
7. The Lake organization reserves all water rights, including the right to regulate and designate lake usage. Boats, motors and boat speed will be regulated.
8. All fuel tanks must be buried or landscaped and screened from public by shrubbery.
9. The Lake Organization reserves the right to control the shore line 5 feet from water line, and 1 foot inside of the outside boundary of the lake area.
10. An individual sewage disposal system shall be installed by leasee on his land located as directed by the Lake Organization. The size and design of the tank and number of feet of tile to be installed to be approved by the Organization and County Health Officer.
11. Membership is essential to obtaining a lease on a lot. No time limit which house or cottage must be built. Each builder may select the contractor of their choice to build their house.
12. Water may be piped to each lot from a central deep well or spring and regulated by water meters.
13. All plans of homes, elevations and grades of lots must be approved by Organization.

HISTORY OF LITTLE SWAN LAKE
APPLICATION FOR LOT SELECTION
LITTLE SWAN LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.

This Application is made this _____ day of _____, 19____ by LITTLE SWAN LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois hereinafter sometimes called LESSOR to _____ residing at _____

hereinafter called the LESSEE, and entered into on the date of acceptance of the Application signed by the LESSEE and LESSOR pursuant to Paragraph 4 below, WITNESSETH:

1. Subject to prior sale before the receipt by LITTLE SWAN LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC. at its project office of this Application signed by LESSEE, the LESSOR agrees to lease and the LESSEE agrees to lease, upon the terms and conditions herein-after stated, the following described residential site:

Lot _____ Section _____ Little Swan Lake Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Warren County, State of Illinois.
for a term of ninety-nine (99) years upon such conditions as are uniformly designated by said Corporation, including the option of renewal period.

2. The full purchase price for said property is \$ _____

3. Of this amount, \$ _____ shall be paid by the LESSEE as a binder by _____ and the LESSEE agrees to pay the balance of \$ _____ as follows:

4. Alternative A - \$ _____ the down payment less binder by _____ and the balance of \$ _____ in monthly installments of \$ _____ each, including 7% interest per annum on the declining balance, said amounts being covered by a promissory note payable to LITTLE SWAN LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC., or its assigns, which for the purpose of this Application, unless the LESSEE is otherwise notified shall be _____, whose address is _____

The note will provide that the principal balance may be prepaid at any time without penalty, unaccrued interest being waived by such payment. The first monthly payment shall be due thirty (30) days from the date stipulated above for the down payment. The LESSEE herein assumes as of the date of this application, responsibility for the payment of all property taxes which may be assessed against said property, after date, and property taxes for the year of the purchase shall be pro-rated by the LESSEE and the LESSOR. The LESSOR reserves the right to pay such taxes until such date as a lease may be delivered by the LESSOR to the LESSEE. Any payments which the LESSOR may make in payment of taxes due on said property, shall be repaid to the LESSOR by the LESSEE on the date the last installment of the purchase price is paid.

Alternative B - \$ _____ being 95% of purchase price less binder within thirty (30) days of the date of submission of this Application, 5% of the purchase price \$ _____ being waived as a cash discount. The LESSEE herein assumes as of the date of this Application, responsibility for the payment of all property taxes which may be assessed against said property, after date, and property taxes for the year of the purchase shall be pro-rated by the LESSEE and the LESSOR. The LESSOR reserves the right to pay such taxes until such date as a lease may be delivered by the LESSOR to the LESSEE. Any payments which the LESSOR may make in payment of taxes due on said property, shall be repaid to the LESSOR by the LESSEE on the date the payment of the purchase price is paid.

The LESSEE hereby makes application for membership in the LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB, and the lease of the property above described is expressly conditioned upon this application being approved by the Board of Directors of said Club. Said Membership, if approved, is a privilege in persona and subject to the rules of the Club, cannot be assigned or conveyed. If membership in said Club shall not be approved for any reason whatsoever within twenty (20) days from date of receipt by LITTLE SWAN LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC. of this Application signed by the LESSEE, then all purchase payments shall be returned to the LESSEE and both parties hereto shall be released from all obligations hereunder, and this application shall become null and void. Until such time as the LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB is incorporated, the Board of Directors of the LITTLE SWAN LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC., shall be empowered to administer the provisions of this paragraph.

It is understood by the LESSEE that the above described property will be leased subject to easements, protective covenants, equitable restrictions, limitations on use, and affirmative obligations to pay maintenance services as specified in covenants and restrictions. It is further specifically understood that said property will be leased subject to a covenant restricting its use requiring that the main residence on the lot to be conveyed to LESSEE must contain a minimum enclosed dwelling area of _____ square feet, and not less than _____ square feet of enclosed dwelling area being located on the main floor of said residence. If said residence be a two story building, as such terms and limitations are defined in the covenants and restrictions.

Water service will be provided to all residential lots as soon as water is available. When a residence is constructed on a lot or other regular water use has begun, water rates to be charged will be prescribed or regulated by the Illinois Commerce Commission or a like agency. All costs of connecting a residence with a main distribution line, including a meter deposit equal to the cost of the water meter shall be paid by the LESSEE.

The LESSOR agrees to provide all-weather roads adjacent to said property as shown on the plat attached hereto within a reasonable time and to cause the lot lines of said property to be properly monumented.

In order to maintain the attractiveness of LITTLE SWAN LAKE residential areas, the LESSEE waives notice as provided in the covenants and hereby authorizes the cutting of weeds and brush on the site covered by this Application, and authorizes the LESSOR in its discretion, to mow and cut weeds and underbrush on said Lot as part of its regular maintenance program.

In order to provide a Community Fund for road maintenance, land-scaping, insect control, mowing of unimproved lots owned by individual LESSEES, the LESSEE herein, until such time as a Municipal or District authority is established to assume all functions shall pay to the LESSOR the sum of \$35.00 a year, both before and after house construction on the lot covered by this Application, to be used by the LESSOR, or its authorized agent, to defray the expenses of such services. The LESSOR assumes obligations of maintenance of the private roads in said lake area not located on a lot, and all other above listed services, only to the extent that such maintenance and services can be accomplished with the proceeds of the annual payments for such services received from owners of lots within LITTLE SWAN LAKE SUBDIVISION.

LITTLE SWAN LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC., as LESSOR, makes no pledges, covenants, or commitments, in regard to the development of the LITTLE SWAN LAKE SUBDIVISION except as stated in this Application, the regulated covenants and the document entitled, "Basic Data on Little Swan Lake," dated _____, a copy of which has been provided the LESSEE.

The LESSEE and LESSOR have agreed to no modifications of the printed terms of this Application except as noted below:

The LESSEE covenants and agrees that he will faithfully comply with the provisions of this Application and land covenants and easements in the lease. In addition to any legal remedies available to the LESSOR, or neighboring property owners, it is mutually understood that failure so to comply shall be grounds for exclusion of the LESSEE from participation in any Club and Recreational facilities within the LITTLE SWAN LAKE area constructed in whole or in part through loans from the LITTLE SWAN LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC., its affiliates, successors or assigns, or constructed in whole or in part by said LESSOR, or managed by said LESSOR.

Sales where the LESSEE elects under Paragraph 4 "A" not to pay in cash within thirty (30) days of the date of submission of this Application, the LESSEE will

a. Sign a promissory note for the installment or deferred portion of the purchase price, said note to be payable to the LESSOR or its assigns to bear interest at 7% per annum, with full prepayment option without penalty, in accordance with the terms of this Application.

b. Deliver within thirty (30) days of submission date of this Application the said note to: _____ as Escrow Agent.

The Escrow Agent shall deliver the said promissory note to the LESSOR, or its assigns.

On the payment in full of the said promissory note, the LESSOR or its assigns, shall deliver to LESSEE a lease for said premises. A policy of Leasehold Title Insurance covering the above described lot running in favor of the LESSEE may be furnished by the LESSOR to the LESSEE at its cost for an amount equal to the purchase price of said lot.

This application is subject to written acceptance by LITTLE SWAN LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC., and may not be assigned by the LESSEE without its written permission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

LITTLE SWAN LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.

By _____ LESSOR

ACCEPTED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO LITTLE SWAN LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.

By _____

HISTORY for the Warren County Atlas - Basically, the clipping picked up by Mr. Morath is correct.

Ralph D. Wilkins suffered a broken leg as the result of a farm accident in December 1962.

The next Spring, 1963, he interested his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wilkins, in an idea he got while leafing through magazines during his recuperation. In fact, Ralph and Herbert were in the car on their way to Monmouth when Ralph said "Dad, you might think I'm crazy, but I've had an idea I want to tell you about. -----"

Mr. H. Wilkins invited the neighboring land owners, whom they thought the impounded lake might effect, to a meeting which took place on a shady hillside overlooking the possible lake & dam site, during the early summer.

This meeting was attended by Mrs. Pearl Lincoln, Mr. Vern Bricker (representing his mother, Mrs. Signa B. Didlock), Mrs. Zelpha Pendarvis, Mrs. Ivy Weigert, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins, Mr. Everett Brookhart (representing his landlord, Mr. Wm. Funcheon), Mr. John Kramer, Ralph and Herbert Wilkins.

Later, Ivy Weigert sold out to Mrs. Zelpha Pendarvis. John Kramer sold part of his land to Herbert Wilkins.

It was determined by the Conservation Dept. that land still further west would be affected - owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. Miles McGrew and also the land in the Evalyn Dixon Estate. This land was located west of the Greenbush Township line in the Swan Creek Township.

Various families visited other lake projects and reported their findings at meetings which were called from time to time.

Feb. 18, 1964, Herbert Wilkins was elected President; Ralph Wilkins, Secretary; and Lucile Watkins, Treasurer. Still more information was acquired this year, but little action.

Jan. 6, 1966, it was voted to keep the same slate of officers plus Vice Presidents of Zelpha Pendarvis, John Kramer, Vern Bricker and Pearl Lincoln.

March 1, 1966, a Corporation was formed.

April 7, 1966, it was voted to have Carr Construction Co. build the dam, after samples had been taken of the subsoil to see if it were suitable to build at this location. Construction of the dam began in July 1966, after the land owners leased their land in exchange for Lake Stock and one vote per farm as a Director of the Board.

Later, the Leases were exchanged for Deeds. First lot sold April 1, 1967.

LITTLE SWAN LAKE is not a myth, it is a coming reality. A 200 Acre lake which will extend over two sections of land and have facilities for fishing, camping, swimming, picnicing and boating as well as lakefront lots for cabin or home sites. Clearing of the lake area has already started and construction of the dam will soon commence. LITTLE SWAN LAKE, located approximately 4 miles West of Avon, Illinois, will be the first large scale recreational facility of its type in our area. LITTLE SWAN LAKE will be YOUR LAKE and in order to plan the facilities the way you want them to be, we kindly request your help by answering the following questions by marking the number of the square which corresponds to the number of the statement.

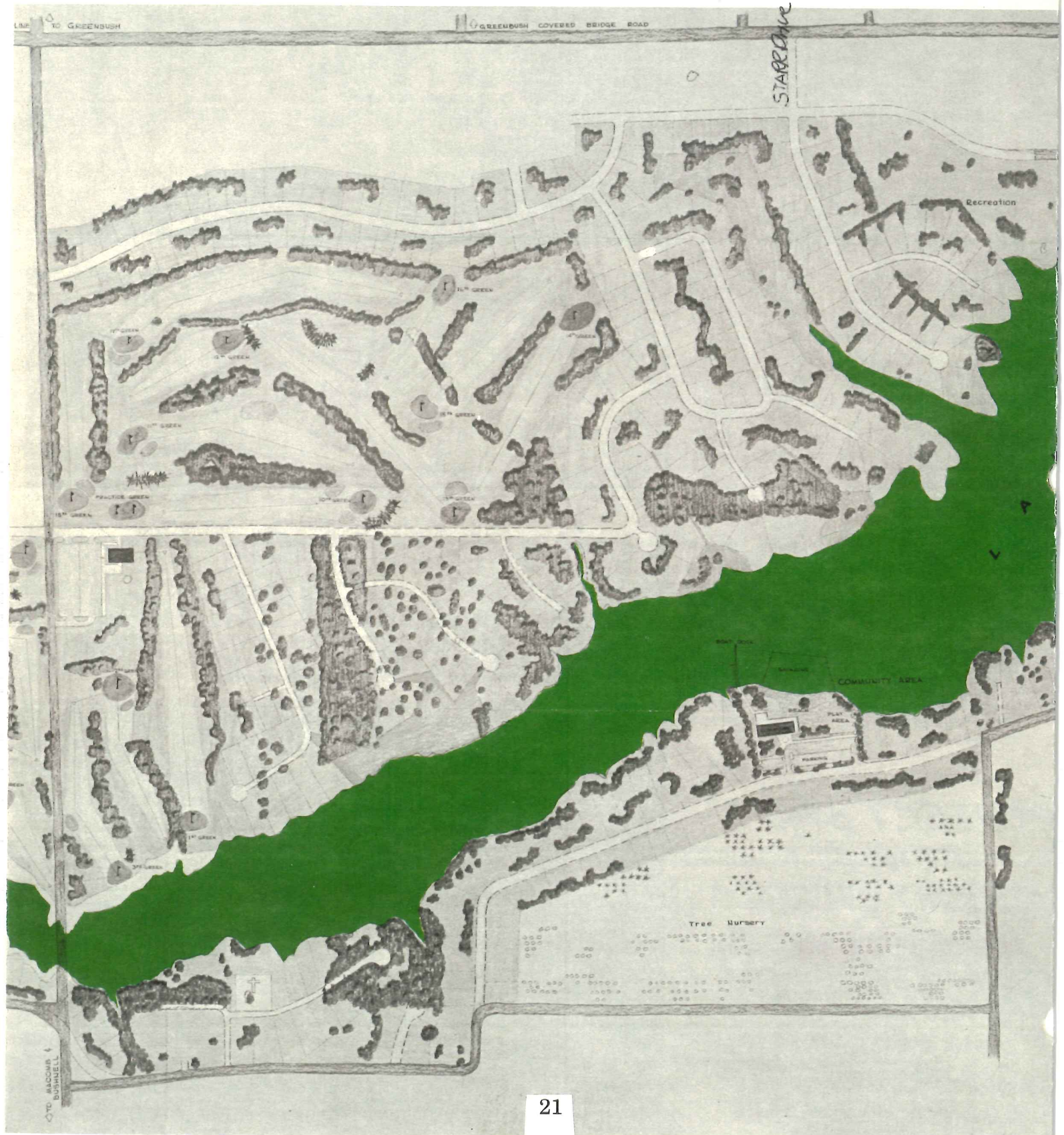
THE SIGNING OF THIS QUESTIONNAIRE CREATES NO OBLIGATIONS WHATSOEVER

1. I expect to use one or more of the recreational facilities of LITTLE SWAN LAKE.
2. I will be interested in purchasing a lot on LITTLE SWAN LAKE as soon as the lake has been completed.
3. I will be interested in purchasing a family membership entitling myself and my family or guests to use the facilities of LITTLE SWAN LAKE

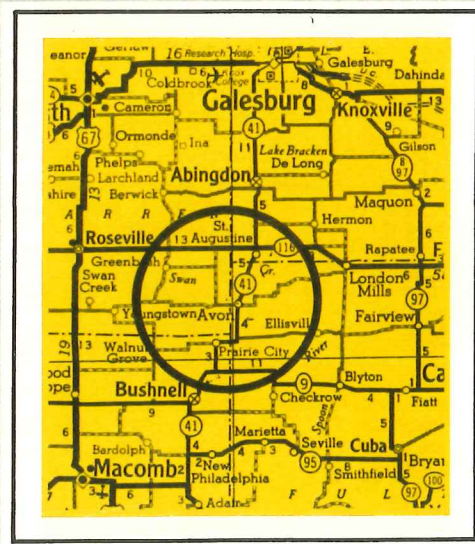
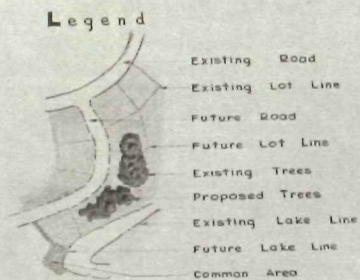
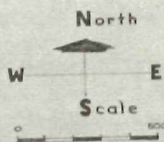
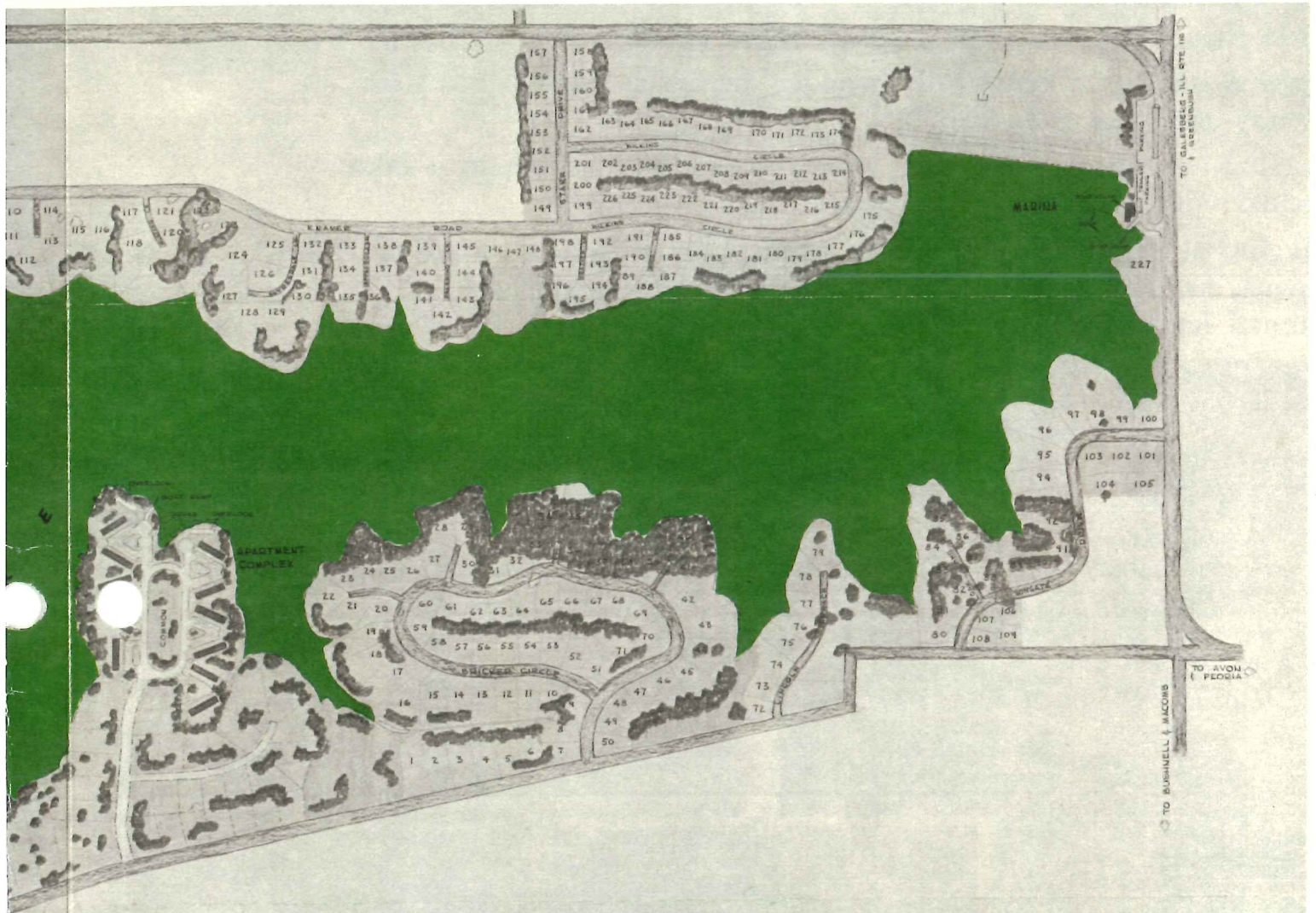
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Forms like the above sample were posted in public to determine if there was interest in the project.

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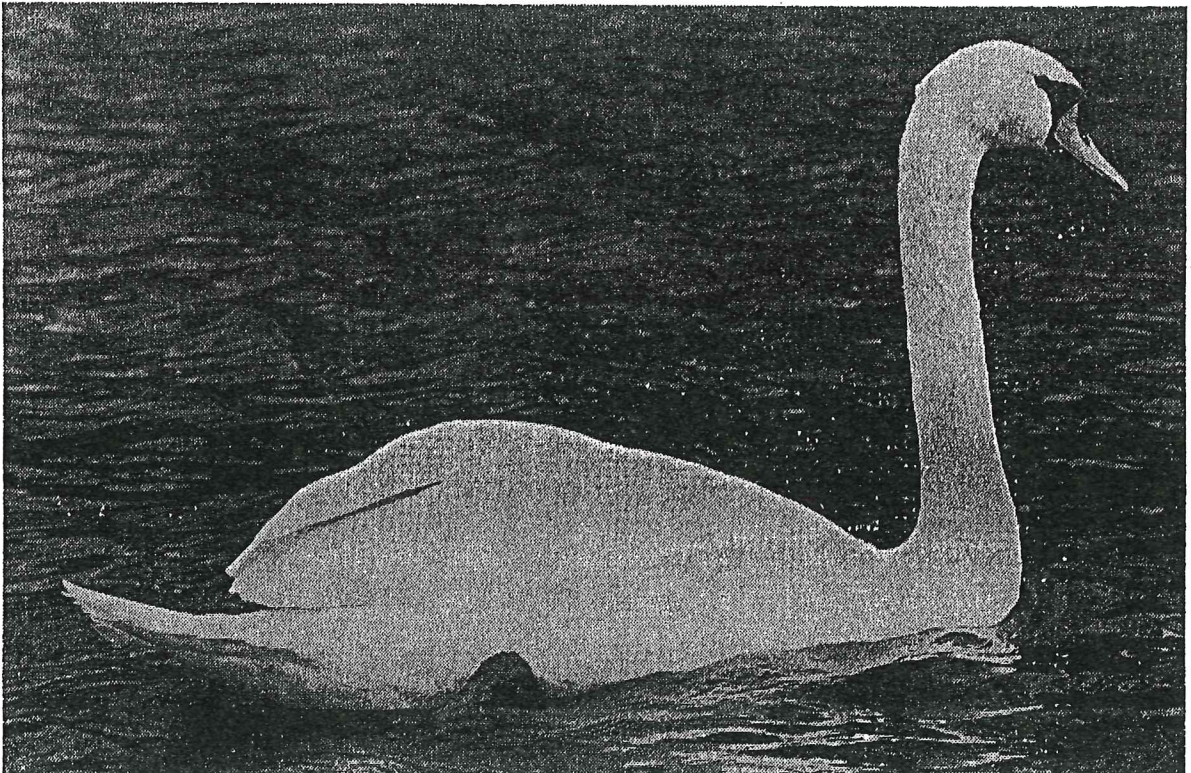
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BASIC DATA

LITTLE SWAN LAKE

Association, Inc.



LITTLE SWAN LAKE

AVON, ILLINOIS

LITTLE SWAN LAKE ASSOCIATION

Basic Data January 1, 1967

Description of Little Swan Lake. Its development program, as noted below, is designed to retain the area's natural beauty. It is being carefully developed by its resident ownership-management as both a year-round and four season vacation area.

The Lake has approximately a 10 mile shoreline, is two and one-half miles long, full of clean and safe water. Where conditions are ideal for swimmers of all ages, and all water activities are controlled for safety of members and their guests.

The waters are free of pollution, with no nearby fresh water rivers to dump the industrial wastes, sewage and sediment, which has destroyed the delights of river swimming at many of Central Illinois rivers. Swan Lake is ideal for small sailboats water skiing, fishing and boating.

Deer and wildlife are found in great abundance throughout the Swan Lake area.

Plan for the over-all development. Master plans for the development of Little Swan Lake and the Land Use Controls incorporated into all the Leases, are the outgrowth of over three years of research and planning by the Owners, a Land Consultant, Engineering Firms and a Law Firm.

The basic concepts and ideas for the development which were formulated during this research period, and which were implemented in the designs, are threefold:

1. All land is to be leased, subject to complete restrictions to assure, with thorough enforcement by the resident ownership-management, that the homes and other structures constructed within the Little Swan Lake boundaries are attractive in appearance and appropriate to the neighborhoods;
2. The development plans provide for a full range of recreational, sporting, and cultural facilities for year-round residents and vacationers during the four seasons of the year; and
3. Maintenance of a proportionate part of Little Swan Lake area in an undeveloped condition, free of homes and any other buildings, and managed in a way designed to preserve a balanced wildlife population consistent with sound conservation practices and the natural beauty of the area. With a bow to Julian Huxley's essay, "Man's Challenge: The Use of the Earth," the Little Swan Lake owners believe with Huxley that:

"One function of the earth whose importance we have only just begun to recognize is that of wilderness, the function of allowing men and women to get away from the complications of industrial civilization and make contact with fine scenery and unspoiled nature. Of course, it is not everyone who likes wilderness; perhaps luckily a considerable number of people enjoy crowds and prefer their vacations to be organized. But wilderness-lovers constitute a sizable minority--and also include a sizable proportion of interesting characters and original thinkers. Wilderness is, in the long run, one of the major functions humanity demands from the surface of the earth."

The Master Land Use Plan and preliminary architectural plans for the clubs and similar structures will be reviewed and modified from time to time in accordance with suggestions of residents and the continuing research and design program of the Association. They are guides, not unchangeable designs, and will be implemented within the overall pattern originally established, in a way responsive to the developing needs of the community. The advance planning and firm legal controls will, however, provide permanent protection against blighted neighborhoods, encroaching commercial establishments, over-crowding, intermixing of public and residential areas unsightly

buildings and other conditions which plague most older lake areas. This advance planning insures that adequate areas are being set aside for the various Clubs, golf fairways, and other community and recreational facilities.

Natural Environment. The Club developments and recreational programs will provide a wide range of activity for the gregarious and fun-loving moods. But for the vacationer as well as the year-round resident, the premier attraction is certain to remain the natural environment of beach, water, and trees. The Club program will be "low key" in its approach, so as not to detract from the true advantages of Little Swan Lake as a place to relax and unwind from the heavy pressures which are characteristic of most busy men and women.

"Little Swan Lake Club." It is an Association of Lot Owners, devoted to preserving the natural beauty of the area, while opening the land for home construction. The Club is also devoted to the preservation of the area for use of the land for leisure and recreational facilities.

Members. Any male person twenty-one (21) years or older, and any unmarried woman twenty-one (21) years or older, shall be eligible for resident membership, providing he or she owns a lot on Little Swan Lake.

Club privilege is granted to all resident members, in good standing, their wives, and all his or her unmarried children, under twenty-one (21) years of age, residing with parent members, and to unmarried children not finished college, school or Armed Services, under twenty-five (25) years of age.

Lots. All lots are generous in size, developed mostly with the contour of the land, for the sake of Beauty. Lots will range in price from \$1800.00 to \$7500.00, depending on location, proximity, view, etc.

Lots will be leased to any individual, final approval resting with the Membership Committee of the Little Swan Lake Club.

Every lot owner shall be a member of Little Swan Lake Club, and shall be entitled to one vote for each lot owned. Annual dues shall be \$35.00 per year per lot, which includes annual maintenance.

A Lease, conveying an insurable, marketable leasehold, free and clear of any encumbrance of record, will be issued to you upon completion of your payments, as set forth in your Application for Lot Selection.

A Leasehold Guaranty Policy will be issued to you insuring leasehold in the amount of purchase price.

Outlots provided on the Lake for the purpose of providing access to the lake for all homesites without lake frontage.

A Plot Plan, showing location of house, sewage disposal field, along with plans of house must be submitted to the Building Committee for approval, prior to excavation.

Lot owners may select the Contractor of their choice to build their house.

Roads will be all weather.

Restrictions and Land Use Controls - Residential Property. The Little Swan Lake resident-management-ownership group is devoted to the goal of preventing the great natural beauty of its area from being spoiled by the uncontrolled opening of the land for home construction and by man's use of the land for leisure and recreational facilities.

A series of land covenants control all residential area of Little Swan Lake developed by the Association. These covenants have been prepared after extensive investigations of other resort areas, and represent an effort on the part of the Association to establish a series of land use controls which will enable the community to protect itself against the development of any conditions which would mar the attractiveness of the neighborhood or the pleasure of owning a cottage within Little Swan Lake area.

Under normal circumstances they are administered in a manner designed to reasonably accommodate differing individual desires and tastes. However, they are sufficiently complete to provide legal authority by means of which the Association and the property owners in the community may now stop any anticipated activities which would represent abuses by an individual of the rights of the neighborhood.

The architectural controls are administered by a Building Committee. It is the aim of the Association to encourage the construction of homes of good quality architectural design, of proper size for their neighborhood, and which will be appropriate to the surroundings. They must be constructed of such materials, as will in the judgment of the Building Committee create an attractive and harmonious neighborhood. The Association, will, where necessary to protect the attractiveness of a neighborhood, bar the proposed construction of a house on purely aesthetic grounds, under the architectural design approval clauses of the covenants. It is believed such a policy will contribute much toward a very substantial appreciation in the investment value of cottages in the area as the community matures.

You have no time-limit in which you must build.

Mortgages: Local Banks and Lending Institutions will make home loans, in the area, and the amounts depend on the size of the home being built, and credit of the person applying for the loan.

Services Available To Property Owners. To the extent desired by individual owners of lots within Little Swan Lake area, for fees which will cover the cost of providing the services. The Association, either directly or through its affiliates and professional consultants, as appropriate, will undertake to provide any or all of the following assistances or services to the lot owners:

- (a) Preparation of architectural designs and construction specifications for vacation homes or permanent residences.
- (b) Assistance in arranging mortgage financing.
- (c) Supervision of year-round maintenance of buildings.
- (d) Rental and leasing supervision and management during the months when the owner does not wish to personally occupy a dwelling.
- (e) Assistance in arranging a landscaping service for grounds, including planting of grass, hauling of top soil, if needed, construction of retaining walls, boat docks, etc., by specialists in this field.
- (f) An area, for a nursery, will be provided for convenience of the owners of lots.
- (g) Provide stabling and boarding for riding horses.

Apartment Sites. An extremely limited section of Little Swan Lake, marked as Club Apartment Sites on the master plan, may be eventually opened for tightly controlled apartment development.

Property Taxes, Utilities and Services - Electric Power. The McDonough Power Co-operative of Macomb, Illinois provides electric power service throughout Little Swan Lake area. Necessary easements for power needs have been provided for by The Little Swan Lake Association in their Land Use Restrictions. Rates for an "all electric home" are presently 1.45 cents per kilowatt hour used.

Water Service. It will be provided to all residential lots by Little Swan Lake Water Company as soon as water is available. When a residence is constructed on a lot or other regular water use has begun, water rates will be prescribed or regulated by the Illinois Commerce Commission or a like agency. All costs of connecting a residence with a main distribution line, including a meter deposit equal to the cost of the water meter shall be paid by the Lessee.

Garbage Pick-up. Trash and garbage collection by local Contractor - once a week.

Road Maintenance. Each home site within Little Swan Lake is sold subject to an affirmative covenant requiring a payment of \$35.00 a year into a community fund for road maintenance and common property maintenance.

Grass and Brush Mowing. In order to maintain a well-kept appearance, all Little Swan Lake lots are sold subject to the right of the Association to go onto the unimproved lots and mow down all grass, brush and weeds. The maximum charge of this service is \$20.00 per year, unless otherwise stated in the lot selection agreement.

Mail Service. The rural mail delivery route has now been extended to Little Swan Lake on a daily basis, with delivery to your own box.

Gas. LP Gas for heating and cooking service is available at Little Swan Lake. Natural gas or piped gas service is possible in the near future.

Real Property Taxes. Real Property Taxes at Little Swan Lake are quite modest. Rate of 2.914 based on a 40% ratio of assessed valuation, may vary annually.

Telephone Service. An automatic dial telephone exchange will be installed with buried cables to minimize storm interruptions of local service, by Intra State Telephone Co., with Offices in Galesburg, Illinois and Switchboard Office in Avon, Illinois.

Sewage. Installation of sewage systems must be in accordance with State and County Board of Health.

Police and Fire Protection. At the present time, police protection of the area, comprising the Swan Lake Corporation, is provided by the Sheriff of Warren County. It is the definite policy, for the future of the Corporation, that they will employ a policeman for the protection of the area for itself, who will be deputized to the Sheriff of Warren County. Fire protection would be under the jurisdiction of Avon Fire Protection District. Under the Illinois Inspection rules, they are an "A" Fire Protection District. They have very adequate equipment and have many experienced volunteer personnel. They enjoy a very good reputation, in the area, as giving the public good service in the way of fire protection. This protection will be furthered by the large availability of water to those people who build at Swan Lake.

Insurance Protection. Insurance Protection that would be available to people who come to Swan Lake, the usual advice is for the carrying of a package plan of coverage, which is provided in the Homeowners package, particularly available for those who make their permanent home at the lake, and who build homes in the area of \$8000 or more. For instance, at the lake in a home that approximates the necessity for \$15,000 of building protection, with \$6000 of contents along with \$3000 of living expenses, \$25,000 of personal liability with voluntary medical of \$500, an annual rate might approximate \$90.00 a year. The \$90 figure, at this time, evaluates the policy to be a full protection contract.

This cost would be downward in accordance with the use of a deductible plan and the deletion of some of the coverages that some people desire, and others from the standpoint of cost would not desire. The summer cottage cost of insurance protection in the amount of \$5000 coverage, might cost in the neighborhood of \$36.00 a year. This coverage is only available with a \$50.00 deductible setup.

A personal liability policy might run in the neighborhood of \$15.00 a year, which makes the insurance coverage of some \$50.00 a year, at this time a recognized cost for adequate insurance protection. A Homeowners normally includes theft coverage, which in the case of seasonal small cottages, would have to be bought under a separate insurance contract.

Boat insurance is one that is a little difficult to estimate, from year to year, but under a good all coverage contract, normally can be purchased in the neighborhood of a 4% per annum on the basis of evaluation. Liability insurance for boats, under 26 feet is normally provided by your homeowners or comprehensive personal liability coverages afforded elsewhere to most insurance holders.

Medical Services. Medical services, for the area, are very comprehensive. About 4 miles, from the area, is a modern hospital, properly staffed, and 2 doctors available to the hospital in Avon, Illinois. Doctors are available from Roseville and Bushnell, Illinois, both being in a radius of ten miles. Avon is also serviced by a Nursing Home for the elderly. Ambulance service is provided from Avon and Roseville, both by the same Firm.

Schools. Little Swan Lake area is part of the Avon Community Unit District, which provides educational facilities from Grades 1 through 12. Avon is now completing a new building for the education of students from 1 through 6. In 1950, a High School was built for Grades 9 through 12; 1960 the Junior High, or 7 through 8 was built as an addition to the High School Building. Avon offers a very modern and up to date school facility. Bus service is provided to the area. Three schools, for higher education, are in a radius of 25 miles, namely, Monmouth College, Knox College and Western University.

Marina and Dock Facilities. A marina will be operated on Little Swan Lake. This well-equipped small boat marina will have floating docks and a concrete ramp.

Future Club Building and Club Operations. The Association is now engaged in the design and planning, and will later formulate plans for construction of a Beach and Golf Club, to be built on the Lake adjacent to the golf course.

Membership in clubs to be operated by the Association will be optional for Little Swan Lake property owners, and the Association cannot assess in any way Little Swan Lake property owners for the costs of these clubs, with memberships being purely voluntary.

It is contemplated that the clubs will have both resident and non-resident memberships, with the non-resident memberships being open to selected families not owning Little Swan Lake property, as well as Little Swan Lake Property owners.

Groceries and Supplies. Groceries and supplies are basically provided by the Communities of Avon, Roseville and Bushnell, all within ten miles from Little Swan Lake. Those wanting a larger selection, might try Galesburg, Monmouth or Peoria.

Churches. Little Swan Lake area is serviced by Avon, Roseville, Raritan, St. Augustine and Prairie City. In Avon, there is a Methodist Church, and a Federated Church, a union of the Universalist Unitarian and Congregational denominations. Those of Catholic faith, will find a church in Raritan and in St. Augustine. Roseville has a Methodist and a Christian Church, and Prairie City has a Methodist and Presbyterian.

Public Transportation. Galesburg is approximately twenty-five miles from Little Swan Lake, and Ozark Airlines services the Galesburg Airport. Rail service, out of Galesburg, is excellent, as it is serviced by the CB & Q RR and the Santa Fe RR.

Little Swan Lake is within four miles by blacktop to State Route 41, going North and South, seven miles by blacktop to U S Route 67 going North and South, four miles by blacktop to State Route 116 going East and West, and six miles, by blacktop to State Route 9 going East and West. Interstate 74 is twenty-five miles away.

All owners of Little Swan Lake residential lots who leased their lots directly from the Association, and who are not in violation of any of the covenants or their contractual agreements with Little Swan Lake are eligible for membership in the Club organizations, on payment of the established fees and charges.

The Little Swan Lake Association reserves the right to operate these clubs, if this method proves to be the most practical and reasonable way to accomplish the desired goals of the clubs.

One of the primary goals in the design and operation of these clubs is to enhance the recreational facilities available to Little Swan Lake property owners, provide suitable club facilities for year-round use, and in general add to the attractiveness of Little Swan Lake as a four-season residential and vacation area.

Building Code - "A" Type Dwellings.

1. One story dwellings shall have a minimum of 1000 square feet of building area on the main floor. Garages and porches are not considered living area.
2. Two story dwellings shall have a minimum of 850 square feet of living area on the main floor, without considering garages and porches, and second floor a minimum of 300 square feet.
3. Construction of the exterior of a dwelling may be of brick, stone, wood-siding, steel, structural glass, fiber glass, plastics, concrete blocks, glazed building tile, building tile, (provided they are stuccoed when completed) and aluminum. (This does not include sheet aluminum or sheet steel). All manufactured sidings are acceptable except roll goods or imitations on backer boards.
4. Construction of all windows or window openings shall be of standard window construction. Board or batten windows are not allowed. Porches, if enclosed, shall be of standard construction.
5. All foundations below living area, or any porch that extends less than six feet above the ground level, must be enclosed.
6. Maximum height of any roof shall be no more than 30 feet above ground level on the highest elevation of the dwelling. All roofs of less than 2 on 12 pitch, must be covered with a built-up roof consisting of asphalt, rock, gravel, coral, wood shingles, aluminum, fiber glass, or structural glass. Single ply roll roofing will not be approved on any pitched roof.
7. All chimneys must be of standard construction.
8. Any type of heating is approved except coal furnaces or stoves.
9. No porch or projection of any building shall extend nearer than 40 feet from any road right of way; or nearer than 25 feet from the side property line of any abutting property owner; nor nearer than 25 feet from the rear line of any lot; unless topography conditions would warrant consideration by the Building Committee for variance.
10. Sewage systems will be required on all property, when building is completed. Overflow from septic tanks or grease traps must run into a lateral field or seepage pit. Lateral fields or grease pits shall be located no closer than 60 feet from the surveyed shore line, unless by approval of the Lake Association, and must meet all State Department of Public Health requirements.
11. Garages may not be constructed until residence is under construction. All garage construction must comply with Section 3 of this Building Code.

12. Shrubberty, fences, or trees shall not extend on property lines beyond the front of the dwelling, except by permission in writing, from the Lake Association. This shall not apply to shrubberty and trees already growing on said property at the time the lease is issued.
13. A building permit must be secured from the Lake Association before construction of a dwelling begins. Before a building permit can be secured, the applicant must submit detailed plans for the proposed dwelling, together with an inspection fee of \$20.00. All buildings must be completed on the exterior, within a period of twelve months from the beginning of construction.

"C" Type Dwellings.

1. Cottages shall have a minimum of 600 square feet of living area on the main floor. Garages and porches are not considered part of the living area.
2. All other rules and regulations shall conform with the building code pertaining to construction of permanent dwellings.

Boat Houses. No Boat House is to extend beyond the surveyed shore line. The roof line is not to exceed 8 feet above the surveyed shore line. A three foot open railing will be the maximum allowable above the roof line for a sun deck. All boat dock construction is to conform with Sections 3 and 6. Inspection fee for Boat Houses will be \$5.00.

Boat Docks. Boat Docks will not be built to exceed 4 feet above the water line. Docks must be parallel with the surveyed shore line when there is less than 150 feet of water from shore to shore. If the channel exceeds 150 feet from shore to shore, dock may extend no more than 20 feet from the shore line. Inspection fee for Boat Docks will be \$2.00.

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Disappointed and unhappy, Henry, Jr., met some of his friends who were on their way to Nashville, Tennessee, to enter Meharry Medical College. They persuaded him to go with them. He did and enrolled in the School of Dentistry; however, he soon realized that medicine was his calling and changed to the School of Medicine at Meharry, finishing in 1923 in the top ten of his class. He and three others in his class were chosen to travel to Mississippi to take that state's State Board of Medicine Examination—at that time no black had passed Mississippi's State Board in many years—and they all passed.

Henry had to wait his turn for an internship at the time because there were only three hospitals where blacks could take internships—Hubbard Hospital in Nashville, Freedman Hospital in Washington, D.C., and Homer G. Phillips in St. Louis, Missouri. The waiting list included students from the previous year.

On May 27, 1923, Henry married Ona Robinson and travelled to Chicago where he took and passed the Illinois State Board. He then went to Vicksburg, Mississippi, to practice medicine—still waiting for his internship—and then became Alcorn College's school physician until he received his internship appointment to Homer G. Phillips Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1925.

(Ed. Note: Hiram R. Revels, who became the first black United States Senator, was the founding president of Alcorn A & M, according to his autobiographical manuscript published in "Voices of the Prairie Land." Mr. Revels obtained part of his education at Knox College and lived in Galesburg for a period of time before the Civil War.)

Henry Bond, Jr., then went to Louisville, Kentucky, to become head of the then segregated unit of Waverly Hills Tuberculosis Sanitarium. He departed from Louisville in 1928, to become the only black doctor in Harlan County, Kentucky. He remained there until 1936, when he came to Galesburg, Illinois and practiced medicine here until his death in July of 1961.

While in Galesburg in 1937-38, he conducted a Health Clinic for Pre-school children in the basement of the Central Congregational Church under the auspices of the W.P.A.

He was the father of four children. The eldest daughter died in infancy and the older son, Charles, died of wounds in 1945, while serving in the United States Navy. Leslie F. Bond graduated from Galesburg High School in the Class of 1944, from the University of Illinois and from Meharry Medical College. He is now a physician and surgeon in St. Louis, Missouri. A daughter of Henry, Jr., is Patsy Ruth, a Knox College graduate and teacher at Allen Park school in District No. 205, Galesburg.

Six grandchildren and one great-grandchild are the youngest descendants.

Always interested in the youth, Dr. Bond always tried to keep young people in various activities in school and in the community; he always gave free medical examinations to those who needed them, so they could participate in the various activities. He always gave a great deal of encouragement and fatherly lectures.

(Editor's After Word: Reading the splendid commentary written by Patsy Berry here brings back memories of Charles, when he came home from the Navy on pass and wore his uni-

form down to the high school. He made such a marvelous appearance and I recall the greeting given him by many friends. Leslie was one of the most brilliant boys who ever went through the Galesburg school system and I am so happy that his mother is here to see Leslie carry on his father's profession. The Bond Family are truly a credit to our community. Let us hope Patsy will write for The Bugle again.)

"LITTLE SWAN" LAKE in AVON

by Jo Hartley

"Oh, it's so big" "And, beautiful!" "Manmade?" Just how big is it"

These are just a few of many questions and comments made when one first visits Little Swan Lake, located four miles west of Avon, Illinois on Route 41. Where once were fields of corn, cattle grazing and quenching their thirst from Swan Creek and a peaceful natural valley, is now beautiful Little Swan Lake—all the result of an idea conceived by one of the men who farmed part of that land.

Yes, back in 1963, as Ralph Wilkins lay in the hospital with a broken leg, he visualized a lake on his mother's farm where families could enjoy outdoor living all year long. And, so in 1964, a feasibility study was made, soil samples were taken and when 22 natural springs were found, that dream for family recreation started to become a reality. The nine families owning this rich land formed a corporation—one of which is a native of Galesburg, Lucile Gayman Watkins. Those original nine landowners, eight of which are still alive, are the active owners and stockholders in Little Swan Lake Association, Inc., and all of the financing of this lake has been done personally by these people.

The entire Little Swan Lake area has over 5700 acres of watershed, contains over 700 acres of land—250 acres of which is the lake itself. It is over 2½ miles long with approximately 11 miles of shoreline. And, the family recreation idea has proved successful as there are now over 40 permanent homes where families live with their children attending local schools, going to local churches and supporting many local community activities.

Recreation consists of excellent fishing, swimming, boating, water skiing, and picnicking in the summer. Ice skating, ice fishing and coasting are winter sport favorites. A special area has been designated as a modern campsite.

Little Swan Lake from the beginning has been private, planned and protected. Only those owning lots are entitled to the use of the lake. Planned with the idea of being a new community, it abides by building codes, restrictions and covenants on record in Warren County and, of course, is protected by the law officers of that county, and is in the Avon Fire Protection District.

In the past two years, additional recreational facilities have been added: Driftwood, which is a large, beautiful supper club, is located on the south side of the lake, high on a hill overlooking the narrow section of the lake, better known as Fisherman's Paradise. Driftwood is open to the public, and in

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addition to serving meals six days a week, is the scene of wedding receptions, banquets and private parties. From Driftwood can be seen a small part of Swan Hills Golf Course, already acclaimed by many as the most challenging and enjoyable, scenic golf course in this part of Illinois. It is also open to the public and is located adjacent to the northwest section of the lake. Land has been acquired for an additional nine holes, which will make playing at Swan Hills even more attractive to all golfers in this area.

And so, you have the past and present of Little Swan Lake.

What lies in the future?

A concrete highway will run the entire south side of the lake. Now under construction (the road is open to travel), this concrete highway will link together good roads leading to Little Swan Lake from Peoria, Galesburg, Macomb and Bushnell. Monmouth and Roseville residents are now served with good roads on the newly resurfaced Route 67.

Also, in the future, many visualize . . . a small shopping center with office spaces and unique shops, an air strip, small motel, fully developed park and picnic areas around the lake . . . and perhaps a name change! Big — Beautiful — Swan Lake!

JOHN A. ROSENE

The following article is based upon scholarly research done by the author, to complete requirements for a Master of Arts degree at Western Illinois University. The title of Mr. Rosene's thesis is "A Crisis in American Education, The Knoxville, Illinois School District—1929-1939: A Case Study."

As one considers the Great Depression, one finds that the effects on free, public education were at best demoralizing and at worst devastating. For, as the economic disorganization worsened, the needs of the young for education remained constant as textbooks and supplies were needed as well as the services of competent instructors. Add to these basic items such costs as building maintenance, and such desirable courses as vocational training, music, and home economics; the dilemma of the local school boards becomes readily apparent. How in the world could such expenses be met?

In terms of practical answers, the local school boards met the problems head on by utilizing the following alternatives:

- (1) The school term could be shortened. This was the case in Dayton, Ohio, as students there lost some forty-four weeks of school during a seven-year period in the 1930's.
- (2) Necessary building repairs were postponed or dropped entirely; this alternative was exercised all too frequently and necessary repairs were neglected.
- (3) Certain school subjects were dropped from the curricula, notably music, art, home economics and some vocational courses.

This means of belt tightening was often used in urban areas.

- (4) Salaries and wages of school personnel were reduced. Salary cuts of ten to fifteen per cent were not unusual.

To be sure, Knoxville's schools suffered during the Depression. However, the Board of Education was able to avoid for the most part these negative alternatives, as elements of the community informally banded together and met the challenges of the economic crisis. The challenges were great, but the will of the people was greater as they sought educational opportunity for their young.

The Board of Directors of the Knoxville schools took elaborate care not to shorten the academic calendar realizing that grave consequences for education lurked behind any deletion from the school calendar. On only a single occasion was the calendar shortened, but the abbreviation was not connected with the economic situation. Rather, and the following was no trifling matter in a farming community, the opening of school was in conflict with the opening of the Knox County Fair. Thus the opening of school was delayed by one week in order to afford the full attention to the community to the agricultural show. School was further delayed because of furnace problems for an additional week, but compared to other areas, the loss of time can be viewed as being minimal.

The Knoxville School District completed necessary repairs and maintenance of its facilities throughout the Depression decade. The goal of a concerted effort was realized on October 3, 1934, when voters of the community passed by a three to one margin a bond issue which authorized the construction of a new high school building.

The curriculum did not suffer as throughout the Depression new equipment was added to such class programs as cooking and manual arts, as well as periodic updating of textbooks and provisions for supplying textbooks to the indigent. In addition, the school district developed a school band, furnishing not only many instruments but uniforms as well.

The salaries and wages of school personnel were reduced at a far lesser rate than other areas. The greatest decline was a 5% cut in 1931, while other areas found similar decreases of ten to fifteen per cent not uncommon. To be sure, the personal finances of the educators were affected, but unlike other areas the professional staff was always paid.

Looking over the early history of the city of Knoxville, it is not surprising that educational opportunities were minimally affected by the economic debacle of the 1930's, as the residents had always taken great pains to provide for the education of the young. From the "Kitchen" school rooms of the earliest pioneer days to the more magnificent structure erected in 1875, Knoxville had educated its young—and this tradition was not marred by the record of the 1930's. For, Depression or not, the educational opportunities of the children were not hindered by the economy.

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Work On Little Swan Lake Is Now Under Way

Work has been under way for the past couple of weeks on a 210-acre lake, south of Greenbush in Greenbush township, that promises to surpass anything in this part of the country as a recreation center for a wide area in the south part of Warren county.

Talked about for more than three years, the lake is a privately financed enterprise which is many times the size of Young's lake near Kirkwood, in the old Tom Creek watershed, and several times larger than Lake Warren, also privately developed by the Hickory Grove Lake company, located west of U. S. Rt. No. 67, some five miles north of Monmouth.

Although plans for the lake were shaped in 1963, it wasn't until last month that actual work began on the lake where the dam is being built on a farm owned by Mrs. Ethel Wilkins, wife of Herbert Wilkins, Greenbush township supervisor and a former member of the Warren county soil and water conservation district.

When Mr. Wilkins and some of his friends conceived the idea of a lake, as a recreation project, they turned to the soil conservation district which was asked to do some preliminary engineering work to see if the project could be successfully carried out.

One of the first considerations was by the soil and water conservation board at its meeting July 9, 1963, when Hamp Long of Macomb, with the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, indicated that such a lake could be built but it was uncertain if federal funds could be used for the survey. However, at the board's meeting August 13, 1963, it was decided to ask the engineering office for a design and layout. By then the federal government had become interested in encouraging recreation and the approval was forthcoming.

However, from that time on the whole project was financed by the group of farmers themselves, and the project expanded as new ideas were introduced.

The lake has been named "Little Swan Lake", taking its name from Little Swan creek which flows into Swan creek a mile north of the dam, on the J. E. Jones place.

The dam is at the north edge of a 120 acre tract owned by Mrs. Wilkins, half a mile north of the "town hall", and west of the main part of the Wilkins place. It is in the northeast quarter of section 20, and the lake will back up over land formerly owned by John Kramer, and on to land of Mrs. Zelfa Pendarvis, and of Miles McGrew, whose places are at the west edge of Greenbush township in section 19.

The lake is being formed by constructing a 1,100 foot dam across Little Swan Creek on the Wilkins place.

The proposed lake, varying in width from 900 to 1,200 feet, will be about two miles long. It will cover parts of nine farms, whose owners have formed a corporation to construct and operate the recreation resort. The shore line will be about 10 miles around, and it is planned to sell building sites around most of this distance. Homes and cottages are expected to be erected there.

Long range plans call for the eventual construction of an 18-hole golf course on adjacent land. The lake's watershed includes 5,700 acres, but a number of springs in the area will augment the usual flow of water, and will assure a fairly constant water level, Mr. Wilkins said.

Construction on the dam is expected to be completed this fall, weather permitting. The original plans called for a lake of 150 acres, then the lake was expanded to cover 210 acres, and now Mrs. Wilkins expects it may be as large as 225 acres.

The earthen dam will be 46 feet in height, and the water's depth at the dam will be 36 feet, he reported today. The lake, when filled, will then pour into Little Swan creek through a tube and riser structure that will be placed in the earthen dam.

The firm of Carr and Hummel is building the dam, under the direction of Roger Carr, with the engineering supervisor being Don Houser of the Jacksonville firm of Cassler Associates.

Five earth-moving machines, some Alis Chalmers and some Caterpillars, are working there today, along with three "dozers" and a dragline, so dirt is really being moved at the present time.

Herbert Wilkins is president of the lake corporation; his son, Ralph Wilkins is secretary; Mrs. Lucille Watkins is treasurer; and Mrs. Zelfa Pendarvis is vice president.

Other stockholders, besides the four officers, are Everett Brookhart, Miles McGrew, John Kramer, Mrs. Ethel Wilkins, Mrs. Pearl Lincoln, and Mrs. Sigma Didlock, add with lands involved. In addition Cornell University of Ithica, New York, is involved through the fact that will eventually own the lands the Evalyn Dixon estate, now managed by Chalmer Spik of Monmouth.

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Fish stocking program of LITTLE SWAN LAKE will be completed at 2:15 p.m. Thursday, October 5, 1967 when 20,000 Channel Catfish, and 10,000 Bluegills are put in the lake.

This will mean a total of 60,000 fish have been put in LITTLE SWAN LAKE this year by the Federal Hatcheries of Muscatine, Iowa.

Everitt Brookhart, Fishing and Hunting Chairman of LITTLE SWAN LAKE said they stocked the lake with 20,000 Largemouth Bass and 10,000 Bluegills in June.

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Expect Little Swan Lake Recreational Area To Put Greenbush on Map and Keep It There

By CHARLES E. HALLAM
(Argus Farm Editor)

An idea that was born in the mind of a Warren County farmer while he was lying in a hospital bed recovering from a leg fracture has "grown" like Topsy and appears destined to put Greenbush Township on the map.

Three years ago, Ralph Wilkins conceived the idea of a lake and vast recreational area in a sprawling valley fed by a dozen springs along Little Swan Creek in the southeastern edge of Warren County.

He first interested his father, Herbert Wilkins, in the idea, and since then other farmers have joined wholeheartedly in the project that is becoming a reality at an unbelievably rapid pace.

Little Swan Lake, as the recreational area is to be known, will be the biggest of its kind anywhere in Western Illinois.

The lake itself will cover 250 acres and will be 36 feet deep at the dam with a 10-mile shoreline.

Nine farmers are involved in the project for which not one cent of federal aid funds has been sought or accepted.

"The project is entirely our own and we have taken no financial help from anyone," declares Herbert Wilkins, Greenbush Township supervisor and the man largely credited with "carrying the ball" after his son proposed the original idea.

Begun last July.

Work on the project began late last July and since then earthmovers have been crawling over the steep slopes and pushing their way through the valley to create the first outlines of what soon will be a recognizable as the lake itself.

Part of the lake bed already

is covered by a good many feet value to farmland over a wide lake near the dam, a club house, an 18-hole golf course, cooperative feeling that exists in the area.

While "promoters" of far smaller projects are waiting in the line for federal loans and grants, the nine Greenbush Township landowners are "growing" it alone, absorbing the initial costs and hoping eventually to make a profit by selling many lots surrounding the big lake.

Wilkins estimates that only about a third of the approximately 800 acres now included in the recreational site was tilable. Besides creating an area that will offer recreation to thousands of persons, the huge lake will drain a watershed of about 6,000 acres and will add

about 6,000 acres and will add a marina at the east end of the lake.

Jud Hemminger is the resident manager of the project. His lake will drain a watershed of about 6,000 acres and will add a marina at the east end of the lake.

"Grew Like Topsy" The idea of this lake just materialized in the names of the various roads and drives around the lake shore.

Many of them are to be memorialized in the names of the various roads and drives around the lake shore.

Wilkins Circle, Kramer Road, Wingate Drive, Bricker Circle and Lincoln Drive are thoroughfares that appear on the huge map of the Little Swan Lake area. All are old family names in Greenbush Township, and all recognize landowners who have added acreages to the over-all site.

Hemminger points out that Greenbush Township residents have always been noted for their community projects, like tiny but efficient Saunders Hospital that is situated at a point where three township and as many counties join corners.

Schools Get Priority Good schools have been given priority by Greenbush Township residents, says Hemminger, and the township is one of less than a half-dozen in the state that boast of including an authentic covered bridge in its geography. But in the minds of Wilkins and a good many other residents of the rural township, the new lake project dwarfs all other civic properties.

"We think this is going to put Greenbush Township on the map and keep it there," boasts the township supervisor. There is very little doubt about the accuracy of his prediction. Hemminger figures that the project will represent an eventual investment of more than \$30 million in the site itself, the lake and the houses that someday will line the twisting drives along the shore.

Of course, they agree that this is a long-range prediction. The entire development has been set up on a 10-year plan basis and the coming decade promises to be an exciting one for a good many visionary people in the Greenbush area.

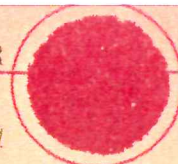


STUDY PLANS — Herbert Wilkins, left, a Greenbush Township farmer, and Jud Hemminger, manager of the Little Swan Lake project in Warren County, are shown above in the development site. "Five as they study a huge map of the proposed recreational facility. When completed, the site will include 800 acres, of which about 250 will be covered by water. The lake will be two-and-a-half miles long and about a quarter of a mile wide at its widest point. (ARGUS Photo.)



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Dear Folks:

After much planning, lots are now available on Little Swan Lake.

Because so many people, like yourself, have been interested in the development of Little Swan Lake, we took this method of getting the information to you faster.

Since we are in the pre-development stage, we are offering a pre-development discount of 10% on any lot purchased.

For an investment, for your family, for your retirement, for pleasure, for future security, invest now, while the pre-development discount is in effect.

Recreational Real Estate has a reputation for appreciation in dollar value at a faster rate than any other type of investment.

Act now, while prices are low!

Here is a basic data booklet, which should answer most of your questions.

My Office will be temporarily located in the house, across the road East of the Dam.

Cordially,

LITTLE SWAN LAKE ASSOCIATION, Inc.

By:

Jud Henninger
Manager

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enc.

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1968

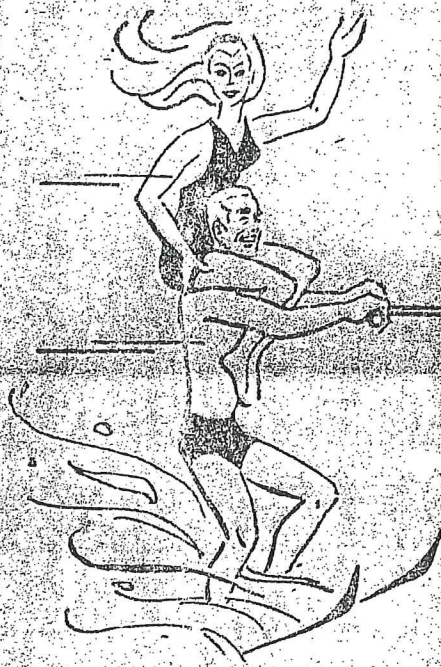
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VISIT

Little Swan Lake

Just 5 Miles West of Avon

The Perfect Spot
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To Retire...



Big 250 Acre Lake with
More Than 10 Miles of
Beautiful Shoreline

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Take Route 41 to Avon, turn right at Saunders Hospital road,
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- Boating
- Fishing
- Swimming

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- Golf Course
- Club House &
Dining Room
- Condominium

HISTORY OF LITTLE SWAN LAKE

*PRICE LIST OF AREA I & 2, SECTION I

LITTLE SWAN LAKE

1-1-67

<u>LOT #</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>LOT #</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>LOT #</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
1	\$ 3800.00	38	5500.00	75	\$ 3600.00
2	3500.00	39	6500.00	76	3000.00
3	3200.00	40	7000.00	77	5500.00
4	3000.00	41	5000.00	78	6500.00
5	2800.00	42	5000.00	79	7500.00
6	2500.00	43	5500.00	80	3600.00
7	2500.00	44	4200.00	81	4200.00
8	2500.00	45	3500.00	82	3800.00
9	2500.00	46	3200.00	83	5500.00
10	2300.00	47	3000.00	84	7000.00
11	2500.00	48	2800.00	85	7500.00
12	2800.00	49	2500.00	86	6500.00
13	3000.00	50	2500.00	87	5500.00
14	3000.00	51	2500.00	88	6000.00
15	3200.00	52	2500.00	89	3900.00
16	4000.00	53	2300.00	90	4000.00
17	4000.00	54	2300.00	91	4200.00
18	4200.00	55	2300.00	92	3300.00
19	5000.00	56	2500.00	93	4500.00
20	4000.00	57	2500.00	94	5500.00
21	4800.00	58	2500.00	95	7500.00
22	7500.00	59	3200.00	96	7500.00
23	7000.00	60	3500.00	97	7000.00
24	6500.00	61	3200.00	98	7500.00
25	6500.00	62	3500.00	99	3600.00
26	6500.00	63	3200.00	100	4000.00
27	7000.00	64	3200.00	101	3200.00
28	7200.00	65	3000.00	102	2500.00
29	7500.00	66	3500.00	103	3000.00
30	5000.00	67	3500.00	104	2500.00
31	4800.00	68	3500.00	105	2800.00
32	5000.00	69	3500.00	106	2500.00
33	6500.00	70	3600.00	107	3200.00
34	7200.00	71	3000.00	108	3000.00
35	7500.00	72	3500.00	109	2800.00
36	6000.00	73	3600.00		
37	4000.00	74	3600.00		

* SUBJECT TO CHANGE

HISTORY OF LITTLE SWAN LAKE

AREA 3 & 4, Sec. I

<u>LOT #</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>LOT #</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>LOT #</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
110	\$ 3200.00	149	\$ 3000.00	188	\$ 4500.00
111	3500.00	150	2500.00	189	4200.00
112	6500.00	151	1300.00	190	3400.00
113	4500.00	152	1800.00	191	3600.00
114	3000.00	153	1300.00	192	3400.00
115	5000.00	154	1800.00	193	3600.00
116	5000.00	155	1800.00	194	4200.00
117	3500.00	156	1800.00	195	4500.00
118	5000.00	157	3000.00	196	4000.00
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122	4000.00	161	1300.00	200	2500.00
123	4000.00	162	2800.00	201	3000.00
124	4000.00	163	1800.00	202	2500.00
125	3200.00	164	1800.00	203	2500.00
126	3500.00	165	1800.00	204	2500.00
127	6000.00	166	1800.00	205	2500.00
128	6500.00	167	2000.00	206	2500.00
129	7500.00	168	1800.00	207	2500.00
130	6000.00	169	2200.00	208	2800.00
131	3500.00	170	1800.00	209	2800.00
132	3200.00	171	2000.00	210	2800.00
133	3200.00	172	2200.00	211	2800.00
134	3000.00	173	2500.00	212	2800.00
135	5500.00	174	2800.00	213	2800.00
136	5500.00	175	4000.00	214	3000.00
137	3600.00	176	4500.00	215	3600.00
138	3200.00	177	4500.00	216	3000.00
139	3500.00	178	4200.00	217	3000.00
140	3600.00	179	4500.00	218	3000.00
141	4500.00	180	4500.00	219	3000.00
142	6000.00	181	4500.00	220	3000.00
143	4500.00	182	4500.00	221	3000.00
144	3600.00	183	4500.00	222	3000.00
145	3600.00	184	4500.00	223	3200.00
146	3600.00	185	3600.00	224	3000.00
147	3600.00	186	3600.00	225	3000.00
148	3600.00	187	4200.00	226	3000.00

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Jan 1, 1967

HISTORY OF LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB

Chronological History of Little Swan Lake Club

- 1962 Ralph Wilkins suffers a broken leg, while recuperating he envisions a lake development around his farm.

Adjacent farm owners were consulted about the feasibility of this sort of venture. They included Zelpha Pendarvis, Everett and Wilma Brookhart, Pearl Lincoln, Lee and Lucille Watkins, John and Ruth Kramer, Chalmer Spiker, Herbert and Ethel Wilkins, Ralph and Arlene Wilkins of Avon, Miles and Maribel McGrew of Walnut Grove, and Signa Didlock of Bushnell. They formed a corporation called "Little Swan Lake Association" with Herb Wilkins as president; Ralph Wilkins as secretary and Lucille Watkins as treasurer

- 1963 A Farm and Home Administration Loan was applied for and approved under President Kennedy's recreation program for rural communities. A feasibility study was made. Soil samples were collected. There were 22 known springs and 5,700 acres of watershed. Associated Engineers, Inc. 505 W. Nebraska Ave. , Peoria, Il prepared the ultimate layout work on roads, lots, collector streets and community water services. Herbert Wilkins was elected President of the Little Swan Lake Assoc. Originally lots were to be leased for 99 years but loan requirements required ownership so the original lot application was revised.

- 1966 Jud Henninger was hired as manager until Spring of 1969 to develop planning and programming.

July 1966 Construction was started on dam by Carr and Hummell of Bushnell, Il

This was engineered by Cassler and Associates of Jacksonville, Il. The dam is 46' high, 1100 ft. long , and 500 ft. wide at the base. The water's depth is 36'. See photo's.

- 1967 Dam was completed and roads were being constructed. Refer to newspaper clippings regarding costs. Section I was platted, this included Lots 1-116.

- 1967 April 1, first lot sold. They planned 555 lots which were divided into 5 sections in 650 acres of land.

HISTORY OF LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB

- 1967 Basic Data of Little Swan Lake was developed, see copy.**
- 1967 The Little Swan Lake Club was Incorporated.**
- 1968 Section II was platted. This included lots 227-282.**
- 1969 Section III, this included lots 284-347 and outlot Z was platted. Jud Henninger resigned . Ralph Harmon was hired as manager of Little Swan Lake Association. Little Swan Lake Club met, Maribel McGrew President. It continues to meet monthly, see annual meeting minutes.**
- 1970 "The Little Swan Lake Signal Newsletter" was sent Quarterly to each lot owner. Jo Hartley, secretary, at the sales office developed this. See copies.**
- 1970 Driftwood Supper Club was constructed by Harlan Hummel, Bushnell, II See photos.**
- 1970—71 Sections IV, lots 348 through 527 and Section V, lots 528 through 582 were platted.**
- 1971 Swan Hills Golf Course started, see photos and info enclosed.**
- 1973 Concrete Highway completed into Avon, see photos**
- 1974 Ellsworth Stohler was hired to promote sales. The Holiday Queen, a large cruise boat toured potential buyers around the lake. He was assisted by Jerry Troutman and Ron Pelkington, sales. See photo**
- 1975 Driftwood closed, no longer managed by the Little Swan Lake Assoc. It reopened under new owners. See Driftwood Chapter. The administration building was sold, lot 227.**
- 1976 Little Swan Lake Association declared Chapter 11. Remainder of the unsold lots, wells and all out lots were conveyed to Little Swan Lake Club.**
- 1977 The Little Swan Lake Journal was published. See copies. They Contain photos of early and current residents of the lake. Elsworth Stohler departed.**
- 1978 Water lines were installed, see photos.**

HISTORY OF LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB

- 1984 The Ladies of the Lake were organized by Kate Weghorst Lee Theinert, Dottie Chick and Bertha Cook. Initially they met monthly and visited local places of interest. The Carthage Teddy Bear Museum, Sciota Tea Room, Monmouth Pottery, Roseville Tea Room, Bishop Hill and Macomb Pottery were included. The Ladies of the Lake meet the first Wednesday September through May for a potluck lunch and games. They have formed a Welcome Wagon to greet newcomers.
- 1987 The Little Swan Lake Pavilion, constructed by Anderson Bldg., Avon, Il was built on the east side of the dam and enjoyed by residents. The men meet for coffee every Tuesday and Thursday mornings.
- 1988 The first Annual Little Swan Lake neighborhood garage sale held and it continues every May. It is well attended. Refer to a copy of the invitation, 2001.
- 1989 An addition to the Little Swan Lake Pavilion was constructed by volunteers Lyle & Vern Chick, Don Kahn, Ray Ledford, Jack Lillie, Jim Magner, Jim McCone, John Mowery, Floyd Ryberg, Cleo Smith, Chet Underwood, Gene Way, Curt Westfall and Al Wilson. Lake residents may rent the pavilion without charge. Non-residents may rent it for \$25.00.
- 1990 The Ladies of the Lake provided a Christmas breakfast for the Men's coffee group at the clubhouse. This continued until 1996. In 1991-96 the men returned the favor and hosted the Ladies of the Lake at local restaurants for breakfast. Those attending were Del Meachum, Bill & Betty Kepple, Jack & Barb Long, Jim McCone and wife, Al & Arbutus Wilson, Vern & Dottie Chick, Jim & Jackie Magnire, Ray & Jane Ledford, Norm & Corrine Parr, Phil & Betty Haymaker, Pat & Kate Kruzan, Don & Marianne Kahn, Kurt and Virginia Westfall, Chet & Betty Underwood, Gene & Ruby Way and John Mowrey. They traveled to Roseville, Avon, and Macomb.
- 1995 First annual fishing derby for ages 2 through 15 was started for children of lake residents. Approximately 50 children participate. The Little Swan Lake Club and Ladies of the Lake donate funds for prizes, breakfast and lunch. Residents volunteer their assistance and we enjoy watching the event. This occurred every June for 6 years. Please refer to a copy of the Publicity.

HISTORY OF LITTLE SWAN LAKE

2002 A new well and 100,000 gallon elevated water storage tank have been completed. A total of 142 homes are billed for water. Please refer to page 44 regarding the water tower..

2002 An Adult Fishing Derby was held and 14 members and their guests participated.

2002 The Little Swan Lake Board continues to oversee management of The lake. Eleven dedicated volunteers meet the first Monday evening of every month. Please refer to the Annual Meeting minutes chapter. The initial minutes are dated 1969. The Basic Data rules are constantly under review and are updated when necessary.

There is a weekly news article published in local newspapers.

Ongoing projects include maintenance of shorelines and roads, siltation control, snow removal, mowing, supervision of any construction, patrolling of the lake, boat review, campground supervision, membership updating and collection of dues. Please refer to the annual meeting minutes.

There are cuently 431 lot owners out of 579 lots, 133 homes, 5 8 Leases of lots and 28 campers in the campgrounds. There are 365 Boat owners.

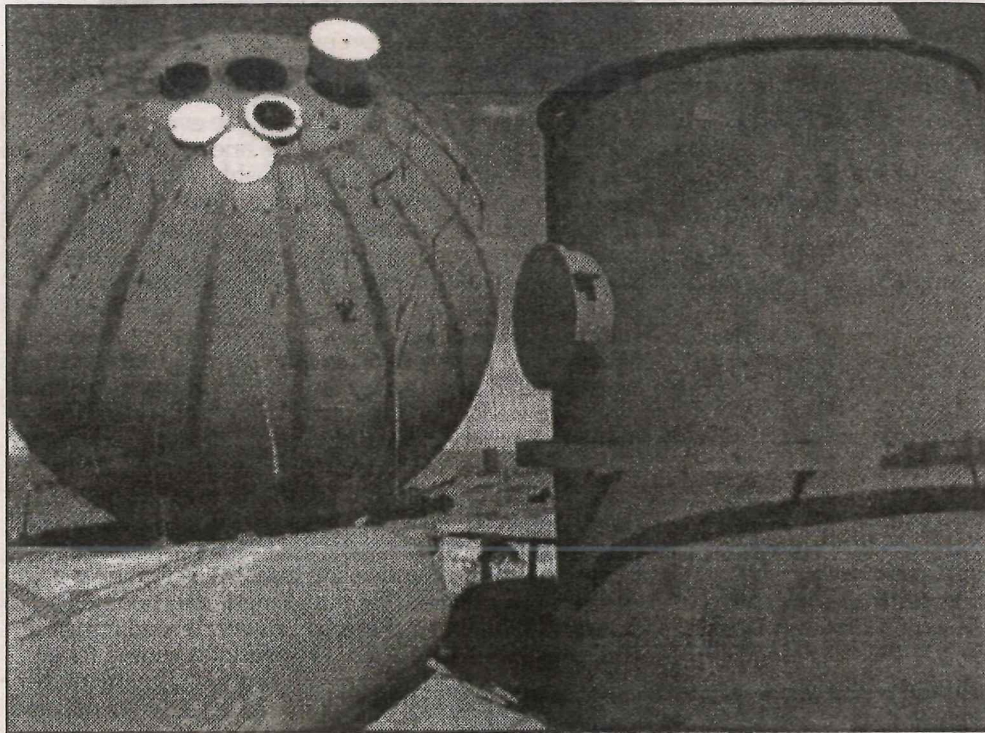
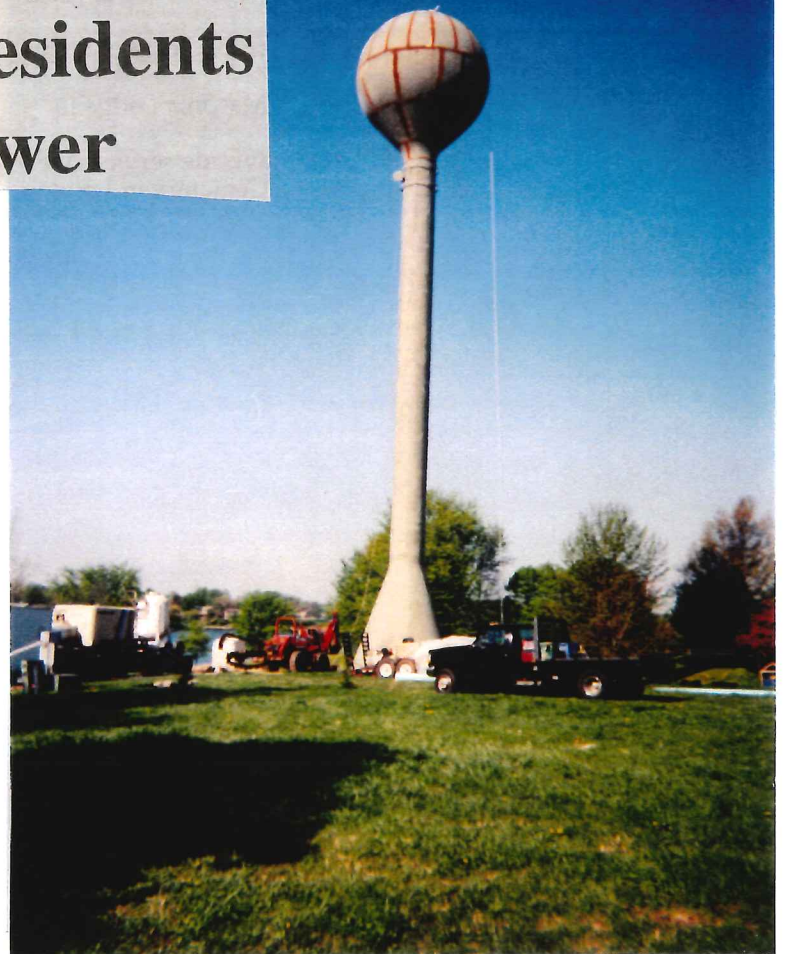


Photo by Bob VerSteeg

A top view of the Little Swan Lake Water tower on the ground

Little Swan Lake residents enjoy new water tower

By DEB FOWLKS
Editor



Rising high above Little Swan Lake and visible for miles around is the recently constructed baby blue 100,000 gallon elevated water storage tank. The project was made possible in part through a \$600,000 low-interest loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Office. The loan carries a 4.5 percent interest rate over a period of 20 years.

Prior to that, the one hundred plus residents of Little Swan Lake relied on a community distribution and recovery system, which, according to Bob VerSteeg of the Little Swan Lake Sanitary District, was little more than an oversized farm system. Farmers use water pumps similar to the two-pump water system once used at the lake which had two storage tanks. One was a 15,000 gallon tank while the other tank held 35,000 gallons.

With a steady flow of continued growth at the two-mile subdivision it was a concern whether or not the water system would be able to continue to support its residents' needs.

VerSteeg said things were brought to a head when the EPA stepped in about four years ago. "The project really came in to focus when the EPA told the water district that we had reached the capacity on the system. We knew it was time to act."

With that thought in mind, members of the Little Swan Lake Sanitary District began to plan for the future.

Initially, the support for the project had to be secured from the residents at the lake followed by arranging the financing for the project. They hoped a grant would be secured to fund all or at least part of the project. When it was learned a grant would not be possible, other avenues for financing were pursued including contacting government agencies for loans. VerSteeg said the late Jack Lillie, who was the Sanitary District Secretary at the time, was instrumental in working with the loan program.

The engineering company hired by the lake, Bruner, Cooper & Zuck, came up with the \$600,000 water tower estimate after doing a preliminary study. The amount of the loan included the cost of the tower, minor piping changes in the existing yard, legal advice, engineering and construction. Albrecht Drilling Company was involved with the construction of the tower while Hillyer Construction from Macomb laid the new mains from the well to the tower. Caldwell Tank Company handled the painting of the tower.

While water meters were once a part of the ground system at Little Swan Lake, VerSteeg said the expense of maintenance, recalibrating and reading the water meters got beyond being eco-

nomically sound so water meters are not currently used. Residents at the lake pay a flat fee of \$20 per month for their water.

Taking the availability of water for granted is not a wise endeavor. VerSteeg said, "People don't appreciate water. They take it as an every day thing like air. We're finding in all of our communities now that that's not true. Avon has had their problems. Knoxville has had their problems. Monmouth has had their problems. This project has been very important to us and we hope the decisions we made, to construct new wells and build the new tower, will service our community very adequately with quality water for years to come."

Bob VerSteeg said having a water tower at Swan Lake provides the residents with many benefits, "Right now it will

Water tower

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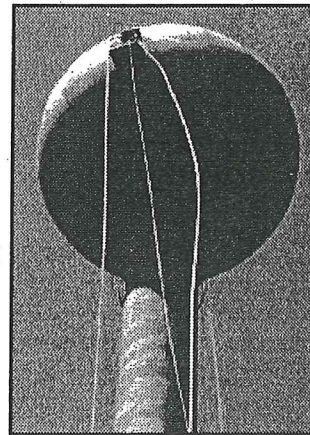


Photo by Don Christopher

The painter of the water tower applying the undercoat.



Thursday, July 25, 2002

Avon Sent

Water tower

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provide us with a day and a half to two days supply of water, which we never had before. In the old system when the electricity went down, the pumps went down and we had no reserved storage and no way to pressurize what we did have, so the system went down. With a water tower, even though the wells may go down temporarily or the electricity may go off temporarily, it will maintain an even pressure throughout the system. There won't be a lot of fluctuation. This was not possible before. We'll also have a more even chlorination program where the chlorination in the system won't fluctuate. That certainly will be an

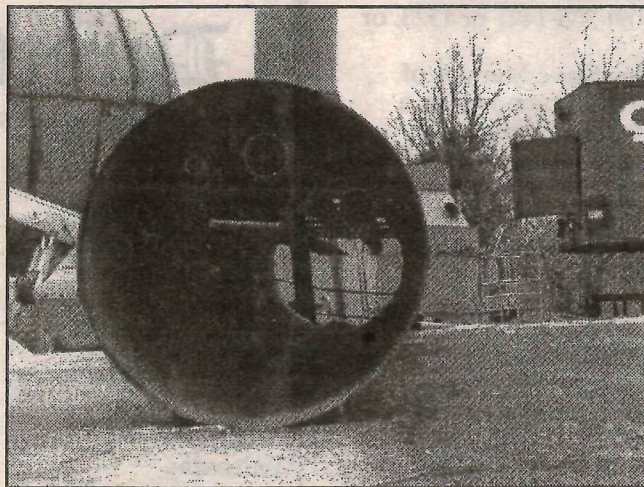


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An inside view of the water tower.

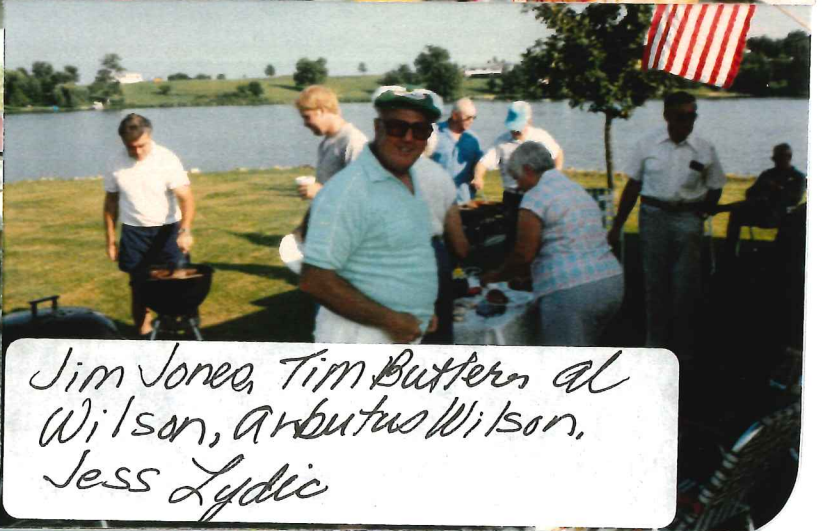
improvement for us."

Eventually, the painting of a swan on the tower is anticipated.

Trustees of the Little Swan Lake Sanitary

District are: Virginia McKinley-Secretary/Treasurer, Kenny Batson-Superintendent and Bob VerSteeg-President.

Family BBQ
 Lot DD Aug 10, 1986
 Betty Kessler, Kate Kruzan, Kat Wegh



Jim Jones, Tim Butters, al
 Wilson, Arbutus Wilson,
 Jess Lydic

Chet Underwood, Pat
 Kruzan, Irma Smith, Jess
 Lydic, Arbutus W., Betty U.





Marianne Kahn

Jack Wink



Don Kahn

Don Kahn

Louie Bond Betty Hoffmeyer
Kate Krueger Betty Kessler



Dorothy

Laurie Chick









Mens Coffee Group



Chet Underwood, Vern Chick,
Bob Versteeg, Don Kahn, Geneley
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Al Wilson, Bob Versteeg,
Don Kahn



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NEIGHBOR
Ray Ledford



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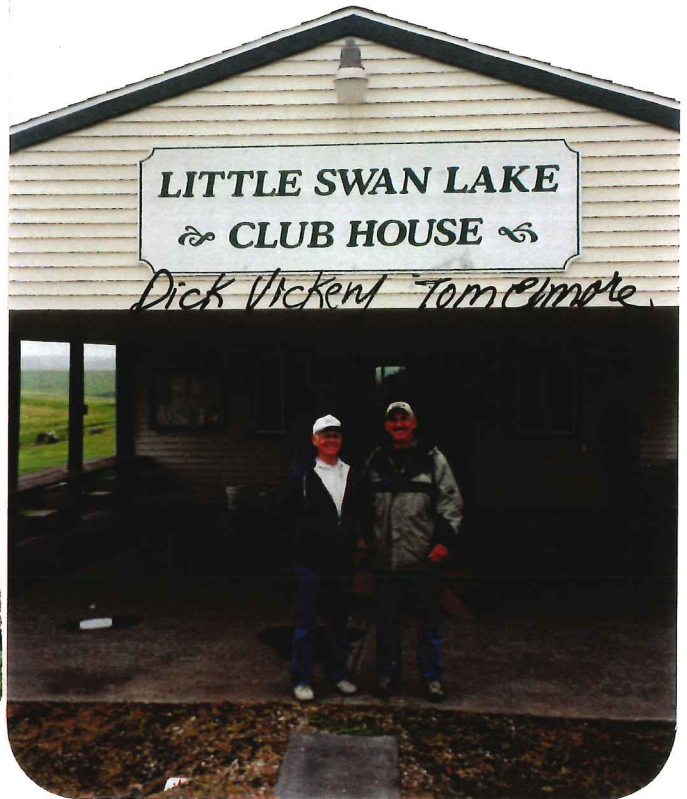
2002 Fishing Derby

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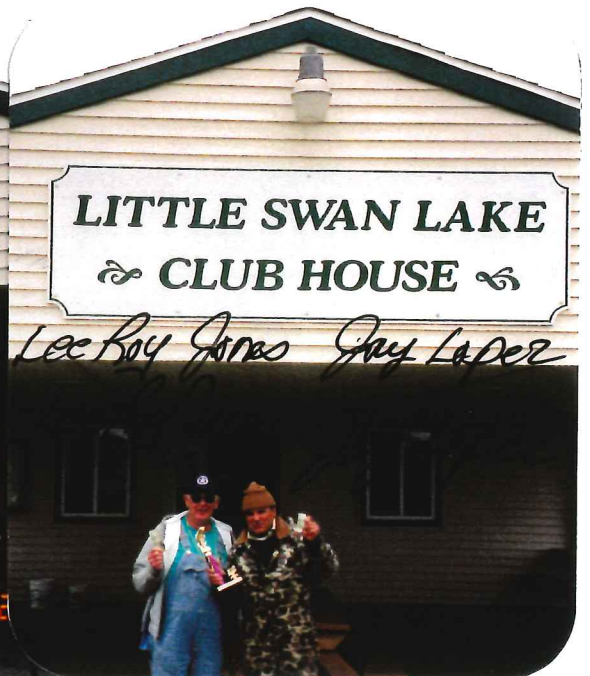
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HISTORY OF LITTLE SWAN LAKE

Enforcement of Safety Rules and Accidental Deaths

An identifiable, salaried, lake patrolman was hired in Oct of 1972 in response to the request of the members who attended the Little Swan Lake Annual Meeting. The hours are part time but rotate and fluctuate.

Please refer to the Little Swan Lake Rules and Regulations, page 10 for the rules regarding swimming, boating, and winter sport rules.

Several persons have been hired over the years, Herman Lucht, Pat Kruzan, Irv Wallace, Boob Revere, Al Wilson, Jamie Jones, Jim Dillard, Don Kahn and currently Gary Miller and Joe Russell..

We thank them all.

Unfortunately, there have been 5 accidental deaths at Little Swan Lake. They were:

George Barrett, age 21, August 15, 1968

Liberty Jane Modglin, age 50, May 2, 1969

Carl Clovis, age 34, July 4, 1976

Lori Ann Wernsman, age 11, July 18, 1983

Mark Alan Weaver, age 17, Peoria, Il Aug. 21, 1994

These accidents are very traumatic to all the families and friends remaining and to those who attempt to assist. We do appreciate our patrolman's presence and each persons diligence to be alert to any problems.

the Little Swan SIGNAL

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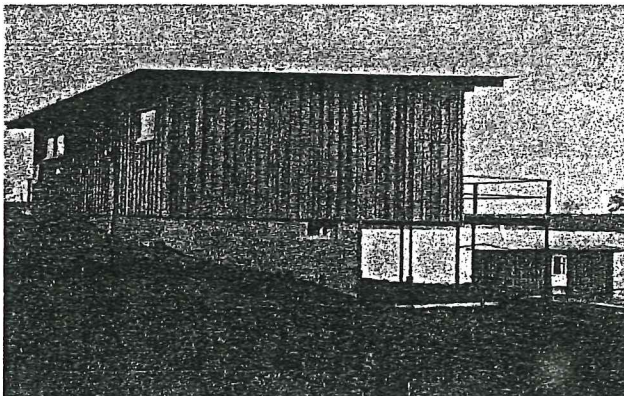
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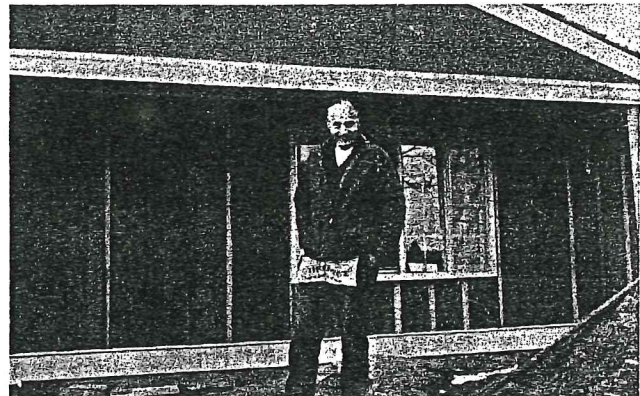
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SPRING ARRIVES AT LSL!!!

A sure sign of spring is the building in progress at Little Swan Lake. In a contest of which side of the lake has the most houses, the south side is winning . . . to date. What about you northerners?? Get your plans . . . permit . . . and proceed!



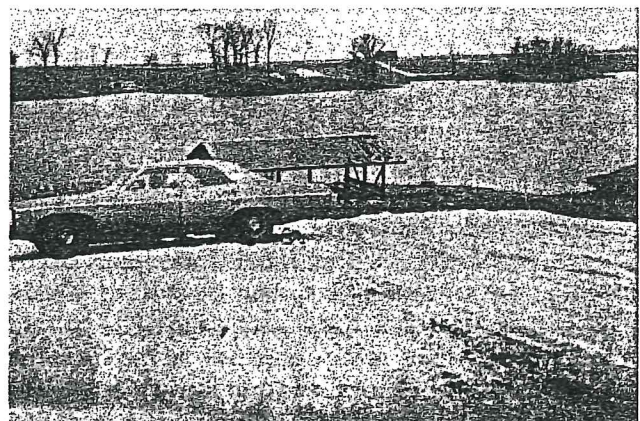
Bob & Millie Herath's lakeside home is about finished, so they hope, as avid fishermen hate to handle paint brushes when the fish start biting. Herath's are Peoria residents. Lot 127



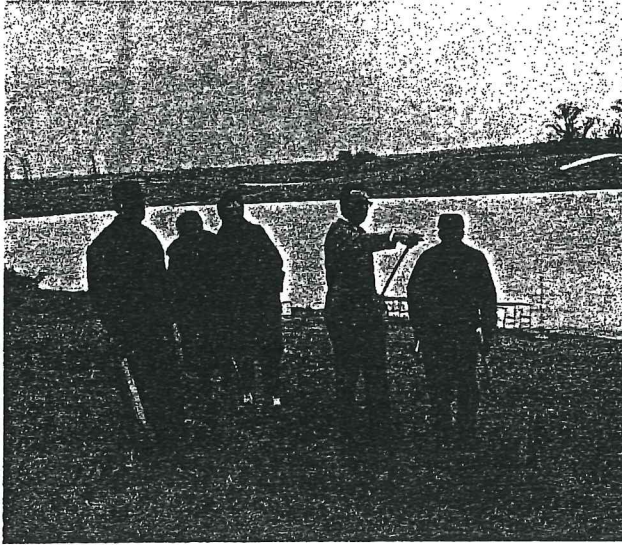
Marv & Opal Oyer, who have been occupying the Hartley home this winter, hope to move in their own home in June. Above, Marv proves he's a builder! Lot 34



Earth moving begins at the Wm. Wright home. The Wright's are also from Peoria and are anxiously awaiting actual construction. Above: Bill — on the right end of a shovel to keep that digging going. Lot 38.

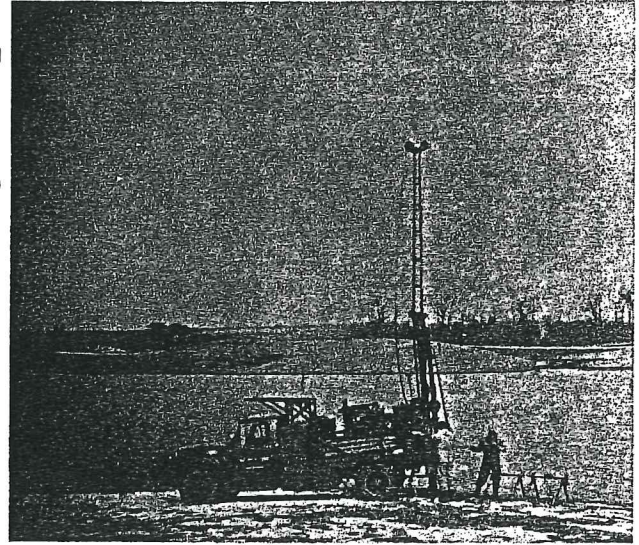


Graveled parking lots are finished on Outlots M, N, and D. Shelters on additional outlots will begin when weather permits.



Above:

Karl Rauschert, Architect for the clubhouse, explains the site planning to members of LSL Association. Left to right: E. Brookhart, Z. Pendarvis, L. Watkins & H. Wilkins.



Above:

Subsoil test borings were made last week by Whitney & Assoc., Peoria, Ill. Clubhouse construction begins April 1, as scheduled.



Your LSL Club committees have been busy! The Hunting-Fishing Committee and newly organized Camping Committee met on Saturday afternoon, March 14, and the Swimming-Boating Committee met Sunday, March 15. New rules were adopted by the Camping Committee, and revised rules for 1970 for the established committees are being printed and will be mailed to each lot owner.



PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS!

The *people* numbered over 125 at the March Food 'N Fund Nite. The *places* were where they ate! Every nook and cranny in the Administration Building was filled with people and food! The *things* consisted of the most food and largest variety any one had ever seen or sniffed. Desks, end tables, and the floor were made use of, and then part of the group enjoyed a movie while others visited. Thanks to the Laverdiere's who were chairmen, and to Gary Senn, State Fish Biologist, who showed the film. Next Food 'N Fun Nite — April 12.

DO YOU KNOW?

Everyone automatically belongs to Little Swan Lake Club when he purchases a lot. Dues will be used to maintain roads, the Clubhouse, camping area and outlots when completed and dedicated to Little Swan Lake Club.

DO YOU KNOW?

Dues are \$35, per lot, per year. Fiscal year is from July 1 to June 30 and should be paid by August 1. Unpaid dues appear as a lien on the property. In order to use the lake, dues must be kept current.

DO YOU KNOW?

1968-69..... 13 dues unpaid
1969-70..... 109 dues unpaid
1970-71..... 5 paid in advance!

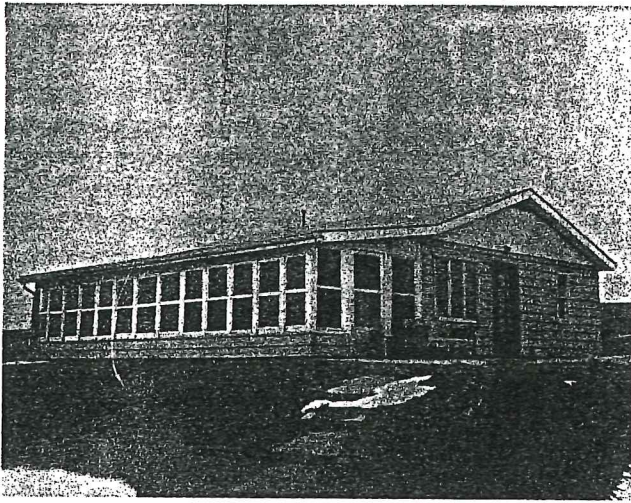
DO YOU KNOW?

Somebody paid dues in cash! We have no record. If your lot appears on the unpaid list, notify the treasurer.

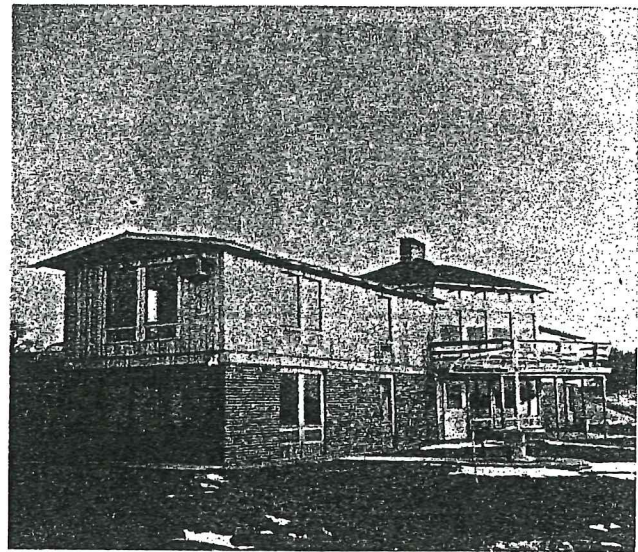
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Mary Askins
Rt. 2, Little Swan Lake
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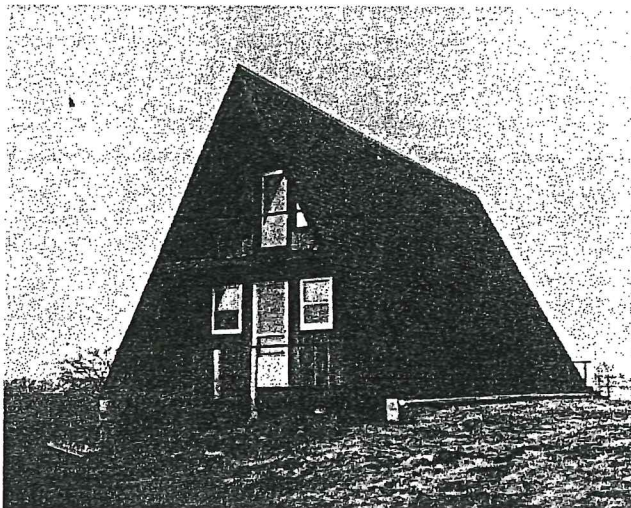
The list of unpaid dues will be published by number in May.



Building permit No. 5 was issued to Lonny and Martha Hickenbottom. It is the pink cottage on the north side of the lake. You are seeing it from the lake side.



Permit No. 6 was issued to Jud and Teresa Henninger for their home located at the east edge of the lake. In May, 1969, the Lake Association purchased this building and it is now known as the Administration Building. The upper level contains the manager's and secretary's offices, and a restroom to the north. The center and south wing is a separate apartment. The lower level was decorated last summer and is used frequently for meetings and parties, our winter Food 'n Fun Nites, and in the summer the four rooms are available for the sales staff. A new entrance was made on the north side making it more convenient for interested people to obtain information. When the summer season is in full swing, this building is the center of many activities as members enjoy visiting under the cabanas, sharing a soft drink on the west patio, watching skiers go by, fishing off the piers at the Marina to the north and docking all kinds of boats. Future plans for this building include improvements to the exterior and surrounding grounds. This building will continue to be used for such occasions after the Clubhouse is built.



Permit No. 7 was issued to Don & Betty Kessler of Bushnell. This is the first A-frame home to be constructed and is located on the hillside on the west edge of Bricker Circle.



Permit No. 8 was issued to the C. E. Hartleys and this permanent home is located on Oak Lane, Lot 83. It has been rented this winter, but is now for sale. Details are available at the office.



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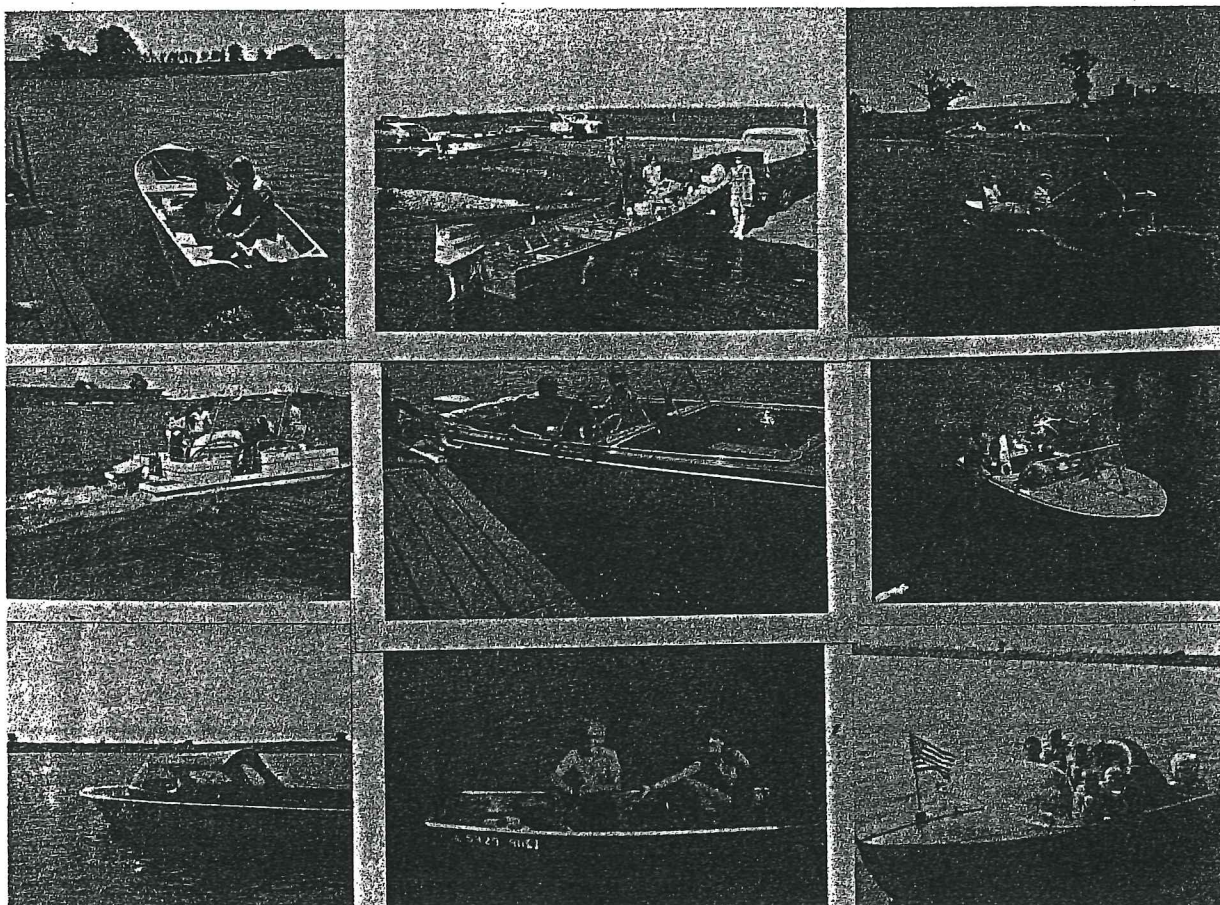
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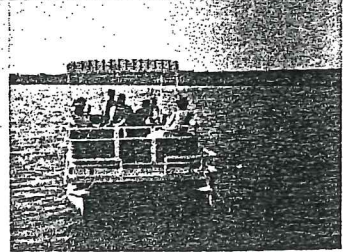
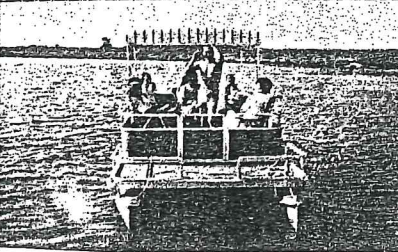
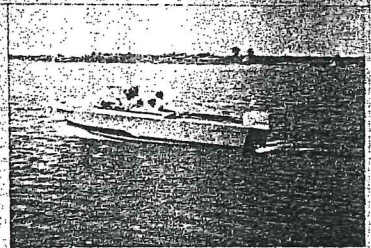
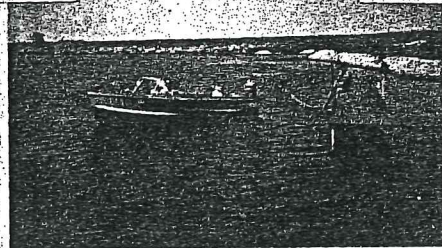
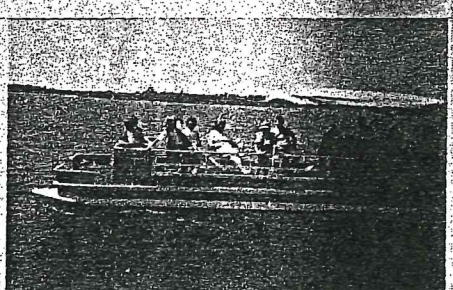
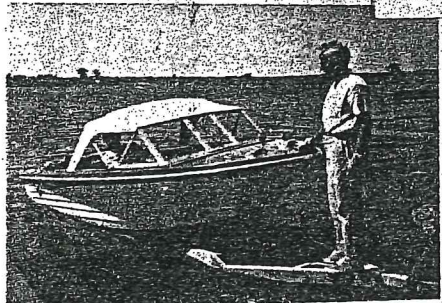
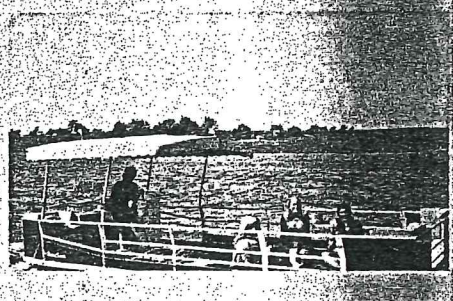
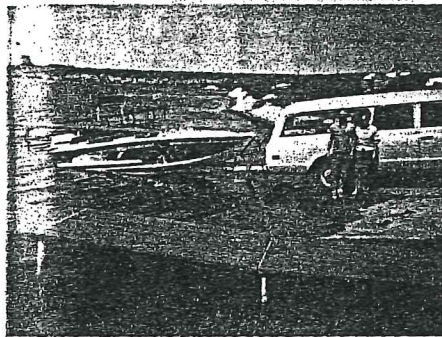
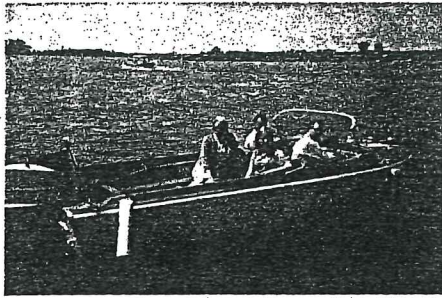
BOATING PROVES TO BE A POPULAR SPORT AT LSL

Boat — (bot) n. a small vessel or watercraft, generally undecked, moved by oars, or sails, or small motor; v.t. to carry in a boat; v.i. to row or sail about in a boat; an outdoor activity enjoyed by all ages when the boat is docked at Little Swan Lake! We promised you boat pictures in the

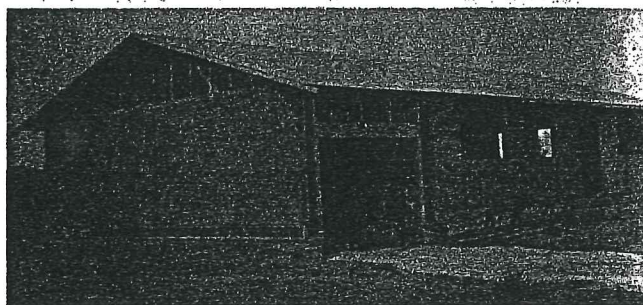
August issue of The Signal. The following pictures were all taken on Sunday afternoon, August 23, within a period of four hours. If your boat is not pictured here, stop by next time you are out enjoying Little Swan Lake so that it may appear in a future "Signal".



BOATS, BOATS AND MORE BOATS!



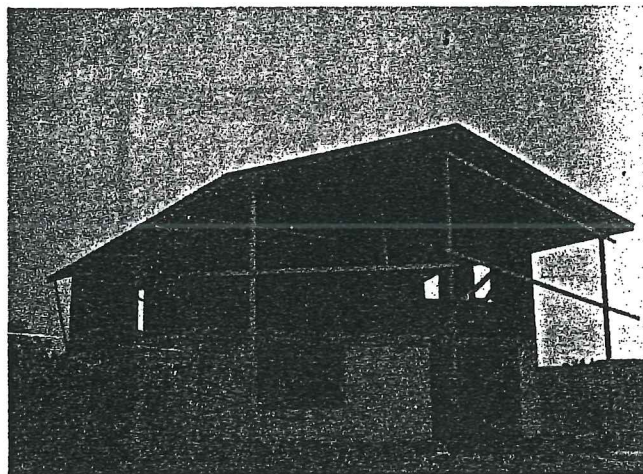
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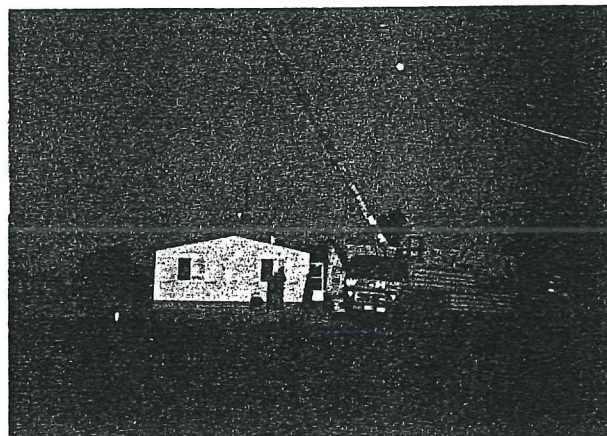
Carl Caylor, Lot No. 57



Gerald Roberts, Lot No. 343



Melvin Crayton, Lot No. 21



Orval Ulry, Lot No. 67

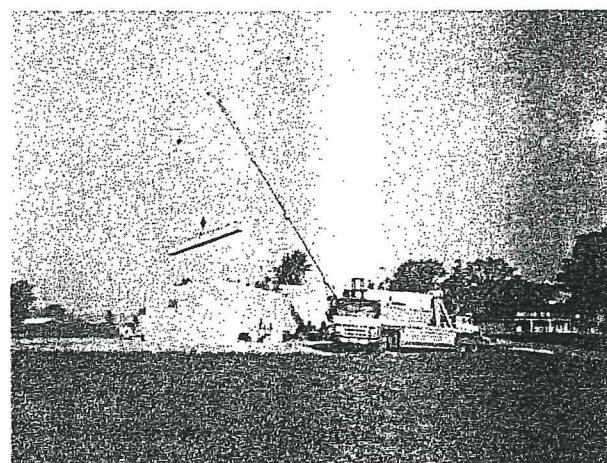
FISHING DERBY

As we go to press, results in the fishing derby are as follows:

1st	Bill Dowell	5 1/4 lbs.
2nd	Jim Steach	3 lbs. 10 oz.
3rd - tied	Jamie Owens	
	Jim Steach	
	Dave Jackson	3 lbs. 8 oz.

FALL AND WINTER FUN

It's time to be planning our fall and winter activities. A committee appointed at a Food 'n Fun nite awaits your suggestions. Contact any or all of them with your ideas — Marvin Oyer, Little Swan Lake; Harry Voegelé, Macomb and Don Kessler, Bushnell, or write the office. If there is no response, it is assumed you wish to discontinue this type of off-season recreation. If there is response, it will be another year of fun for all with your ideas promoting the activities.



FOR SALE

17' Travel Trailer. May be seen on campgrounds. Inquire Walter C. Fritz, 2206 Mackinac Ct., Peoria, Ill. Phone 691-3483.

14' Runabout Starcraft. 30 HP Mercury Engine. C. S. Cligston, Lot No. 124, Phone 465-3909.

5 HP outboard motor with 3 gal. tank. Used very little. Lonny Hickenbottom, Lot No. 195 — Pink Cabin.

42" round metal table with large umbrella. Also 2 metal chairs. In need of paint but will sell cheap. Make me an offer! Jo Hartley — office.

Inflatable raft with oars. Brand new. Holds 2. Inquire at Administration Bldg.

FOUND — Large beach ball. Drifted to Administration Bldg. on a windy day!

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CLUBHOUSE NAMED "DRIFTWOOD"

"Driftwood" was the name chosen for the new Clubhouse at Little Swan Lake, and congratulations go to G. P. LeMaster whose entry was chosen as the lucky winner. The name "Driftwood" seems ideal because of the many possibilities in carrying out a rustic and waterfront decor and the naming of the various rooms.

The tremendous decision of choosing a name was made by two appointed members from the Little Swan Lake Club and the Little Swan Lake Association. Representing the Club were Conrad Clugston and Marvin Klusman, and Wilma Brookhart and Zelpha Pendarvis were the members of the Association Board whose task it was to decide on a name that was in keeping with the decor, the setting, the purpose for which it will be used now and in the future.

As winner of the contest, the Lemasters will receive a free dinner at Driftwood, with the opening date still planned for the first of May.

The following is a list of names actually received through the mail as entries in the "Name the Clubhouse" contest. Many others were received by telephone and by word of mouth. These were not considered — only those in writing.

Swan Lakeview Inn	Cob & Pen Relaxer	The Hay Loft	Westwood	Swan Lake Inn
Little Swan Chateau	Long Awaited Dream	Club 9	Trails End	Swan Lake Chalet
Castle of the Rock	The Rustic Restaurer	The Feather-Lea	Pandoview	The Circle 8
Little Swan Castle	Little Swan Delight	The Featherlee	Swan Creek Lodge	The Circle S
Lakeview Country Club	Swan Lake Harbor	Hawk Inn	The Shores	Lone Oak (The)
The Timbers	The Wagon Wheel	Hickory House	The Sands	Winding Hills
Lakeview Terrace	The Lookout	Pine Pantry	Lakeside	Harbor Hills
The Greenfield	Driftwood	Tack & Tackle Inn	The Loft	Swan's Shore
Atwood	Buckboard	Hunter Green	The Barn	The Swan Circle
Rowland	Westwinds	Black Oaks	The Hearth	Cygnat Circle
Fosaki	Western Terrace	The Crimson Cutter	Lakeside Inn	Creek Hills
Kinsmen	Swanee-Shore	Birch Glen	Rolling Hills	Cast & Catch
The Willows	Cygnat's Hideaway	Blue Teal	The Beachcomber	Haven Hills
Pen's Cove	The Hideaway	The Thicket	Shoreline Club	Swan Haven
Swan's Point	Golden Nest	Loch Loden	Terrace Hills	Hillside Hideaway
The Thunderbird	Swanavon	The Stables	The Brick Barn	Hillside
Lake Crest Lodge	Cygnat Inn	The Horse & Bridle	The Copper Wheel	Hillside House
Pen Crest Club	The Swan Chalet	The Rafters	The Relay	Terrace House
Swan Lawn Inn	The Lighthouse	Lakeview Lodge	Wayside Inn	The Pier
Pendarvis House	The Swan's Nest	The Country Squire	Cafe du Lac	Southshore Lodge
Northview Club	Swanee Country Club	Country Hills	The Dock	

Names for the various rooms within Driftwood are:

Main Dining Room	The Walnut Room	Cloak Room	The Bark Room
Private Dining Room	The Oak Room	Men's Rest Room	"Twigs"
Cocktail Lounge	Red Bud Lounge	Women's Rest Room	"Leaves"

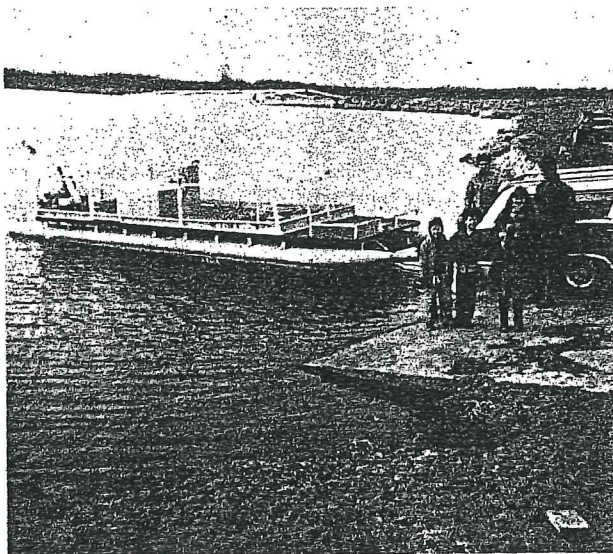
The downstairs, which will be for members only, will be known as the Club Room, the restrooms — Cob and Pen for male and female swans, and the beach will be known as Driftwood Beach.

NAME MANAGER FOR THE DRIFTWOOD



Mrs. Lillet Lee, formerly of Sterling, Illinois, has been selected as the manager of Driftwood. Lillet Von Schallen Lee was born in Sion, Switzerland. She speaks four languages fluently and in order to learn the English language, Lillet was housekeeper for the Secretary of the American Embassy in London. She has been employed in various hotels in Switzerland and her work included front desk, reception, bookkeeping, switchboard, executive housekeeper and manager while the owner was on vacation. She has worked in public relations for the Italian Travel Bureau in Zurich, then came to the USA in 1957 and became a naturalized citizen in 1968. Her dining room experience includes that of being a waitress, hostess, dining room and banquet manager, coffee shop manager and most recently owner of the Chateau on the Rocks in Sterling, which featured steaks and continental cuisine.

Lillet is the mother of three children, ages 12, 11 and 8 and she and her family are living in the Windish farm home two miles east of Driftwood. She is most anxious to meet all the lot owners and their many friends who will be able to enjoy the finest in foods and beverages at Driftwood on the south shore of Little Swan Lake.



First to put pontoon boat in lake this season were the Ken Vancil's. In spite of chilly temperatures and March winds, a good time was had by all.

LOST, LEFT, FOUND, TO SWAP, FOR SALE

Attention: Pontoon Owners!!

Will trailer or launch pontoons via my new commercial trailer. Call Ken Vancil Bushnell, 309/772-2086.

LEFT — One pair navy blue little boy ski pants, size 3 or 4.

LEFT — One left hand blue wool glove, size unknown.

FOUND — Boat dock! Washed up to Marina March 13th. Approximately 3' wide x 10-12' long.

TO SWAP — One pair quality binoculars, 8 x 40 wide field. Coated optics. Made by Asahi Pentax for a 12' or 14' Jon boat. Prefer aluminum and must be in good condition. Binoculars can be seen at Office. Mike Hequet, Lot No. 498.

FOR SALE: Five (5) foot rotary mower that fits Ford Tractor — \$125. Can be seen at Gerry Roberts home at Little Swan Lake, Lot No. 343.

5 HP Outboard Motor with 3 gal. tank. Used very little — \$125. See Lonny Hickenbottom, pink cabin, Lot No. 195, or 786 Crafford, Bushnell, Ill.

14' Runabout with 25 HP motor and trailer. \$350. complete. Robert Synovitz, Macomb, 836-9141, Lot No. 259.

14' Runabout-Starcraft, 30HP Mercury motor. Conrad Clugston, Lot No. 124. Phone 465-3909.

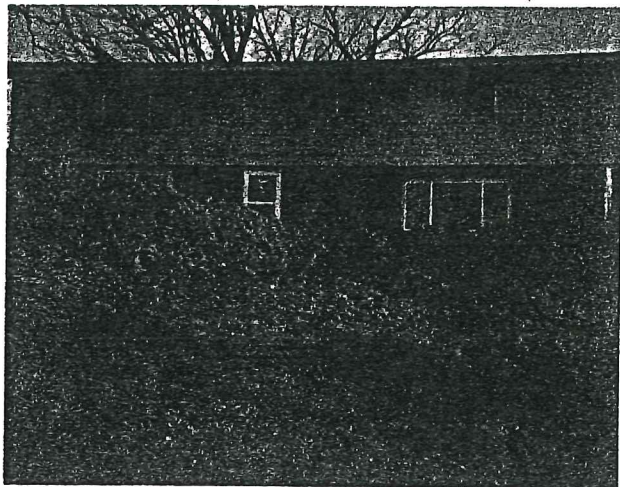
Inflatable row boat. Used once. Will sell for half price. See at Administration Building.

Electric straight stitch cabinet model sewing machine complete with attachments and buttonholer. Used very little. Contact Lucile Watkins, Roseville or call 465-3827.

FEBRUARY FOOD 'N FUN NITE DRAWS GOOD CROWD

The February Food 'n Fun Nite was well attended. Approximately seventy five enjoyed the usual huge variety of delicious food and interesting illustrated talk given by Lyle Adams, who is District Land Manager for the Illinois Department of Conservation. Mr. Adams' remarks centered around conservation and anti-pollution problems connected with this particular area. Those serving on the February committee were Jack and Dorothy Lillie, chairmen; Dave Peterson and Ivan and Paula Ray. As we go to press, the March Food 'n Fun Nite is planned for Sunday evening, March 28, with Conrad and Mary Lou Clugston as chairmen with the Ralph Harmons' and Bill McKinleys' serving on the committee.

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES



Building permit No. 25 was issued to Warren and Jean Covert of Macomb, Lot No. 39. This is the lot that was vacant on Friday morning, and that same evening you saw what is pictured here!

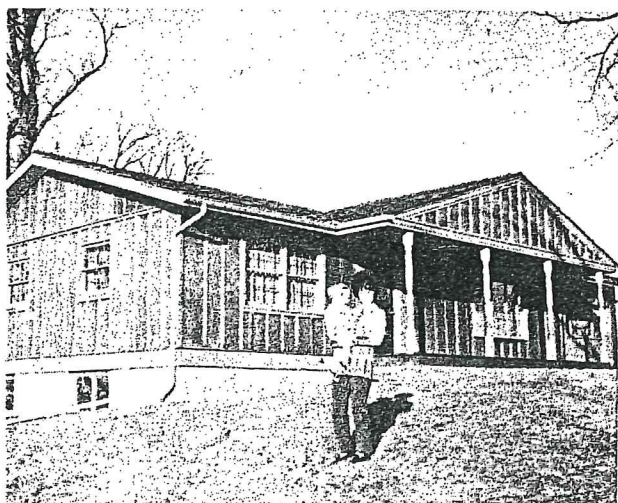


The John Hunters' were issued house permit No. 26. Here Susan and Martha insist that John get with it! Lot No. 149 — another house on the north side!

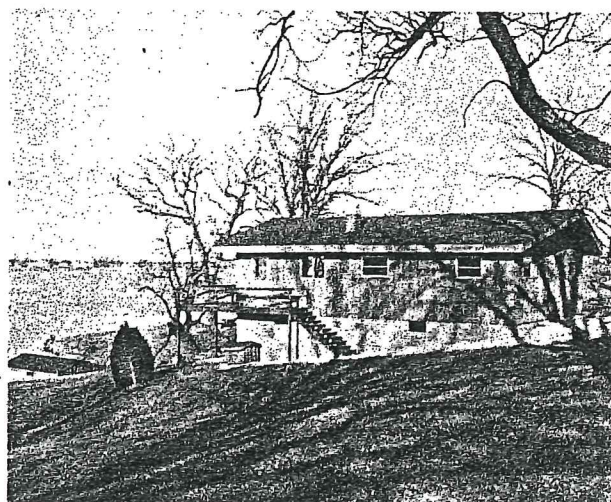


Early in the winter, Florine Lefler's house was just a hole in the ground. Now it looks like this — lot No. 220.

COMPLETED? WELL . . . ALMOST!



These almost-completed homes were just a "spade in the ground" when you last saw them pictured in The Signal. Now as you drive around the lake you see the Oyer home, on Bricker Circle, Lot No. 34, (that's Opal holding her



neighbor, little Jill Klusman) and the Wm. Wright home, Lot No. 38, just a few doors east of Oyer's. Joining the families in Bricker Circle will be the Russell Hems of Macomb who have just recently been issued a building permit for their Lot No. 71.

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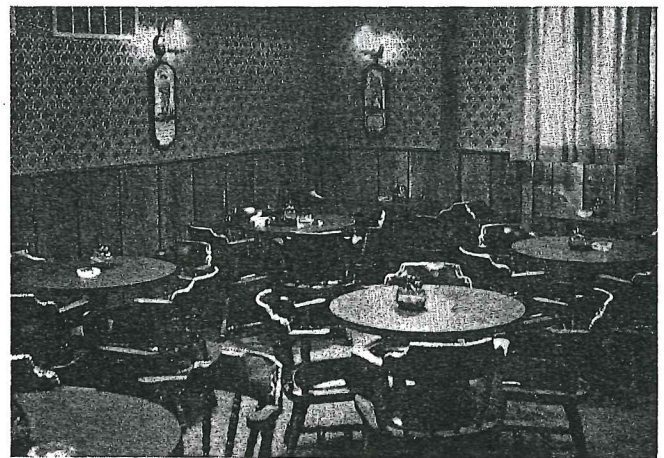
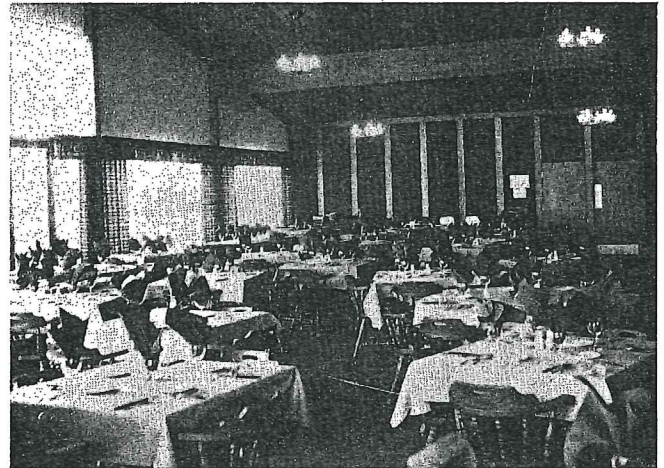
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Driftwood Supper Club Holds Open House

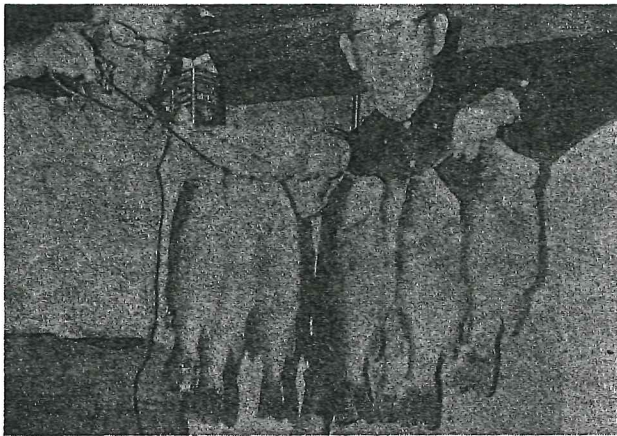
Over seven hundred lot owners and guests registered at the Open House of the new Driftwood Supper Club on Tuesday evening, May 18, 1971. The dining room and cocktail lounge are now open to the public. The private dining room, which accommodates approximately 40, caters to small groups. Reservations are suggested. The question of dress has been asked of Miss Lee, who is manager at Driftwood. Her comments were: "This is one of the loveliest supper clubs in this part of Illinois and people should dress as they ordinarily do at a supper club with this type of atmosphere. Barefeet, bikinis and cut-offs are off limits on the upper level. Facilities for such attire are provided downstairs in the club room, which was built for that purpose. They will not be allowed in the supper club". This simple regulation will be enforced by Miss Lee and her staff with the full cooperation of the Lake patrolmen. Snacks and cold sandwiches will eventually be served to lot owners and their guests in the club room. Pictures of Miss Lee, her staff and various views of the interior are to be found in this issue with more to follow in other Signals. Those who attended the Open House were asked to register for a drawing. The prize winners were: Mr. and Mrs. Wes Paul, dinner for two; Kermit Brown, a bottle of champagne; D. K. Wingate, a bottle of wine.



ATTENTION, LOT OWNERS! IMPORTANT

You are asked to pick up your 1971 Boating-Swimming, Hunting-Fishing and Camping rules and regulations at either the Administration Building, or at the Clubroom (lower level) of The Driftwood. There are several changes in the rules for

this coming year. These *will not be mailed* to you, and so it is your responsibility to pick them up when you are at the lake so that you will be fully informed. Again we ask — pick up your 1971-72 activity rules at either the Office or in the Club Room.

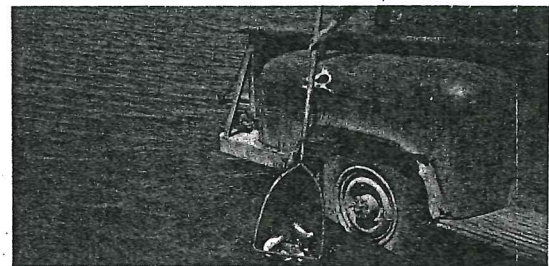
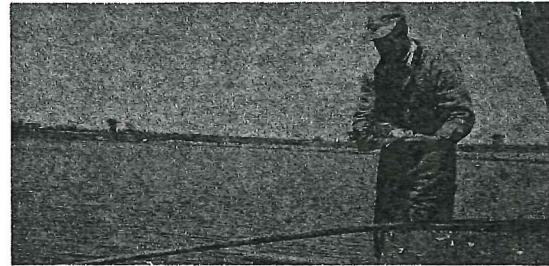


WHAT WHOPPERS! (And the big one got away)

Here's proof of the good fishin' at Little Swan Lake. Bill Dowell, right, and Pat Murphy of Bushnell, his guest, display a magnificent string of bass after just a few hours of casting. Bill was winner of last year's Derby and is getting into practice for this year's contest!

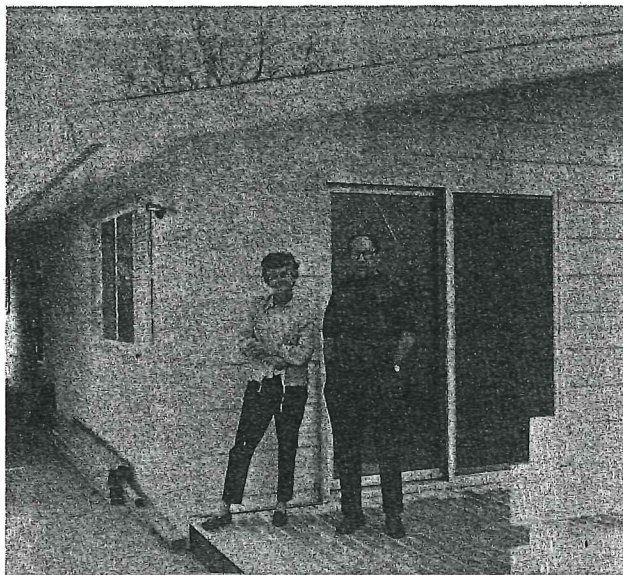
FISHING FLASHES!

Everett Brookhart, chairman of the fishing committee, has announced that the *Fishing Derby* will be held again this year. Entries will be taken from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. The Derby is for bass catches only, and three trophies will again be awarded as they were last year, compliments of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Voegelé of Macomb. Weighing will again be done at the Administration Building, but it is asked that you observe office hours — 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. A chart will be posted in the north center room on the lower level of the Administration Building on an honor system basis. Please enter the date, your name, weight of fish and length, if you so desire, altho winners will be chosen by weight only. Trophies are on display in the recreation room at the Administration Building.



Early in May, Ken Russell, State Fish Biologist, upon the request of many fishermen and the fishing committee, found a source of crappies with which to stock the lake. Ken is shown here putting in some of the spawn size crappies — 130 in number to be exact. This adds to the kinds of fish now available at Little Swan — channel cat, bullheads, large mouth bass, blue gill, northern pike and now crappies. If you find it necessary to clean your fish here at the lake, we ask that you bring containers for the waste, making sure the container is tightly closed before disposing of it in the barrels provided for you on all outlots and at the camp area. Please do not leave the little sun fish you do not care to clean and eat lying around on the shoreline. This is most unfair to every one and does not qualify you as a good fisherman.

If you would like to see how fish are shocked, be sure and be at the lake around 9 o'clock on the morning of June 8. Ken Russell, State Fish Biologist, has us on his calendar to be here and make a fish population analysis, which is done annually at many lakes and ponds in the state. This is a most interesting procedure and you are urged to see how it is done. The date again — June 8, approximately 9 A.M.



Warren and Jean Covert on the sun deck of their new home, Lot No. 39.



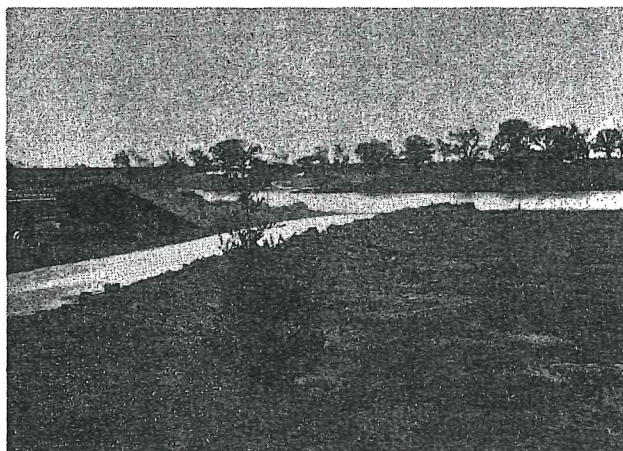
Foundation and basement of the Carlos Adams home, Lot No. 380.



Dode Owens check on work being done at her son, John's new home, Lot No. 126. Note the Swan Hills Golf jacket she's borrowed from husband, Jim, director of the golf course. That's Eldon Auten again receiving her comments.



Chuck Ingle and helpers working on septic tank system at new home of the John Stacel's, Lot No. 182.



Water line being installed for users on north side of the lake.



John Hunter's home, Lot No. 149 — a lot of progress in a very short time.

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BACK THEY GO!



"The fish population analysis conducted by the Illinois Department of Conservation on June 8, 1971, revealed an excellent sport fishery which should produce quality fishing success" . . . this is the first paragraph in a letter from Ken Russell, District Fishing Biologist, in making his report to Little Swan Lake. Lack of space prevents publishing Ken's complete report but any one desiring to read this most interesting analysis is welcome to stop in at the office where it is on file. The various kinds,

lengths, and weights of fish included in the report are as follows:

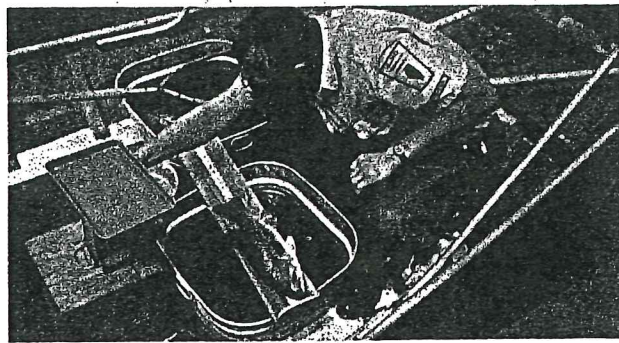
<i>Kind</i>	<i>Av. length</i>	<i>Av. weight</i>
Bluegill	6"	1/3 to 1/2 lb.
Green Sunfish	4-6"	1/3 lb.
Crappie	5-8 1/2"	1/3 lb.
Blk. Bullhead	11"	2/3 lb.
Northern Pike	24-27"	3-4 lbs.
Largemouth bass — excellent growth, structure and abundant population—no length or weight averages on report.		



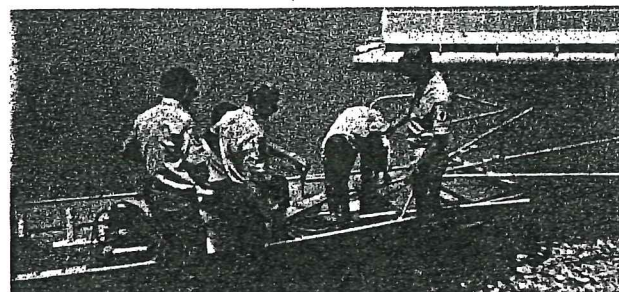
Mr. Russell's recommendations were to (1) Stock 400 to 500 more 10-12 inch northern pike during 1971, (2) Stock up to 10,000 eight to ten inch channel catfish during 1971. The channel catfish population is nearly depleted and will not offer enough recruitment to maintain a catchable population without periodic stocking, (3) Encourage fishing during 1971, as it should be an excellent year for catching good sized fish of all species. The last paragraph of Ken's report states, "The general condition of the fish population for sport fishing continues to be at its very best. Fishing should remain at its present quality for several years without significant fisheries management".



Of further interest was a letter received from Alec Pulley, a fishery biologist who participated in the population analysis, and who, at our request, explained about the department, why so many biologists took part in this 1971 analysis. . . . "the Illinois Department of Conservation is composed of at least 9 divisions — Forestry, Wildlife, Parks, Education, Fisheries, etc. The state is divided into 4 fisheries management areas and each area is divided into 3 districts. The management personnel consists of 4 area biologists and 12 district biologists. Ken Russell is one of these district biologists who is in charge of 11 fisheries management operations in 8 counties, including Warren. The division is undertaking a program of having its management personnel from widely scattered parts of the state work together on large field operations, giving them an opportunity to exchange ideas and techniques on fisheries management and fish sampling methods. *Little Swan Lake* had the distinction of being the first lake selected for a joint operation involving the entire Northwest Area personnel. . . . Various segments of the



operation were taped and used on a Springfield radio program concerning conservation news." He continues in his letter. . . "the question often arises as to why we are concerned at all with waters such as *Little Swan Lake* that are restricted in their use i.e. not open to the general public. The answer is obvious once it is realized who funds the Conservation Department's activities. All the revenue is provided by those



who purchase hunting, fishing and boating licenses; it does not come from the general revenue fund. . . at least 21% of the fishing licenses sold are bought by individuals whose fishing is done almost entirely on private or restricted waters such as yours. This is justification enough for us to provide better fishing there. The fish population was sampled by shocking, seining and gill net." In naming the fish found, it was interesting to learn that. . . "we found 10 hybrid sunfish whose parents were green sunfish, male and bluegill, female. Hybrids generally have many distinct characteristics of both parents, are usually fast growing and are often quite common in lakes that have a large sunfish population."



Management Personnel participating in population analysis. Left to right, standing: R. Dunn, T. Miller, L. Rock, K. Russell, O. Price and A. Pully. Kneeling: J. Bystry, A. Lupinot and B. Pryor.

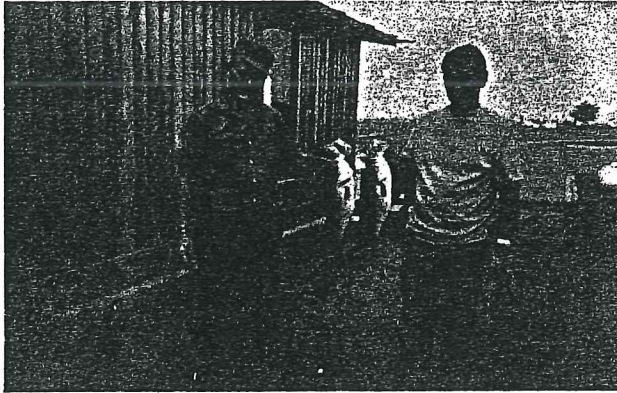
FISHING NEWS

As we go to press, the only entrants to our fishing derby are:

Hazel Zuck	3½ lbs.
Bill Dowell	5 lbs.
C. T. Bogard	3-6 oz.
Dick Bogard	3-8 oz.

Remember, 3 trophies are being awarded again this year for bass catches only. Weighing in and registering is on the honor system at the Administration Building, hours from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. for this purpose.

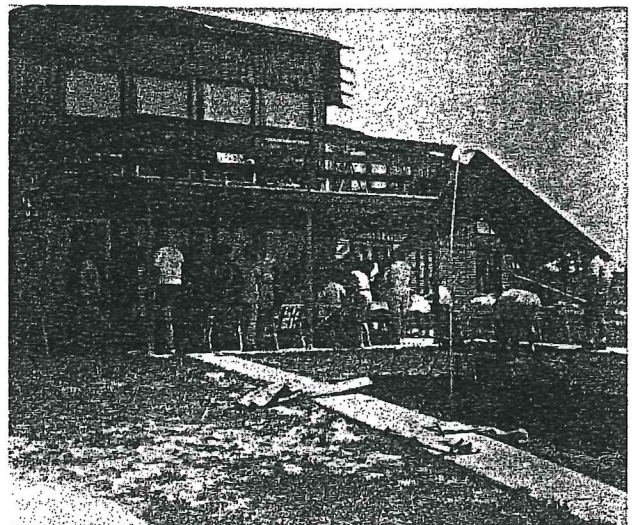
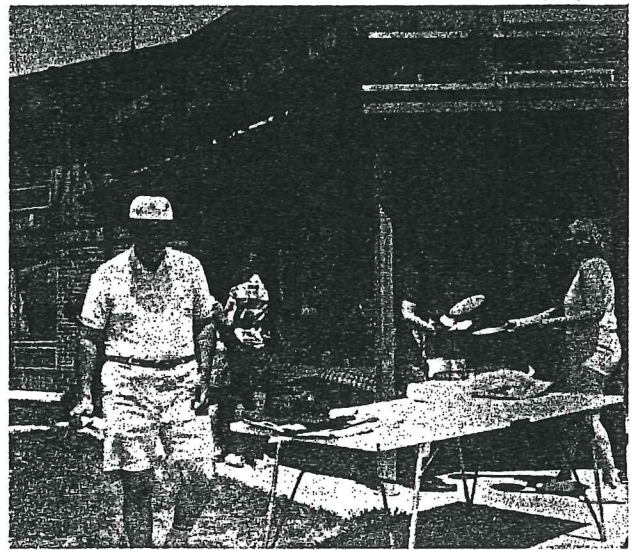
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Clarence Bogard and son, Dick, display their bass, almost identical in size.

SUMMER SOCIALS

The lower level at the Administration Building continues to book meetings, parties and family reunions for those who are lot owners as well as the general public. Recently, several DAR chapters from this area held a meeting preceded by a pot luck luncheon which was enjoyed by between 25-30 ladies. Some are pictured here at the conclusion of the afternoon.



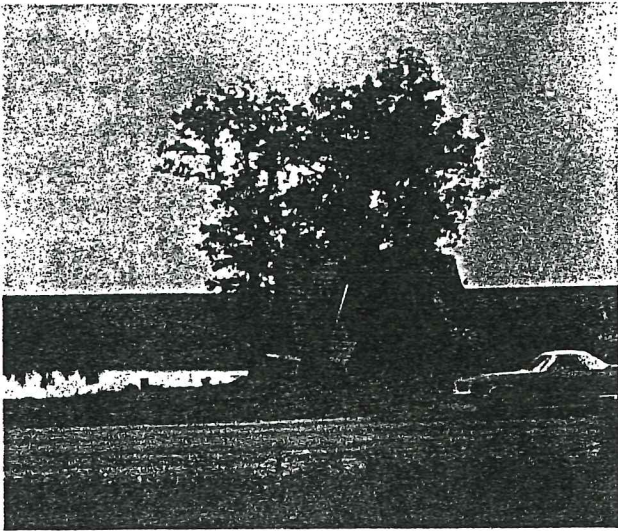
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Enjoying the lake facilities were those belonging to the West Central Illinois Pharmaceutical Association. Jack Stites of Macomb has knife in hand ready to slice the roast beef while others visit and enjoy the delicious food served at the annual pharmaceutical picnic.

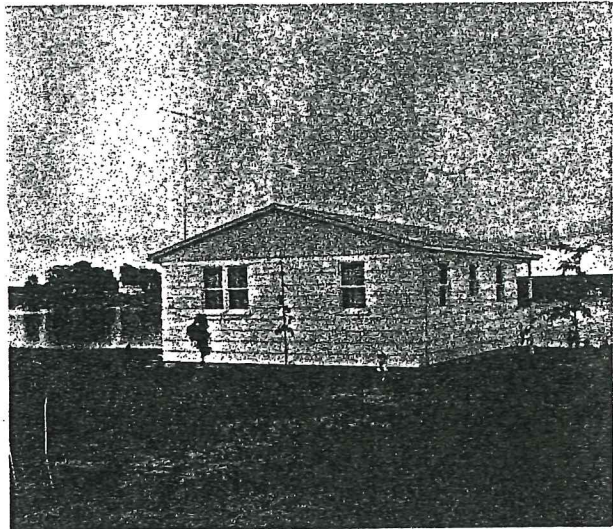
LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB NEWS

As a lot owner at Little Swan Lake, you have a membership dues obligation of \$35.00 per year, per lot, as outlined in the Bylaws. The new year began July 1, 1971. If your dues are not paid up to date, you will find your name in bold print posted in both the clubroom at Driftwood and in the office at the Administration Building. Please get these paid and get your name crossed off the list! Mail your check for \$35.00 for 1971-72 dues or any past-due dues to — Little Swan Lake Club, Rt. 2, Avon, Ill.

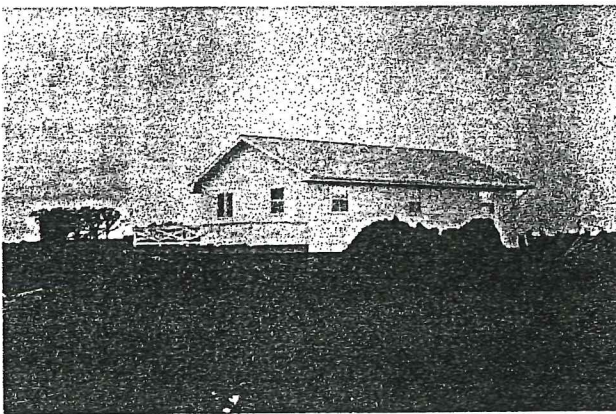
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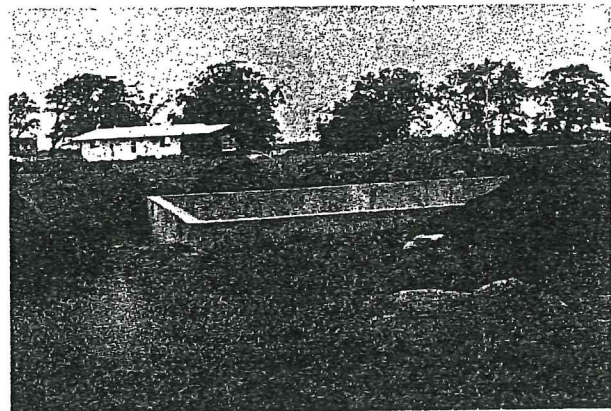
Double-A Frame home being built by Carlos and Marguerite Adams — Lot No. 380. This is the house you see from the dining room of Driftwood.



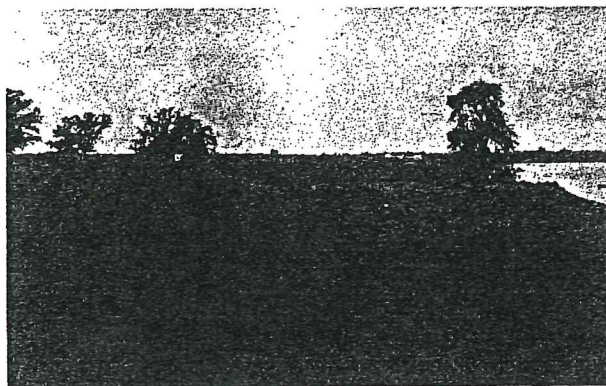
New residents at Little Swan Lake are the John Stacel's, whose home overlooks the lake from lot No. 182.



Lynn and Sylvia Davis are putting the finishing touches on their new home which also overlooks the lake from lot No. 197.



The Russell Hemp's from Macomb are building on their lot No. 71. This is on the inner circle of Bricker Circle, bringing the number of homes in that area up to 10.



The 11th home being built in Bricker Circle is that of Ray Gordon's from Abingdon. Shown in the hillside, is the excavation for Ray's home which goes under construction immediately.

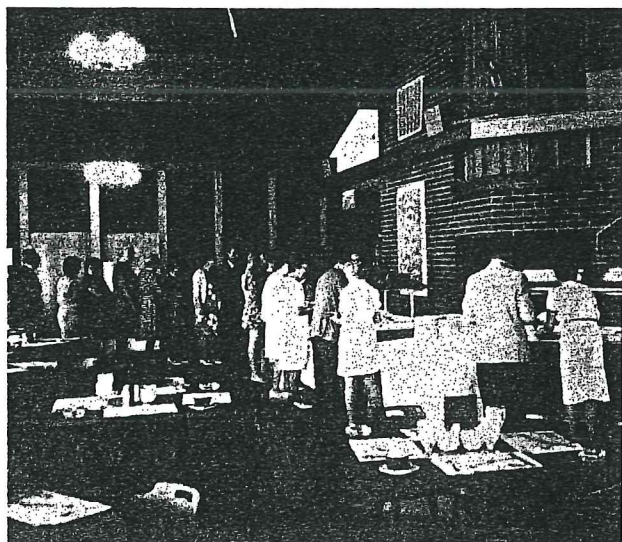
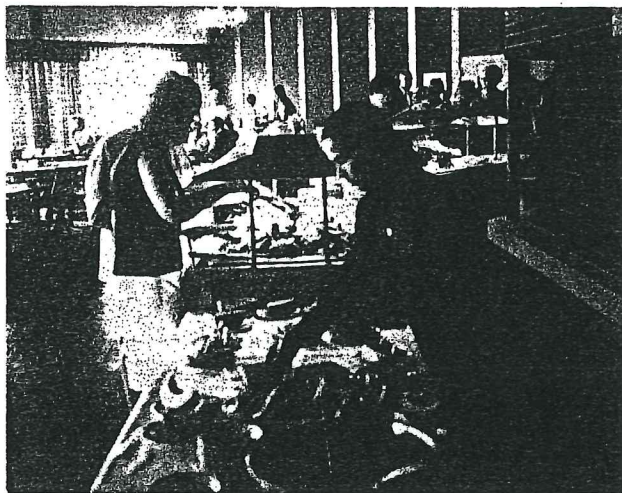
The Swimming-Boating Committee of LSL Club met recently and voted to adopt the following rules which will be enforced upon publication of This Signal. No other notice will be sent.

1. No more permits will be issued for guests to use boats on the lake. Only boats belonging to lot owners will be allowed.
2. All boats must be registered. Patrolmen are authorized to immediately start checking all boats for LSL stickers. If you do not display a sticker, you will be stopped and asked to take your boat out of the water until it is registered.
3. No more inboard motors will be allowed. Lot owners already having inboards will be permitted to continue using their boats, but no new registrations can be made.

The Swimming-Boating Committee consists of Hallie Pool, chairman; Dr. Keith Frankhauser and John Hiel with Cleo Smith serving as representative from the LSL Club board.



Introducing — Jim Randol, the new chef at Driftwood. Jim is pictured here with Art Linkletter, who attended a brunch recently at the Ramada Inn in Champaign, Illinois, where Jim was Executive chef. We also welcome Jim as a new member of the LSL community since he has just rented the cottage owned by Hank Weast, Lot No. 191. We are truly looking forward to the new "Chef's Special" — which will be a daily feature in a short time.



DRIFTWOOD NEWS

According to Miss Lillet Lee, manager, Driftwood Supper Club is now serving the Sunday Buffet, with a complete dinner menu also being offered. Hours at Driftwood are as follows: Wednesday through Saturday, Lounge 4-12 P.M.; Dining Room 5-10 P.M. Sunday, Lounge 12-12 P.M.; Dining Room 12-7 P.M. Pictured here are some folks enjoying the first buffet of the season with Miss Lee at the serving table. Driftwood offers you party accommodations, and the finest in dining pleasure with all major credit cards accepted.

FOR SALE

Approximately 75 ft. 2" plastic flexible pipe. \$20.00. See Herb Kauffman, Lot No. 177, Phone 691-8220.

Girl's 26" bike. Reasonable priced. See Jo Hartley, Lot 227, Phone 465-2275.

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Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

from

LITTLE SWAN LAKE



Introducing—Daryl W. Steele, General Manager at Little Swan Lake. As of October 1, 1971, Mr. Steele assumed the duties of General Manager at Little Swan Lake and has already met many of you lot owners, both in the office and at the third annual meeting of the Little Swan Lake Club. Daryl is from Pekin, Illinois, where he has his own real estate business and resides. He is in the LSL office on various days, but appreciates people making appointments in advance so that he can be sure and meet you at your convenience. Daryl is a graduate of Bradley University with emphasis on general business and economics plus post graduate courses in Readings in Management, Real Estate Broker, Appraisal, and a graduate of the Realtors Institute. He has had experience in marketing, as a sales manager, a public relations trouble shooter and as a fire insurance inspector. His wife, Sherie, is a first grade school teacher in the Pekin schools, and they are the parents of Jeff, 6, and Jennifer, 5. Hopefully, when the spring season arrives, he will be able to meet more of you. You in turn can make him feel welcome to LSL.



WINTERIZING LSL

The average lot owner does not realize what must be done to winterize a lake project. An annual occurrence is removing the boat docks. Members of the LSL Club board and other willing lot owners pitched in one Sunday and removed all the docks and fishing piers, plus taking the covers off the umbrella tables on the beach and outlots. Pictured from left to right in the group picture are Cleo Smith, Bob Roark, Carl Caylor, Gary Jennings, Ralph Wilkins, Lonny Hickenbottom, Don Kessler, Herb Wilkins and Marvin Oyer. The four setting one dock up on the shore are Cleo Smith, Herb Wilkins, Lonny Hickenbottom and Gary Jennings. At the first sign of spring, you will all be wanting the docks back in the lake, right? Remember... volunteers are always welcome. Just make your "I'd like to help" known by contacting the office.





Ever wonder who took care of the martin houses that are placed in various areas around the lake? Pictured on the ladder as he cleans out the houses and boards them up for the winter is Herbert Wilkins, who is president of the Little Swan Lake Association board. Herb evidently volunteered for this job when the project was first started and martin houses were considered a "must" for keeping down the mosquito population. At any rate, it has been Herb who each spring opens the houses when the martin scouts are first seen in this area, and it is he who cleans out the houses and boards them up for the winter. As new martin houses are added to the newer sections where you find none at the present time, we may need two "housekeepers." Any volunteers for this semi-annual job?

LEAVE IT TO BILL!!

A most unusual picture of the 1st place winner in the 1971 Fishing Derby is this one of Bill Dowell with SOME of the heads of SOME of the fish he caught this year! A temporary decoration at the Dowell residence, we hope!



The first meeting of the new LSL Club Board was held November 3 at which time routine business was handled plus new officers elected. They are as follows:

Conrad Clugston	President
Ivan Haase	Vice-President
John Hunter	Treasurer
Pauline Roark	Secretary

Remember, you are welcome, in fact you are urged, to attend all of these meetings.

***** LSL CLUB NEWS *****

The third annual meeting of the Little Swan Lake Club was held on Sunday afternoon, October 31, 1971, at 2 o'clock in the Clubroom at Driftwood Supper Club with Lonny Hickenbottom, president conducting the meeting. After minutes from the 1970 meeting and treasurer's report were read and accepted, various chairmen reported on the activities for 1971 which pertained to their specific committees. Those reporting were as follows: Larry Melhouse, Building; Zelpha Pendarvis, Membership; Lonny Hickenbottom, Recreation; Everett Brookhart, Hunting-Fishing; Road & Grounds, Ralph Wilkins; Swimming-Boating, Hallie Pool; Camping, Lucile Watkins. Jack Lillie spoke briefly on the progress of the golf course.

Election of new board members was held. Those whose terms expired this year were: R. Wilkins, L. Melhouse, Z. Pendarvis and M. Oyer. Replacing them as board members for a term of three years are Russell Hemp, Ivan Haase, John Hunter and John Owens.

During the discussion period, it was definitely decided to continue Food 'n Fun nites, however they will not begin until in January and you will be notified as to the date and time.

Club members made various suggestions for change in the present rules and regulations. The club board during the winter meetings will discuss these suggestions, make decisions, and before the 1972 season, all members will be informed either in The Signal or by the new rules made by each committee upon recommendation of the Board.

A social hour both preceded and followed the meeting with hosts being Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Roark.

A reminder to all lot owners—The Little Swan Lake Club Board meets regularly on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 P.M. in the Clubroom at Driftwood Supper Club. Every lot owner is invited to attend any of these meetings. You as a lot owner elect the board, just as cities elect their aldermen. All board meetings are open to lot owners and all members have said they would more than welcome your attendance with any comments you might have to make on any subject. Keep that date in mind—the FIRST Wednesday evening of every month for the LSL Club Board Meetings—downstairs at Driftwood.

Another Club Reminder! Your dues are payable annually from July 1 to June 30. Many of you have not paid your dues for the 1971-72 season and are listed as delinquent. Your new treasurer is John Hunter whose address is Rt. 2, Little Swan Lake, Avon, Ill. You may mail your checks to him, or send them to the office and they will be turned over to him.

A committee was recently appointed by the Little Swan Lake Club Board of Directors to evaluate the damage and areas where repair was needed on shoreline erosion. As a result of the work done by this committee, a letter was sent to all lake front owners whose shorelines needed attention. Shoreline erosion has become a serious problem at the lake, and every spring several feet wash into the lake. Conserving your shoreline increases the value of your lot and also enhances the beauty and use of the lake. If you received a letter regarding your lot, and have not yet made any repairs, there is still time to do so. We are sorry that we have no pictures of the seawall repairs now in progress. The lake has been "dropped" lower than first planned in order for this work to be done properly. On your first trip around the lake next spring, take it slow and easy to see where so many long hours, planning and hard work have produced protective and attractive results for those who saw the need for such shoreline attention.

PETE, THE PELICAN



Tuesday morning Nov. 9, Irma Smith, Lot 87, called the office reporting an unusual bird swimming around her cove—a huge bird that looked like a flamingo or pelican. Encyclopedias were consulted, and it was confirmed that the bird was a pelican. "Pete" became the topic of conversation. Knowing that he was either ill, injured or lost, fisherman fished for him, others shared their lunch with him (sandwiches, potato chips and cherry pie!). After Pete had been at the lake for over a week, another pelican was seen flying in circles, investigating the situation, but in a short while flew south evidently leaving Pete to gain strength and join his friends later. Carloads of people from the area, having read about him in the newspapers, drove down on a Sunday afternoon to see for themselves what a pelican really looks like and to take pictures. Pete hasn't been seen for several days. Some say, they saw him flying tree-top high one evening. Perhaps—his strength regained through the thoughtfulness of his friends at LSL—he "flew off into the sunset," to join his feathered friends in the south and to tell them how well cared for he was at Little Swan Lake in Warren County, Illinois. Come back, Pete. You were quite the bird!

***** SWAN HILLS GOLF NEWS *****

So much work is being done, or has been done, at Swan Hills Golf Course that you may not completely recognize this newest golf course in west central Illinois. In talking with J.C. (John) Owens who is greenskeeper at the golf course, we learned:

1. A new ceiling in the Pro Shop area has been installed so that it can be heated and air conditioned.
2. The 2 holes on the south side are completed! These are #6 and #7 and the tee for #8. They'll be ready for play in April or May depending on the weather.
3. A pontoon bridge will be the connecting factor between the 9 holes. This bridge is wide enough for necessary maintenance equipment, electric carts, and for you who play the game for exercise.
4. Sand is being placed in all traps and the entire course is being overseeded.
5. Benches, very attractive in their bright colors and so very comfortable for the weary, were donated by various interested advertisers. Thanks to all of those who saw this need.
6. On each tee have been placed attractive mesh disposal baskets to keep the course clean. Please use them!

Winter work continues at the course, the largest project being that of making and placing directional signs. These will be placed where all LSL signs are, plus other roads leading to the golf course proper. One sign, in particular, will stand out above all others; a large billboard type sign in the shape of a swan that will draw everyone's attention to the Pro Shop.

When only 7 holes were completed on the north side of the lake this summer, the course was played on a green fees basis. Since the course is now completed, the Board of Swan Hills Golf Course, Inc. has decided it would be more attractive to lot owners and to the general public to offer a membership to the course, which will be very nominal and can be purchased on an individual basis, or on the family plan. You, of course, will also be able to play for green fees only, as was done this past summer. The charge for membership and green fees will be announced through all news media as well as The Signal.

The women's leagues are looking forward to some winter meetings with Jim Owens, our pro, holding a clinic or two to help the game of those eager beginners and to explain golf etiquette.

One last item—an attendant is on duty 24 hours a day. With such an investment as we now have adjacent to Little Swan Lake, he is there to look after the best interests of Swan Hills. Just call him Joe!

Little Swan Lake . .

Your comments, questions and news items will make the ***Signal*** more interesting for all our readers. We urge you to jot down and mail in your ideas often.

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Snowmobilers' Delight



AS SNOWMOBILE LEAPS across barren patch, Ivan Gordon holds on securely and braces for the impact.

Since subzero temperatures & falling snow continue to perplex most area residents, some find it very enjoyable. In fact the area around Little Swan Lake has become a "Snowmobiler's delight".

Come early afternoon on week-days and especially on weekends, caravans of snowmobilers begin to arrive at Little Swan Lake. The snowmobilers certainly aren't amateurs since they come well dressed for the already subzero temperatures which are dropped even further as they breeze along some 40 to 50 miles per hour. Consequently, found on hand are conservation officers such as Rod Collins to see that all snowmobilers are properly used and

that an area resident's property is being abused.

Found on the lake would be such snowmobilers as Jerry Knapp with his Ski-Doo snowmobile in the words "Hugs Bear" identifying his machine. There are also Massey Ferguson snowmobiles such as owned by Galen Timmons from London Mills accompanied by his family, Diane, David and Shelly. Who enjoy this winter afternoon sport.

This winter's pastime isn't totally free, though. Since snowmobile machines range in price of \$300 for a used machine to \$3,000 for a sport model especially designed for high speeds. They also range in small horsepower units all the way up to 80 horsepower.

The snowmobiler has an ideal situation since they can unload at the parking lot at Little Swan Supper Club, let the children sled ride down the big hill and onto the lake and then gather the family afterwards around the warm fireplace in the Supper Club to enjoy the fellowship and relive the delights of that afternoon.



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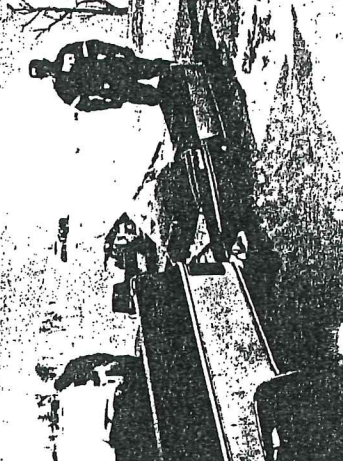
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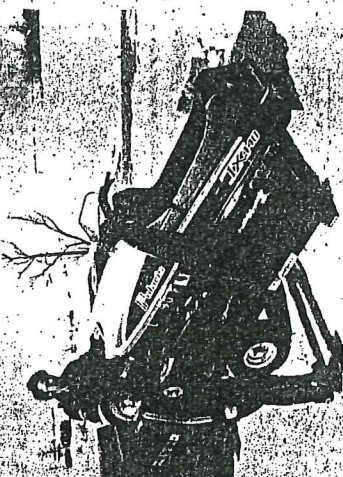
WITH THE SPECIALLY DESIGNED ramp dropping into place, Carl Wright pulls the first snowmobile unit from the van.



GALEN TIMMONS REMOVES HIS WHIRL BIRD from the back of his pickup as he prepares for an afternoon of fun.



These snowmobilers arrive in a special closed van built by Carl Wright of Prairie City. This unit will accommodate four snowmobilers, all the snowmobile accessories, and a special sealed area to contain luggage.



RODDY GORDON HELPS HIS DAD unload his Polaris 440 TX from the snowmobile trailer.





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Know Your Neighbors

Do you know your neighbors? And perhaps more important, do they know you?

With the conception of the Little Swan Journal, one of our goals is to acquaint and even in some cases re-acquaint residents both permanent and temporary of the Lake with each other. Consequently, we are asking you to give us a short resume of your family, your hobbies, where you work, or any thing you think would be interesting to your neighbors. We would welcome pictures of your family to include with this article and hope to run it in our "Know Your Neighbor" section in the next issue of the Journal.

Please send this to "Know Your Neighbor", c/o Little Swan Journal, Box 269, Bushnell, IL. 61422.

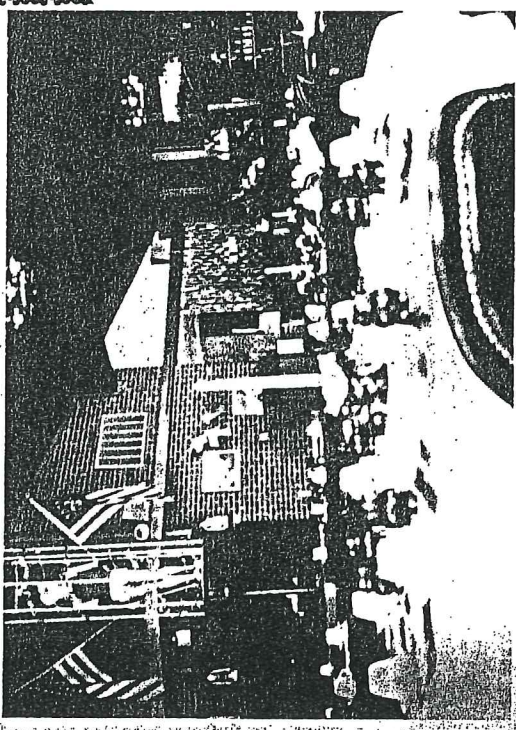
Swan Hills Lady's League

Swan Hills Lady's League meets on Tuesday mornings with coffee at 8 a.m. and tea-off time at 8:30 a.m. An organizational meeting will be held the evening of April 5th. The first day of play for 1977 will be the first Tuesday in May. Prizes are awarded after play, each week. Any one is eligible to join the Club. There is information to us.

Coming Events

Right now this section is lacking information. We need to know if you are planning to have a wiener roast, a snowball fight, lawn party, or backyard barbecue. These items will be listed each week free of charge in the Little Swan Journal by simply sending the information to us.

Supper Club Expands



The Swan Hills Supper Club, located on Little Swan Lake, Avon, has expanded their service to the area with the advent of the dinner theatre. Those attending have found plays such as "Curse You, Jack Dalton", singing groups such as the WJU Swing Choir and others most entertaining, not to mention the fine dining and pleasant atmosphere. The decor of the lodge has been updated and refurbished with many unusual touches such as the disco dancer in a cage far above the huge open fireplace. In addition they have expanded towards the lake front to include a beer garden which provides a relaxing atmosphere for those coming off the golf course. And the Choo-Choo Lounge is indeed a unique setting decorated with many railroad antiques. The facility is also able to accommodate private parties on the lower level.



OUR LITTLE BOY OF THREE

He wears his pants on backwards
His shirt on wrongside out.
His shoes fit better on the wrong feet
He's a mystery, there's no doubt.

But with these many faults of his
He's wonderful to be.
I wouldn't change him for the world
Our little boy of three.

He's like a little angel
When he lies down at night.
But early the next morning,
The angel's not in sight.

Then he's like a devil
Running to and fro
Getting into mischief
Everywhere he goes.

But what a nice Creation
This son that God gave me
That he isn't perfect
He's our little boy of three.

NOTE: I wrote this several years ago when my own four sons were growing up. Now I have six grandsons and I think it fits all little boys.

Ruth Bultmeier, Avon

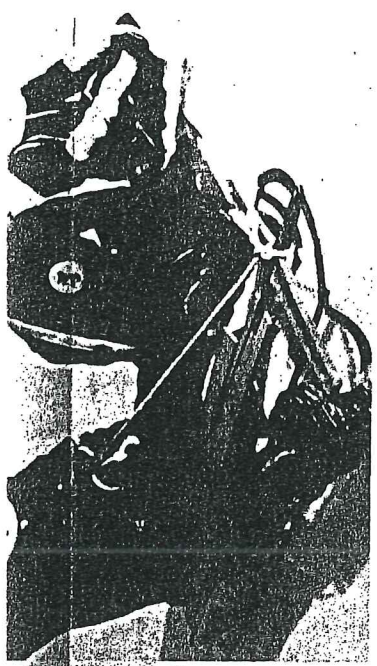
Correspondents Needed

For those of you who have a flair with the pen, we invite you to become a regular correspondent for the Little Swan Journal. The pay ain't much, but it could give a lot of pleasure to your friends and neighbors if you're willing to make the effort. You also need not write up this information in detail, but you may simply phone it in to the newspaper office, 772-2626, Bushnell.

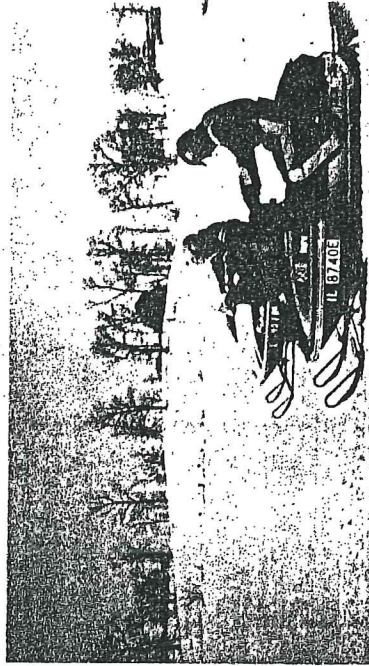
Welcome New Owners!

Welcome new lot owners! Little Swan Lake Club Board Since the first of the year Mr. and Mrs. Don Smallwood of Canton, Illinois and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Johnson of Batonville, Illinois have purchased lots at Little Swan Lake Club.

There are now 63 houses and 13 boat houses at the lake. The boat houses are in addition to the ones that are with the houses. We hope to see more new homes this year. Anyone moving or selling their lots are asked to be sure to inform Roger Kelso, Treasurer, R. R. 2, Macomb, IL. 61455 or Ivan Zuck, President, 446 N. Rte. 50, Bushnell, IL. 61422.



THESE YOUNGSTERS clad in typical snowmobile apparel, let Dad and Mom enjoy the big sleds while race each other down the hill.



WITH UNITS ALL WARNED UP and ready to go, the first play of the afternoon begins as these snowmobilers race across Little Swan Lake.

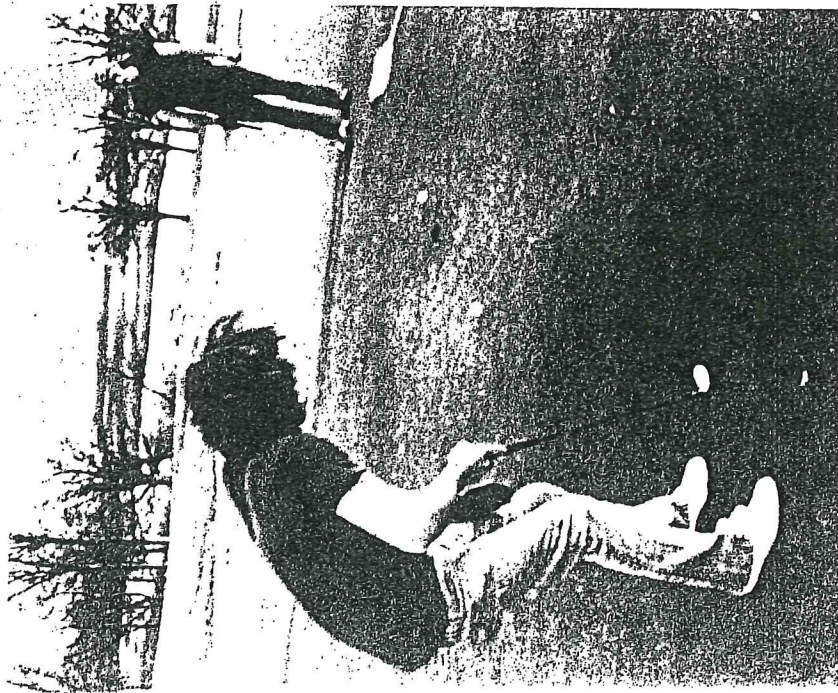
Ivan Zuck, President, called the meeting to order. The minutes of the last meeting were passed out and read. The treasurer's report was given by Roger Kelso, Treasurer. There was a discussion of how to collect the remainder of the delinquent dues and it was decided to send a final notice before taking further steps. Mr. Downey, chairman of the Water Committee had no report. His quote was "Froze over."

Mr. Kelso, chairman of the Land Committee, reported there is no way to put road on the out-lot east of the Supper Club. It is entirely too steep. There is a need for road on this lot. They are to get bids for grading this before the next meeting. The meeting then adjourned. Mr. Lucht, patrolman, had a

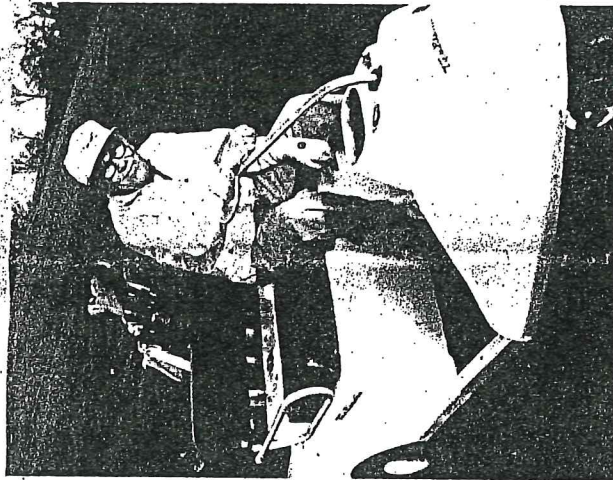
Lake Board Meets

The Little Swan Lake Club Board held their regular meeting January 5, 1977 at Swan Hills Supper Club, lower level. Members present were Ivan Zuck, Ralph Sabetti, Roger Kelso, William Downey, Bill Wright, Bill Leverton, Lynn Davis and Pat Wagdy. Members absent were Betty Hamilton, Bill Mackaben and Kenneth Hiett. Guests present were Herman Lucht, patrolman, Pat Kruzan and Hazel Zuck, bookkeeper.

"Spring Fever" at Swan Hills



HE ABOVE YOUNG MAN strokes his golf ball and patiently waits to see what winter's toll has done to his ing ability.



MAX KIDDER, who lives just off the Swan Hills Golf Course, pulled his cart from mothballs to begin the 1977 golf season.

"Spring Fever" indeed began at Swan Hills Golf Course on Monday, March 14th. We found a number of golfers out and enjoying the 60-degree weather. There were naturally a number of wet and muddy areas which had to be circumvented by these golfers, but it really presented no problem after the long, hard winter we have experienced in the Bushnell area.

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THE ABOVE GROUP WAS NOT ONLY ABLE to find four people on March 14th to play golf, but, in fact, six were available.

NO SCHOOL MARCH 18

All schools will be closed in the Bushnell - Prairie City School District on Friday, March 18, 1977, as the day has been declared an Institute Day by the Board of Education.

Teachers will be meeting in their respective buildings to plan for the 1977-78 school year as a result of the cutbacks. Some teachers have made arrangements with their principals to visit school districts in the area.



Extended Weather Outlook

THURSDAY THRU SATURDAY
Partly cloudy, cooler. Lows in 30's, highs in 50's. Chance of showers Friday.

Pre-registration

Since it appears imminent that the schedule for the 1977-78 school year will lack the flexibility that it has had in previous years, we wanted to provide as much information prior to scheduling as we possibly could.

With this in mind, the following dates have been established to give parents and students every opportunity to have input into what courses their students will be involved in during the 1977-78 school year.

MARCH 14 - High School Assembly to discuss Pre-registration with teachers, counselors, and administration. In both large and small schools. Pre-registration will be held in the gymnasium. A missal. Students and parents are encouraged to return from 7 to 9



Trivia...

WED., MARCH 16 - James Madison, 4th President, born 1751. U.S. Military Academy established at West Point 1802.

THURS., MARCH 17 - St. Patrick's Day.

FRI., MARCH 18 - Hawaiian Statehood Bill signed, 1959. Pres. Grover Cleveland born 1817

Little Swan Water

Election Slated

The registered voters of Little Swan Lake go to the ballot box Tuesday, March 29, to vote yes or no on a referendum to acquire by purchase the land on which the water treatment plant is located. The referendum will be held at the Little Swan Lake water treatment plant. The referendum will be held at the Little Swan Lake water treatment plant. The referendum will be held at the Little Swan Lake water treatment plant.

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Fire

Danger

Very High

We are getting into a dangerous fire situation in West Central Illinois according to Reuben Levernier, District Forester at Macomb, IL. A combination of factors has led to this condition. Among these factors are: the dry condition of vegetation; the windy weather; relative humidity which has been low; and lack of rainfall. People should not burn debris at this time because of dry conditions. If they have to burn, this should be put off until a rain improves conditions. Fires should also be attended at all times. Never burn when windy. A landowner can be liable for fires leaving his property and burning another property.

If a fire appears to be out of control, call a nearby fire department. If the fire department does not cover the area, find out from the fire department who you should call and get the telephone number to call.

There were a number of fires in the last two days including one in Argyle State Park which was put out very quickly before it had a chance to spread by Wayne White and his men at the park.

The District Forester covers a 4-county area of McDonough, Fulton, Warren and Henderson although the surrounding areas are also in dangerous condition to burn.

Board Meets

Little Swan Lake Club Board held their regular meeting one week late this month due to inclement weather.

ment weather conditions the first week in February. The meeting was held February 9, 1977 at the Swan Hills Supper Club, lower level. Those present were: Zuck, Kaban, Hiett, Levertown, Davis, Downey, Wright, Wagy, Kelson and MacKaben. Absent were: Hamilton and Kaban. Guests were: Hamilton and Kaban. Guests were: Lucht and Kaban, patrolman; and Hazel Zuck, bookkeeper.

The meeting was called to order by President Zuck. The minutes of the last meeting were distributed by secretary Wagy. They were read and approved.

Kelson gave the treasurer's report and also read the bills payable. He had nothing to report. Hiett is to put ads in papers for bids on mowing the outlots this summer.

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Two more have paid their dues, so now we are down to 14.

The meeting of the Board then adjourned.

Bridge Marathon

The Junior Women's Club Bridge Marathon is now in full swing with 120 entries. There are two beginning, one men's, three ladies' and three mixed groups. The groups are playing in their homes or at the Recreation and Cultural Center on the first Friday of April, May and June. The couples in each group will play in July for a champion in the beginning, ladies and men's and mixed classes. Prizes will be awarded.

Also a permanent plaque will be placed in the Recreation Center listing the winners. All proceeds will go to the Center. Scores will be posted each month at the Center.

SKIRTS & KITES

March is traditionally the windy month, with flying skirts and kites, which old and young notice in their respective leagues.

Kite flying has been a popular sport in many countries longer than flying skirts. Youngsters should be cautioned to avoid electric power lines, especially against using wire or cord with tinsel wound into it, each year accidents occur because of carelessness on this score.

Oldsters ought, by now, to know the dangers of flying skirts.

Final Figures

The final figures are now available on the Rotary Conignment Sale held March 5th. As

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will include explanations of forms, processing techniques, time delays and other related subjects. The discussion will be held in Kresge Recital Hall of Knox's Center for the Fine Arts.

Following the financial aid session, students and parents will be able to receive more information from individual schools in a "general browsing" period. Each participating college or university will have a table with representatives and admissions material available for parents and students to visit.

For more information about the "College Night" students and parents should contact their local high school guidance office or the Knox College Admissions Office at (309) 343-0112, ext. 223.

Donors help clear \$1000 for Center

If you're having any trouble meeting your utility bills, you can sympathize with the size of those bills at the Rec Center. Lynda Bryan, Esther Daly and Donna Thompson headed up the committee for the lunch served at the Rotary Auction, and cleared \$1000 which will help get us out of that utility hole.

We missed some of the people who donated pies, but the whole community wants to thank the following donors for making our big profit possible:

Knox College Night March 21

All Bushnell-area college-bound high school students and their parents are invited to attend Knox College's first "College Night," 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 21. Representatives from about 50 public and private colleges and universities from Illinois and several other Midwestern states are expected at Knox.

The evening will begin with a discussion about financial aid led by a representative from Knox's Office of Student Assistance, followed by a question-and-answer period. This session will explore the mechanics of financial aid and

"Don Giovanni" presented at WIU

Western Illinois University Music Theater, under the direction of Maughn W. McMurdie, will present Act 1 of Mozart's operatic masterpiece, "Don Giovanni" on March 18 and 19 in Brown Hall Theater at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are available at the door.

The opera, considered to be one of the great operatic works of all times, is the story of the legendary Don Juan. Singing the leading role of Don Giovanni will be Don Norton (Chicago), senior voice major at WIU.

The role of Donna Elvira, one of the rejected lovers of Giovanni, will be sung by Junior voice major, Nancy Beatty of Bushnell. Accompanist for the performance will be Kathy Shanklin of Bushnell.

On Thursday, March 31, at 8:00, also in Browne Hall Theater, Nancy Beatty will be a soloist performing with the WIU Symphony Orchestra.

GOD'S LOVE

I see the Lord around me,
He all Creation made.
He stretched his hand and spoke the word
And all foundations laid.

He delivered light from darkness
Sun, moon and stars He made.
Darkness He called night,
And lightness was the day.

The moon and stars were to rule the night.
But the lesser lights,
By day would shine so bright.

The waters He divided
And some He called the seas.
Oceans, lakes and rivers
And cool, clear streams to be.

The mountains high,
The valleys low.
The birds that sing,
The flowers that grow.

He made the beasts and cattle,
And every creeping thing.
And gave to man the knowledge
To have dominion over things.

He set the world in motion
The seasons come and go.
To me it's all a miracle
That He should love us so.

But man became a sinner,
And from God's love did fall.
So God in love and mercy
Sent Christ to die for all.

They hung Him on a Crucifix
He died for you and me.
But now, lives on high, no more to die
For all eternity.

Ruth Bultman

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MARCH 24 - Return ALL registration forms to your first hour classes.

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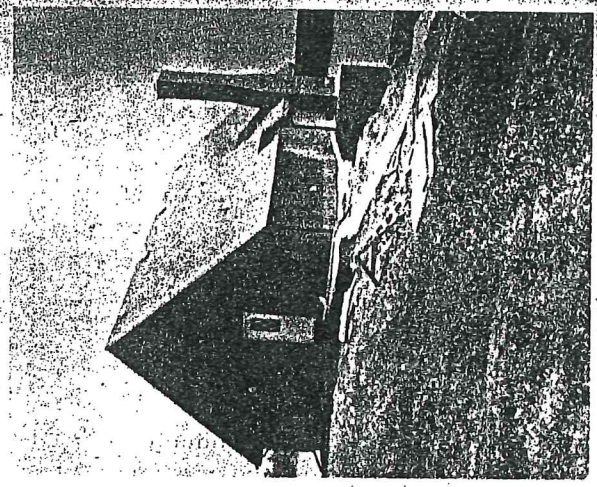
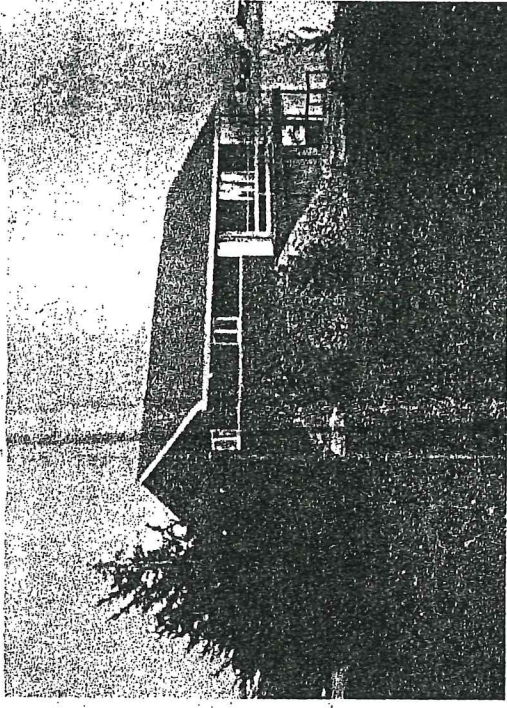
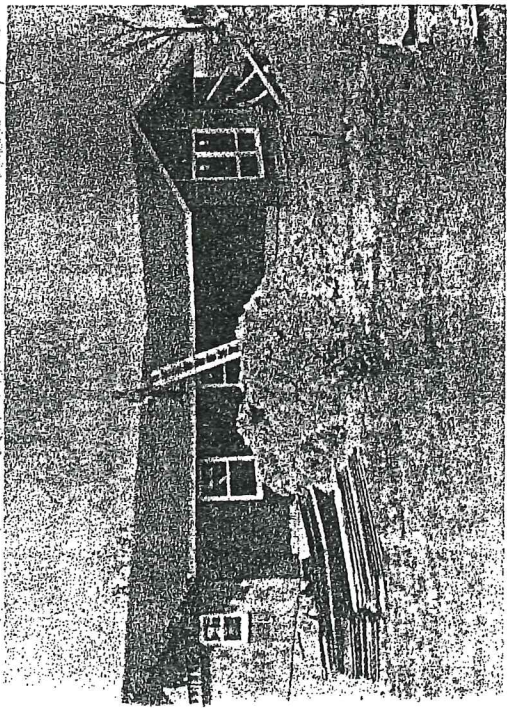
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New Neighbors to enjoy the Lake

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New neighbors will greet the Little Swan Lake residents this summer and will include Miss Connie Mooney, Rev. Hunt and c. Herb Kaufman, who have been to construct new homes on this spring at Little Swan Lake.

MR. HERB KAUFMAN of Peoria will undoubtedly enjoy summer pleasures at Little Swan Lake in this lovely home which is virtually completed. In the foreground Bob Cortelyou is in the process of hooking up the water system.

THIS FINELY DESIGNED HOME of Miss Connie Mooney includes a beautiful fireplace and a fine view of Little Swan Lake.

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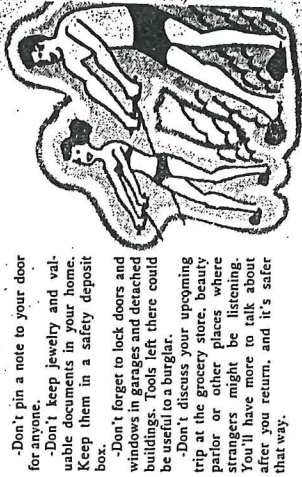
Summer Hours In Effect

Chamber President Roger Hendley, stated that "summer hours are now in effect for all downtown Bushnell merchants. This means that some stores that had closed early in the winter months on Friday night will now be open until 8 p.m. This will present a more total shopping convenience for Bushnell shoppers."

Turn the telephone bell to the lowest level so a prowling burglar will be less apt to hear it.
Leave drapes and shades open, but have your neighbor change their position occasionally.
Instead of stopping all deliveries, ask your neighbor to pick up mail, newspapers, and circulate daily.

Have your neighbor occasionally use your garbage can. An empty garbage can indicates no one is home; another for burglary things sometimes used for garbage collection. Leave your neighbor to park in your driveway or garage.

Also, if you record the serial and record numbers of your appliances, leave a copy of this list, along with your house key and itinerary, with a trusted neighbor, with a trusted neighbor.



Water System Passes

With a vote of 64 yes and 10 no, the water system passed in the Little Swan Lake District area in late March. Plans are now under way to pursue this project.

Think small — catch big

Little Swan Lake Club Board Meets

Little Swan Lake Club Board held their regular meeting May 4th at Swan Hills Supper Club in lower level. Those present were Kelso, Davis, Downey, Leverton, MacKaben, Hiett, Zuck, Wag, Hamilton, & Sabetti. Absent was Wright. Also present were Krizan and Lucht, patrolmen; Hazel Zuck, bookkeeper, and Francis Russell.

The meeting was called to order by Hiett, vice president. The minutes of the April meeting were passed out and approved. The treasurer's report was given by Kelso and bills payable were presented and approved for payment. President Zuck arrived and conducted the rest of the meeting. Downey reported on the water committee and said the lake would be sprayed within the next few weeks to club members advising them not to use the lake for at least three days.

Kelso reported on the land committee. Russell gave a report on what the cost would be to have gravel put on a place north of the marina for extra parking area. Davis reported for the building committee. Jon Ingles has a building permit; Kaufman's septic tank is in, and McMeen has started his house. Charles Lewis has a permit for his garage.

Leverton reported on the campground and gave an estimated cost of materials for the shelter house which the people of the campground will construct.

MacKaben reported he had talked to the Owens at the Supper Club about the beach for swimming and it can be used. It is hoped everyone using it will take care of the bath house facilities as there was some damage there last year.

Boats are not to be left on the marina as this takes up space for members to park their boat trailers after putting boats in the water.

Sabetti reported on the sanitary building and said progress was being made and inspectors are to check on the septic tank systems again. This has to be done before the building can be put in.

The meeting then adjourned.

Sanitary Board meets

The Sanitary Board of Little Swan Lake will meet Friday, July

1, with FHA officers in Monmouth. This meeting will be to discuss the water project for Little Swan Lake and the availability of financing through FHA.

Toll Free Number for Boating Info

Have you ever had a question on boating, but didn't know who to ask? Well, get down this number, 800-325-7376. This 24-hour, toll-free number will put you in touch with one of the Coast Guard's Boating Safety Specialists in St. Louis.

The Second Coast District's Office of Boating Safety, realizing a need for direct communication with the boating public, installed this toll-free line to answer specific questions a boater may have about his particular problem. Any boater will be able to obtain information such as: where he can report boating accidents; what legal requirements he must meet in order to boat in other states; what safety equipment he must carry to meet Federal requirements; etc.

So boaters, don't be bashful, pick up the phone and give us a call on our toll-free, 24-hour boating information line. Remember, call 800-325-7376 if we can't answer your question, we can find someone who can.

Have a safe boating summer.

Swim Safely

Swimming in home pools and farm ponds can be hazardous, says Ordie Hoggett, U. of I. Extension safety specialist. Accidents often result because there is little supervision and swimmers are not usually well-trained.

For a safe summer in the water, Hoggett offers these tips: --Swim with others. It's more fun and safer than swimming alone.

--Forbid small children to play near a pool or a farm pond without supervision.

--Don't swim immediately after eating. Take time to rest.

--If you get tired while swimming, get out of the pond.

--Provide life preservers for all non-swimmers.

--Know the area you're diving into. There could be a hidden rock or stump below the surface.

--Keep simple rescue equipment handy. A long light-weight cane or bamboo pole can be used to reach a drowning victim. Even a non-swimmer could use this equipment to avoid an accident.

Simple water safety equipment is inexpensive. Use safety equipment only for an emergency. It should not become a playtoy at the pond, cautions Hoggett.

Greatest Cause of Fires Gasoline Vapors

The greatest cause of fires and explosions aboard recreational boats is the ignition of gasoline fumes that have collected in the lower parts of the boat. Gasoline vapor is heavier than air and sinks into the lower compartments. If clean air isn't forced into these spaces to blow the gasoline vapors out of the boat, it accumulates there waiting for the first spark... from a cigarette ash or even from an electrical switch.

Think about this for a second, one cup of gasoline allowed to vaporize has the same potential explosive power as fifteen sticks of dynamite. It doesn't take much imagination to picture what effect that power would have exploding into the bilges of a 25-foot cabin cruiser.

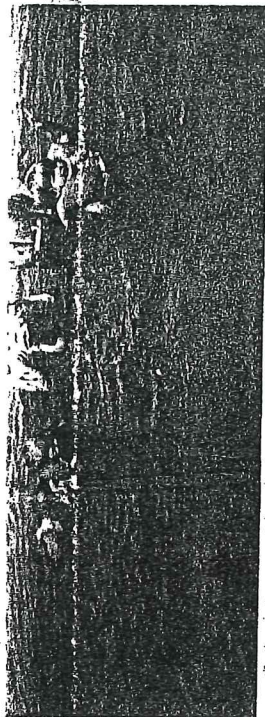
To date, no completely fool-proof ventilation system has been developed. However, craft with enclosed fuel and engine spaces are required to have some form of adequate ventilation.

Most ventilation systems today employ a series of cowls and tubing. Fresh air is directed into lower bilge spaces using forward-facing wind scoops commonly called cowls. Large flexible tubes lead down from the cowls into the spaces to be ventilated. If these spaces enclose an engine, the intake tube should reach down at least below the level of the carburetor intake.

A similar tube, or set of tubes, leads from near the bottom of the engine spaces upward to an after-facing exhaust cowl. The forward motion of the craft creates a vacuum that draws the vapor up and out of the enclosed spaces. The exhaust tubing should extend as low as possible into the bilges without being in a position where it may be blocked by any accumulation of bilge water.

The minimum allowable diameter of the tubing connected to the cowls is two inches.

Remember, the exhaust cowl method only works if the vessel is in motion. To ventilate your enclosed spaces during starting or idling, either completely open the engine compartment or use special vapor and explosion-proof electric fans. If you choose a powered blower, make sure you select a spark-proof, electric on/off switch.



Of course the fun always includes the kids and this group was having a big time waiting for the wave caused by passing ski boats to come onto shore.

Festival Committee meets

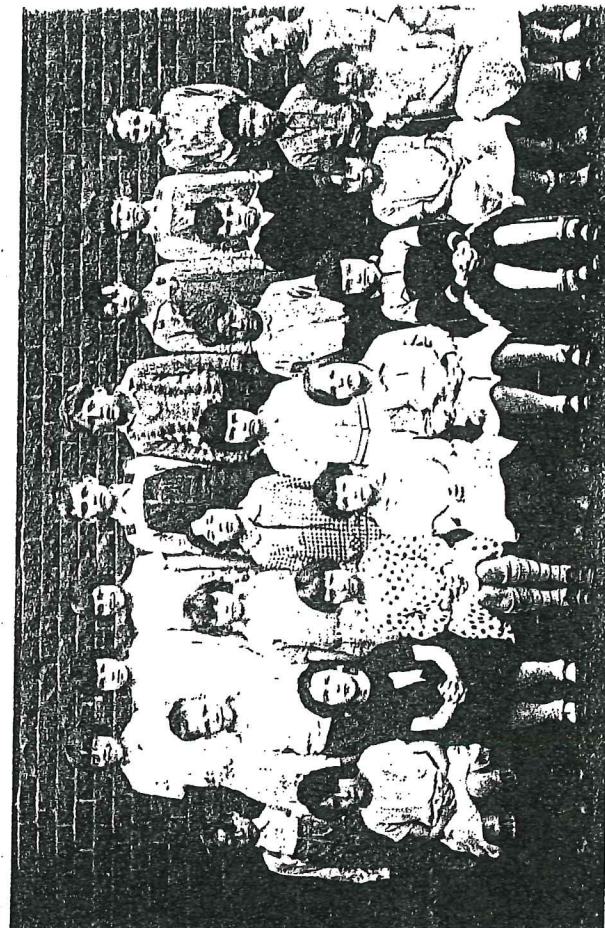
The Bushnell Town & Country Festival Committee met Tuesday night to lay plans for the 1977 event. The Festival this year will be co-chaired by George Beckman and Don Chapman, who are planning for even more free activities this year.

The Flower & Vegetable Show is again being supervised by Sam Gain; and the Art Shows, Ceramic Show and Needlecraft will be

Not Eligible

The Department of Labor's Illinois Division of Unemployment Compensation has announced that school cooks, teachers and secretaries will be eligible for unemployment compensation during this summer.

This year's Festival looks to be even a bigger event than last year. Dates for the Festival are August 24-27. Please plan to be on hand and join in the fun!



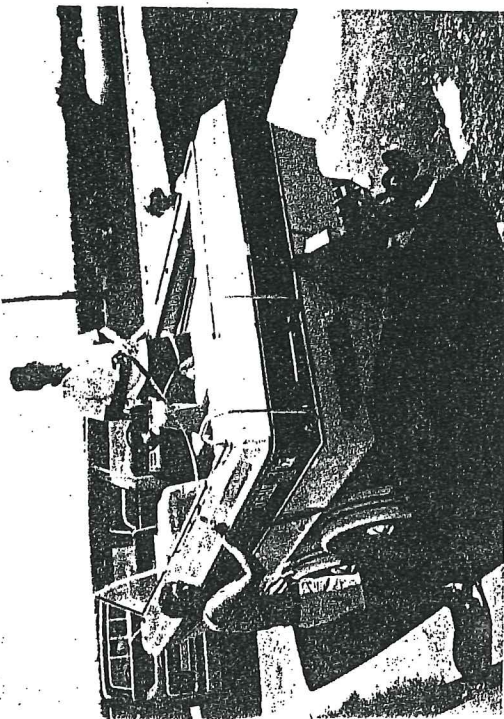
Tulid Grade at East Side School in 1978. Teacher was Miss Cora Darr. Top row, left to right: Bernadine Little, Myra Pappas, Vivian Smith, Lyle McCance, Robert Riggs, Wal Pawless, Curtis Swartzbaugh and Marice Lyons. Middle row, Lawrence McCune, Ju Imman, Garnet Shaw, Nina Miller, Kathryn Evans, Wayne Rogers, Roy Barnes, Veri Hill, Robert Finch. Front row, Alvina Ide, Frances Heaton, Jessica Truman, Mary Bair, Darl Freeburg, Vonita Tedrick, Pearl Mason and Doris Mitchell. The picture is courtesy of Nina Johnson of Table Grove.

Remember When?

Safe Driving is a Must! Safe Schools' Out!

SUMMER FUN AT LITTLE SWAN

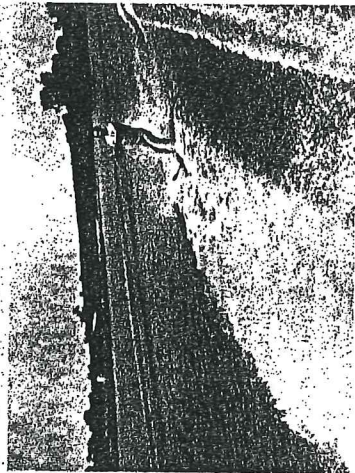
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The boat launch area was quite busy Sunday as a variety of boats ranging from inboard/outboard, outboard, the simple row boat, were put into the water. Above Laverne Parks, along with help from his friends, unches this beautiful inboard/outboard rig.



Many of the visitors to the lake on Sunday simply relaxed with a book and enjoyed the sun such as this lady on the beach at Swan Hills Supper Club.



Water skiing is being enjoyed by many on Little Swan Lake as Carl Wright shows in the above photo.



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Little Swan Journal

"Leisure Living at its Best"

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 1977

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Little Swan

Lake Club

Board Meets Toll Free Number

Greatest Cause of

Fires -- Gasoline

Vapors

The greatest cause of fires and explosions aboard recreational

"Leisure living at its best" describes the various activities now in full swing on and about Little Swan Lake.

With the most recent rain showers, the Swan Hills Golf Course is enjoying lush greens and beautiful fairways making it truly a golfer's delight with the mid 70 temperatures we have

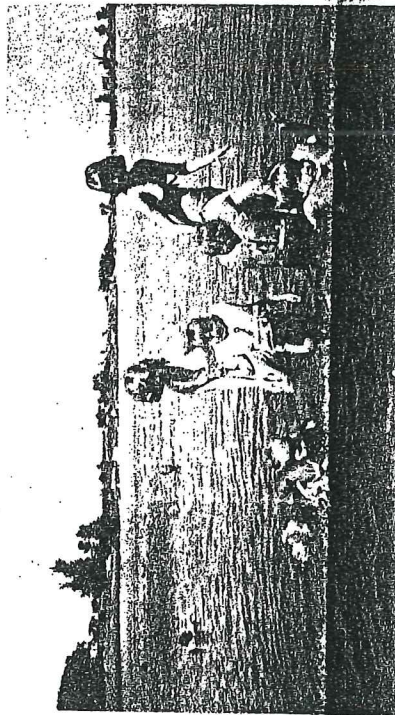
experienced this spring.

Those enjoying camping on their own lots or in the general camping area have found some very rewarding fishing, swimming, and, of course, fellowship with other campers.

Building continues to flourish by both new and old lot owners who are providing facilities for

weekend enjoyment and, in fact, for many, year 'round enjoyment on the shores of Little Swan Lake. This past weekend a large group was on hand to enjoy water skiing, swimming, and just pleasure boat riding.

So come join the fun, come to Little Swan Lake!



Patrolman Luckit is always on hand to make sure safety regulations are being followed by boaters and that only lot owners are using the lake facilities.



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HISTORY OF LITTLE SWAN LAKE

Unconventional retirement spot

Retirees forego warm, sunny climates for central Illinois' 4 seasons

By ELAINE HOPKINS

of the Journal Star

AVON — Vern Chick grew weary of living behind walls, barbed wire and guarded gates in his Los Angeles condominium. "We couldn't go out on the street, it got so dangerous," he recalled. "We didn't know our next-door neighbors."

Chick, a high school athletic director and coach, retired from his job, sold his condominium, and left sunny California to live in the sometimes-frigid Midwest. For six years, he and his wife have lived at Little Swan Lake, five miles west of Avon.

"It's heaven, not being in the city," he said.

He's not alone. This remote rural development lately has been attracting a few retired city dwellers fleeing urban chaos for the beauty and stability of the Midwestern countryside.

Joe Stankos was a telephone company manager living in a Chicago suburb. Now he's building a retirement home at Little Swan Lake, one of four new homes going up there. He doesn't fear the remote location. It's not too far to Galesburg, Macomb or other towns with hospitals, restaurants and entertainment, he said. "It would take me as long to travel in the city."

Jack Lillie, a semiretired realtor involved with Little Swan Lake from its beginnings in the mid-1960s, has lived there himself since 1972. The current small building boom is unprecedented, he said, the first new houses built there for several years. Lower interest rates may be encouraging the new construction, he speculated.

Demographers who study retirement trends have noticed

Little Swan Lake

Location: 5 miles west of Avon, 20 miles from Macomb, 25 miles from Galesburg.

Lake size: 250 acres.

Number of houses: About 100.

Number of lots: 576.

Cost of waterfront lot: \$8,000-\$10,000.

Away from the water: about \$2,000.

a new one: retirees are seeking rural or small-town destinations outside of expensive and crowded Sun Belt areas such as Florida and Arizona.

But statistically speaking, that trend hasn't affected central Illinois, said Fiona Davidson, a research associate at the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs at Western Illinois University. "I don't see it happening," she said.

Arkansas, Southern Illinois, and Missouri are now attracting retirees, she said. But in central Illinois, only several recently built prisons have kept population figures from crashing, she said census data shows.

Whether they're ahead of their time, or just different from the crowd, the retirees at Little Swan Lake say they're happy with their choice.

"We like the four seasons," said Vern Chick, who grew up in Abingdon before he moved to California. "If it gets cold, we just stay inside."

Al Wilson, a former Peorian who retired from CILCO in 1985, has learned to enjoy the cold winters. He goes ice fishing, he said, and rides snowmobiles.

Other retirees at Little Swan Lake may head south for the worst of the winter. Kate Kruzan, a retired teacher whose home has overlooked Little Swan Lake since 1976, said she and her husband leave for south Texas when the snow begins to pile up on their driveway.

JOURNAL STAR, Peoria, Monday, October 14, 1991

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HISTORY OF LITTLE SWAN LAKE

Elaine Hopkins (cont)



JOHN FREIDAH/Journal Star

Retirees living at Little Swan Lake near Avon include, from front row, left, Dave Chick, Al Wilson, Joe Stankos, and, back row, left, Jack Lillie, Vern Chick and Kate Kruzan. At left is a typical lakeside residence at Little Swan Lake.



She leaves reluctantly, she said. "I've lived a lot of places but this is home," she said.

"Texas is boring," she said, describing the retirement routine there. "You go out to eat, visit, play cards."

Little Swan Lake retirees pursue many of these same activities, she admitted. "But here, you've got friends."

Retirees at Little Swan Lake play golf and bridge, organize potlucks, get involved in

church activities, fish and socialize, she said. The retired men meet twice weekly at 6 a.m. for coffee. Women hold monthly luncheons.

The retirees tend to be married couples. When a spouse dies, the survivor usually moves elsewhere, Lillie said.

New people who join the community activities usually make friends, said Kruzan, who serves on the development's board of directors and writes a

column for a local newspaper. "People don't run to you. You've got to make some effort."

Kruzan and Lillie, both Avon natives, are examples of another retirement trend, people who stay put in retirement. Central Illinois communities are more likely to retain those who are "aging-in-place," Davidson said, rather than attracting older people from elsewhere.

HISTORY OF LITTLE SWAN LAKE

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A RETIREMENT COMMUNITY IT IS NOT -

A community unto its own, it could rival any town

Little Swan Lake - a great place to live!

By Joe Acklin

West Central Illinois is largely rural agriculture land dotted with numerous small communities and medium sized towns. The bulk of the land area, however, is farm and pasture.

Such is an area in eastern Warren County, adjacent to the Fulton County Line. Sitting just 7 miles outside of Avon; 27 miles south of Galesburg; and about 50 miles west of the Mississippi River and 50 miles east of the Illinois River and the city of Peoria, is the residential community of Little Swan Lake.

It has yet to find its place on the large Rand-McNally maps, but numerous other maps have included it in recent years.

What is Little Swan Lake? A comfortable 250 acre Lake with miles of shore line accommodating neatly built and maintained year-around homes and boat houses. It's numerous full-time residents and property owners living away from the lake enjoy a very active life of fishing, boating, swimming, water skiing, golfing, ice skating, snowmobiling, ice fishing and various social activities all in the quiet atmosphere of the rural countryside filled with beautiful mature trees and various wildlife.

Years ago the spot of Little Swan Lake was kind of a wooded ravine on the backside of several good producing farms. This part of the farm land was not tillable, however, and in the 1960's those farmers decided to develop the un-used area into a recreational lake. After years of planning, development and promotion, the lake was dug and the first houses built in the early 1970's. The majority of the water supply comes from Swan Creek and various underground springs. Little Swan has enjoyed a pleasant, slow, but steady growth since that time.

Today entire housing plot contains 576 generous sized lots many exceeding one acre in size. At present there are 114 homes and numerous boat houses on the lake. Three new houses are under construction, one has just been completed and several are in the planning stages for next Spring.

Immediately adjacent to the west end of the housing development sits Swan Hills Golf Course. A beautiful, challenging 9-hole course, it is ranked by players as one of the best smaller courses in the State of Illinois. It is open for play from early Spring to late Fall and is just a short drive for people living at the Lake.

There is also a full-service camp ground for those property owners who have not yet built, but who want to enjoy the Lake and its activities from their camper trailer or mobile home.

BUSY PEOPLE -

While there really are some "retired" people living at the Lake, the vast majority of the population are working people, either in their own business or working for someone else. Many of the households have at least two working adults. And for those who are "retired"? Well, perhaps just "fired" would better fit their description. They may not be working full-time jobs away from home, but if they aren't

busy with taking care of the lawn, shoreline, house maintenance or participating in many of the recreational activities, they are busy helping their neighbors with their maintenance tasks which they cannot fit into their full-time outside work schedule.

While the local area heads the list of property owners, the majority are from the rest of Illinois. At least three recent welcome "new Lakers" have come from the Chicago area; a couple from California. The rest of the United States is represented as well with owners living in Texas, Missouri, Tennessee, Iowa, Indiana, Maine, Florida, California, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Virginia, Georgia, and at least one from overseas.

**The residents could
form a full-blown town**

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The residents of the houses on Little Swan Lake could easily form a community with most all of the services anyone could imagine. It would out-rival any community in the area and be the envy of many larger towns.

Amongst the residents living full-time at the Lake are a dentist, a bank vice-president-manager, postmaster, hardware and general merchandise store owner, grocery store owner, two newspaper publishers, a professional electrician, a Cable TV manager, a CPA, two real estate brokers and several real estate sales people; several nurses; a public school administrator, several school teachers, two manufacturers, a barber, a beauty salon owner, a restaurant owner, insurance agents, the owner of a pharmacy, a construction company owner, the owner of a sand and gravel operation, a hauling contractor, a propane gas dealer, the owner of a car wash, a farm equipment sales manager, several owners of area farms, at least four printers, numerous secretaries, computer operators, at least two postal workers and the owner of the adjacent 9-hole Swan Hills Golf Course. These are just the people who come immediately to mind. The list of those people who are in the "retired" category include many of the same type of professional, management, semi-professional and skilled people who live at the Lake.

Add now to the above list the people who own property at Little Swan Lake but have yet to arrive for full-time living: several physicians, lawyers, furniture store owner, lumber yard owner, TV and Appliance store owners, implement dealerships, Variety store owner, funeral home operator, grain elevator operator, engineers, contractors, more accountants, secretaries, teachers and nurses.

Is there any other "small community" community of this size which could boast of such resources?

Living at Little Swan Lake is not all take and no give. With the development of the Lake Community, the local tax based entities have enjoyed a great boost to

their coffers. And the Lake property owners are more than willing to do their share. Particularly true is the Lake's relationship with the Avon School District.

While the Lake itself sits in Greenbush Township in Warren County, the Avon School District is comprised of parts of Warren, Fulton and Knox counties, with the schools being housed in Avon in Fulton County.

Property owners provide healthy chunk of the local tax base

Interestingly enough, there are 469 students enrolled in the Avon School system with 50% (234.5 students) coming from Union, Ellisville and Lee Twp. in Fulton County; 35% percent (164.15 students from Greenbush Twp. and 10 students from Berwick Twp) in Warren County; and 15% (70.35 students) from Indian Point Twp. in Knox County.

The total 1990 valuation for Avon School District was \$16,048,000.

Greenbush and Berwick Twp. in Warren County, however, contributes the majority to the assessed valuation - \$8,400,000. Fulton County contributes \$6,500,000 and Knox County, \$1,200,000, making a total in excess of \$16,000,000 property valuation.

The Greenbush Twp. valuation for 1991 is: Farm Land, \$4,977,160; farm houses and buildings, \$526,250; other houses and smaller acreage, \$2,031,626; and commercial property, \$120,000. Berwick Twp. in Warren County, contributes \$744,274 to the school valuation process making a total of \$8,400,000.

Those figures indicate that for each of the 174.15 students coming from Greenbush and Berwick Twp., property owners are contributing \$51,172.70 in valuation to the Avon School System.

No one is complaining. The Avon School District boasts one of the best smaller school systems available with a high teacher-student ratio and an inordinate amount of graduates continuing on to and doing exceedingly well at the college level. It is definitely money well spent.

The Lake valuation also goes to contribute to the Avon Fire District, road and bridge and all of the other taxing districts, some in Fulton County, some in Warren County.

What does it cost to live at the Lake

Although now that the initial development plan has long since been completed and all of the lots are in "private ownership", many lots are for sale by their owners and many change hands each year.

The average cost of lots run from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for those off of the water and to \$8,000 to \$12,000 for a water-front lot. Property taxes naturally vary, according

HISTORY OF LITTLE SWAN LAKE

Joe Acklin (cont)

to the house, but most would be less than \$900. per year and vacant lots in the \$50. range.

Due to changing circumstances of the various owners, several houses come up for sale each year, and depending on the house, prices can run as low as \$30,000 to as high as \$100,000. Most fall in a median price range.

The Lake has its own piped in water system with deep wells on both sides of the water; is served by McDonough Power Co. (REA); and Centel Telephone Co. Most of the houses are fueled either by electricity or propane gas (with a resident dealer). It is protected by the Avon Fire Department, Warren County Sheriffs Dept., and has excellent ambulance service provided by the Avon Ambulance and its EMT's. Rural Route mail is delivered 6 days a week and at least two daily newspapers have motor routes to the various homes.

It is close to medical care and hospitals in Galesburg and Macomb and to shopping as close as Avon. The entire area offers a broad base of facilities and entertainment.

The actual Little Swan Lake membership only costs \$50. per year, for which the organization stocks the lake with fish, maintains the surface area of its inner roads and provides snow removal in the winter. The Lake also sponsors several free social gatherings, with food, at its newly erected Pavilion at the east end of the Lake. The Pavilion is also used by the men for coffee get-togethers and by the women for their monthly luncheons.

COME TAKE A LOOK -

Take a drive and stop by and visit with any of the friendly residents of Little Swan Lake. They'll be more than glad to tell you about this wonderful piece of heaven planted amongst the corn and bean fields in West Central Illinois.

There are plenty of social activities and planned events going on all of the time, but a rocking chair community it is not. It is a great place to retire, but Sun City, Arizona or a Texas Gulf retirement community it isn't. Life is much more on the up-swing. In fact, living and participating at Little Swan Lake is sure to take away that "tired feeling" and will add many more active years to your life.

HISTORY OF LITTLE SWAN LAKE



Driftwood 1971

Driftwood Supper Club
Sep. 1971



Interior of Driftwood Supper Club
1971

HISTORY OF LITTLE SWAN LAKE

Driftwood Supper Club

In 1970 the Driftwood Supper Club was built by the Little Swan Lake Association.

The architect was Karl Rauscher, Bushnell, Ill. It was constructed by Harlan Hummel of Bushnell, Ill.

Several different managers leased the building. A variety of menus were introduced. They employed local residents.

Wedding receptions, dances, and special events were celebrated there in the beautiful new building.

Swimmers utilized the beach area. Boat docks were in place and many people docked their boats for dinner at the clubhouse. It was a festive place to entertain and to be entertained. It boosted sales of lots at the lake.

The development of the supper club suffered growing pains. The delay of construction on the new concrete highway was problematic. Muddy roads prevented customers access to the supper club. Enticing customers in inclement weather was difficult.

Cost overruns occurred during construction and a downturn in the economy forced the Association to sell the building in 1975.

The Driftwood was sold in 1975 to James H. and Dorothy M. Owens and the Swan Hills Golf Course Inc. It was renamed the Swan Hills Supper Club. Many golfers gathered and the Ladies Golf League held luncheons there.

In 1980 it was sold to Thomas and Katie Herron and Walter Dutko. The name was changed to "The Edgewater".

November, 1981 John and Marie Haigh of Dallas City purchased it. They named it "Little Swan Lake Supper Club. A varied menu was offered but the restaurant's popularity seemed to diminish.

In 1985, it was managed by Joe Mattingley, of County Taverns, Inc. and renamed "The Catfish Place". Eventually the furnishings were sold as well as the kitchen equipment.

The building was sold at auction in 1989 to Michael Drasites, 867 W. North, Galesburg, Ill. It remains his property today.

HISTORY OF LITTLE SWAN LAKE

JUL 68



Little Swan Lake 1968

Bridge on old "Whistler" Road,
Eventually Removed



Future golf course area

July 1970

SEP 72



Aug 27, 1972

New Bridge at Golf Course

August 1972

HISTORY OF LITTLE SWAN LAKE

Swan Lake Golf Course Development

In response to popular demand in 1970, the Little Swan Lake Association Inc. donated 30 lots that were platted from land owned by the association. Each lot was to be sold for \$4,000. This enabled development to start with \$120,000, a loan was also obtained from the Farm and Home Administration. The 30 entrepreneurial investors were: Wm J. Heap, Robert K. Sullivan, Wm. C. & Virginia McKinley, Henry & Adeline Weast, Lewis and Dorothy Lillie Jr., Kenneth Vancil, Clarabeth Vancil, Watson's Seed Farm, Oral C. Kost, Robert A. Downs, Joseph McConoughey, Warren & Marie Chivers, Harlen E. Hummel, James & Dorothy Owens, Claire & Martha Horton, Bernard W. & Virginia Lowney, John S. & Frances Gorden, Berdette & Elsie Bradley, Albert L. Wagy Jr., Mary Ellen McKee, Avon Farm Supply (D.K. Wingate & Richard McElvaine), Bernard & Bonnie Fayhee, John Fayhee & Sons, Wm. & Onnalee Jane Laule Stevens, John Owens, Dan Pendarvis, Kenneth Roberts, Ralph Wilkins, Ron Zuck and Lyle Dunlap. The President was Harlen E. Hummel and the Secretary was Claire Horton.

James H. Owens was the consultant and manager, he was assisted by his son John. James & Dorothy Owens assumed the mortgage and ownership of the golf course. Jim was a city champion at Galesburg for several years and was considered well qualified. He was also a railroad engineer and he was assisted by Dorothy and the family. An office building was constructed that was large enough to contain equipment for mowing, repairs, and pro shop.

Jim Spear, a golf course architect from St. Charles, Il. designed the Swan Hills Golf Course. Sam Herget Construction from the Quad Cities built the course.

Marcelilno Reyes Paredes from Mexico purchased the golf course in November, 1992. His son-in-law Wolfgang Mews, managed the course.

Kent & Ellen Westfall from Sterling, Il. purchased the golf course in November 1994. They renamed it Swan Creek Golf Club. They have improved it a great deal. The entire family maintains the golf club.

HISTORY OF LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB

PAST PRESIDENTS

1968-70 Maribel McGrew

1971-72 Lonny Hickenbottom

1972 Ivan Haase

1973 Marvin Klusman

1974 James S. Jones

1975-76 Ralph Harman

1977 Ivan Zuck

1978-79 Kenneth Hiatt

1980-81 Gerry Ferrell

1982-83 Francis Russell

1984-85 Mark Meyer

1986-88 Lewis Lillie

1989-90 Tom Hilgenberg

1991-93 Bill Lorton

1994-95 Vern Chick

1995-96 Jerry Vicary

1996-2000 Jan Lorton

2001 - Jim Nielsen

MINUTES OF
LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB MEETING
April 13, 1969

The first general meeting of the Little Swan Lake Club was held at the Federated Church Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 13, 1969, at 2 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by President Maribel McGrew, followed with a brief prayer by the president. A welcome to all club members was given by Herbert Wilkins, President of the Little Swan Lake Association, Inc., whose officers and board of directors were hosts for this meeting. Mr. Wilkins reviewed the recent progress made at Little Swan Lake, and also talked briefly about future plans. To give the lot owners an opportunity to see and get acquainted with the officers and directors of the Association, Mr. Wilkins asked each of them to stand.

Mrs. McGrew, president of the club, then introduced the officers and directors of the Little Swan Lake Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Jud Henninger were presented with a gift from the Association to show its appreciation for what the Henningers have done during their stay at the lake. Mr. Henninger is leaving as manager as of May 1, 1969.

A roll call of club members was given by name and lot number. Members also registered and were given name tags. A list of those attending is found in the Little Swan Lake Registration Book.

Mrs. McGrew commented briefly on the formation of the Little Swan Lake Club.

The treasurer's report was given by the secretary, Ralph Harmon, in the absence of the club's treasurer, Mary Askins. A copy of this report is attached. The motion made by John Hunter, seconded by Don Kessler, that the report be accepted and approved, was carried.

Committee reports were given by the chairman of each of the following committees, and the chairmen in turn introduced the members serving on their respective committees: Recreation - Mrs. McGrew; Building - Herbert Wilkins; Membership - Zelpha Pendarvis; Roads & Grounds - Ralph Wilkins; Swimming and Boating - Vern Bräcker; Hunting and Fishing, Everett Brookhart.

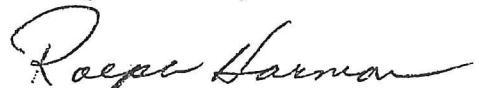
By-laws for the Little Swan Lake Club were read by the Secretary. Jud Henninger made the motion that these by-laws be approved and adopted, and that copies be made of said by-laws and mailed to each club member. Motion seconded by Cleo Smith. Motion carried.

Duane Miles gave a brief summary of the formation of a newly-formed organization known as the Little Swan Lake Community Center, which concerns golf and other recreational activities. A short discussion followed.

At the close of the meeting, the following prizes were given: Fishing rod - oldest-in-years lot owner, John Stacel; Barbeque set and Thermos jug-youngest-in-age lot owners, the John Hiels and Carl Nixons; Fishing reel- most recent lot purchaser present, Lyle Courtney. The door prize, a silver maple tree, was won by lot owner #16, Paul Greene.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 and was followed by a social hour. Refreshment committee consisted of Irma Smith, Mavis Harmon, and Arlene Wilkins, ~~and Dorothy Hillier~~.

Respectfully submitted:


Secretary
Little Swan Lake Club

RH/jh

Read on Oct. 26, 1969
Approved as read.

LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1968-1969

April 13, 1969

170 Lots sold

36 Dues unpaid

Money received from dues \$4,620.00

Disbursements

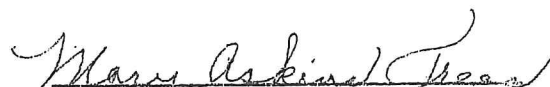
Lake lights.....	\$280.75	
Printed checks.....	5.80	
Corporation dues. . .	3.00	289.55

\$4,330.45

Certificate of Deposit, March 18, 1969. 4,000.00

Balance in checking account as of this date . . \$ 330.45

Respectfully submitted:


Mary Askins, Treasurer
Little Swan Lake Club

Office

MINUTES OF
LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB MEETING

October 26, 1969

The 1969 Annual Meeting of the Little Swan Lake Club was held at the Federated Church Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, October 26, 1969, at 2 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by President Maribel McGrew.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Ralph Harmon. The Treasurer's report was given by Mary Askins with a net reported to be \$13,044.28. Lyle Courtney moved, seconded by Lonnie Hickenbottom that the secretary and treasurer's reports be accepted and approved as read. Motion carried.

Chairmen of various committees were then called upon for reports.

Recreation - Maribel McGrew asked people, who would be interested in attending a pot luck supper to be held at the Administration Building at the Lake on the first Sunday of December, to please list their names with Don Kessler.

Roads & Grounds - Ralph Wilkins thanked all the lot owners for doing a good job in improving and keeping up their lots. He told of trees that have been planted as well as road and street improvements.

Hunting & Fishing - Cleo Smith reported for chairman, Everett Brookhart. He explained that the lake had been stocked with Northern Pike and also that hunting was being done on Section 4.

Building Committee - Herbert Wilkins reported that to date 16 permits have been issued for homes, 12 for boat docks and 11 boathouses.

Swimming & Boating - Larry Melhouse in reporting for Vern Bricker, chairman of the committee, said there had been 93 boat stickers issued.

Camping Area - Leo Watkins described the facilities at the camping area and said that between 25-35 campers make use of these grounds during the summer weekends.

Membership - Zelpha Pendarvis, membership chairman, reported there are now 173 different families who are members of Little Swan Lake Club, and 219 lots have been sold.

Manager Ralph Harmon stated that future expansion plans for the project include more shelters on outlots; completion of the camping area; and boat docks to be placed on Outlot D. Future plans for the water system were also discussed as well as comments made on the Clubhouse. Harmon then introduced Karl Rauschert, architect for the Clubhouse, who in turn presented an artist's sketch of the building and explained its facilities and construction.

A motion was made by Zelpha Pendarvis, seconded by Herbert Wilkins, that the Little Swan Lake Club charter from the State of Illinois be framed and hung in the Administration Building, and then later be displayed in the Clubhouse.

After a discussion on trespassing, Lyle Courtney made the motion that two stickers be issued and applied to cars to show membership in the Lake Club. Motion seconded by Smith, and carried.

Courtney then made an amendment to his previous motion that details for the stickers be worked out by the Club Board as to the number of stickers to be issued, number of cars, when to start issuing these, etc. This amendment was seconded by Jesse Bradshaw and carried.

Lonnie Hickenbottom motioned that the Club Board set a definite date to hold its regular meetings. Motion seconded by R. Wilkins. Motion carried.

Motion for adjournment made by Herbert Wilkins, seconded by Jud Henninger. Motion carried.

A coffee hour preceded the business meeting. The committee in charge consisted of the Cleo Smiths, Don Kesslers and Lonnie Hickenbottoms.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Harmon

Secretary

3-4-70

Little Swan Lake Club
Statement of Income and Expenses
Oct. 26, 1969

Income:

Dues Received	\$8478.21	
Interest Earned	<u>100.00</u>	\$8578.21

Expenses:

Lights	\$664.75	
Corporation Dues	3.00	
Checks	5.80	
Account Books	24.68	
Duck Blind expense	<u>10.00</u>	
		<u>708.23</u>
		\$7870.08

Little Swan Lake Club
Balance Sheet
Oct. 26, 1969

Assets:

Cash in Bank	\$3870.08	
Cert. of Deposit	4000.00	
Dues Receivable	<u>5174.20</u>	
	\$13 044.28	

Liabilities

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Net Worth		\$13 044.28
		<u>\$13 044.28</u>

MINUTES OF
LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB MEETING

October 25, 1970

The 1970 Annual Meeting of the Little Swan Lake Club was held on Sunday afternoon, October 25, 1970, at 2 o'clock in the Administration Building at Little Swan Lake. The meeting was called to order by the president, Maribel McGrew. The opening prayer was given by ~~Zelpha~~
~~Wilma~~
BROCKHART

The treasurer's report, given by Mary Askins, treasurer, was as follows:

Assets:	Cash in Bank	\$ 2,335.42
	Certificates of Deposit	17,000.00
	Accounts (Dues) Receivable	3,399.85
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		\$22,735.27
Liabilities:	None	<hr/>
		.00
	NET WORTH	\$22,735.27

The minutes of the October 26, 1969, meeting were read. Warren Covert moved that they be approved as read, seconded by Lyle Courtney. Motion carried.

All board members who have served this past year were present and were introduced: Mary Askins, Ralph Harmon, Marvin Oyer, Lonny Hickenbottom, Don Kessler, Larry Melhouse, Cleo Smith, Herbert Wilkins, Ralph Wilkins, Zelpha Pendarvis and Mrs. McGrew. Retiring after this one year term are Messrs. H. Wilkins and Harmon, and Mrs. McGrew. Candidates to be elected as new board members to serve a term of three years were introduced. They were: Marvin Klusman, Clifton Sebree, Dale Watson, Conrad Clugston and Henry Weast. The three elected to serve on the club board beginning November 4, 1970, were Marvin Klusman, Conrad Clugston and Henry Weast.

Reports given by the chairmen of various committees were as follows:

Swimming-Boating: (Vern Bricker, Chairman; Jack Lillie, Larry Melhouse, Bud Alden & Eldon Ulm) No report.

Hunting-Fishing: (Everett Brookhart, Chairman; Cleo Smith, David Jackson, Don Kessler, Max Powell, Gene Young and Jim Steach) - Duck hunting is allowed again this year in Section 4 with 8 blinds being registered. A bass fishing contest was held this summer. Winners were: Wm. Dowell, first; Jim Steach, second; Jaime Owens, third. The trophies were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Voegele of Macomb and were awarded on Labor Day in a ceremony held at the Administration Building.

Camping Area: (Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins, chairmen; Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Sebree, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Negley and Mr. and Mrs. Russel Morss) - In the absence of Leo Watkins, Mrs. Watkins reported that \$84.00 has been received from camp donations with 78 campers registered to date.

Maintenance: (Ralph Wilkins, chairman; Ralph Harmon) - Rock has been applied on the spillway back of the dam. Roads, especially in Section 4, are near completion and in other areas have been repaired. The majority of the main roads were oiled this summer. The camping area has been improved by grading, seeding of grass waterways, and the graveling of the turnaround. Other roads and waterways will be improved throughout the winter when possible.

Building: (Herbert Wilkins, chairman; Larry Melhouse and Lonny Hickenbottom) - Since the 1969 annual meeting, permits were issued for 9 additional houses, 8 boat docks and 1 boat house. The amended building code, dated September 1970, was read and explained as was the new Manual on Septic Tank practice.

Recreation: (Maribel McGrew, chairman; Don Kessler, Don Fayhee) Mrs. McGrew announced a weiner roast to be held Sunday, November 8, at 5:30 p.m. in Section 4.

Auditing: (Jack Gordon, chairman; Ray Hornbaker) - The audit of the books to date has been made by the Melvin Pershing auditing firm and has been placed on file with the treasurer, Mary Askins.

Membership: - Zelpha Pendarvis, chairman, reported that there are 279 lots sold and 240 families represented in the club.

Karl Rauschert, architect for the clubhouse, spoke on the progress of the clubhouse construction.

Harlan Hummel, president of Swan Hills Golf Course, Inc., reported that 7 holes have been constructed with the remaining 2 on the south side to be completed if weather permits yet this year, but definitely to be completed in the spring of 1971 with play set for 7-1-71. The course is 3200 yards in length and no doubt will be the finest course in west central Illinois. The various types of membership were explained.

Mrs. McGrew mentioned that the Little Swan Lake Club Board meets the first Wednesday of each month, and this is an open meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. A social hour both preceded and followed the meeting with the hosts being Mr. and Mrs. Lonny Hickenbottom and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Melhouse.

Respectfully submitted:

Ralph Harmon
Ralph Harmon, Secretary

Oct 25 1970

LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB

GENERAL MEETING

October 31, 1971

The 1971 Annual meeting of Little Swan Lake Club was called to order by the president, Lonny Hickenbottom on October 31, 1971 at 2 o'clock in the Clubroom at the Driftwood Supper Club.

The Treasurer's report was given by Conrad Clugston as follows:

Assets:	-	Cash on hand	\$6,651.28
		Certificates of	
		Deposit	30,449.16
		Dues Receivable	<u>2,698.85</u>
			\$39,799.29
Liabilities:		none	<u>.00</u>
		Net Worth	\$39,799.29

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Hallie Pool, seconded by John Hiel. Motion carried.

The minutes of the 1970 annual meeting were read by the secretary, Larry Melhouse. John Hunter moved they be accepted as read, seconded by Ralph Harmon. Motion carried.

All board members were introduced to the group. The members this past year were:

President	Lonny Hickenbottom
Vice President	Zelpha Pendarvis
Secretary	Larry Melhouse
Treasurer	Conrad Clugston
Directors	Marvin Oyer, Marvin Klusman, Ralph Wilkins, Pauline Roark, Henry Weast, Donald Kessler, Cleo Smith

The new manager, Daryl W. Steele, for Little Swan Lake Association, Inc. was then introduced.

Reports given by chairmen of various committees were given.

Building Committee: Larry Melhouse reporting permits for 8 houses, 2 boat docks, 2 boat houses, 1 swimming raft, were approved in 1971.

Membership Committee: Zelpha Pendarvis reporting that 308 lots now are sold which represents 269 families.

Recreation Committee: Hickenbottom asked for a show of hands on how many wished to continue Food 'n Fun Nite. 27 voted in favor, 0 against. It was decided to hold more in 1972.

Hunting-Fishing Committee: Everett Brookhart reporting.
Results of this year's Fishing Derby were: 1st, Bill Dowell; 2nd, Wayne Mott; 3rd, Fred Smith

Road & Grounds: Ralph Wilkins reporting. Most roads have been regraded to smooth them out for winter. Mowing is complete for the year and will be available for next year.

Swimming-Boating: Hallie Pool reporting. 220 boats now registered with 63 new ones registered this year

Camping: Lucile Watkins reporting camping very popular with some lot owners, and a token for most frequented camper was given to Mr. & Mrs. Charles Lewis

Golf Course: Jack Lillie reported briefly on the progress at Swan Hills Golf Assoc. All seeding has been completed and there will be 9 holes to play in 1972.

Old Business - none

New Business - Election of new board members.

The report of the nominating committee was read by Chairman, Lonny Hickenbottom as follows: Russell Hemp, John Hunter, Ivan Haase and John Owens. No further nominations had been made. A motion by Irma Smith, seconded by Mrs. Lonny Hickenbottom was to elect the names suggested as board members for a 3-year term. Motion carried.

A motion was made by John Swanson, seconded by Clarence Bogard to allow duck hunting this season in parts of Section 4. Motion failed by a 4 to 30 vote.

Several questions were directed to the Club Board in an informal question and answer period. These questions are as follows and will be used for discussion at regular meetings throughout the year. All members were reminded of the regular meeting night and urged to attend with their complaints and questions at that time.

Questions to be discussed: 1. Completion of Outlots so they are useable. 2. Motor boat driving too close to shore lines. 3. Dressing rooms at Driftwood locked up - could not use them on Monday & Tuesdays. 4. Fire protection. 5. Water system completion. 6. Skiing from Outlots. 7. Fishing from Outlots.

A suggestion by Mrs. Wm. McKinley was to have some one from the Fire Department and Insurance Companies speak at a Food 'N Fun Nite to inform lot owners of their protection.

Conrad Clugston commented that new rules and regulations are made available each year and members should take the time to find out which ones are new, etc. Also that our year here at Little Swan Lake is from July 1 to June 30 and dues are for that period.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by a motion by Ralph Harmon, seconded by Cleo Smith. A social hour both preceded and followed the meeting with hosts being Mr. & Mrs. Cleo Smith and Mr. & Mrs. Bob Roark.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Melhouse
Larry Melhouse, Secretary

10-31-71

LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of members of Little Swan Lake Club was called to order by the President Ivan Haase at 2:00 p.m., October 29, 1972 at the Driftwood Clubroom.

Members introduced themselves and mentioned their lot number - a means of getting acquainted.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. Motion was made and seconded they be approved as read. Motion carried.

Marvin Klussman, treasurer, made the following financial report dated as of October 28, 1972.

Cash on hand	\$ 2,515.51	
Cert. of Deposit	32,923.53	
Dues Receivable	5,315.53	
Furniture & Fixtures	646.92	
TOTAL ASSETS		\$41,401.49
TOTAL LIABILITIES		-0-
TOTAL SURPLUS		\$41,401.49

Motion made by Mrs. Weast and seconded by John Hiel that report be accepted as read. Motion carried.

The president made mention for those who had not known, that there were two active boards or committees in connection with lake business. One being the Little Swan Lake Club Committee and the other Little Swan Lake Association. Members of each committee were then introduced as well as Jo Hartley, Secretary for the Association and the Association Attorney, Mr. Mke Caard.

Committee reports were given by each chairman.

Klussman for recreation mentioned season started well but attendance dwindled so activities were not continued. Suggested some evening other than Sunday. Good show of hands indicated a change needed.

Carl Caylor reported for the fishing committee in the absence of Don Kessler. Caylor reported Bob McClusky caught the largest bass at 4 lbs. 10 oz. Flora

caught a 4 lb. 6 oz. bass and Tim Beckman's fish weighted 6 oz. Thanks went to Mr. Harry Vogel for the fishing trophies.

It was brought out that many trespassers, violators and infractions occur in the lake area and a patrolman should check bank areas and fisherman also.

Elizabeth Hiel of Boating and Swimming reported that 100 tons of sand had been added to the swim area. Also some life saving rings had been procured. New signs were ready for next year. There was much discussion relative to overseeing the beach area. Conflicting opinions came up as to management. Suggested lights, life guards, add play equipment - dress up the area. Need to be aware of state regulations and abide by same. Need a supervisor and paid personnel, not volunteer help to maintain and police the area. The general consensus - most all members would appreciate improvements.

Boating -- following comments: Need signs indicating shallow water. The 5 mile and hour speed signs. This 5 mile an hour factor was established as a safety measure as we do have increase in traffic and the lake narrows near the swimming area. Also need a patrolman or supervisor of lake traffic. Complaint of skiers infiltrating fishing area, as well as pontoons need to cut speed. It was agreed a patrolman is needed on weekends--same to be thoroughly identifiable.

A motion was made by Lucille Watkins and seconded by Brookhart that the Club hire a patrolman and he be given authority to carry out his duties which will be assigned to him by the Club Board.

Mr. Covert proposed an amendment as follows: that the Club Board be authorized to investigate and report the possibilities of hiring patrolman and the club be at its own discretion as to how club members be informed regarding same. Ralph Harmon seconded this amendment. There was a vote of 45 for -- none against. Motion as amended carried.

Jack Lail proposed the Club make this expenditure. Ralph Harmon questioned and commented on the validity of such expenditure.

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Lucille Watkins, as Camp Committee Chairman said they had 70 registrations, all paid 50¢ a day, others donated funds. Listed expenditures for the season were over \$400 with \$106 in donations whereas the association had expenditure of \$349.

Mr. Covert moved that Camping Committee figure cost of maintaining a camp site. Estimate or project occupancy and establish a registration fee. Mrs. Smith seconded this motion.

Pitcher questioned the liability of the association for the camping area. Discussion followed. Mr. Covert withdrew his motion.

Mr. Herb Wilkins then reported that several permits for building had been issued and several dwellings were in process and had gone up during the season.

Jack Lillie asked permission to read an article or letter he had written as a lot owner wherein he listed constructive and progressive program for the further development and betterment of the Little Swan Lake area. Namely; form a water district; a taxing body; dedicate all roads; change the concept of Little Swan Lake Club; perhaps establish a recreation director for members.

This letter led to much involved discussion from which a motion by Jack Lillie seconded by Miles Jordan that there be at least five people appointed to work with the Association to explore the problem areas.

The question of the validity of the Club collecting the \$35 yearly dues instead of the Association came up again. Mr. Gaard pointed out that as the Association had permitted the Club to collect the \$35 fee, the Association had to pay their own expenses and that a capital expenditure for a water system at this time was not at all feasible due to the lack of funds.

It was suggested if the club needs legal council they should investigate same.

Also the problems concerning the lake area should be identified and solved.

Mr. Covert moved that we authorize the Club Committee to make an expenditure for legal council to investigate the problem areas. John Hiel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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A committee to explore and consider problems and act in conjunction with the Association was formed of volunteers, namely: Jack Lail, Jack Lillie, Miles Jordan, Ralph Harmon and the new president of the Club act as Chairman of same.

The nominating committee chairman presented the following to be selected to serve on Little Swan Lake Club Committee for the year 1972-1973. Ivan Ray, Ivan Zuck, ^{David}~~Ray~~ Mohr, and Frank Snapp.

Motion was made by McGinley and seconded by Betty Kessler that nominations as presented be accepted. Motion then made nominations be closed. Jack Lillie made motion that a unanimous ballot be cast for the slate as presented. Klussman seconded. Motion carried.

Jack Lail proposed more meetings instead of just annual meetings. Informal special meetings are justifiable.

Door prizes were drawn going to John Owen, Les Paul, Elizabeth Hiel and Jim Harrison.

Motion for adjournment made by Klussman. Seconded by Harmon. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Roark
Pauline Roark, Secretary

10-29-72

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L. F. Lillie, Jr.

Ralph Harmon

September 5, 1973

Mrs. Everett Cook
Little Swan Lake
Avon, Illinois 61415

Dear Mrs. Cook,

I suggest that there be a slight change in the rule, or possibly the interpretation of a rule, on guests while at Little Swan Lake. For instance, if someone is your guest and is on your lot we feel that person should have a fishing right while standing on the shore of a lot owned by a specific lot owner. When any lot was purchased there were road, dam costs (and water), and supper club costs built into the price, therefore, if there is a guest at a dwelling and/or boat house facility, I feel that they should have the right to fish off of the bank of the lot. This, however, could be a problem for back lots that use the out-lot access to the lake. This is one reason we purchased a waterfront lot at Little Swan Lake, in order to enjoy the privileges of fishing and swimming. Until there comes a time when there is a lot of guest traffic I don't think we have any problem, and for that matter, we do not have a problem with water ski traffic at this time either. The enthusiasm for water skiing has subsided now that everyone has tried it and some have actually sold their lots or their boat, or are now doing other things, such as golfing. Also, there has always been a rule for not swimming out further than 100 feet from shore and boats are not to come any closer to shore than 100 feet. By observing this rule there should be no conflict between boating, fishing and swimming.

I understand by heresay that there might be some consideration for allowing lot owners and guest to sleep in boat houses that have restroom facilities. I am definitely not in favor of this. I feel that if this is allowed the lot owners may alter their plans to build a home and instead build a glorified boat house. I can envision building considerably slowed down and many various styles of boat houses springing up around the shore line that would not only house sleepers and restrooms but all sorts of other "picnic junk."

Sincerely yours,



Ralph E. Harmon

REH/jj

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April 29, 1974

To the Officers and Directors of Little Swan Lake Club:

Several meetings have now been held with you in connection with the Community Fund, explaining the necessity to bring together the Association's responsibility for community services and the control and disbursement of the Fund.

At the direction of Little Swan Lake Association, you are hereby notified that the agency relationship between the Club and the Association in connection with the Fund is hereby terminated, and all lot owners will be so notified. Demand is therefore made upon you as follows:

1. That you terminate any further collections or acceptance of such annual payments and all expenditures from such Fund under your control.
2. That you forthwith deliver to the Association all cash, certificates of deposit, or other proceeds of such collections, and assign to the Association all interest of the Club in any certificate of deposit or other investment of the Fund not in your possession.
3. That you furnish within thirty days from this date an itemized report of all receipts and disbursements in connection with such Fund, covering the period of your agency, and certified to by the Treasurer as true and correct to his best knowledge.
4. That you furnish copies of any federal and state income tax returns filed by you for this period, or otherwise advise as to how income and expenses were treated for income tax purposes.

As you know, the Community Fund is a trust fund and only certain specified expenditures may be made from it, whether by the Association or its agent. We have advised the Association that under established legal principles, any misapplication of trust funds will create personal liability on the officers and directors of the Club to restore any such unauthorized expenditures to the Fund.

Because of the uncertainties in the arrangement which has heretofore existed in connection with the Fund, and the good faith intentions of all parties involved, if prompt action is taken by the Club as above outlined, the Association gives the following assurances:

To the Officers and Directors of Little Swan Lake Club:

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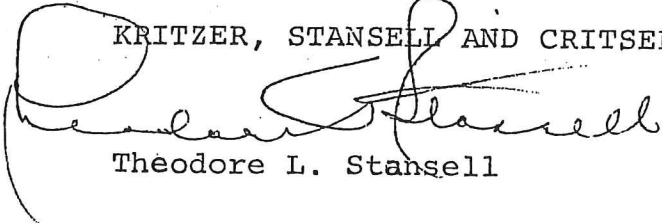
1. That it will as Principal waive any claim it has against the Club as Agent as well as Officers and Directors individually for reimbursement of the Fund for unauthorized expenditures in connection with the management of the Fund during this period of agency.

2. That it will relieve and indemnify the Club from any obligations or liability under the Township Road Agreement of June 6, 1973 and the American Bank of Rock Island liability of \$38,000 for Driftwood furniture and equipment.

We trust you will understand the necessity and urgency of this notice and demand. If the matter is not promptly resolved as above outlined, there will be no disposition to waive reimbursement of the Fund for illegal expenditures in any action against the Club officers and directors for recovery of the Fund and for an accounting.

Yours very truly,

KRITZER, STANSELL AND CRITSER


Theodore L. Stansell

TLS:hvt

To:

James Jones
R euben Laverdiere
Bertha Cook
Ivan Zuck
Cynthia Aden
David Mohr
Ivan Haase
Dale Griffith
Dixie Ray

LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB
Avon, Illinois 61415
June 14, 1974

Little Swan Lake Club Members:

The yearly dues of \$35.00 billed and collected by the Club, since it has been organized, has accumulated and become a fund in the excess of \$38,000.00. In the past several years the Club in agreement with the Association has been spending portions of our yearly income for patrolling, recreation activities and improvement of Little Swan Lake Sub-division.

After several joint meetings of the Association and Club directors, the Association has given the Club certain uncertainties on the way we have been collecting and disbursing these Club dues.

The Club Directors received a registered letter from the Little Swan Lake Association dated April 29, 1974 telling them that we were to return all of the monies, cash, checking account, savings and certificates of deposit to them. They advised us that they would use monies for maintenance of roads, insect control, mowing of unimproved lots and landscaping as designated in contract that you signed and received at the time of the purchase of your lot. Also in the letter, they advised us that we have been relieved of any responsibility of collecting any membership dues from members of Little Swan Lake Club.

Due to the large amount of money involved, Little Swan Lake Club Board of Directors is asking for your opinions, suggestions and support in resolving this matter. Action will be taken at the regular July board meeting of Little Swan Lake Club.

Yours very truly,

Board of Directors

Jim Jones, Pres.

Rueben Laverdiere, Vice Pres.

Ivan Zuck, Treas.

Bortha Cook, Sec.

Ivan Haase

David Mohr

Frank Snapp

Dale Griffith

Cynthia Adon

P. S.

If you wish to write your comments, please have your letter to us on or before July 1st. Direct your mail to:

Jim Jones

Box 459

Avon, Ill. 61415

RETIRE LATER!

Little Swan Lake

AVON, ILL. 61415

October 25, 1974

Little Swan Lake Club
Little Swan Lake
Avon, Illinois 61415

Attn: Jim Jones, President

Dear Jim,

In reference to our meeting on October 23rd the Little Swan Lake Association would appreciate having a workable relationship with Little Swan Lake Club. There are certain items that we feel the club should be involved with. All of these things involve time as well as money. We propose the following:

1. There is a technicality on past contracts which reads that all money (\$35.00) is for maintenance, etc. Therefore, maintenance fees should be collected at the Administration Building by Association personnel and facilities.
2. The \$35.00 is to be deposited in a maintenance fund with full accounting procedure available to club board at any time.
3. The Association would do all maintenance, etc. on necessary areas. *thru a joint committee of Assoc. & Club members*
4. An amount of \$10.00 per lot sold *per year* would be paid to Club Board from Little Swan Lake Association money, not from maintenance fund account.
5. The Club would *establish* maintain necessary rules and regulations such as pertaining to the actions of club members relative to boating, fishing, etc. All rules and regulations to be approved by the Association.
6. The Association would enforce the rules and by-laws set up by the Club by way of a security officer.

We hope to have the Club continue and want to have a workable relationship. We must, however, have lot sales and must have certain freedoms.

If you have any further comments or questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Herbert Wilkins Pres.
Herbert Wilkins
121 Little Swan Lake Association, President

HW/jj

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J. D. LUCIE
L. W. HEISER

November 22, 1974

Mr. Ralph Harmon
Avon, Illinois 61415

Re: Little Swan Lake

Question 1.) Should funds be disbursed?

Dear Mr. Harmon:

As I stated to you in our meeting November 21, 1974, it is my opinion at this time that the Little Swan Lake Club should not make any loans or agreements with the Lake Association until the stockholders of the Association have settled their differences and we know who controls entity with which you would be dealing. I also feel it would behoove the Club to begin formulating policies regarding its long range plan in representing the lot owners and in its position with the Association on problems which could arise.

If any agreements are worked out with the Association I feel a special meeting of the Club members to ratify these agreements would be preferable to the board acting alone.

If you have any other questions, I will be glad to help.

Very respectfully yours.

LUCIE & HEISER

BY 

JDL/lh

December 17, 1974

Lucie & Heiser
Attorneys at Law
Bushnell, Illinois 61422

Attention: Jim Lucie

Re: Little Swan Lake Association

Dear Mr. Lucie,

Enclosed you will find a notification of bankruptcy proceedings for Little Swan Lake Association, Inc. under Chapter 11. This was mailed specifically to me as President of Little Swan Lake Club. Therefore, it leads me to believe that the accumulated funds of Little Swan Lake Club, held by the treasurer of the club, are no doubt a disputed figure with the Association.

I am referring to certain letters, statements, etc. which were made approximately six months ago, when at the time the Chairman of the Board, Ellsworth Stoller, actually tried to obtain control of these club funds.

If this is a disputed figure and will be listed as an asset by Little Swan Lake Association, Inc., shouldn't your firm represent the Club at this meeting?

We have tried at the last few club meetings to pay the necessary bills considered to be bills of the club. Other things have been sent to them, some of which have not been paid, such as for spraying of the lake, etc. Actually, the acceptance or rejection of the bills have no direct bearing on the claiming of the club funds, however, we did wish to advise you of the entire situation at this time.

Sincerely yours,

LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB

By

Ralph E. Harmon, President

REH/jj

NEXT MEETING AUGUST 11, 1975 - 7:30 P.M.
LOWER LEVEL OF DRIFTWOOD SUPPER CLUB

7/31/75
Lower level Driftwood

Ralph Harmon called meeting to order. A brief back ground was given by Harmon concerning the situation at Little Swan Lake. At present the steps are being taken to convey all outlots to Club.

A motion was made by Russell seconded by C. Smith, that Harmon contact the Warren County tax office to check if a reduction in valuation on each lot could be expected next year in view of Driftwood being sold to a private individual. Up till now the value on Driftwood was reflected to each lot.

A question was asked concerning the ownership of wells on lots. Well at Driftwood goes to new owner, however well on O, L, D and M goes with conveyance of property to Club. Lillie stated that well at Driftwood is owned by McPhail now and it is located on land at Driftwood and not on an outlot.

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Bill Clark, Roy Hilgenberg and Jack Lillie were introduced as members of credit committee that controls current bankruptcy proceedings. Clark gave background and their responsibilities. Harmon asked question, in their opinion, what will happen to unsold lots and Administration Building? Clark mentioned recent related transactions to date. Clark mentioned that there was a bid at present on Administration Building for \$26,500 in front of committee but it is not acted upon yet. Clark also stated that there had been a bid tendered for \$160,000 for lots and Administration Building but was withdrawn before it could be acted upon by the committee.

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Next meeting of interested people will be Monday August 11, 1975 at 7:30 P.M. in lower level of Driftwood Supper Club. Please use lower level north door. Front door will be closed because Driftwood is closed on Mondays.

Sincerely,

Ralph Harmon

RL/az

Aug 11, 1975 (cont)

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August 15, 1975

Little Swan Lake Club
Little Swan Lake
Avon, Illinois 61415

Attn: Ralph E. Harmon

Dear Ralph,

As you know, I met this morning in Bankruptcy Court with Mr. Barash and Mr. Olson trying to finalize an order in reference to our settlement with the Association in May of this year.

Largely on the insistence of Judge Lipkin two minor changes were suggested and incorporated in the order. Sub-paragraph F of the Order was changed to provide that the \$40,000 in dispute would be used for road maintenance, landscaping, insect control and mowing of unimproved lots owned by lot owners during the years 1975 and 1976. While I assured Judge Lipkin that there would be no problem in our spending the money during the year 1975 he felt it was to the benefit of the Club to also have 1976 in which to dispose of these funds for the above purposes. It should be noted, that if the Club were to carry these funds as excess monies the position could be taken by other creditors that the Bankruptcy Court, in effect, allowed assets to go to the Club, which were not used by the Club, which could have been available to the general creditors. Accordingly, I believe that he did us a favor by insisting on this change.

The second change insisted upon by Judge Lipkin concerned wells and water distribution systems. He changed that provision of the Order to require the Club to agree to attempt to form a water district or other special assessment district for the purpose of providing a central water distribution system throughout the area presently consisting of Little Swan Lake subdivision. I feel that it is fair to say, that the Judge insisted upon the provision partly because he himself is a resident of a subdivision like Little Swan Lake. Accordingly, he knows the problems that can exist wherein water distribution systems are provided by groups of individuals. I believe that he is also aware of the problems that can occur to the Club from the Environmental Protection Agency by a use of joint water distribution systems. Accordingly, I think that it was his feeling that the Club would be well served to be required to attempt to form a water district or other special assessment district. This would have the effect of relieving the Club of any responsibility as to what individual might use water from a particular well. He further insisted that a provision be added that the Club had no obligation in respect to the passing of any referendum to establish a water district or other special assessment district. The order further provided that in the event of the failure of any such referendum, then in that event the obligation of the Club would have been satisfied under the terms of this order. It is

my feeling that the Judge in this instance attempted to eliminate internal conflict among the lot owners regarding water distribution and further attempted to eliminate problems we might have with the Environmental Protection Agency.

As a final caption to the Order he suggested that a provision be added that in the event that a referendum were to fail then there would be no obligation on behalf of the Club to furnish any additional water systems or to maintain any additional water systems other than those in existence as of the time of this order.

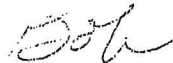
In short, it seems to me that this order has the effect of accomplishing our original goal. It prevents the new owner of the unsold lots from literally "shutting off our water." This is so because the new owner will not acquire the wells or distribution systems when they purchase the unsold lots.

On a different point, it was noted on the deed prepared by Mr. Barash certain lots have been excepted from the conveyance. Those exceptions are specifically Circle B Court, Circle A Court and platted lots in Section 6, Nos. 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, and 598. All of this area is located immediately behind the dam. While I have no objection to this land being excepted from our conveyance I did insist that some type of ingress and egress be granted to the Club for purposes of maintenance and repair to the dam proper. I have been advised that there is some intention by the Association to strike the above platted courts and lots since they are obviously not property that would be sold for residences. Whenever event might occur, I feel it essential that the Club have a right of ingress and egress over that area. I do not believe it to be essential that the Club own the area since that would merely increase the amount of tax burden to the Club and it would probably result in a substantial increase of dues.

I believe that this concludes the present situation as regards the Club and the Association, assuming that the Creditors Committee and the Association agree to the Order and the Judge signs the same. I have no reason to believe that that will not be accepted. It is still a problem as regards the exact description but I see no reason why that cannot be worked out agreeably.

I am enclosing my bill for services at the August 15 th session.

Very truly yours,



Robert A. Downs

RAD/jc

Aug 15, 1975

Annual meeting of Little Swan Lake Club was held October 31, 1976 at Swan Hills Supper Club in lower level at 2:00 P.M. Board Members present were: William Wright, Ralph Harmon, Kenneth Hiett, Lynn Davis, Ivan Zuck, Roger Kelso, Ralph Sabetti, William Downey, and Hazel Zuck, Bookkeeper. Absent were William MacKaben and James Jones. David Peterson has missed too many meetings and will have to be replaced at November meeting.

Ralph Harmon, President, called meeting to order and introduced the board members. The board meets first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. and is open to the public. Water and Land committees meet first half hour for discussions then regular meeting at 8:00.

Minutes of the 1975 annual meeting were read by Ivan Zuck in absence of David Peterson, secretary. Motion by Bill Leverton to accept minutes as read, seconded Ralph Wilkins. Any Comments or questions and Frank Crookham asked about the expense of campground being so high and this was explained by Hazel Zuck. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Ivan Zuck and is filed with annual minutes. Motion by Bob Hopwood to accept treasurer's report, seconded Frank Crookham. Motion carried. Francis Russell asked how many owes more than this past year dues and it was discussed.

Ralph Harmon, secretary and treasurer of Building Committee gave report of \$917.07 in their treasurer. He then introduced Ralph Wilkins, president of Building committee, and he introduced rest of committee Harry Voegele, Lynn Davis and Ivan Zuck. Nine new homes, Three garages, six boathouses, four small buildings, and three boat docks. Reported 84 homes at lake now and 13 boat houses that are not with homes. Bill Wright asked what was needed to build a new home. Harmon said a permit could be picked up at his office and filled out and turn into committee so can get a permit. Steinberg asked if lot owner was responsible for the permit and answer was yes. Lynn Davis is regular inspector on the new homes going up. Zuck reported the committee checked on each septic tank at the lake and a letter was sent to ones having a problem asking them to correct it.

Old Business:

Steinberg asked if any more on Bankruptcy and what was standing. Jack Lillie one of credit committee for bankruptcy court said all the outlots has been deeded to the Club and everything has been cleared as far as club is concerned.

Ralph Sabetti reported on what has been ^{done} this far to get a sanitary district formed. The EPA from Springfield came out and gave about ten points has to be done. The wells has been deeded over to sanitary district from the Club. A well operator has been hired to check on the water. There is too much floridation in water and needs to be reduced. Wagner asked how arrived at \$8.00 a month water bill and this is just temorary billing but added the expense of well operator and engineering for the project and divided by users and came up with this figure. The Judge from Warren County appointed Ralph Sabetti, Jack Lillie and James Owens for the sanitary district and it is separte from the club.

Harmon discussed about the spraying of lake and was dissatisfied with this years results. If anyone had any good ideas on spraying of lake please let board know. If do what should be done would cost several thousand dollars. It also was discussed about bug control and spraying for them.

New Business:

Election of officers. Nominating committee were Ralph Harmon, Ivan Zuck, Bill Downey, Harry Voegelé, and Herman Lucht. Harmon, Jones and Hiett are to go off board. Nomination for Kenneth to go back on and Betty Hamilton and Pat Wagy as new members were presented. Mrs. William Downey made motion of acceptance for these officers, seconded Mrs. Jack Lillie. Motion carried.

Frank Snapp asked about the fish survey and if any had been taken. Bill Downey reported 6,000 channel and whatever Bullheads they had left were to be put in next week. Next spring will have survey taken by state.

Lillie asked if something could be done about getting lots mowed that has not been done this past year. Russell said By-Laws would have to be revamped and this put in so could make lot owners keep lots mowed.

McKinley asked when docks were to be removed and Harmon said soon as Pat Kruzan was able to over see it they would be taken out.

Harmon asked everyone to prepare shoreline while lake is down. It was discussed again about size of motor causing damage to shore line. Big rock is the best solution to the situation.

Frank Crookham made motion meeting be adjourned, seconded Wagner, motion carried.

Hazel Zuck, Pro tem 1976

1976-77 Board Members: Bill Downey - 77; Lynn Davis - 77; David Peterson to be replaced - 77; Ivan Zuck - 78; Bill MacKaben - 78; Bill Wright - 78; Ralph Sabetti - 78; Roger Kelso - 78; Kenneth Hiett - 79; Betty Hamilton - 79; Pat Wagy - 78, 79

1977 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Little Swan Lake Club met at the Avon High School Gym, on October 30, 1977. Present on the Board were: Wright, Kelso, Downey, Farrell, Hiett, Zuck, Sabetti, Davis, Hamilton, and Waggy.

Zuck, president, opened the meeting by greeting everyone who was nice enough to attend the meeting.

The minutes of last years annual meeting were read by Pat Waggy secretary. Kenneth Hamilton made motion to accept minutes as presented. Seconded by Ralph Sabetti. Motion carried.

The Treasurers report was given by Roger Kelso. Francis Russell made motion for treasurers report as follows: I move that this membership concour in all expenditures made by the Little Swan Lake Club Board to this date to accept the Treasurers Report as read. Seconded by Herman Lucht. Motion carried.

Ralph Harmon Gave Treasurers report for Building Committee. There was much discussion done on this issue. Everytime someone builds something they have to get a permit which would cost according to size of building. Herb Wilkins made motion to accept building committee's report as presented. Seconded by Farrell. Motion carried.

Under new business Ralph Wilkins explained how many permits had been issued. He commented that there had been 94 permits for houses at this time.

Ralph Sabetti gave a report on the Sanitary District, we should get started in June or July.

Under New Business, Zuck said we had enough signatures to pass the 2/3 majority for the new restrictive covenants.

Zuck ask if we would agree to changing the billing date from July 1 to January 1. Francis Russell made motion that we change our billing from July 1 to January 1, seconded by Irwin Wallace. Motion carried.

Francis Russell talked about the lighting system at the Lake. Our \$35.00 a year is not enough, we cannot afford to pay all the bills. Russell made a motion that all the outdoor lighting on Little Swan Lake Club Property necessary for security of personal property located thereon shall be discontinued immediately. Ralph Harmon made motion that we amend that motion. We should give the Board time to think about it and the subject then should be discussed at the October meeting which will be next week. Anyone interested should attend. Seven people voted for Mr. Russell's proposal, and 20 opposed. Francis Russell then with-drew his original motion. Zuck ask for volunteers to go around and see which lights needed to be turned off. Herman Lucht will chairman

Continued
Annual Meeting

with the help of Russell and Harmon. They will have a report ready at the next regular meeting.

New Board Members were voted in, Jeri Peterson and Bob Morrow, their term will expire in 1980. Sabetti made a motion that we unanimously enertain these people for term. Seconded by K. D. Morrow. Motion carried.

Sabetti made motion that the Annual Meeting by adjourned. Seconded by Ralph Harmon. Motion carried.

Pat Wagy
Secretary
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1978 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Little Swan Lake Club met at the Saunders Clinic on October 29, 1978. Present on the Board were: Wright, Downey, Hiatt, Wagy, Hamilton, Peterson, Zuck, Kelso, Morrow, and Farrell.

Hiatt, president called the meeting to order and greeted everyone who was nice enough to attend.

The minutes of last years annual meeting were read by Pat Wagy secretary. K. D. Morrow made motion to accept minutes as presented. Seconded by Jack Lillie. Motion carried.

The treasurers report was given by Ivan Zuck. Ralph Sabetti made motion to accept the treasurers report as read. Seconded by Roger Kelso. Motion carried.

Ralph Wilkins, president of the building committee reported that there had been numerous homes, docks, boathouses and boat docks built this summer. The treasurers report for the building committee was given by Zuck, as of 10-29-78 the balance on hand was \$784.94. Betty Hamilton made motion to accept the building committee report, seconded by Bill Wright. Motion carried.

Ralph Sabetti reported on the Sanitary District: We received approval from the F.H.A. and started proceedings about a month ago. We will have two plants. Sabetti explained about the \$75.00 charge. Cleo Smith brought up about fund to repair of property. Sabetti said there was recorded at the Court House in Monmouth an easement to go thru property. Much discussion was held on the charge of the \$75.00. Bob Worman brought up about the digging of the people putting in the water system, said they had cut through his electrical system. This issue was discussed for about twenty minutes.

Ivan Zuck read the delinquent list of people who still owe outstanding dues, there were several. Hiatt said if any of us know these people or they are friends, please ask them to pay.

Herman Lucht gave the report on the lighting system: He said the lights were counted and there were 13 security lights. People were notified if they wanted to keep them they would have to pay themselves. On outlots DD and CC the lights were left because it is very dark and there have been in the past many late night parties.

Under New Business Ken Hiatt, president brought up the Law Suit which is pending - many did not know about it. Bill Levertson broke his neck at the swimming area last summer and his wife is suing the Little Swan Lake Club and Swan Hills Supper Club. There was a misunderstanding on the amount of insurance we have, some people thought we had as much as a million dollars in liability insurance. In reality we have 100,000.00.

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Francis Russell brought up the situation of Mr. Welty who is the patrolman who carries a gun. He made the motion that Little Swan Lake Club when hiring a patrolman must be a resident of Little Swan Lake. Seconded by Farrell. Much discussion was held on this issue. Two people voted for a patrolman to be a resident of Little Swan Lake and the rest in attendance voted against this issue. Motion resended.

Two directors on the board have concented to return even though there terms have expired. They are Butch Farrell and Roger Kelso. New nominations to the board are Betty Kessler and Jeff Yeoman these two will be replacing Ralph Sabetti and Ivan Zuck. Wayne Buhlig made motion that the nominees be accepted to the board, seconded by Cleo Smith. Motion carried.

President Hiett gave great praise and appreciation to Mr. Ralph Sabetti and Mr. Ivan Zuck for the many hours they have donated.

Sabetti made motion annual meeting be adjourned, seconded by Farrell. Motion carried.

Pat Wagy
Secretary

Little Swan Lake Club held their annual meeting October 28, 1979, at the Saunders Clinic.

President Hiett opened the meeting. Those present on the Board were: Morrow, Wagy, Peterson, Hiett, Kelso, Ferrell, Downey and Bookkeeper Hazel Zuck. Unable to attend were Kessler, Hamilton, Bradford and Wright.

Last years minutes were read by secretary Pat Wagy. Jim Jones made motion to accept minutes as read, seconded by Ivan Zuck. Motion carried.

Roger Kelso gave the treasurers report. Mr. Morling made motion that we accept treasurers report, seconded by D. K. Morrow. Motion carried.

Mr. Kelso also read the delinquent list of people who have not paid their maintenance dues.

The Building Committee Report was given by Ralph Wilkins. President Hiett introduced all of the members on this committee. Mr. Wilkins gave names of people who have built any kind of structures this year. At that time the Building Committee had on hand \$226.30. Jim Jones made motion to accept Building Committee Report, seconded by Cleo Smith. Motion carried.

Old Business: Discussion of the results of the law suit, the settlement out of court for \$30,000.00. Jim Jones ask Hiett just how much this really cost the Lake and Hiett said around \$1,000.00 in legal fees. Mr. Stenger ask how much liability we have now. Hiett tried to explain why we do not carry it. Discussion was then held on the insurance problem.

New Business: President Hiett tried to explain the increase in Maintenance Fee. He read all of the expenses thru the last few years.

Cleo Smith did not feel we had a very good spraying. Dennis Fayhee also felt at the north end of the lake on south side the spraying was not good. Different kinds of chemicals were discussed. Mr. Downey, head of the water committee, explained that we have to be careful not to kill the fish also sponing beds and animals that drink from the Lake.

Hiett explained that we are trying to get a small swimming area developed, discussion followed.

President Hiett introduced the new directors appointed to the Board they are Stephanie Miller and Judy Worman, replacing Betty Hamilton and Pat Wagy who will be leaving. Bob Steinburg made motion to accept members to the board presented by the nominating committee. Seconded by Harry Vogel. Motion carried.

D. Kahn made motion meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mrs. Max Kidder. Motion carried.

Little Swan Lake Club held their annual meeting October 26, 1980, at the Edgewater Supper Club.

Those present on the board were: Ferrell, Kessler, Wasson, Downey, Peterson, Wright, Kelso, Morrow and Miller. Absent were: Worman and Bradford. Attendance for lotowners was poor.

President Ferrell opened the meeting.

Minutes of last years meeting were read by President Ferrell in the absence of our secretary Judi Worman. Jim Jones made motion to accept minutes as read, seconded by Harry Vogel. Motion carried.

The treasurers report was given by Betty Kessler. K. D. Morrow made motion to accept treasurers report, seconded by Mrs. Wm. Downey. Motion carried. Kessler also read names of lot owners who have not paid their maintenance fees, there were several.

Ferrell then explained the budget which was adopted by the board at the last meeting. He then tried to explain how we came to the conclusion of adopting the 1981 budget. President Ferrell then turned over the meeting to Bill Wright, he explained how inflation was eating into our savings accounts and if the budget was not followed we could end up broke. He explained how the budget was broken down into two categories, lotowners and campground and tried to explain how each would work. He compared last years expenses to what we would propose for this next year with the budget. Wright explained to the lot owners the side of the campground. They will be having their own kitty and upkeep on building or whatever they feel they may need. The board felt we should keep at least \$10,000.00 in reserve for an emergency such as something going wrong with the dam.

Frank Snapp suggested that we have a fund for restocking the lake.

Bill Downey gave his report for the water committee. He reported all the recommendations given to us by Ken Russell the engineer who shocked our lake. Mr. Downey ask how everyone would feel about lowering the lake by Sept. 15, twelve inches or so. Mr. Russell said if we were to restock it should be with pike and northern. We simply do not have the money to restock with anything. Mr. Downey then commented on the boat docks, when they are taken out this year they will be falling apart, he said we would just have to live with fewer docks next year.

Since we are cutting our spraying in half next year, some felt the lowering of the lake might be a good idea. Then coves could be treated while water is down for weed control. Perhaps the worst problem is in many places we would have nothing but mud, through the winter months.

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Detailed discussion followed on what advantages there would be in lowering the lake. A vote was held and almost everyone attending was for the idea.

Lot owners attending the meeting felt we should again attempt to try to collect the \$50.00 for maintenance fee.

Francis Russell gave a report for the Building Committee: Permits issues this year were: Two dwellings, five annex permits, two boat docks, one garage, and two boat docks.

Land Committee Report was given by Stephanie Miller: She explained how many lots had been left unmowed. She read names of people who had not yet paid for their mowings. She said there is still \$735.00 left to be collected for mowings this year.

President Ferrell gave his board much credit he said they work well without their president. Ferrell relayed our sorrow to the Wilkins' on the passing of Ralph, he will be missed greatly in the future.

Current Board members leaving are: Jeri Peterson, Bob Morrow, and Bill Downey. New Members are Dennis Fayhee, Millie Butts, and Betty Higgins.

Ivan Zuck made motion to accept members to the Board presented by the nominating committee. Seconded by Pat Kruzan. Motion carried.

Francis Russell made motion meeting be adjourned, seconded by Kruzan. Motion carried.

Judi Worman
Secretary

By
Pat Vagy

1980

May 9, 1980

Dear Little Swan Lake Club Members,

We want to thank all those who have signed and returned the proposed amendment to the covenant (increase maintenance fee to \$50.00 per year). For those who have not returned them as yet, be sure to have both husband and wife sign, if joint ownership.

We have had many complaints on the new water system that was installed. We just want to remind everyone that the Club and/or Club board has no say in this matter whatsoever. The people to contact are Ken Schrader (Engineer) 400 N. Henderson, Galesburg; Jack Lilly, Jim Owens and Ralph Sabetti of Avon and Little Swan Lake area are on the board that governs.

All the new street signs are up except a couple that were overlooked or had a mistake - they sure look nice.

The lake is being sprayed for weeds Monday, May 12, 1980. This has to be done according to water temperature and weather. That is the reason we never have any real advance warning on it. It will be done again in approximately two months, but again we do not know the exact date.

The supper club has been re-opened under new management and is called Edgewater Dining. Managers are Ty and Katie Herron and Wally Dutko. We wish them much success. The hours are 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Lots that need mowing will be done around May 30. If your lot needs mowing, please have it done by then and save yourself some money.

The lake will be shocked Wednesday, June 4, 1980 for fish count. The Conservation Department does this for us at our request every three years.

The Welcoming Committee at the lake has been formed and is called the Friendly Pens. A Pen is a female swan, so you know where the name comes from.

Please check and repair your shorelines and boat docks as soon as possible. The winter was pretty rough on some.

Also, any boats left on outlots that do not have current stickers are in violation. Please pick them up and/or get your 1980 stickers on them.

We welcome Irv Wallace back as patrolman this year. Along with him is a new patrolman by the name of Boob Revere. Please give them your cooperation. We are pleased to have two mature men to perform these duties. Herman Lucht is not working for us this year and we will miss him in more ways than one.

May 9, 1980

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The Little Swan Lake Club Board is meeting in the basement of the Supper Club where there is plenty of room. We welcome any and all visitors.

We thank you for your patience and confidence in us. We will try to live up to your expectations with God's help.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerry D. Ferrell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Gerry D. Ferrell
President

LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
Oct. 31, 1982

The Little Swan Lake Club Association annual meeting was called to order by the President, Francis Russell at 2:00 P.M., Oct. 31, 1982 in the basement Conference Room at Saunder's Clinic in Avon, Il.

The following board members were present: Francis Russell, Pres., Arlene Wilkins, Kathryn Weghorst, Duane Wasson, Tom Dietz, Robert Denly and Herbert Kauffman.

Absent were: Bob Tilton, Betty Higgins, Treas. & Bill Lorton. There were 47 club members present.

The minutes of the October 1981 Annual Club meeting were read by Arlene Wilkins in the absence of the Secretary. It was moved by Ralph Harmon to accept the minutes as read and seconded by Bill Wright. Motion carried.

The Financial report was read by Francis Russell in the absence of the Treasurer, Betty Higgins. The report is as follows: (SEE ENCLOSURE #1)

It was moved by Robert Steinberg and seconded by Herbert Wilkins to accept the Financial report. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

The following Fish Survey at Little Swan Lake on Sept. 13, 14, 1982 by Ken Russell, State Fish Biologist is as follows: (SEE ENCLOSURE #2)

NEW BUSINESS:

The nominating committee, Betty Higgins, Francis Russell, Fred Oblander, and Betty Kesler met at the home of Francis Russell and nominated the following people to serve a 3 year term.

1. Tom Dietz
2. Francis Russell
3. Mark Meyer

It was moved by Ivan Zuck and seconded by Ralph Harmon to accept the nominations to the board. Motion carried.

The following suggestions to improve the lake were given by R.L. Bond.

1. He suggested having the By-Laws changed to that 2 people could buy one lot and each own half of it.
2. He would like to see water skiing limited to the hours 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. - since early morning and late evening is best for fishing.
3. He suggested that boat motors be limited to 50 horsepower.
4. He also suggested it be necessary to have a boating certificate to drive boats over 25 horsepower.

Ivan Zuck made a motion for the Lake Board to take Mr. Bonds suggestions under advisement. Seconded by Mrs. Frances Russell. Motion carried.

There were various discussions from the floor in regard to restocking the lake with fish, swimming facilities, mowing road ways and putting evergreens on outlots. Also we need a cover up for the water tanks on each side of the lake. We also need some new Swan Lake signs directing people to the Lake.

LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB ASSOCIATION
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Ralph Harmon complimented the conservation practises the Board has pursued. Francis Russell said he hoped to get established a Little Swan Lake Water Shed. Also rocking has been done on ~~the~~ lake lot west of Mr. Russells and the Kramer lot. More will be done this winter when the weather permits.

BUILDING COMMITTEE:

The building committee gave 3 permits this year. 1 boat house and 2 garages.

Mr. Bond moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Hildenberg.
Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned.

Arlene Wilkins
Acting Secretary in
absence of Secretary.

LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB

Balance Sheet

June 30, 1982

ASSETS:

Cash in Bank	\$ 16,851.18
Saving Certificates	22,458.06
Maintenance Fees Receivable	4,865.00
Land	<u>7,000.00</u>

TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 51,174.24
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LIABILITIES

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CLUB SURPLUS

Surplus June 30, 1982	\$ 44,847.76
Plus: Current Year Increase	6,326.48
Surplus June 30, 1982	\$ 51,174.24

TOTAL LIABILITIES & CLUB SURPLUS	\$ 51,174.24
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LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB

Statement of Income and Expense

For Year Ended June 30, 1982

INCOME:

Maintenance Fee Income	\$ 20,265.00	
Interest Earned	2,529.93	
Membership Dues	761.00	
Boat Decals	<u>66.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 23,621.93

EXPENSES:

Bookkeeping	\$ 945.00	
Box rent, Sec. of State, Adv.	21.40	
Chemical Toilets	1,131.90	
Dam Maintenance	524.50	
Garbage Pickup	138.85	
Insurance & Bonds	1,223.00	
Legal Expense	43.33	
Misc. Supplies, Outlots	95.66	
Mowing other people's lots	(282.80)	
Mowing Outlots	976.91	
Patrol	1,611.71	
Postage	269.71	
Printing & Office Supplies	664.96	
Road Rock	860.71	
Security Lights	508.26	
Weed & Algae Control	7,564.38	
Taxes	351.05	
Write off Furniture & Fixtures	<u>646.92</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$ 17,295.45</u>
INCREASE IN CLUB SURPLUS		<u>\$ 6,326.48</u>

LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB

Savings Analysis

June 30, 1982

Fidelity Federal Savings & Loan

Cert. of Deposit - #4047601871	\$ 11,458.06
Cert. of Deposit - #5047602143	<u>11,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 22,458.06

FISH SURVEY AT LITTLE SWAN LAKE on Sept. 13 & 14, 1982

by Ken Russell, State Fish Biologist

BASS: Spawn - O.K.

Condition of all sizes - Average

Quantity of 12" thru 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ " - Low

(These are the good predators and breeders)

Larger bass population - Good

RECOMMEND: Enforce a 15" minimum size limit as recommended
in 1980. This limit enacted at Oct. 82 board meeting.

BLUE GILL: Population - High

Size to weight - Improving

In 1980 the 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " length weighed .15 lb. In 1982 the
same length weighed .20 lb.

CRAPPIE: Quality size population - Low

Length to weight ratio - Poor

RECOMMEND: Wait. This might correct itself. There is no
chemical that can be used without losing other
varieties.

CHANNEL CAT: Population - Good

Weight to length on average size - Good

Weight to length on large size - Good

Good population on small sizes (Indicates a good spawn)
Everything fine.

CARP: Density is large, but not overwhelming.

RECOMMEND: Possible commercial fishing.

Oct. 20, 1982 seined and removed 300 lbs. for
samples to use in getting annual license.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Stock 1000 Tiger Muskies, 8" to 10" size

Good predators and grow very rapidly to trophy size.

LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

October 30, 1983

The Annual Meeting of the Little Swan Lake Club was held Sunday, October 30, 1983 in the lower level of Swan Lake Supper Club at 2:00 P.M. There were 54 members in attendance.

Board members present were President, Francis Russell; Vice-President, Mark Meyer; Treasurer, Herb Kauffman; Robert Denly, Orval Wingate, Lois Kreps; William Lorton and Kathryn Weghorst. Absent were Arlene Wilkins, Betty Higgins and Robert Tilton.

In the absence of the Secretary, minutes of the 1982 meeting were read by Lois Kreps. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Lyle Courtney, seconded by Irvin Wallis. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Herb Kauffman. See Enclosure I. A motion to accept the treasurer's report as given was made by Ralph Harmon, seconded by Fred Oblander. Motion carried.

Committee reports were given as follows:

BUILDING COMMITTEE:

In the absence of the Building Committee Chairman, Kenneth Batson, the committee report was given by committee member, Francis Russell. He stated there were three Building permits granted during the year. A garage addition was built by Fred Oblander, a deck was added by Jarlath Watson, and a deck addition was approved for Laverne Parks. A balance in the Building Fund was \$382.40.

OUTLOTS:

Herb Kauffman, chairman of Outlot Committee reported on the improvements completed during the year. Additional trees were planted on the outlots, and kept alive in spite of the extremely hot and dry summer by the efforts of the Kauffmans in keeping them watered. A swing set for the children was placed on Outlot N. Enclosures were placed on all the Outlots around the garbage pick-up area. All shelter houses were painted. Mr. Kauffman thanked his committee who worked with him to improve the appearance of the Outlots.

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CAMPGROUND:

Mr. Russell reported that since raising the Camping Fee this year, it appears the problem of a deficit in the Campground fund may be eased. There are still some camping fees yet to be turned in for the past season. The Campground was winterized and closed on October 15. During the past summer the shower house and the shelter house were both painted.

FISHING:

Several members present reported the catfish, crappie and bass catches were good this year. Spawning seems to be good, as reports of small bass and catfish being caught was also reported.

SPRAYING:

Mr. Russell explained why the spraying program could not be carried out this year. Copper sulphate was applied to the areas showing algae, but the coontail and other lake weeds could not be treated because of the use of the lake for irrigation and stock watering.

ROADS:

All Lake-owned improved roads were resurfaced this year and are in good condition.

OLD BUSINESS:

The President reported that all 1983 Maintenance Fees except two have been collected. The two are now in litigation.

During the year approval was given by Internal Revenue to change the Accounting period to - January 1 to December 31. This will coincide with the collection of our Maintenance Fees.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Russell reported that negotiations are continuing with Warren County to obtain access to lots 238 through 243.

Jeri Peterson asked why signs had not been placed on area highways showing location of Little Swan Lake. Mr. Russell stated that this was a County/State responsibility and he would check with the Highway Dept. to see if this could be done. Mr. Harmon reported that it was illegal to place privately owned signs on or adjacent to roadways (per Highway Beautification Act-Johnson Admn.)

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A discussion was held concerning the rocking of platted roads that have not been maintained up to this time. John Knapp made a motion to rock these roads, seconded by A. G. Roberts. Lyle Courtney made an amended motion to extend the period for completion of not more than three years. Amended motion was seconded by Orval Wingate. Motion carried.

A report was read compiled by Jim Jones, who had been appointed by President Russell to investigate the price of buildings which could be used for maintenance, storage and possibly Club Activities. After a discussion of the best type of building to meet the needs of lot owners, Jeri Peterson made a motion to leave the decision for the Club Board to decide. Motion was seconded by Lyle Courtney. Motion carried.

Several members present voiced their concern over the lack of Lake Activities. Some were interested in obtaining a swimming area, others thought pot-lucks or similar activities would improve the interest of lot owners. Since the Club does not have a meeting place for such activities, the Supper Club has been used several times to get club members together.

Committees will be appointed to study the feasibility of a swimming area and of construction of a building for Club activities.

President Russell announced that the following persons terms on the Board had expired: Herb Kauffman, Lois Kreps, Betty Higgins and Robert Tilton.

The Nominating Committee reported the following lot owners had been nominated to serve a three year term on the Board: Bea Yeager, Herb Kauffman, David Sheckler and Lois Kreps.

A motion was made by Kenneth Vancil to accept this slate of candidates. Seconded by William Downey. Motion carried.

A drawing for door prizes was held. First prize of a \$35.00 certificate good for payment of one 1984 Maintenance Fee was won by Mark Meyer. Prizes of \$10.00 gift certificates to be used at Swan Lake Supper Club were won by:

Kenneth Vancil, Herb Kauffman, Bob Denly, Lucille Watkins, William Lorton, Florine Lefler, and Joe Acklin.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kenneth Vancil, seconded by Jan Lorton. Meeting adjourned.

Lois Kreps
Secretary/ Pro/Tem

LITTLE SWAN LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual meeting of Little Swan Lake Association was held at the Medical Clinic in Avon on October 28, 1984 at 2 o'clock with 39 members present. Board members present were Mark Meyer, Herb Kauffman, Bob Denly, Arlene Hanlon, Orval Wingate, Francis Russell, Phil Haymaker and Kathryn Weghorst. Those absent were Bill Lorton and Bea Yeager.

The minutes of the 1983 meeting were read by Kathryn Weghorst. Roy Hilgenberg made a motion to accept them as read, seconded by Duane Wasson. Motion carried. The treasurers report was read by Herb Kauffman. Jack Lillie made a motion to accept it as read, seconded by Francis Russell. Motion carried.

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Kenneth Batson reported that the Building Committee has a balance of \$489.90 and has issued 5 permits this year. Vern Chick and Raymond Ledford obtained house permits. Jerry Roberts and Fred Oblander obtained house extension permits and Pat Kruzan obtained a garage permit. It is now necessary to get a permit from Warren County as well as the Lake Committee because the county now requires it. The lake permit costs \$30.00 for houses, \$15.00 for garages and \$7.50 for sheds.

OUTLOTS: Herb Kaufman reported that two trees were planted, one on Outlot DD and one on the campground. A swingset was put up on Outlot DD by the Kauffmans and the Weghorsts. Rock was put on the outlots thanks to Francis Russell. Pres. Meyer asked for suggestions but there were none.

CAMPGROUND: Francis Russell reported that the campground was used by 18 people, some for two days but most of them for the season. New doors were put on the shower house. The campground was opened April 15 and closed last week.

FISHING: Francis Russell reported that a permit has been obtained from the Dept. of Conservation to seine the carp out of the lake. It will be done at the west end by commercial fishermen.

ROADS: Orval Wingate reported that 3 drives west of the dam, Circles C,D, and E have been graveled to the center of the circles. One culvert was put in. There are 6 lots off each but these have not been staked by the owners. Also on the north side Deerrun and Cardinal Lanes have had gravel added. Gravel was added to Horseshoe and Brookhart as well as the entrance to Outlot DD. On the south side of the lake Sunset, Mallard and Yeager Lanes have been graveled. The street to one of the new houses has had gravel added as well as the road leading to Kramer's lot. A full 9 ton load was put on each road with more on the circle drives. Next year Wilkins Circle to the highway will be done and it will require a culvert. Fairway Drive and Green Circle south of the golf course will also be done.

DAM: Pres. Meyer said the water level has been down due to evaporation, pumping and a little seepage. The dam is in good shape. The trees growing near the water have been sprayed and they plan to cut them later to improve appearance.

LAKE IMPROVEMENT: Pres. Meyer reported that this committee has been considering the possibility of a swimming area and a club building for lake owners use. Roy Hilgenberg gave a report of their work. He said they have had several meetings. They looked at the area east of the restruant and talked of making a building there. They priced the old administration building. There is room for a swimming area there and room for a recreation area. Also it is near the boat ramp. They discussed how to make it pay and thought it would be possible to rent out the top floor and have the lower level for use of members. Possibly a caretaker and patrolman could live in the upper level. The building needs window-sills repaired, storm windows and deck repair which they estimated would cost about \$10,000. The house could be purchased for \$40,000. Hilgenberg said it seems more practical. Meyer said it was left to the board to get a place to use. He said the 2 fish fries were good. He feels we need a place for the people without lake-front. He asked for discussion.

Fern Kidder asked for a report of the cost of utilities. Meyer said L.P. had been \$2,162.25 in 1983. Electricity \$1,005.08 and realestate taxes \$1,375.22. Letters were sent to all lot owners and 85 were returned. 51 were in favor of a building and 32 were against. Rent would not quite make expenses but we could get income when the building is used. Kidder asked if we might have an emergency on septic or water system. Lillie said the law requires notification of tests which are not right. The later tests were O.K. Batson said only 1 test failed. He said 1.2 of chlorine is required and he keeps it at 1.5. Lillie said the water is a separate taxing body and cannot be taken from dues. Robert Steinberg asked how much the club is paying now and Meyer said nothing but for the annual meeting. Kidder said we are not in a position to go into luxury projects. Meyer said swimming should be available for off-lake lot owners. It would not be for the public. Lillie said this is something we owe these people. We should allow our facilities to grow and draw retired people. Women would have a place to meet. Money has built up from unspent maintenance fees. Russell said we will have higher expenses next year because we need spraying material and will have to put in culverts and move dirt.

Old BUSINESS: Signs were investigated but the state has to put signs on the highways. 11 lot owners have not paid maintenance fees and legal action will be taken.

NEW BUSINESS: Meyer asked for a motion as to action to be taken on the building. Johnson asked why put up a building for 80 members who are interested. Russell made a motion that the idea be tabled, seconded by Irvin Wallis. Bob Morrow, who owns the building under consideration, said he is offering a bargain to the association but he wants a permanent decision. He asked that it not be tabled so that he could know what to do. Kidder said that if there is swimming there must be a life guard. Hilgenberg said he feels it is a good time to take action. This place compares well with other lakes and we should have a club house. It would make people want to come here.

Wallis said the dues at Lake Bracken are more than \$300. Morrow said they could assume the mortgage and people could help repair the building as a community project. Russel said we can't go in debt. Meyer said we can't go in debt in excess of what we have on hand. We could put the required amount into savings to off-set the interest. Lillie said the money should be used. Sue Meyer asked how much is added to savings each year. Kauffman said about 5 or 6 thousand. Morrow said we have less expenses now than previously because we have learned by our mistakes. Kidder said silt is going into the lake. Meyer said dredging is too expensive and that erosion control is in the process by Warren County. He said this place has come to a stand-still. We need to move and to improve. He then asked for a vote on the motion to table the project. 6 in favor and 20 against tabling. Lillie asked if the board has power to act. Meyer said yes and that the investigation will continue and that owners will be informed of progress made. Hanlon said they used to have socials when they did own the building.

The nominating committee submitted names to be new board members: Jack Lillie, Al Wilson, Ralph Sabetti and Joe Acklin. Russell made a motion that they be elected, seconded by Duane Wasson. Motion carried.

In the drawing Joe Acklin, Fred Oblander and Kenneth Batson were winners. Sue Meyer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kenneth Batson. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

Kathryn Weghorst
Secretary

LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB

Cash Flow Statement

For Year Ending December 31, 1985

RECEIPTS:

Maintenance Fee Income	\$20,195.00
Membership Dues	702.06
Boat Decals	(77.80)
Interest Received - checking acct	273.17
Interest Received - money market	4,803.08
Campground loan repayment	400.00
Total Receipts	\$26,295.51

DISBURSEMENTS:

Accounting - Tax Preparation	70.00
Boat, motor & equipment	2,241.62
Bookkeeping	1,000.00
Chemical Toilets	1,121.25
Dam maintenance	310.00
Filing Fee, Sec. of State	10.00
Garbage pickup and supplies	354.20
Insurance and Bonds	306.00
Legal Expense	576.44
Loan to campground	400.00
Outlots - Mowing	1,702.50
Patrol expense	1,279.83
Postage	481.12
Printing and office supplies	314.52
Recreation	234.31
Rentals	53.85
Repairs and Maintenance	3,392.98
Road rock & etc.	5,379.41
Salaries & wages	467.50
Security lights	765.69
Snow removal	400.00
Taxes - real estate	65.07
Taxes - social security	188.06
Telephone	3.38
Weed and algae control	4,139.20
Total Disbursements	25,256.93
Excess of receipts over disbursements	\$ 1,038.58

LITTLE SWAN LAKE CAMPGROUND

Year 1985

Beginning balance	\$ 2.58
Add: Income	2,490.00
Loan from Club	400.00
Sub-total	<u>2,892.58</u>
Deduct: Electricity	1,422.10
Loan repayment	400.00
Garbage pickup	210.00
Mowing	375.00
Supplies	125.97
Water	150.00
Total: Expenses	<u>2,683.07</u>
Balance	<u><u>\$ 209.51</u></u>

LITTLE SWAN LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Little Swan Lake Association was held at the T-Rose in Avon on October 26, 1986, at 2 P.M. with 41 members present.

The meeting was called to order by President Jack Lillie, board members present were: Phil Haymaker, Mark Meyer, Bea Yeager, Vern Chick, Herb Kauffman and Orval Wingate. Board members not present were Joe Acklin, Roy Hillgenberg, Gene Way and Ralph Sabetti.

The minutes of the 1985 Annual Meeting were presented by Mark Meyer. A motion was made by John McGrew and Seconded by Ralph Harmon to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read by Herb Kauffman. A motion was made by Jim Jones and seconded by Ralph Harmon to approve the report. Motion carried.

Mark Meyer gave a report on the road maintenance that was done during the year. Also, reported on the dam condition, lake level and that the board has approved work to be done at the boat launch.

Herb Kauffman reported on improvements done this year, the brush was cut around the lake, new signs were put up where needed and a new sign was put up at the entrance from the county road. Also enclosures were put around the toilets and a fishing boat storage area was made.

Bea Yeager reported that nearly all lots were mowed the 3 designated times. The Lake Association purchased a 16 HP mower, 21" push mower, 2 cycle trimmer and dump trailer for the purpose of mowing the outlots.

Phil Haymaker reported on the campground improvements of steps down to the lake, a water heater and a new fish cleaning house was put up. He reported the campground is going to end the year slightly in the black due to a slight raise in camping fees and a winter storage charge.

Mr. Haymaker also reported that the lake water stayed in good condition this year probably due to the 500 white carp which were added. He reported the lake was the cleanest it has every been in the 8 years he has lived at the lake. He also reported that the tiger muskies could not be obtained this year.

Vern Chick reported that a building at Avcom Park has been rented for the year for boat storage at \$50.00 per boat. The pontoon boats will be removed from the lake on November 1.

Jack Lillie reported that the Harmon Insurance Agency was able to obtain insurance for the lake in the spring of 1986 after a period of over 1 year without insurance.

Vi Kauffman reported that the Welcoming Committee of Kate Weghorst, Kate Kruzan and herself try to call on all new residence at the lake.

Dottie Chick reported that the Ladies of the Lake meet once a month for a fun time and good fellowship, often times for a luncheon meeting.

A discussion was held on the need for more security lights.

Jack Lillie presented the slate of new board members nominated by the nominating committee: Phil Haymaker, Herb Kauffman, Bea Yeager and Sheila Robertson. A motion was made by Al Wilson and seconded by Jim Jones to accept the slate. Motion carried.

The door prize drawing was held with free maintenance fees going to Hazel Zuck, Vern Theinert and Francis Russell.

A motion was made by Al Wilson and seconded by John McGrew to adjourn. Motion carried.

Mark Meyer, Secretary

LITTLE SWAN LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Little Swan Lake Association was held at the T-Rose in Avon on October 25, 1987, at 2:00 P.M. with 35 members present.

The meeting was called to order by President Jack Lillie. Board members present were: Jack Lillie, Sheila Robertson, Herb Kauffman, Vern Chick, Mark Meyer, Ivan Gordon, Tom Hilgenberg, and Bea Yeager. Board members not present were: Orval Wingate, Phil Haymaker and Gene Way.

The minutes of the 1986 Annual Meeting were presented by Sheila Robertson. A motion was made by Ralph Harmon and seconded by Ray Ledford to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read by Herb Kauffman. A motion was made by Al Wilson and seconded by Ray Ledford to approve the report. Motion carried.

Vern Chick reported that the pontoon boats will be removed from the lake on October 31st. It has been requested that for those who are storing their boats in Avon to place moth balls in their boats to keep the mice out of the boats.

Vern Chick also announced that there will be coffee sessions held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the new pavilion. Everyone is welcome to attend. He also urged people to come to the board's monthly meetings which are held the first Monday of every month at the new pavilion. Vern also expressed the need to name the new pavilion.

Vern Chick reported that there have been some complaints about trapping being done. People's pets are being caught.

Mark Meyer reported that the lake will be lowered again this year on November 15th.

Bea Yeager reported on mowing of lots that have not been mowed the designated three times. Bea urged people to contact the board if they are aware of a problem of unmowed lots.

Tom Hilgenberg reported on a new Rules Booklet that is being made. It will contain updated rules and regulations. The booklet will be 4" x 6" in size and will be mailed in January with the annual letter.

Jack Lillie reported that starting in January those lot owners who wish to lease a lot must contact the bookkeeper, Sue Meyer, to obtain a lease form. This form must be signed by the lot owner and by the person leasing until they have signed the form saying that they have read and will follow the rules.

Jack Lillie also reported that beginning in January all boat owners will be required to provide evidence of liability insurance before a boat sticker will be issued.

Jack also announced that there are copies of the By Laws and Covenants available.

Ivan Gordon reported that at this time Bill Thompson will be in charge of snow removal for the lake roads this year.

Ivan Gordon expressed his concern about the filling in of the lake and urged everyone to do what they can to control lot erosion. A discussion was held on the possibility of putting in a silt dam at Swan Creek.

Al Wilson reported that the outlots were used a lot this year and that the new pavilion also has been used since its completion. There are several that have reserved the new pavilion for larger groups. Anyone wishing to reserve the pavilion is to contact Al.

Al Wilson reported for Phil Haymaker that there were 25 trailers at the campground this year which is an increase over last year. Campground projects for next year will be putting in new showers and also a new floor in the women's rest room.

Al Wilson also reported that the board is planning to replace more of the old docks on outlots.

Kate Kruzan reported on the activities of the Lake Ladies who meet once a month for a fun time and often a luncheon meeting. She also announced the planned outings for the upcoming months.

Ivan Gordon reported on the building permits that were issued this year.

Vern Chick reported that a plaque will be put on the flagpole at the new pavilion in honor of "Dutch" Weghorst.

Mark Meyer reported on plans for bass cover. Mark asked that those wanting to put in Christmas trees please come to the board meetings and work with the board on this.

Jack Lillie reported that the board is considering purchasing a sprayer since hiring the spraying of the lake roads done is so costly.

A discussion was held on the use of minnows in the lake. A motion was made by John Koehler and seconded by Ray Ledford to allow minnows to be used in the lake. Motion carried.

Virginia McKinley asked if the board would discuss this winter the possibility of oiling and chipping the lake roads. Virginia also requested to not have the snow plowed out of their drive this winter.

Jack Lillie presented the slate of new board members nominated by the nominating committee: Jack Lillie, Chester Underwood and Ivan Gordon. A motion was made by Ivan Zuck and seconded by Kate Kruzan to accept the slate. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sue Meyer and seconded by John Koehler to adjourn. Motion carried.

Little Swan Lake Board of Directors Meeting

December 7, 1987

The December meeting of the Little Swan Lake Board of Directors was held at the Swan Lake Pavilion at 7:00 PM, December 7, 1987. Those members present were Jack Lillie, Herb Kauffman, Sheila Robertson, Vern Chick, Phil Haymaker, Tom Hilgenberg, Gene Way, Ivan Gordon and Bea Yeager. Guest present was Al Wilson.

A motion was made by Phil Haymaker and seconded by Tom Hilgenberg to accept the minutes of the November meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vern Chick and seconded by Tom Hilgenberg to accept the financial report submitted by Herb Kauffman. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tom Hilgenberg and seconded by Ivan Gordon to pay bills presented by Herb Kauffman. Motion carried.

Ivan Gordon reported that the price range on a sprayer is from \$500-\$1500 depending on how fancy you go. It was decided to discuss further at a later date.

A motion was made by Bea Yeager and seconded by Vern Chick to replace the flag at the Swan Lake Pavilion which was stolen. Replacement cost is \$20. Motion carried.

There was a discussion held on lowering the lake another foot in order to help save the docks. A motion was made by Phil Haymaker and seconded by Herb Kauffman to lower the lake one more foot. Motion carried with five members voting yes, one voting no and two abstaining.

Jack reported that Ivan Zook is interested in being a board member. A motion was made by Tom Hilgenberg and seconded by Bea Yeager to ask Ivan Zook to be a director, replacing Orvil Wingate. Motion carried.

Al Wilson reported that someone is dumping garbage bags on the ground by the dock at the dam end of the lake.

Vern Chick discussed possibly paying Al Wilson a salary for taking care of the Swan Lake Pavilion instead of by the hour. It was decided to leave the payment by the hour since there will be more to do in the summer.

Herb Kauffman reported on the new boat decals that have been ordered.

Bea Yeager suggested giving the bookkeeper a raise of \$10 more a month. It was decided to discuss this at the January meeting and take care of that at that time.

A motion was made by Jack Lillie and seconded by Sheila Robertson to adjourn. Motion carried.

Sheila Robertson, Secretary

LITTLE SWAN LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Little Swan Lake Association was held at the T-Rose in Avon on October 30, 1988, at 2:00 P.M. with 35 members present.

The meeting was called to order by President Jack Lillie. Board members present were: Jack Lillie, Herb Kauffman, Sheila Robertson, Chet Underwood, Bea Yeager, Vern Chick, Ivan Gordon and Tom Hilgenberg. Board members not present were: Phil Haymaker, Tom Sawyer and Bill Lorton.

The minutes of the 1987 Annual Meeting were presented by Sheila Robertson. A motion was made by Mark Meyer and seconded by Dottie Chick to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read by Herb Kauffman. A motion was made by Dottie Chick and seconded by Al Wilson to approve the report. Motion carried.

Herb Kauffman reported on the many activities that have taken place at the Swan Lake Pavilion. The pavilion has been used by the Men's Coffee Club, the Lake Ladies Club, the Portia Club, the Greenbush township elections, Home Extension, the Lake Special Events Socials, many picnics and also for board meetings. The new building has been well used this year.

Vern Chick reported that this year there have been 22 boats and one truck taken to the AvCom Park building for winter storage. Last year there were 15 boats in storage. Rental donations of \$1150 have been made to the park board.

Vern Chick also reported that the Men's Coffee Club meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays for donuts and coffee — all men welcome. The new gas heater that was installed at the pavilion was donated by the coffee club.

Vern Chick read the building committee report of projects and additions at the lake this year. Those additions were a home addition, a new garage, utility shed, boat house addition, utility building and enlarging a deck.

Vern Chick reported for Tom Sawyer that the board plans to add one new dock per year to an outlet. This year the new dock was put on Outlet N.

Don Thorton requested that the board consider placing water hydrants on the outlots for people to use. Vern Chick suggested that this request be taken to the water committee.

Bea Yeager reported that a walking path has been marked out on the north side of the dam. Cinders were not added to the path due to the cost of hauling.

John Hiel volunteered to haul the cinders for the walking path at no charge. The cinders are available at no charge from Western Illinois University.

Sue Meyer reported that there have been 776 membership cards issued and 339 boat stickers issued.

Ivan Gordon reported that if anyone wishes to do something for fish cover or to improve fishing to please come to the board meetings to discuss their ideas. The board will try to work with them on this.

Ivan also reported that there hasn't been much mowing needed this year. The lake looks good in all.

Chet Underwood reported that the first phase of a three year plan to oil and chip the roads has been completed. The roads that were oiled and chipped were Cardinal Lane, Mockingbird and Mallard Lanes. Also some graveling was done.

Sheila Robertson reported that the Outlet shelters and picnic tables were painted by Charles Cook of Avon who submitted the lowest bid. Also, repairs were done to the playground equipment. Vern Theinert made new spring seats and Ray Ledford repaired the slide.

Sheila also reported that if anyone is having a problem of dogs running loose on their property that they can call the Warren County Animal Control Officer, Jim Gaskill, at 734-3638 or 734-8505. The board does not have the jurisdiction to enforce any type of dog control.

Al Wilson reported for Phil Haymaker that the campground is full at the present with 26 trailers. All summer fees have been paid and half of the winter fees. Also, repairs were made to the bath house this year — a new floor in the rest room and new showers. Trailer rental takes care of the campground expenses.

Tom Hilgenberg reported that new Rules Booklets were sent out last January. People who are leasing lots need Rules Booklets.

Tom also reported that three flags were stolen from the pavilion this year. A reward was offered for any information that would lead to the conviction of the thieves, but with no results.

There was a discussion held concerning the size (HP) of boat motors on the lake. This subject will be discussed further at monthly board meetings whether to leave restrictions the same.

Kate Kruzan reported on past and future activities of the Lake Ladies. Kate announced her resignation as President of the Lake Ladies. Also, she sent out 50 cards to women to try and recruit new Lake Ladies.

A motion was made by Kate Kruzan to nominate Vern Chick, Bill Lorton and Tom Sawyer for election as board members. Kate Waghorst seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Al Wilson motioned to elect the above. Mark Meyer seconded. Motion carried.

The Swan Lake water committee has asked all lot owners to mark their outside water valve with a tall stake and a ribbon. This will help to locate the valves in heavy snow.

A motion was made by Mark Meyer to adjourn. Al Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Sheila Robertson, Secretary

LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Little Swan Lake Club was held at the Federated Church in Avon on October 29, 1989, at 2:00 P.M. with 35 members present. The meeting was called to order by President Tom Hilgenberg. Board members present were: Tom Hilgenberg, Herb Kauffman, Bea Yeager, Sheila Robertson, Chet Underwood, Jack Lillie, Phil Haymaker, Tom Sawyer, Vern Chick, and Bill Lorton. Board member not present was: Ivan Gordon.

The minutes of the 1988 Annual Meeting were presented by Sheila Robertson. A motion was made by John McGrew and seconded by Ralph Harmon to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented by Herb Kauffman. A motion was made by Al Wilson and seconded by Don Kahn to approve the report. Motion carried. Sue Meyer reported that there are 19½ unpaid maintenance fees for 1989.

Phil Haymaker reported that the campground is full with 27 full time trailers. There is room only for weekend and daily campers. The campground is completely self sufficient. Repairs and maintenance come out of the campground fees.

Herb Kauffman reported that some excavation was done on Outlot M. The fee was \$500. \$425 was donated by members. The board paid the remaining \$75.

Herb also reported that the boat ramp was extended an additional 12 feet last fall to aid in getting boats in and out. Some boat owners have threatened to sue because of damage to their boats.

Herb also reported that this year a new dock was placed on Outlot DD. The board plans to add one new dock per year to an outlot until all old ones have been replaced.

Tom Sawyer reported that the crappie fishing has been good. There have been reports of some good sized catfish caught. Bass fishing has been slow.

Bea Yeager reported that Ray Ledford has done most of the mowing of unmowed lots this year. The biggest problem is identifying the lot numbers. A conscientious effort has been made to identify the proper lot numbers on these unmowed lots.

Al Wilson reported that the pavilion was used 23 times this year not counting the Men's Coffee Club which meets twice a week, plus the Lake Ladies, the Home Extension, the board, etc., that meet there.

Chet Underwood reported that the second phase of a three year plan to oil and chip the roads has been completed. All the roads on the north side have been done except for Horseshoe Bend. Next year, the south side roads will be done, and also reimbursements will be made to those lot owners who paid to have their own roads done.

Jack Lillie reported that there were good turn outs for the "special events" that were held at the pavilion this summer. Jack suggested that future events be scheduled on Sundays, since there is better attendance on Sundays as compared to Saturdays.

Al Wilson, patrolman, reported that there were no injuries on the lake this year and few complaints.

Vern Chick reported that they will start moving the pontoons to the AvCom Park building for storage on Monday, October 30th. The fee for winter storage is \$50 donated to the Avon Businessmen's Association.

Tom Hilgenberg brought up for discussion the rules concerning boat motor horse power and also size of boats. The present rules state that no boat motors with a horse power of over 160 for inboard-outboard and 115 for outboard are allowed on the lake. The maximum length for boats is 18 feet (not counting pontoon boats). We have some boats on the lake that are oversized. The patrolman has to enforce the rules. There was a discussion on whether to change the rules, or keep the rules the same and enforce them. A motion was made by Francis Russell that the board and the membership back the patrolman on enforcement and leave the rules the same. Jerry Vicare seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Francis Russell to add to the rules a maximum length of 28 feet for pontoon boats measuring from one end to the other of the pontoon. Al Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vern Chick reported for the sanitary district and asked that lot owners place a stake and red flag on outside water valves in order to help locate the valves in heavy snow. Also, the sanitary district wants to remind residents to be sure and put the proper chemicals in stand up pipes on sewage systems (for those who have this type of system).

Tom Durand reported for the building committee. Anything that is built should have a permit or permission from the building committee. This is for everyone's welfare. Members of the building committee include Tom Durand, Bill Downey, Don Kahn and Carl Caylor. The permit fee for a home is \$25 and \$10 for everything else. You do not need a permit for rock, but the committee would like for you to get permission.

Dottie Chick reported that the Lake Ladies next outing is a luncheon at the pavilion on Wednesday, November 1. Bring a salad and tableware.

Dottie Chick reported that Arbutus Wilson and herself as the Welcoming Committee have visited eight homes of new residents here recently. If you know of any new Swan Lakers that haven't had a Welcoming Committee visit, please call Dottie or Arbutus.

Bea Yeager reported that the plans for a walking path on the north side of the dam have been put on hold. No one wanted to volunteer to head a committee to do the work that this project would involve.

Tom Hilgenberg explained the situation that surrounds the actions of the Swarth Hills Golf Course and Jim Owen's pending lawsuit. Mr. Owens is claiming damages to the golf course which he feels have occurred from the lowering of the lake last fall. Mr. Owens feels that the board's decision to lower the lake was unreasonable and has interfered with his use of the lake. Mr. Owens will be filing suit if the damages are not paid. The amount of damages as listed on a statement from Mr. Owens, which the board received in July, adds up to \$7,765 and possibly more later for other expenses not yet determined. The board has acquired an attorney, John Bisbee, for legal counsel. A committee which includes Tom Hilgenberg, Jack Lillie, Bea Yeager and Vern Chick have been meeting with our attorney. Vern Chick reported on these meetings with the attorney, and questions were answered as best as possible. Suit has not been filed yet at this time.

Tom Hilgenberg reported that the board would like the lot owners to consider raising the maintenance fee which is presently \$35 per year. This is used for maintenance and improvements around the lake. It takes 2/3 vote of all lot owners (583 lot owners) to change the amount of the maintenance fee. There was a discussion held. A motion was made by Dottie Chick to recommend raising the maintenance fee from \$35 to \$50. Jerry Vicare seconded the motion. Motion carried. It was agreed by the majority of those attending the Annual Meeting to raise the fee \$15 a year for each lot. Cards will be sent to all lot owners to ask for an increase in the fee. Any card not returned counts as a "NO", so please return your card if you want to vote "YES".

Larry Mortiere from Western Illinois University announced that lot 271 was donated to W.I.U. and is for sale.

Don Garske recommended burning the weeds on the lake shoreline where the water is down.

Bea Yeager read the list of those nominated for new board member positions. Those include: Jane Stevens (one year), John McGrew (three years), Lois Cramblet (three years), Jerry Vicare (three years), and Dan Mahr (three years).

A motion was made by Don Garske and seconded by Don Kahn to elect the above. Motion carried.

Tom Hilgenberg thanked Carol McMeen for the donation of the carved wooden swan.

A motion was made by Don Kahn to adjourn. Bea Yeager seconded. Motion carried.

Little Swan Lake Club

AVON, ILLINOIS 61415

LITTLE SWAN LAKE ANNUAL MEETING October 28, 1990

The Annual Meeting of the **LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB** was held at the Avon Federated Church on October 28, 1990. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by the president Bill Lorton. Secretary, Jane Stevens, read the minutes of the 1989 Annual Meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Tom Hilgenberg, seconded by Jack Lillie. Motion carried.

Treasurer, Rick Elting, presented the treasurer's report showing total assets \$20,279.19. A motion was made by Dottie Chick to accept the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Bill Wright. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Little Swan Lake Bookkeeper: Sue Meyer reported that all bills had been sent out and all records were current.

Campgrounds: Tom Sawyer reported that there was a leak in a pipe and J. Lopez had fixed this at no charge. Mr. Hopwood put in a sink in the pavilion at no charge, and an electric box was installed to help out with the extra electrical needs. Campgrounds are in good shape and there is a waiting list.

Dam & Lake: John McGrew reported that in April, Jerry Vicare and Tom Durand had put a marker on the dam to measure the water level. The lake was down 15" at the start. The wall was marked at 6" intervals. Waterfall caused the dam to be up several times. Jerry Vicare and Al Wilson assisted John on keeping records of the water levels. It was noted that this was the third wettest spring in history. The weather has been dry recently and the water is now down seven and one half (7½) inches. Plans are to lower it for the winter and will be discussed with membership before this is done.

Fishing Report: Bill Lorton reported that the fishing had been good this year.

Pavilion/Outlots/Lake Patrol: Al Wilson reported that the Pavilion had been used several times this year. Ladies of the lake use it in the fall and thru the winter the first Wednesday of each month. Greenbush card club has requested to use it every 4th Saturday of the month. The men's coffee group used it each week. The Special Events during the summer and many others. A chemical toilet was put on the West end of the dam, and many people appreciated that. Things were exceptionally good this year with no accidents or large problems on the lake. Al thanked everyone for driving safely.

Roads: Chester Underwood reported there wasn't too much done on the roads this year. Robert Thompson did the snow removal last winter, what little there was to do. The oiling and chipping did not materialize due to the high cost of oil. Hopefully next year we will be able to do this.

Special Events: Jack Lillie reported we had four events this year with a lot of food and visiting. Sunday, July 2nd was an ice cream social. The Spoon River Drama Shop entertained. Host were the two Chick brothers & wives and the Douglasses. Sunday, July 15th was fish fry. Host were the Kruzans and Downeys and Mark Meyer did the fish frying. Sunday, Aug. 26th was potluck with Ledfords and Westfalls hosts. Records and dancing was the entertainment for the fish fry and Frank Snaps band played for the potluck. Sept. 23rd was wiener roast with Lillies and Haymakers as hosts, and entertainment was the Avon Town Band.

Mowing - Don Mahr and Jerry Vicare: Jerry Vicare thanked Zimmerman, Jennings, Ledford, Ivan Zook and Harmon for the mowing they did this summer. On the South side twelve lots were mowed over Memorial Day. The cost for mowing a lot was raised to \$40.00 per mowing. After Memorial Day two lots went to private mowing. On the second mowing for July 4th twelve lots were mowed, two new ones were added. Third mowing for Labor Day there were ten lots mowed. Lots 249 and 106 went to private mowing. Jerry Vicare will send a letter to all lot owners giving them the names of private mowers they may contact to mow their lots. Dan Mahr reported there were fifteen lots on the North side at the first mowing, but this went down due to the \$40.00 charge.

Building Committee - Tom Durrand & Don Kahn: Tom reported that they issued nine permits for the year. One permit was issued for a new home and balance was miscellaneous. Tom said he had no complaints, but would like to get a little more time to do the paper work.

OLD BUSINESS:

Suit against LS by Jim Owens: Vern Chick reported depositions have been given by Little Swan Lake Rep. Bud Chick, and Jim Owens. We are now waiting to hear from the attorneys, or an arbitrator, or go to court.

Vern thanked the following for improvements to the pavilion: A new coffee pot was donated by Jack Long for the men's coffee get togethers, Kate & Pat Kruzan donated a shelf and coat rack. A beautiful Swan was given as a memorial by the McMeans family and Vern Thiner made a beautiful cabinet to hold it. It is now on the wall in the pavilion. Bud Yeoman donated an air conditioner. Bud and Dave Chick and Al Wilson installed the air conditioner. A used refrigerator was purchased by the mens coffee club for \$50.00. A big thanks to all! Vern asked the sanitary district to request that all members put up a marker by their water valve this winter so the snow plow won't run over them, or if there is a water problem they will be easy to locate. Again this winter the boats will be stored at AVCOM Park in the display building for \$50.00 each. When that gets full there will be storage in an out building for \$35.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

Membership Fees/Boat Sticker Fees and late charges: Al Wilson reported at the last meeting there was discussion about raising fees or higher boat sticker fees. A recommendation was made to raise boat stickers to \$25.00 to raise revenue for the club. Another suggested we charge \$25.00 per family. There were about 354 boats registered on the lake this year. Tom Hilgenberg made a motion to raise the membership to \$15.00 per year and charge a \$10.00 late charge for boats that are not registered by the first day of May, seconded by Jan Lorton. After some discussion Tom changed his motion to read 'raise the first person membership fee to \$15.00 and every additional member of the family to pay \$1.00 each, and is to be paid by May 1st with the yearly dues, seconded by Jan Lorton. Motion carried 100%.

Nomination of board members to take office Jan. 7, 1991: Tom Sawyer and Bill Lorton, 3 years; Gary Johnson, 3 years; Kate Kruzan, 3 years; Rick Elting, 3 years and Jack Lillie, 3 years. Jane Ledford made a motion to accept the nominations as presented, seconded by Arbutus Wilson. Motion carried.

Discussion of Lake Level: Jerry Vicare reported that Herb Koffman says the lake has always been lowered 14" to 24". This is to protect their permanent boat docks and boat houses. The board preferred to get an opinion from all lake members present at the meeting before a final decision was made. The lake is down 7½" as of this date. Nov. 15th is the date of lowering the lake. Tom Hilgenberg made a motion to lower the lake a total of 18", seconded by Jan Lorton. Motion failed. A new motion was made by Rick Elting not to lower the lake and seconded by Tom Sawyer which passed. The board will send a letter to all boat and dock owners to let them know that we are not lowering the lake and they should remove their docks.

Law Suit: Jerry Vicare reported that Little Swan Club, Inc. and Tom Hilgenberg, Vern Chick, Jane Stevens, Jerry Vicare, Bill Lorton, Dan Mahr, Lewis Lillie, Chester Underwood, Tom Sawyer, John McGrew, Patrick Elting, Kate Kruzan, Gary Johnson as Directors and Individually, Al Wilson. They have been named in a suite by Larry and Lois Cramblet. This suit is on regulations for boats. Our attorney has been contacted.

It was suggested that a copy of the minutes of this meeting be mailed to all lot owners with a letter telling them about the membership increase.

Jack Lillie asked for a vote on the following resolution: "That in the most unlikely event that a judgment were to be rendered upon any unpaid director or member of Little Swan Lake Club, Inc. in which the plaintiff had elected to sue such people in addition to Little Swan Lake Club, Inc. that Little Swan Lake Club, Inc. be directed to pay such rendered judgment for and in behalf of such directors or members."

It is my honest opinion that such a judgment situation is most unlikely to occur, and I also believe that these unpaid people already believe that the Club would so perform. However, this resolution would remove some of the mental anguish that such directors and members may now endure. This resolution 2nd by Raymond Ledford and motion carried 100%.

John Noel reported that people have been fishing off lot 520 and they are not members. If anyone sees anyone fishing, or boating that are not members they should notify a member of the board or Al Wilson.

Gary Jennings reported that there is a lot across the street from his home on the East end of the lake that the shore line is washing away, and something should be done about it as soon as possible.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dave Chick, seconded by Raymond Ledford. Motion carried. There were 60 people at the meeting.

Jane Stevens
Secretary

ANNUAL MEETING OF LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB

The Annual Meeting of the Little Swan Lake Club was held at the Avon Federated Church on October 27, 1991. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by the president Bill Lorton. Secretary, Jane Stevens, read the minutes of the 1990 Annual Meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Bud Chick, second by John Hiel. Motion carried.

Treasurer, John McGrew presented the treasurer's report showing total assets \$29,404.53. A motion was made by Dottie Chick to accept the treasurer's report as presented, second by Keith Wagy. Motion carried.

Announcement was made that there will be a phone installed at Al Wilson's home for people to call for reference to patrol problems as well as bookkeeping problems. This number is 465-7688. It was also announced that if anyone needs help with boat storage they are to call Keith Wagy and he will be glad to help them out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Dam & Lake: Jerry Vicare gave the following report: In May, Francis Russell helped to repair the spillway. They greased and a new seal was added to stem of upper unit. Since last annual meeting the lake changes are as follows:

Date	Precipitation	Spillway
Nov.-Jan.	8 inches	from 7½" below to 4½" above
Jan. 2	Lake froze above level	
Jan.-March	14 in. snow/rain	Lake froze with water over top of spillway
March, Apr., May	17 inches rainfall	Spillway was opened & closed about 15 times to maintain levels that fluctuated from 16 inches above level to 6 in. below.
June, July, Aug.	6 inches rainfall	Spillway closed total time and lake dropped to 16 in. below level.
Sept. to now	7½" rainfall	Spillway remains closed and 12 in. below lake level.

Jerry requested that consideration be made to not let the lake freeze at lake level, but to lower to about 12" for the winter. John McGrew made a motion that the lake be lowered to 12" below and maintain this for the winter. Second by Ivan Zook. Motion carried.

Fishing: Gary Johnson reported there had been good fishing, but not outstanding due to the hot weather. We have a carp problem, and the lake needs shocking treatment. The secretary Jane Stevens will write to Ken Russell of Dept. of Conservation Divn. of Fisheries, 2100 S. Lake Storey Road, Galesburg, IL 61401 and request that we be put on the list of lakes to be shocked this coming spring. This is done at no charge. When the date is set we will contact Rick Elting so he can notify some school students who wish to observe the process. These students are from Roseville Avon school will also be contacted to see if there are any students interested.

Lake Patrol: Al Wilson stated that this had been a good year and had no problems with safety. He thanked everyone for driving safely. John Knapp installed a new swing set using 2" pipe furnished from the sanitary district on lot DD.

Pavilion & Outlots: Al Wilson reported that the Pavilion has been used a great deal, with the Ladies of the Lake meeting first Wed. of the month starting in the fall and thru to summer. The men meeting each Tues. and Thurs. for coffee and a local card club meeting once a month plus other social events.

Campground: Tom Sawyer reported that there were a few minor repairs made, mostly plumbing. Three campers were sold. Another electric box has been installed and there are four people on the waiting list to get in. Campgrounds will be closed in another week or before.

Mowing: South Jerry Vicare reported that Mr. Charles Dixon and son did a very good job mowing the lake properties plus eight lots on Southside for Memorial Day; eight for July 4th; seven for Labor Day. Jerry sent letters out to everyone asking them to get private mowers wherever possible. \$40.00 was charged this year per mowing of a lot. North mowing Dan Mahr reported that the mowing was down this year and he felt this due to the \$40.00 charge. \$600.00 has been collected this year for mowing. Outstanding bills this year is \$780.00 not yet paid. If bills are not collected after Al Wilson sends notices and calls the individuals, then they will be turned over to an attorney who will collect ½ of the fee.

Road: Rick Elting reported that the H & G Construction Co. did some road work this year. They were oiled and chipped on Horseshoe Drive, Sunset Lane and Vine Lane. Rick thanked Bud Chick for his assistance, as well as Ray Ledford for doing blading, and other work for them at a reasonable price. More street lights were installed this year, more on the north than on the south. Many thought it was a great improvement. Owner of lot 274 by cemetery needs road work done as rain has washed out and needs blading and gravel. Rick said he would take care of it. The roads are only paid for by Little Swan Lake and if they have a private drive done when other road is being done the lot owner must pay for his private property.

Publicity: Kate Kruzan reports she wrote a column in the paper every week. Also a nice article about LS appeared in the Peoria Journal Star on Oct. 14th, as well as one in the Sentinel. She reported the ladies of the lake will have a meeting Nov. 6th with a soup luncheon.

Special Events: Jack Lillie and Kate Kruzan reported there were two events this year, a fish fry and potluck. Tues. and Thurs. at 6:30 a.m. is coffee time for the men.

Building Committee: Don Kahn reported that ten permits had been issued this year, five new houses, Dave Chick has just moved in his house, Joe Stancos house is framed and they should be able to move in soon, and Jim Jones house has basement done and framing going up.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lawsuit: Owens: Bud Chick reported there will be a hearing on Nov. 12th on the Owens case.

Cramblets: Jerry Vicare reported this suit was filed this last year with three counts. The third count is for money settlement. Depositions have been taken from our board members as well as Larry & Lois Cramblet. We are still in the discovery period.

Sanitary District: Bud Chick reported that the Multi-flow unit contains chlorine tablets in the pipe, and some people are not putting the tablets in the pipe. Letters have been sent out to people who have the Multi-flow units asking them to use the tablets. If these 17 people do not comply the eventually will have to be reported to the health department. The hydrants have been flushed out. Again this year each person is requested to put up a pipe or post by their valve so it can be located this winter. Sewer district meets the third Wed. of each month at Club 41. There are three members on the committee.

We need volunteers for a "Welcome Committee" to welcome new people to the lake.

Nomination of board members: Kate Kruzan and Jack Lillie, reported only one member is to be elected and that is Lyle (Dave) Chick who will replace Bud Chick who has resigned. Kate Kruzan made a motion we elect Lyle Chick to the board. Second by Rick Elting. Motion carried.

Lot 149 corner of Star Drive and Cramer Road needs a stop sign. This is a township road and so Rick Elting will contact Mr. Danner to see if something can be done.

Motion to adjourn was made by Don Thornton Sr. Second by Al Wilson.

There were 46 members present.

Jane Stevens, Sec.

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Oct. 5, 1992 Regular & Special meeting
combined.

A special meeting was called along with our regular meeting on Oct. 5, 1992 at the Avon Federated Church for the purpose of discussing and making a decision to pay or persue the Cramblet Court case. President Bill Lorton called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and the Lawsuit was discussed first.

Jerry Vicare read a letter prepared by Ron Stombaugh giving a summary of the law suit. The letter also stated that #1 That the Court declared the rules and regulations governing length and horsepower of boats on Little Swan Lake void and unenforceable because they have not been uniformly applied by the Board over the years. #2. That the Court enjoin or prohibit Little Swan Lake from enforcing its rules and regulations with respect to boat length and horsepower. #3 That the Lake, the members of its board of Directors, and its patrolman be held liable for monetary damages because they failed to properly advise the Cramblets of the boating rules and misrepresented material facts to the Cramblets which they knew were false or were not believed by the Board to be true and which the Cramblets claim they relied upon in purchasing their boat. They have requested damages ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ sum in excess of \$15,000.00 plus attorney's fees and costs of suit. Some of these charges which they are asking us to pay is: Lawyer fees \$20,000.00, Depreciation on the Cramblet boat plus interest, \$400.00 for lot purchased at Oak Run plus 3 years membership fees of \$115.00 per year, punitive damages of \$10,000.00.

A discussion followed the reading of the letter. The estimated cost to persue the case would be around \$5,000.00 pluse \$1,700.00 for court transcripts. There are 579 members of Little Swan Lake. A motion was made by Bob Batson Lot #239 to appeal the case. Second by Dottie Chick. Motion carried with 6 no votes and balance of those in attendance voting yes. There were 63 attending the meeting.

At this time everyone was invited to stay for the balance of the meeting, and those who choose to could leave.

The minutes of the Sept. 7th meeting were read by the secretary Jane Stevens. Jerry Vicare made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Second by Tom Sawyer. Motion carried.

John McGrew gave Treas. report for Aug 1992 Showing Total assets of \$32,412.73. Total deposits \$992.65, bal. after income \$14,203.97. Expenses \$1,696.82, bal after expenses \$12,507.15. Campground total assets \$4,761.65 Expenses \$693.75 bal. after expenses of \$4,067.90. Sept. 1992 : Checking Account General \$14,744.77, Campgrounds \$2,671.70, Certificate of Deposits \$11,290.05. for total \$28,706.52. Aug 31, 1992 General Account Bal. \$12,507.15. Total deposits \$6,053.88. Bal after income \$16,561.03 Sept. expenses: \$3,816.26. bal after expenses \$14,744.77. Campground \$4,067.90. Expenses \$1,396.20 bal after expenses \$2,671.70. Motion to accept these two reports was made by Gary Johnson. Second by Jack Lillie. Motion carried. Bills were presented for payment. Motion to pay these bills was made by Jane Stevens. Second by Rick Elting Motion carried.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DAM AND LAKE--Jerry Vicare gave the following report:

Date	Rainfall	Lakelevel	Spillway
9-17-92	-	3/4" down	closed
9-18-92	.2"	1/2" down	closed
9-20,21-92	1.7"	1 1/2" over top (up 2")= 9/21 AM	opened
9-23-92-- 7:00 AM		1" below	closed
9-25-92	.05"	1" below	closed
9-26-92	.25"	1/2" below	closed
9-29-92		no rain but lake up to full level	closed
10-3-92	-	at lake level=full	closed

FISHING--Al Wilson reported that he had not heard from the lab, but that he understood the lab had sent the results to Ken Russell. This day Al had called Mr. Russell and he wasn't there, but left a message to try to find out the results. Howard Wheatley will be the party to do the work as soon as he is approved by Mr. Ken Russell.

PAVILION: Dave Chick reported he thought an outside light should be put up so there would be light in the parking lot. Jack Lillie made a motion to have one put up. Second by Rick Elting. Motion carried. Dave will put the light up.

MOWING: Jerry Vicare reported he had four bids for mowing Little Swan Lake outlots this year. Bids were from David Lorton, Everett Cook, Charlie Dixon and Phil Kramer. This benefits the lake financially to have more people involved in bidding. Phil Kramer had the lowest bid for 1992. Requests for bids for 1993 will be mailed out in March for mowing. If anyone knows of additional names of persons interested in mowing they should bring their names to the Board and they will be included in the bid mailing list.

SPILLWAY: Jerry Vicare reported that at the Annual meeting he will summarize the past years lakelevel changes. He will also recommend at the Annual meeting that we lower the lakelevel by 12 inches for winter as was agreed to at the 1991 Annual meeting. This measure saved us money and time since we did not have to remove permanent docks on outlots last year. The lower lake level over winter prevents damage to docks by ice. The 12 inches is a reasonable amount to lower the lake because it recovers quickly to lake level in the Spring.

CAMPGROUNDS: Tom Sawyer reported the campgrounds will be closed at the end of the month.

BOOKKEEPER: Al Wilson reported that there are 13 members not paid for this year, and final notices have been mailed out.

ROADS: Rick Elting reported we have patched some holes, but are limited at this time due to the funds.

PUBLICITY: Kate Kruzan reported that the Ladies of the lake were to have a pot luck this coming Wed. They will have a silent auction to raise funds for the possibility of purchasing some folding chairs.

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SPECIAL EVENTS: Jack Lillie reported that our pot luck was a success, and we had a good turn out-and the Town Band was enjoyed by all.

LAKE PATROL- Bill Lorton reported that he had a letter from Al Wilson resigning from his job of Patrolman of Little Swan Lake, caretaker of the pavilion and outlots and from the maintenance and equipment committee. Al has held this job for the past seven years and we all appreciate all the work he has done and are sorry to see him quit.

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Dave Chick reported that there is another new house to go up and a boat house.

OLD BUSINESS:

Junk on the outlots is to be picked up by Bill Thompson as soon as he finishes a job in Monmouth.

Nov. 2nd we will be opening the bids for snow removal

Motion to adjourn was made by Tom Sawyer. Second by John McGrew.

Meeting was reconvene at 8:29 PM for the purpose of voting on pursuing the lawsuit with the Cramblets. The vote was taken and ~~was~~ 100% *agreed* with the board. *to pursue the appeal.*
Witnessed by Mike Stenger.

Jane Stevens.

Those attending were: George Starasta, Jan Lorton, Nancy Kjellander, Jeff Kjellander, Robert Butler, K. C. Kneer, Thomas Durand, Mark C. Autmas, Chester Underwood, Betty Underwood, Marianne Kahn, Don Kahn, Duane Wasson, Gary Welch, Jim Krause, Keith Wagy, M K Redington, Jim Jones, Chas Bradshaw, Alma Bradshaw, Bob Batson, Sara Batson, John Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Cleo Smith, Dave & Laurie Chick, Jane Ledford, Dottie Chick, Vern Chick, H. Dean Kutches, Alice Kutches, Mike Stenger, Ralph Harmon, Joe Stankos, Howard Hanlon, Arlene Hanlon, Mavis Harmon, W. D. Franke, Norma Franke, Cindy Hanning, Bob Hanning, Dr. & Mrs. Arthur F. Odell, Gary L Beck, Dianne Beck, Richard R. Aldridge, Karen Brown, LaVerne & Kate Parks, Paul Fayhee, Jack Lillie, Tom Sawyer, Rick Alting, Jerry Vicare, Kate Kruzan, Dave Chick, Gary Johnson, Bill Lorton, John McGrew, Jane Stevens,

Not signing in but there: Lois Cramblet & her attorney, Fran Russell & wife and one name not legible.

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To be used for record

The Annual Meeting of the Little Swan Lake Club was held at the Avon Federated Church on October 25, 1992. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M. by the President Bill Lorton. Jane Stevens read the minutes of the 1991 Annual Meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by John McGrew. Second by Don Kahn. Motion carried.

Treasurer, John McGrew presented the treasurer's report showing total assets \$5,197.72. A motion was made by Jane Stevens to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Second by Don Thornton. Motion carried. John then presented a purposed budget for 1993: Normal expenses are about \$30,000 per year.

Lawyer's fees in Cramblet suit	\$ 7,500.00
Cramblet lawsuit	\$40,000.00
APPEAL COST:	
Appeal Lawyer	\$ 5,000.00
Transcript	\$ 1,700.00
Bond	400.00
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	\$ 7,100.00
D/O Insurance	\$ 1,700.00

Ron Stambaugh's time to work with appeal lawyer & attend meetings \$1,000.00 This gives us additional expenses in 1993 of \$49,800.00 divided by 579 lot owners equals \$86.01 each to cover the worst possible expenses. As we told the members of the Oct. 5th meeting, we hope to obtain some relief in the Cramblet suit, but if not we must be ready to pay.

The board suggest the membership fee's be increase by \$86.00 for one year. And that any portion of this \$86.00 not needed for items listed above be used to reduce 1994 maintenance fees.

A motion was made by Don Thornton to increase Little Swan Lake Club Membership fees to \$86.00 per person per lot for one year. Second by Ivan Zook. Motion carried. 103 votes yes and 4 voted no. There were 107 lot owners in attendance. Our thanks to Bob Ver Steeg who reviewed our books and determined our figures on our budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Dam & Lake Jerry Vicare gave the following report:

Date	Precipitation	Spillway	Level/Regulation
Nov-Jan	9.75 inches rain/snow	10 1/2 - 12 inches below	open & close 3 times
Jan. 13, 1992	*Lake froze at 12" down	thawed in Feb.	
Jan - March	13.45 inches rain/snow	11-6-9 inches below	open & close 2 times
April 5, 1992	*Lake level up to 2 inches below		
April - May	4.35 inches rain	At level to 1" above-opened xl for 8 hrs 5/22.	
		Level down 3" by Jun 1 (Spillway closed=water not lost by dam)	
June-July-Aug	11.6 inches rain	5 below -4 above to 3 1/2 below/opened & closed 3 times	
Sept to present	0.6 inches rain/sleet	from 4" below to 5 1/2" above to 1" below/open & close x2	

*The lake level was voted to be lowered, 12 inches down for winter at the last Annual meeting. This was done and the level recovered quickly by April to Lakelevel. This prevented ice damage to docks, etc. I recommend that we continue this practice and lower the lakelevel to 12 inches below for winter.

Don Kohn made a motion to lower the lakelevel to 12 inches below for the winter. Second by Ivan Zook. Motion carried.

Fishing-Jerry Johnson reported that fishing had been pretty poor this. We have had the lake shocked and found out there were over 700,000 carp in the lake. A commercial fisherman has been contacted to remove these carp from the lake.

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Mr. Ken Russell of Dept of Conservation has given us permission, after testing, the fish to contact Mr. Howard Wheatley a licensed professional fisherman. Mr. Wheatley and his crew will set nets and haul these fish out of the lake and take to the state of New York to sell on the market. These fish will be hauled in tankers and at no cost to Little Swan Lake Club. The permit is good from Oct. 1992 until Oct. 1993. Gary and Mr. Wheatley want to meet with John Kramer to find out the location of trees etc before the lake was actually constructed. This information is needed before the work starts in a couple of weeks.

Boat Review Committee: Gary Johnson reported there were 300 boats registered this year. Keith Nagy will start storing boats at AVCOM Park starting next week. Gary reported that there is a new type pontoon boat out now known as a "deck boat" and he feels there should be rules made up on this type boat. Gary recommended having 19' length and 90 horsepower. This will be discussed at the next regular meeting.

Campgrounds: Tom Sawyer reported that they have changed to Western Ill. Disposal in Sept. and now they don't have to dig pits to dispose of the fish etc. Additional electrical work was done so that two more trailers can be parked on the campgrounds.

Bookkeeper: Al Wilson reported that he has only five people left that have not paid the \$15.00 membership fee and ten that have not paid the maintenance fee. The last notice has been sent out and if no response the names will be turned over to a lawyer for collection.

At this time Al told everyone he had resigned as Patrolman and Equipment - Maintenance after seven years. President Bill Lorton presented Al with a plaque for seven years of service as Patrolman of Little Swan Lake. A Standing ovation was given Al showing our appreciation for his good work.

Pavilion: Dave Chick reported that we are hoping to enlarge the Pavilion. The south wall would be moved out with materials running about \$3,000.00 plus labor would be donated by several members who are professional electricians, carpenters etc. These plans are for the future when our finances are more secure.

South Mowing)

North Mowing) Jerry Vicare reported that we received four bids for mowing lake properties this year. Phil Kramer had the lowest bid and did a fine job plus an additional mowing of the spillway and lots for the holidays:

North side:	Memorial Day	16	July 4th	8	Labor day	2
South side:	"	6	"	3	"	5

Thanks to Al Wilson for taking care of the Northside this year. Much effort was made this year to promote private mowing contractors since the lake is not in that business. Bids for Lake properties for mowing for 1993 will be mailed out in March. If anyone knows of anyone interested in mowing should bring those names to the Board and they will be included in the bid mailing list.

The mowing guidelines ^{were} distributed with LSL Annual Meeting Information. Private properties need to be mowed prior to one week before the holiday of the Lake will have to mow.

Roads: John McGrew-Rick Elting reported that Bill Thompson has been contracted to remove snow this year, at a cost of \$45.00 per hour. His bids were: Commercial Drives an parking lots \$25.00 private drives \$10.00 Phone 465-3109-A motion was made by Jack Lillie to accept this bid. Second by John McGrew. Motion carried.

Equipment & Maintenance: Al Wilson reported some shingles had been put on outlot w/ the Pavil and mail building this year. 165

Publicity: Kate Krause reported that she has put information about each board meeting in

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paper each month this year.

Special Events: Jack Lillie reported we had one potluck this year. We had a large turn out and felt that a one year outing seemed to have a better attendance and would do the same next year.

Lake Patrol-Al Wilson- has resigned and we need a patrolman for 1993.

Building Committee: Dave Chick reported that four new homes have been built this year and two have been moved into. Two other homes are in the final stages. One boat house is to be built, and one house is on the drawing board and will be built next spring.

OLD BUSINESS:

SWIMMING IN LAKE (Other than on Private property)

Contacted attorney for Dept. of Conservation, Jack Price, and he advised:

1. If we charge members of the association for anything other than dam, lake or road maintenance, we would need State approval of a swimming area. (Our payment of food for social events would be enough to involve the State)
2. If swimming were allowed anywhere in the lake, all rocks, stumps, "Hazardous-Hidden Objects 3 ft. below water". These would need to be changed as water levels change. *would require modification.*
3. Hazards to swimmers caused by boats would be an assumed liability of the lake.

A-Swimming off an outlot:

1. First, we do not have any outlot that would be free of boat traffic or mud.
2. Ralph Harmon can provide insurance for \$3,826.00.
3. We would need a lifeguard and manager. Estimated cost if open on weekends \$3500.00.

C-It was called to the board's attention that the price of lots on the water were much higher because you could have a boat house and swim.

B-Because of the above, the board recommends the "no swimming" rules be left as currently written.

REQUEST TO ADD FISH COVER IN LAKE:

A-For Jack Price Dept. of Conservation:

1. We must have a biologist from the state survey and approve areas to place fish cover.
2. His report must then be presented to the EPA for their approval
3. We must assume liability if fish cover floats to the top and causes injury to a person on water skis or damage to a boat motor etc.
4. They should also be marked with signs as hidden hazards. (Note: Mr. Price also stated Christmas trees are not good cover and not allowed by the EPA)
5. The board suggests the first step is the removal of the Carp, which the State has advised will improve fishing.

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS INSURANCE:

It is a proven fact that a non-profit corporation can be sued and for both board and lot owners protection insurance is a must.

We have a bid from Wolf-Brown-Perrine Insurance Company for D/O insurance which would be \$1,700.00. (Subject to us providing 12 month financial statement and application form.) This would be with Virginia Securities, which is an A+ rated company and is admitted in Illinois insurance bank. It would be \$1,500.00 to \$2,500.00 deductible and is a claims made form. (Claims made form means that a claim must be made while we are insured. We cannot drop coverage in 1994 and have a claim filed in April 1994 against 1993.)

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NOMINATIONS FOR 1993 BOARD MEMBERS TO SERVE A 3 YEAR TERM:

The nominating committee is Ivan Gordon, Tina Jordon, Jerry Vicare and Bill Lorton.
Those nominated are:

John McGrew

David Batson to replace Dan Mahr

Jerry Vicare

A motion was made by Bob Coulter to accept the slate as presented. Second by Tom Sawyer. Motion carried 100%.

A motion was made by John McGrew to adjourn. Second by Jane Ledford. Motion carried.

Jane Stevens

LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB

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Sixty -Nine Members of the Little Swan Lake Club meet on Oct. 31, 1993 at the Avon Federated Church Fellowship Hall for the Annual Meeting at 2:00 P. M. The meeting was conducted by the President Bill Lorton.

Secretary Jane Stevens read the minutes from last Oct. 25, 1992 Annual Meeting. A motion was made to accept these minutes by Bob Coultus. Second by John McGrew. Motion carried.

Treasurer John McGrew gave the treasurers report showing \$56,062.24 . See complete report attached for details. Motion was made by Don Kahn to accept the treasurers report. Second by Jan Lorton. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Dam & Lake: Jerry Vicare summarized : November 1992 through October 1993 produced 83.3 inches of precipitation. (1993 to date = 66.15 inches). The Spillway was regulated to average fluctuations between 3" below and 3" above lakelevel. Three hundred-thirty-two total readings were taken with 55 total open/close cycles and multiple stem height adjustments to maintain reasonable fluctuation levels. One flooding episode occurred in July but the lake was at level within 48 hours. Thanks to the memberships' endorsement to lower the lake this past Winter, major flooding was prevented during the unusual wet winter with frequent freeze and thaw cycles and spillway operation. This was the first January that I had to open the spillway due to so much runoff.

1. WET Summer Policy

Board approved at May meeting to open spillway prior to predicted storms.

This prevented flooding during the wet summer period and allowed for me to control changes in lakelevel an average of 2-3 inches below and 2-3 inches above lakelevel. Refer to Ken Russell Letter=No adverse effect on fishing. Every time the lake was lowered even if it did not rain, the lake refilled to lakelevel.

2. SPILLWAY OPERATION

Guidelines for operating the spillway were posted in Pavilion in January.

3. FLOOD STAGE POLICY

At the August meeting the Board defined FLOOD STAGE AS 8 inches above level.

When the lakelevel reached 8" the lake would be closed to boats. A closed sign would be posted at boat ramp and Outlot DD.

4. WINTER LAKE LOWERING POLICY:

Would like to recommend, based on this past year's data that we lower the lake 18 inches over Winter. This would give us some leeway for less damage from winter ice freeze and thaw cycles and would allow us to repair outlot shorelines. Ken Russell, Fisheries, recommends this plus the Waterways Division of IDOT stated the majority of lakes that have permanent inhabitants lower their waters in winter by 1-2 feet to prevent ice damage

MONTH	PRECIPITATION	LAKELEVEL AND SPILLWAY REGULATION
<u>NOV. 1992</u>	8.35"rain/snow	Level fluctuated from $1\frac{1}{2}$ " below to $\frac{1}{2}$ " above until began to lower 12 " below for winter. Open/closed 4 times. (27 readings taken)
<u>DEC. 1992</u>	8.8"rain/snow	Open/closed 3 times to maintain level at 12 " below. $12-16-92$ after 2 " rainfall and previous 5 " snow on $12-9-92$, level rose 18 " to 6 " above level. (15 readings taken)
<u>JAN. 1993</u>	5.25"rain/snow	Open/closed 2 times, level fluctuated from 3 to 9 to 14 inches below & was at lakelevel at one point without several days of precipitation but due to thawing & runoff level rose 8 " which caused no damage since already was below level for winter. (14 readings taken)
<u>FEB. 1993</u>	8.65"snow	Remained closed. Fluctuated from 14 " below to $3\frac{1}{2}$ " below. (9 readings taken)
<u>MAR. 1993</u>	6.37"rain/snow	Open/closed 3 times from 12 " below to 4 " above to lakelevel.***ONLY TOOK FEW DAYS TO FILL WHEN ALLOWED TO SLOWLY FILL AFTER FIRST DAY OF SPRING. At one point was 4 " over top and had to be opened to lower to level. (20 readings taken)
<u>APR. 1993</u>	5" rain plus snow 4-16-93	Fluctuated from lakelevel to 7 " above after 3 days of rain (3 ") to 3 " below to lakelevel. 29 readings to regulate & open/closed 6 times with 7 adjustments to stem height when open to regulate fluctuations.
<u>MAY 1993</u>	3.6"rain	Open/closed 5 times to maintain level fluctuations from 1 " below to 1 " above lakelevel. (32 readings taken)
<u>JUNE 1993</u>	8" rain	Open/closed 6 times to regulate with 11 stem height changes to handle fluctuations from $1\frac{1}{2}$ " below to 1 " above level except for 2.6 " rainfall on $6/25$ which made lake rise from level to 10 " above on $6/26$. (39 readings taken)
<u>JULY 1993</u>	14.25"rain	Open/closed 7 times with 23 adjustments to stem height to handle fluctuations from rainfall & ground water runoff. Levels from 3 " above to 1 " below to 6 " above to 4 " below to lakelevel until $7/22-26$, 7 " rain & lake rose to 26 " above. Lowered to level in 48 hours. (51 readings taken)
<u>AUG. 1993</u>	7"rain	Open/closed 7 times with 14 stem adjustments to regulate from level to 3 " below with 2 episodes of rain that rose lake 5 & 6 " above. (39 readings)
<u>SEPT. 1993</u>	6.2"rain	Open/closed 7 times with 10 stem adjustments to regulate from 2 " below to 3 " above. (35 readings)
<u>OCT. 1993</u>	1.85"rain snow flurries	Open/closed 5 times to regulate between 2 " below & 1 " above level. (22 readings taken)

***ABUNDANT GROUND WATER/RUNOFF RAISED THE LAKE 1 " OVER PERIOD OF 1 WEEK WITHOUT ANY RAINFALL!!!!

and their offices feel this is wise practice especially for us since our watershed area drains over 6000 acres.

(See Lake and Dam Report attached)

Jerry made a motion to lower the lake for winter 18". Second by Ralph Harmon. Motion carried showing 100% membership voting for this motion. Mr. Bob Coultus said he thought we were loosing fish out of the dam drainage system. Jerry Vicare will make a study of this and report back.

FISHING: Gary Miller had prepared a survey and ask that each member fill it out and return to his attention by Jan. 14th 1994 and he will get with Ken Russell and form a plan to better the fishing at Little Swan. The large quantity of green algi on the water was mentioned and this is caused from not having enough plant life in the lake.

BOOKKEEPER: Al Wilson reported that out of 579 lots three have not paid the \$35.00 fee 5 lots have not paid the \$15.00 membership fee, and 19 lots have not paid the special assessment fee of \$86.00. These people will be contacted personally in an effort to collect, and if they do not paid the accounts will be turned over to our attorney to collect.

PAVILION-Dave Chick reported that the work had been completed on the expansion of the Pavilion at a cost of \$3,097.00. He expressed his thanks to those who spent many hours working and they were: Lyle Chick, Vern Chick, Don Kahn, Ray Ledford, Jack Lillie, Jim Magnier, Jim McCone, John Mowery, Floyd Rybert Cleo Smith, Chet Underwood, Gene Way, Curt Westfall and Al Wilson.

MOWING-NORTH & SOUTH SIDES: Dave Batson reported he had mailed out bids to five people with two being returned from Chas. Dixon and Phil Kramer. Phil had the lower bid and the contract was issued to him. Ten lots were mowed over all three Holidays. Dave recommended Mike Reddington to take his place on the board.

ROADS: John McGrew reported some gravel and grading had been done, did some black top patching, and put in a cluvert. and much more work needs to be done, and will be done when the money is available. For snow removal Lake members are to call Rick Elting if they have any problems. Bill Thompson probably will do it again this year. If anyone knows of anyone else who wants to do it let us know. Jerry Vicare will recommend repairs to outlots and where docks are located.

PUBLICITY: Kate Kruzan said she had reported all Board meetings in the paper and she would appreciate anyone letting her know of new people moving in or others leavings, as well as any other news. This Wed. will the the Ladies of the Lake lunch at noon. Soup will be furnished and all ladies of the lake are invited.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Gary Miller reported that from seventy-five to one hundred attended the picnic in Sept. He thanked Jack Lillie for making the arrangements to have the Square Dancers from Macomb to come to entertain every one. They purchased ham and bread for sandwiches and everyone brought a covered dish. Gary said if anyone has any suggestions for a social event to please let him know.

LAKE PATROL Rick Voorhees reported we had a safe year with no accidents. He had enjoyed visiting with everyone. He has been working with a Commercial Fisherman to come and get the fish out of the lake. He is now in Canada hunting and Rick hopes he will return in another week. His name is Jerry Griffith and runs a liquor store (W. Side Liquor) in Macomb, Il. We have a permit for him and he has his own license as well as insurance Mr. Griffith had talked to Rick about doing this thru the ice. Three other names were given to Rick they were: Wes Perry 637-8192 Peoria, Il, Jim Pace 668-2459, Peoria, Il and Bob & Louis Fish Market 1-309-673-5910-Peoria, Il. these people have expressed an interest in removing the fish from the lake .

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Dave Chick and Don Kahn reported 6 building permits issued on 1993. Three houses are built and moved into, Ralph Heap house under construction , permit was issued for one gazebo, a sun room and one garage.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Cramblett suit: Attorney Mike Regon has presented the Oral Argument on Oct. 19, 1993. and the results can be expected in as little as 3 weeks but, could be eleven to twelve months.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of board members was held.

Gary Miller replacing Jack Lillie for a 3 year term.

Judy Jones to replace Dave Batson for a 2 year term

and three year terms for Tom Sawyer, Jane Stevens, Gary Johnson, Kate Kruzan Rick Elting and Bill Lorton.

A motion was made by Bob Coltus to accept the nomination committees slate as presented. Second by Ivan Zook. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bob Coltus and second by John McGrew. Motion carried.

Jane Stevens

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Appellate Court reverses Cramblet - Little Swan Lake suit

THURSDAY January 5, 1994

A Warren County Circuit Court decision awarding damages and attorney's fees to a Little Swan Lake couple has been reversed by the Third District Appellate Court in Ottawa.

Larry C. Cramblet and Lois C. Cramblet, Lake property owners, had sued the Little Swan Lake Club, its board of directors and Al Wilson, the Lake policeman responsible for enforcing its rules, on October 1, 1990, after they were denied a permit to use a longer and more powerful boat than allowed by the Lake boat rules. They (Cramblets) claimed that the Club discriminated against them by denying their application while approving other boats which failed to comply with the boat length and horsepower rules.

In an order entered on October 23, 1992, by Ninth Judicial Circuit Judge Scott L. Klukow, the boat rules and regulations of Little Swan Lake relating to horsepower and length of boats running on Little Swan Lake were declared null and void. After finding the Club's board of directors guilty of willful and wanton misconduct and

fraud, the Lake Club and other defendants were ordered to pay Larry and Lois Cramblet the sum of \$11,899.00 in damages, \$19,176.91 in attorney's fees, and an additional \$10,000.00 in punitive damages.

In reversing the trial court, the appellate court justices said, "The trial court abused its discretion in granting declaratory and injunctive relief, the trial court's finding of fraud was contrary to the manifest weight of the evidence, and the trial court's awards of damages and attorney's fees were improper."

"The judgment of the Circuit Court of Warren County is reversed. The orders granting declaratory and injunctive relief are vacated. Finally, the orders granting compensatory and punitive damages and attorney's fees are vacated and reversed."

Should they desire to pursue the matter, the Cramblets still have the opportunity to take this decision to the Illinois State Supreme Court.

Jan 6, 1994

LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB

AVON, IL. 61415

Oct. 30, 1994

LITTLE SWAN LAKE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Little Swan Lake Members and Board meet on Oct. 30, 1994 at the Pavilion at 2:00 P. M. The meeting was called to order by the President Vern Chick. There were fifty Four members in attendance.

The President opened the meeting asking everyone to stand in a moment of silence in the memory of John Kramer and Lionel Bun Yeoman who both passed away recently and who had given a great deal to the Lake. John was one of the first to help plan the lake as well as donating farm land, and "Bun" enjoyed the men's coffee group and donated the air conditioner we all enjoy in the warm weather.

Secretary Jane Stevens read the minutes of the Oct. 31, 1993 meeting, and John McGrew Treasurer gave the treasurer's report. Both reports were accepted as presented.

Rick Elting gave some figures on monies spent on various projects this year, and how we could increase our income for next year in order to make more improvements around the lake. A Motion was made by Gary Johnson to increase membership fees to \$50.00 per year. Second by Don Thornton. Discussion was held, and vote was taken and a large majority of members present approved the motion.

John McGrew reported that a lot was given to Little Swan Lake by Dr. Lokanatham Guyidyala and wife Ramani Gumidyala. This lot was sold and after expenses \$768.00 was donated to the road fund. There were 349 post cards returned with refunds designated by the lots owners to the following funds:

Fishing	\$ 1,653.75
Roads	843.75
Siltation	\$ 1,755.00

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Dam & Lake- Jerry Vicare thanked everyone for the donations to siltation project of \$1,755.00

He also reported rain and snow precipitation from Nov. 1993 through Oct. 1994 was 42.7" as to 83" for same period last year. 155 readings were taken with 15 open/closing cycle to regulate lakelevel. Spillway was closed since June 9th with one period of vandalism around July 24th and 2" was lost. Lock and chain has been attached to the crank, and complaint was filed with Sheriff's office. Jerry thanked the memberships for its vote last year to lower the lake 18" making control of the lake last winter a success. Ivan Zuck made a motion to have the lake lowered 18" again this year. Second by Jim Nielsen. Motion carried. Lake will be lowered Nov. 15th.

See copy of Jerry's complete report attached.

Fishing: Gary Miller reported that on March 2, 1994 he held a meeting with Ken Russell for the purpose of improving fishing at Little Swan. Twenty Five lake members were in

attendance. Since then over 8,000 fish have been removed from the lake. Pictures were on display of the fish removal. 1500 Walleye have been purchased and should arrive within the next week or two. One fish 17" or more per day will be allowed to each fisherman. Riffraff was put on the outlots to try to stop erosion. More carp will be removed in the Spring. Ken Russell has been contacted to come and do another fish count next Spring. Gary will continue to enforce all of the rules of fishing as well as boating.

Robert Taylor of Youngstown, Il. has been contacted to come and remove the beaver that are eating up all the small trees on various lots. This will be done in Nov. during the Season, and will water set traps down from bridge and beyond. He will report his catch to Gary and the cost will be zero to the Club.

Boat Review-Gary Johnson reported 370 legal boats on the lake this year with 5 refused.

Campgrounds: Tom Sawyer and Rick Elting reported the campgrounds were shut down last weekend (Oct 22nd) There are 28 campers who pay \$150.00 per year each, and \$30.00 for winter storage. The floor was replaced in the bathroom by Al Wilson, Dave Chick and Bud Chick. ~~There was a new roof~~ May need a new roof on the Pavilion next year. There is one opening available. Use for a weekend the charge is \$4.00

Bookkeeper: Al Wilson reported that there are 3 lot owners not paid assessment for the year of 1994. Two will be taken to court and one is bankrupt. Six have not paid membership fee and maintance fee this year. Post cards were mailed out to all club members to indicate if they wish to have all of their money returned to them for the special assessment or to donate to three funds: fishing, roads or siltation. There are several cards that have not been returned and Al ask that they please be returned so we will know what to do with the money in this fund.

Pavilion: Dave Chick has resigned from the board and will not be in charge of the Pavilion any more. A new member will be named later to this position. Rick Elting did some research on the cost of maintance of the Pavilion and the rental fee of \$10.00 was discussed. After some discussion Floyd Ryberg made a motion to appoint a committee and have them report back to the Board by Jan. 1, 1995 their recommendations for a rental fee increase. Second by Karen Filbert. Motion carried.

Mowing: Judi Jones reported mowing was done by Floyd and Vernon Hicks and Phil Kramer. \$1,400.00 was spent on mowing this year. Judi recommended to any lot owners who need mowing done that they contact Mr. Hicks has he did a great job this year.

Roads: John McGrew and Rick Elting reported that next year we will have the road black topped when they come to Avon to do the streets there. Not a great deal has been done this year due to the lack of money.

Publicity: Kate Kruzan reported she has left the Board but will continue to attend the meetings and write up the articles for the paper until she moves from the area. She says she needs more information and hopes people will call her with any news they may have.

She also reported she has enjoyed the Lake and all the people and knows when she does leave she will miss them.

Special Events-Gary Miller reported there were 45-50 in attendance at the Annual Picnic this year. Karen Keener who imitates Patsy Cline was the entertainment for the evening and very good. Ham and drink was furnished by the Board. Judi Jones and Gary are planning another Christmas Walk this Dec. 11th from 1:00 to 3:00 on North side and from 3:00 to 5:00 on the South side of the lake. Tickets can be picked up at the Pavilion that day.

Lake Patrol-Gary Miller reported he has tried very hard to enforce the rules for fishing as well as boating. Many people have been ask to leave who are fishing on the shore line and are not members of the lake as well as people with boats on the lake who are not members and have been ask to leave. Gary would like the boat stickers to be a flourescent color this year, placing them by your registrations numbers and doing this as soon as possible. He had a lot of problems with people wanting to swim off their boats which is against the rules. If anyone sees someone breaking the rules they should call Gary any time of the day or night, so he can take care of the problem. Records are being kept of all trespassers and next year Gary will have a sitation form to fill out and to give to the offender as well as one for the Board and a copy for himself.

Building Committee-Dave Chick and Don Kahn reported eight permits were issued one home addition, one garage, two boat houses , and four homes. Three of which are still under construction.

OLD BUSINESS;

Nominating Committee: Jerry Vicare, Chairman, Dave Chick, Ivan Zuck, Judi Jones, Dan Kahn, and Tom Sawyer.

Nominations:

Jan Lorton (replace Kate Kruzan)	for 3 year term	1995-1996-1997
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Mike Redington(replace Gary Miller)	for 3 year term	1995-1996-1997
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Jerry Vicare	for 3 year term	1995-1996-1997
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Walter Frankie (replace Dave Chick)	for 1 year term	1995 -1996
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Al Wilson made motion to elect board members as presented. Second by Floyd Ryberg. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS;

Mike McIntyre Lote #205 made a motion to change the length of outboard to 19⁸ and keep motor at 115 Horsepower. Second by Dr. David Balfour . Discussion was held and Question, Motion defeated.

Little Swan Lake Water Committee was represented by its President Dr. David Balfour who reported that they hold open meetings and the next one will be Nov. 16th at the Pavilion at 7:00 P. M. The system is over 20 years old and wearing out. There are too

many people on the system and the question is coming up what is to be done? Put up a water tower? Dallas City Water District has a new well and pipe line extended to Roseville and pipe line is in but not hooked up yet. Discussion has been held with Roseville about hooking Little Swan Lake on with them. The quantity of water is great enough that this could be done. Replacement of a pump cost \$9,000. The Water Committee is asking for input from the Lake Membership, and request they attend the meetings being held for this purpose.

Vern Chick thanked Sharon McGrew for all of the paper work she has done for the Treasurers report during the last year.

Rick Elting reported he had received only one bid for the snow removal this year and that was from Mr. Thompson.

President Chick represented the Board thanking both Kate Kruzan and Dave Chick for all the work and service they have donated to the Board in the past years, and with great regret we accept their resignations. Dottie Chick expressed "Thanks" to the Board for the many hours spent in meeting and phone calls regarding the many problems during the past year.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dan Kahn and second by Marianne Kahn. Motion carried

Jane Stevens

LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB

Oct. 29, 1995

The 27th Annual Meeting of Little Swan Lake Club Board and 62 lake members met at the Pavilion on Oct. 29, 1995 at 2:00 P. M. The President Vern Chick conducted the meeting.

Secretary Jane Stevens read the minutes of the Oct. 30, 1994 meeting. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Floyd Ryberg, and second by Don Kahn, motion carried.

Treasurer John McGrew gave a summary report for the year. Copy attached. Al Wilson made a motion to accept the report, and second by Rick Elting. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS;

Lake & Dam-Jerry Vicare gave his report on the lake see copy attached. He reminded us of our Winter Policy of lowering and maintaining 18" below approved by 1993 Annual Meeting. Jerry reported this past Winter we had:

December 5" rise (open x2)

January 7" rise (open x1)

February 15" rise (open x 1)

March 2, lake at 18" below. Allowed to rise 7" to 11" below before 3-20 damage -34 inch. rise over Winter. May flooding *5/24 6:00 AM 1/2" below. Rose 11 1/2" in 11 hours. Closed 5/24 @ 5:00 PM opened Memorial Day Holiday 5/25 @ 10:30 PM Down to 1/2" below level by 5/26 @ 5:00 PM.

*Had down 4" below 5/27 @6:30 AM. Heavy rain began PM 5/27 with rise of 3" in two hours. So at 10" above on 5/28 @ 6:00 AM closed the lake, but down to lakelevel by 5/29 @ 6:45AM. November 1994, 3 day fish net placed. No fish found going thru spillway.

Gary Miller introduced Ken Russell, Fisheries Biologist Ill. Dept. Natural Resources, Galesburg, Il. Mr. Russell gave us a report on 1995 fish population Survey taken Oct. 13th (copy attached) His recommendation continue Club Rule of 15 inch minimum for Largemouth Bass and a 1 fish/day person limit. Continue Club Rule of 6 channel catfish/day/person limit with no size limit. Continue Club Rule of 17 in. minimum size limit for Walleye and a 2 fish/day /person limit. Mr. Russell reported the water was cool on Oct. 13th and some of the fish had moved out to deeper water.

Fishing Report: Gary Miller reported Randy Childers had removed 10,000 pounds of Carp in 1995 , and would like to have him return to remove more in 1996, also he recommended stocking 1,500 8" Walleye at a cost of \$1.00 per fish. Thses would come from Iowa.

Gary ask that all member obey the fish limits including 2 poles per person. Purchase fishing license, respect lot owners privacy by not fishing on private docks. He will be monitoring fish catch. This year he gave several verbal warnings, but next year he will be writing sitations.

Boat Riview: Gary Johnson ill, but Vern reported for him, 380 stickers mailed out this year.

Campground: Tom Sawyer reported ³campers not paid any fees so far this year. New Roof to be put on Shelter and Bathhouse yet this year.

Bookkeeper: Al Wilson reported: 1 lot owner not paid, 1 lot owner not found, 1 pays \$25.00 per month as on Social Security. One lot owner not paid membership fee and 3 members have not paid the \$85.00 fee. 117 lots paid by 7-1st, 3 not paid yet.

Pavilion: Don Kahn reported 14 rentals, this does not include voiting times.

Mowing: Judi Jones reported Mr. Hicks from Little Swan did a great job this year as well as Phil Kramer. Judi notes that anyone wishing to mow next year should submit their bids before the April meeting.

Roads: Rick Elting said he is now accepting bids on snow plowing for the Winter. He stated he had received many favorable comments on the road improvements this year and hopes to finish the job next year, and work on replacing and repairing road signs.

Publicity: Marianne Kahn has volunteered to put the articles in the paper. Anyone having any news should call her with all information.

Special Events: Judi Jones passed around a sign up sheet to sign for the Christmas Walk planned for Dec. 3rd (1st Sun of Dec.) 1:00 to 3:00 on North Side and 3:00 to 5:00 on South Side.

Lake Patrol: Gary Miller reminded everyone they should send in their boat Registration (not title) when applying for a boat sticker, and to be sure your boat sticker are on your boat before you put it in the water. Please reduce your speed in the coves and to give the people fishing proper distance when skiing. To be sure to check your life and safety equipment, review boat regulations and rules during the Winter. Skiing times 1/2 hour before sun rise and 1/2 hour after sun set. Boats are not suppose to be docked over night at boat ramps or out lots. If you have a breakdown and have to leave your boat over night please contact Gary and let him know. People are not obeying the speed zone rules in the "NoWake Area". In 1996 Gary will be issuing citations. After three citations the individual will have to appear before the board to explain why he is breaking the rules. "Tubes" are breaking the Wake Zone Area Rules. There is to be no swimming off boats or out lots only off private lots!

Building Committee Don Kahn reported five permits issued this year. Mike & Amy Trau house is finished and there is a possibility of two or three garages to be built this Fall.

LSL Water Rep: Walt Franke introduced the President Dave Balfour who reported Jack Lillie is Treas, Larry Melhouse is Secretary and Ken Batson is engineer. There are

120 users. The water system runs on two tanks one on each side of the lake. They have been investigating other systems because the demand is greater and the more homes being built will increase the demand for a better system

OLD BUSINESS:

President Vern Chick gave a summary of accomplishments this year:

1. Addition onto the Pavilion with cost for supplies only, all labor was donated.
2. Removal of 10,000 carp from the lake
3. Stocked the lake with Walleye
4. Entrance to Wild Life Area made including big culvert. This done so the shore line may be repaired.
5. Drop boxes cleaned and repaired.
6. Main dock area repaired.
7. Major amount of the road repaired.
8. Boat Launch area repaired.
9. Twelve beavers removed from the lake, one of them weighing 80 lbs.
10. New chairs and tables added to the Pavilion.

Nomination Committee: Chairman Jerry Vicare reported the committee had recommended the following new members for the board:

Judi Jones	3 years
Walter Franke	3 years
Ron Bahnson	3 years
Sharon McGrew	3 years

Vern Chick and John McGrew are leaving the Board. Jerry Vicare will replace Vern Chick, and Sharon McGrew will replace John McGrew. John McGrew made a motion to accept the Nominations as stated. Second by Jan Lorton. Motion carried.

Siltation: Jerry Vicare reported that he and Mike Redington had attended the Township Board Meeting in June. Jerry reported that Ralph Danner worked with Kenny Mitchell to repair and clean out the drop boxes, with no expense to the Lake. \$230.00 was used out of the Fund this year. Plans are to rock the conservation area this next year.

Mike Redington also expressed his appreciation to Ralph Danner and Kenny Mitchell of Colchester for their work, and also spoke of plans for rocking the shore line around the Conservation Area East of the old supper club. He also stated his hopes that all water lot owners would do all possible to rock the shore lines to keep the soil from washing in the lake. John Hiel made a motion to assess all registered boat owners on the lake an annual fee of \$25.00 per boat fee for Siltation. Second by Don Garske. Motion defeated. Twenty for and Twenty two against. Board was ask to come up with and alternate plan by next years meeting.

Spoon River Water Shed Project: Jerry Vicare reported that he is Chairperson of Public Relations Committee for Warren County. They are writing for Grants from State of IL. Letters are to be sent out next week to evaluate survey questions to be mailed out later.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jerry Vicare and Seacond by Jan Lorton. Motion carried. 4:15 PM.

Jane Stevens.

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Little Swan Lake Club

AVON, ILLINOIS 61415

Oct. 27, 1996

The 28th Annual Meeting of Little Swan Lake Club Board and Fifty-Seven lake members met at the Pavilion on Oct. 27, 1996 at 2:00 P. M.. The President tempore Jan Lorton conducted the meeting.

Jan, representing the Board presented a plaque of appreciation to Jerry Vicare for his many years of dedicated service to Little Swan Lake acting not only as Board President but for the dedication of maintaining the water level of the lake. Jerry's wife Helen accepted the plaque for him.

Secretary Jane Stevens read the minutes of last years Annual Meeting with one correction under Campground the bath house needed repairs not a new roof. A motion was made by Bob Versteeg to accept the report, second by Don Kahn. Motion carried.

Treasurer Sharon McGrew gave the treasurer's report copy attached. Motion to accept the treasurers report was made by Al Wilson and Second by Peggy Brown. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Dam and Lake: Mike Redington reported the lake is 9" below with 1" of rain this month. Mike reported on the repairs that had been done to the spillway this summer after the flood, and that Nov. 15th the lake will be lowered to the winter depth of 18", as approved by the membership.

Siltation was discussed by Mike, Jan Lorton, and Judi Jones. They reported that they had been in contact with about three contractors regarding dredging of the lake in the future. After some discussion Keith Wagy made a motion to have an engineer survey the lake to see just what should be done, with the cost to be between \$300.00 and \$500.00, and this to come from the Siltation fund. Motion second by Helen Vicare. Motion carried.

Fishing and Lake Patrol-Gary Miller thanked everyone for their co-operation on the lake this summer. Gary also reported that there are a lot of catfish in the lake as well as the bass has come back some caught from five to seven pounds. More carp were removed this fall and Randy Childers, who removed the fish does not think we will need to remove any more for a couple of years. Walleye are still not large enough to keep and must be put back into the lake. Gary reminded everyone that swimming should be only 100 feet from the shore line off private lots, and that visitors should not be driving members boats by themselves. Gary requested the board secure a back up Patrolman for him for the times when he has to be away from the lake.

Boat Review: Gary Johnson reported 390 legal boats on the water this year.

Campgrounds: Tom Sawyer thanked Wilt Franke and Dave Chick for making repairs to the buildings. He said the street has been graveled, and he is now in the process of closing the Campgrounds for the winter.

Bookkeeper: Al Wilson reported all fees had been collected except for two who have not paid the Membership fees. One had filed bankruptcy, and the water department had promised to refund us our portion upon the settlement.

Pavilion: Don Kahn reported 16 rentals paid for this year.

Little Swan Lake Club

AVON, ILLINOIS 61415

Mowing: Judi Jones reported Phil Kramer, and Mr. Hicks both did a fine job mowing this year. Bids for next year mowing will be needed by the April meeting. A request was made for more trimming on out lot DD.

Special Events: Judi Jones reported on the success of the Fishing Derby held for lake members's children this past summer. Another is planned for next year.

Roads: Rick Elting reported on the completion of several streets this year, and the hopes of spending another \$20,000.00 next year to try to finish the repair to most of our streets. He also stated that bids are open for snow plowing for the winter.

Publicity: Marianne Kahn reported articles have been in the paper and anyone having any news to put in the paper to please call her.

Building Committee: Don Kahn reported only two garage permits issued this year.

Water rep. Walt Franke reported the Water System has paid off their bond and the next regular meeting will be this Thurs. night at the Pavilion at 6:30.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ways for securing more money for Siltation were discussed as well as the rocking of private shore lines. These two subjects will be pursued further in the near future by the Board. A letter from Ron Stomoaugh, Attorney regarding our legal persuit of protection of shore lines will be mailed out with the Annual letter after the first of the year.

Myrna Hayes, lot 494 and 495 on Kramer Road requested a light be replaced near her home and Mooneys. Rick Elting will see that this is done.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gary Johnson made a motion to change the By-Laws recommended by the Board of Directors as follows:

Art III Sec. 1 - The committee shall nominate lot owners/leasees in good standing as candidates for election to the Board of Directors, whose term shall expire....and shall post names of those lot owners/leasees so nominated.....

Art.III Sec. 3 - Directors must be lot owners/leasees (number of leasees on the board shall be limited to one) and Club members in good standing.

Art.IV Sec. 2 - change date of election of officer to November board meeting.

Art. V sec. 4 - change date to January 31

Art VI. Mark deleted becaus it is outdated.

Motion second by Sharon McGrew. Vote was 42 yes and 12 no Motion carried, to change all four rules as recommended.

ELECTION OF 4 BOARD MEMBERS:

By nomination: Rick Elting, Gary Johnson, Tom Sawyer, and Jane Stevens.

By Petition: P. James Nielsen. Vote was taken by written ballot with Rick Elting 45 votes, Gary Johnson 43, Tom Sawyer 45, Jane Stevens 45 and P. James Nielsen 16. These elected Board members will be serving in 1997, 1998, and 1999.

Motion to adjourn was made by Boo VerSteeg. Second by Dave Chick. Motion carried.

LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB

Oct. 26, 1997

The Annual Meeting of the Little Swan Lake Club met on Oct. 26, 1997 at the Pavilion at 2:00 P. M. Eighty lot owners signed the guest book and enjoyed coffee and donuts. The meeting was conducted by the President Jan Lorton.

Minutes of the Oct. 29, 1996, were read by the secretary Jane Stevens. John McGrew made a motion to accept the minutes as read, and second by Don Kahn. Motion carried.

Treasurer Sharon McGrew, gave the treasury report. (Copy attached) Bill Lorton made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Second by Jim Jones. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dam & Lake: Mike Redington was absent, and Jan reported for him that the water is 5" below level, and due to be lowered to 18" below by Nov. 15th. After some discussion Jerry Vicare made a motion to lower the lake to 24" for this year. Second by Dave Levy Lot #23. Motion carried.

Conservation: John Mowery gave a report of the letter that was mailed out to lot owners this past summer and of the co-operation the water lot owners have given the Board this past summer, later in the meeting under Old Business he would report further.

Fishing and Lake Patrol-Gary Miller thanked everyone who had complied with the rules this past summer, but he had several occasions of people taking larger amounts of fish than rules call for on size and limits. A great deal of discussion was held on ways to control this problem. Ron Bahnsen made a motion to enforce Rule #1 (which is all persons fishing must have a license) If caught without a license they will be fined \$25.00. Anyone taking bass under 15" or wall-eye under 17" are to be fined \$25.00. With no limit on pan fish and rules will remain as they are now. Second by Jay Lopez. Motion carried.

Boat Review: Gary Johnson reported 386 boats were registered this year.

Campgrounds: Jason Kilburn reported repairs to the dump station were done and everyone was paid up. Some members reported problems with the electric when they had the AC turned on and then try to use other appliances the fuses would blow. This will be looked into by Jason.

Bookkeeper: Al Wilson reported that all membership dues are paid up for this year. Jerry Vicare made a motion to have a penalty for all fees that are not paid by the first day of May, including the permanent campground residence, and excluding weekend camp ground guest. Second by Bill Lorton. Motion carried.

Pavilion: Don Kahn reported 13 paid reservations this year. Don was thanked by the Board for his many hours spent caring for the Pavilion the past few years. Mike Trau has volunteered to replace Don, and the Board is happy to have Mike helping us out.

Mowing: Judi Jones thanked Floyd and Laverne Hicks and Phil Kramer and Sons for the good job done this year.

Special Events: Judi Jones said the Kids Fishing Derby will be held June 13, 1998.

Roads: Jim Nielsen reported he hopes to complete the roads in 1998. In 1999 he hopes to put overlay on roads and to overlay every two to three years thereafter. Bids are now open for snow plowing.

Publicity: Marianne Kahn reported anyone wanting any local news in the paper should still contact her, and Jane Stevens who has been putting the articles in the papers about the meetings will continue to do so.

Building Committee: Gary Horney reported six permits were issued this year one for a house, 2 garages, one carport and two storage sheds.

Water Board Representative: Walt Franke introduced Jack Lillie who gave a short History of the Water Department Jack reported there are 129 users daily and they use 21,000 gal. of water a day. Jack reported the Water Department is complete in itself, and the Board has nothing to do with making its decisions. Kenny Batson and Bob Ver Steeg are new members on the Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rocking Shore Lines: John Mowery reviewed the Little Swan Lake Lots that needed shoreline attention with criteria ratings currently (Oct of '97) This was in the hand out at the meeting and a copy is attached. Twelve of these lot are down by the golf course, and little can be done with them. Several of these are outlots belonging to LSL and until we can come up with more revenue, there is very little we will be able to do with them.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Board Members: The Nominating Committee was Mary Russell, Jan Lorton, and Sharon McGrew. Jan Lorton, Mike Redington and John Mowery's term is up this year. All three volunteered to run again and John McGrew made a motion to elect these members. Second by Jim Jones, and motion carried.

Budget review: Ron Bahnsen reported our income for the year is \$52,000.00. Our fixed expenses run \$32,000.00, this leaves \$20,000.00 to pay for all of our other expenses, including repair to roads, dam outlots etc. Elizabeth Hiel made a motion to increse the Membership fee from \$50.00 per year to \$100.00 per year. \$11,000. 00 to be set aside for Siltation. Motion second by Jay Lopez. Motion carried. There are 431 Memberships.

A Motion was made by Travis Hiel to have Wave Runners on the lake early in the mornings or late at night. Second by Elizabeth Hiel. Motion was defeated.

Gary Brogan made a motion to take slot size (10"-14") Bass from the lake for the year of 1998 only. Second by Mr. Krouse. Motion was defeated 32 to 23.

Concern was voiced about trees growing on the dam, and Mike Redington will be contacted about this situation.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Jones, Second by Don Kahn. Motion carried.

4:20 P. M

Next meeting will be Oct. 25, 1998.

Jane Stevens

Oct. 26, 1997 (cont)

LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB
Annual Meeting - October 25, 1998

The annual Meeting of the Little Swan Lake Club met on October 25, 1998, at the Pavilion at 2:00 p.m. Sixty-nine lot owners signed the guest book. President Jan Lorton presided at the meeting. The minutes of the October 26, 1997, were read by the acting secretary Jim Nielsen. John McGrew/Don Kahn moved the minutes be approved as read. PASSED. Sharon McGrew read the Treasurer's report. John McGrew/Karen Filbert moved approval of the treasurer's report. PASSED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Dam and Lake – John McGrew indicated that the lake water level was full. The lake will be lowered by 18 inches by November 15, 1998. Jerry Vicare/Rick Elting moved to change the Lake Rules to allow the lake to be lowered 24 inches each winter. PASSED unanimously.
2. Siltation – John Mowery reported that removal of silt would be extremely costly. Howerter has rocked shorelines. \$9000 was spent rocking LSL Outlots with 43 loads of rock. A number of private owners also contracted with him to rock their lots as well. We need rock on the wooded lots on the West End, but it is very expensive to contract for a barge to rock from the lake. This will cost \$30,000. Our lawyer indicated that the LSL Board couldn't go onto a owner's property to rock the shoreline without their permission and then bill them. Construction of several silt boxes were discussed for next summer. It was mentioned that the boat ramps need dug out. Several years ago, the lake was lowered 7 feet to extend the boat ramp and a gentle slop was produced at the end of the ramp.
3. Boat Review – Tom Spangler was introduced as a new board member to handle boat review for next year. Al Wilson reported that 395 boats were registered. Paddleboats should have a registration sticker. Rick Elting/Norma Franke moved that a powerboat could only pull two ropes behind the boat due to safety reasons. PASSED unanimously. A list of rules of etiquette of handling a boat should be prepared and sent out with the annual letter. It should be mentioned that boats should turn toward the bank when circling to pick up a skier.
4. Bookkeeper – Al Wilson reported that all have paid their memberships except 3. Al will retire this year after serving in various positions since 1985. Sue Meyer will be the new bookkeeper. Hopefully she will use the same telephone number.
5. Building – Don Kahn reported that when preparing to build, a member should secure a permit from the LSL committee first, this would be sent to Warren County and returned to the building committee. This year, 4 new houses, 2 garages with room additions, 1 garage, 2 boathouses and 1 house addition were approved.
6. Campgrounds – Charles Ray resigned after the last meeting. The board is looking for a camper to be a board member. John McGrew discussed the electrical problems. Breaker switches wear out and have to be replaced. Campground will be closed October 25 and the electricity will be turned off. Mike Peters, an electrician and camper indicated that breakers should be individual camper's responsibility. He will organize a meeting with the board representatives and campers in the spring to discuss the electrical problems. Need a new sign at the campground indicating a PRIVATE AREA. Lopez/Peters moved that the electricity be left on all year. Motion Defeated. Suggested that campers can use propane lights and heaters during the winter for the few times the campground is used. Water Department will raise the water bill next year by \$5 per trailer per month for six months for water usage.
7. Mowing and Fishing Derby – Judi Jones thanked Floyd and Laverne Hicks and Phil Kramer and Sons for the good job done mowing this year. Bids for mowing the dam and outlots are due in April 1999. Trees were removed along the dam. Fishing Derby was a success again this year. Derby will be held on Fathers Day again in 1999. Members of the committee provided breakfast and lunch for the participants. The Board will pay the expenses next year instead of asking for donations. Rick Elting/Don Kahn moved to increase mowing from 3 times to 5 times by April 30, May 30, June 30, July 30, and Aug 30. This will increase the mowing for the lake by \$1200. Motion PASSED 44/28. Rick also requested a committee be formed in the spring to identify trees that need trimming.

8. Pavilion – Mike Trau reported 16 rentals during the past year. The Pavilion needs painting on the outside. The cleaning person has resigned and the Board is looking for a replacement. The Pavilion is cleaned monthly during the winter and bimonthly during the spring, summer and fall.
9. Roads – Jim Nielsen reported Frank Worthington plowed the roads last winter for \$150 minimum per month and \$80/hour. We spent \$940 for snow removal last winter. The Board will receive bids for snow removal this year. Psshier Asphalt of Canton tar and chipped Whistler Road, Cabin Road, Lincoln Trail, Hackberry, the Pavilion Parking Lot, Perry Lane, Funcheon Court and the Trailer Court Circle Drive. Also he recapped the 1994 and some of the 1995 roads. All roads leading to a home has been tar and chipped. A discussion was held concerning tar and chipping other major roads leading to properties. The group voiced opposition to improving other roads.
10. Fishing– Gary Miller reported on the State Biologist's Fish Survey and Recommendations from June 1998.
 1. Remove 10,000 pounds of carp during 1998.
 2. Grass carp should not be restocked under present conditions
 3. Continue present lake rules for the taking of walleye and channel catfish.
 4. Stock 2500 walleye at an 8 to 10 inch size in November 1998.
 5. Initiate a new lake rule for largemouth bass that will protect all fish from 12 to 18 inches from harvest. He suggests taking a limit of 2 bass under 12 inches and 1 bass over 18 inches per day.
 6. Initiate a new lake rule that would limit the taking of more than 25 bluegill and 25 crappie per day.
 7. Resurveyed the fishery in June 2000.

The Board has ordered 2700 walleye that should come in November for a cost of \$2700. John Kohler/John McGrew moved no limits on crappie and bluegills; and to take 2 bass under 12 inches none at 12-18 and 1 over 18 inches. Brian Heitzman moved to amend that 5 under 12 inches be taken. Amendment passed and the motion PASSED 32/2. Rules will continue that 2 walleye can be taken if 17 inches or more. Concern was expressed for the loss of fish over the dam.
11. Water Department Representative – Walt Franke reported that discussions at the Water Board include a water tower to be constructed on the north side to allow gas chlorination. This will cost \$600,000. A survey this fall indicated that a 20-year mortgage was preferred to a 30 year. A referendum will be held in April. Users will pay more than non-users.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. John Long from John's Cycle and Marine brings boats to be tested and ties up the ramp. The Long's do not own property on the lake.
2. Need for a new Lake Patrolman was discussed.
3. Call the Warren County Roads for road signs that have disappeared.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Nomination Committee: Jim Jones reported that Judi Jones, Sharon McGrew, Ron Bahnsen and Walt Franke have all consented to a new 3 year term. Al Wilson/Soni Owens moved approval of the four members. PASSED.
2. Members requested that the Board mail a card notifying all members of the Annual Meeting. This costs in excess of \$100. Mark Kawolsky/Ron Marvin moved that a card be mailed. PASSED.

Next Year's Annual Meeting will be on October 31, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Nielsen, Acting Secretary

LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB
Annual Meeting – October 31, 1999

The annual meeting of the Little Swan Lake Club met on October 31, 1999, at the Pavilion at 2:00 p.m. Forty lot owners signed the guest book. President Jan Lorton presided at the meeting. The secretary, Jim Nielsen, presented the minutes of October 25, 1998. Mark Kawolsky/Jerry Vicari moved approval. PASSED. Sharon McGrew read the Treasurer's report. Bill Lorton/Mark Kawolsky moved to approve the report. PASSED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Boat Registration – Tom Spangler indicated 368 boats were registered this year. He discussed the new registration form that each owner must sign assuring that they have insurance and licensing. Inboard motors will not be allowed on the lake because of the wake that is produced. Deck boats can have 90 hp motors while pontoons can have up to 115 hp motors on the lake. Jim Jones/Jeff Corzett moved to allow both deck boats and pontoon boats maximum 115-hp outboard motors. DEFEATED. Suggested that a committee be named to study boat motors and boat sizes. Spangler/Kawolsky moved to approve the new boat registration form and rules #15 under swimming, boating and winter sports rules (page 10) that reads no air boats, no jet boats, personal watercraft, inboards or houseboats permitted and #3 under boat registration information (page 11) rule #3 reads registration application must indicate member has and maintains minimum liability insurance on all boats list on application. . PASSED.
2. Bookkeeper – Sue Meyer was absent. Sharon McGrew reported that all past accounts had been turned over to the lawyer for collection. The number outstanding was ~~not known~~ SEVEN.
3. Budget/Fishing – Ron Bahnsen was absent but sent a report that 4400 walleye had been placed in the lake.
4. Building – Don Kahn reported that five permits had been approved during the year including four houses and one addition. He mentioned the rule that boathouses and sheds must be painted the same color as the primary house.
5. Campground – Walt Franke reported that the campers had cleaned up the hillside of the accumulation of trash deposited over the years. New floors in the showers, new water heaters and new electrical connections had been constructed. Campers had agreed to pay \$200/year fees for camping and \$150/yr for four years to pay for the electrical improvements. Electricity to the campground had been shutoff today. Questions related to previous surpluses accrued over the years to the campground fund. No good answers were forthcoming. The treasurer is now trying to keep separate all finances now concerning the campground and the rest of the lake. Several asked if the campground could be left open until after the annual meeting.
6. Conservation/Siltation – John Mowery reported that most property owners had rocked their shorelines. The outlots had been rocked at a cost of \$10,000. It will cost between \$30,000 and \$50,000 to rock the wilderness area. Jack Laverdiere Construction Company dug the silt from lakeside on Outlot BB and placed it on the outlot and on the golf course property. Next year, he would like to dredge by the campground docks.
7. Dam and Lake – John Mowery indicated that the lake will be lowered 24 inches on November 15 and raised again by March 15. John was complimented by the audience for the fine job maintaining the lake level during the year. The lake is down about 6 inches now and drops about ½ inch per week. Jerome Stenger/Jerry Vicari moved to lower the lake 36 inches until January 1 then then allow the lake to return to 24 inches down. Motion was DEFEATED 12:20.
8. Mowing and Special Events: Judi Jones reported that the Hicks had mowed the outlots and Kramer had mowed the other lake roadsides five times. Fifty children participated this year in the fishing derby with the Board donating \$200 and the Ladies of the Lake donating \$50 toward expenses. Jim Dillard provided some of the prizes and will provide prizes again next year. Corine Durand will run the fishing derby this year on June 17, 2000.
9. Pavilion – Mike Trau reported that 13 rentals had occurred this year with 90% good maintenance. The pavilion needs painting and some woodwork. Someone asked if the port-a-potties could be left all year for ice fishing? Each costs \$19.00 per week. Mike Trau has resigned and will not maintain the Pavilion next year so need a volunteer to keep track of the operation
10. Roads – Jim Nielsen reported that the 1995 roads Feather Drive, Wing Lane, Oak Lane, Vine Street, Shady Lane, Hilltop, Spring St, and Mallard Drive were resurfaced. A new road was prepared on

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Funcheon Court West from the cemetery. This cost \$11,299. Next year we will resurface the 1996 roads. Frank Worthington pushed snow last year, but has decided not to do so this year. Snow removal bids would be welcomed. We paid \$1760 for the year, with a \$150 minimum per month and \$80/hour.

11. Sanitation Board summary – Walt Franke reported that an open meeting was held to discuss the water tower this fall, and without major objection, the water tower will be built next year. Assessment would not occur until after the tower is up and running, probably sometime in 2001. They have been approved for a \$600,000 loan. The assessment will be \$86 per lot per year. The Water Board meets the 2nd Thursday at 11 am at the pavilion.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Docks on the outlots need repair and/or upgrading. The board will look into this for next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Nominating committee, Ken Clontz, Marianne Kahn, Judy Coultas and Jan Lorton indicated that Joe Russell, Tom Spangler and Shane Yard, who were completing a partial term of office, all would continue for another term. Wilson/Kahn moved to accept the nominating committee report and elect the three board members. PASSED.
 2. Mark Kowalski/Jim Krause moved that the campground be kept open until after the Board Annual Meeting. Passed unanimously.
 3. It was suggested that the Board meet on Saturday mornings so that a campground person could be a member of the Board. This would be unacceptable to most of the present board members.
 4. It was suggested that the lake return to three times mowing per year rather than 5 times. Iloe Krause/Troy Krause moved that the lake be mowed only 3 times rather than 5 times. The motion was defeated 11/21.
 5. Jim Jones reported that he had reviewed the state of the trees around the lake. He mailed each lot owner that had dead trees, brush piles or trees growing out of old dead trees. He had good response to his suggestion to improve the appearance around the lake. Jim prepared a list of individuals that one could contact for various maintenance tasks around the lake. It was suggested that trees be planted on the outlots to improve the appearance around the lake and decrease the dust. Jan Lorton suggested a Austree that she had planted and grew very quickly.
 6. There are 579 lots and 427 cards had been mailed notifying owners of the meeting.
 7. Jerry Collins, Sr./Leroy Jones moved that lot owners be allowed to park their boat trailers on outlot V during the summer months. This causes problems with mowing since the trailers cannot be easily moved allowing weeds to grow around them causing unsightly conditions. Most people park their trailers on their own lots and move them when mowing. Motion was defeated 11:22.
- Jerry Vicari/Shane Yard moved that the meeting adjourn. PASSED.

OCT 31, 1999

LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB
Annual Meeting--October 29, 2000

The annual meeting of the Little Swan Lake club met on October 29, 2000, at the Pavilion at 2:00 p.m. Sixty lot owners signed the guest book. Jim Nielsen, Secretary presided at the meeting. The secretary, Jim Nielsen, presented the minutes of October 31, 1999. Jim Jones/Mark Kowalski moved to approve the minutes. PASSED. Sharon McGrew read the Treasurer's report. Bud Chick/Mark Kowalski moved to approve the report. PASSED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Boat Review--Tom Spangler reported that 368 boats had been registered this year. Starting in 2001, all boats will be required to display two decals (one on each side of the boat) from Little Swan Lake.
 2. Bookkeeper--Sue Myers reported that there is 1 outstanding account from the campground, 1 account in which the lot owner is bankrupt, and 9 unpaid membership and maintenance fees.
 3. Building--Don Kahn reported that 16 permits were issued. There were 4 house permits, 1 home addition, 3 boat house permits, 2 sunroom additions, 5 storage sheds, and 1 garage permits.
 4. Campground--Shane Yard reported that the campground had a meeting on October 29, 2000 at noon. Mr. Mark Kowalski then spoke for the campground. Mr. Kowalski told the board that a new bathhouse was going to be needed at the campground in the future. To pay for the bathhouse, the campground requested that the late fee be increased from \$10.00 to \$50.00. Failure to pay campground dues of \$200.00 by May 1 would result in a \$50.00 late fee. On July 1, a letter from the attorney would be sent to the delinquent party asking for payment or for them to remove their trailer. If the delinquent party fails to remove their trailer, then Little Swan Lake would have the trailer removed at the owner's cost. The delinquent party would also be responsible for the attorney's fee. Mark Kowalski made a motion to raise the late fee from \$10.00 to \$50.00, payable on May 1. Ron Marvin seconded the motion. Motion PASSED 45:7.
- During the meeting, there was a complaint about lake members not being able to park a trailer at the campground. Mr. Lopez stated that there are two visitor slots available. Campers were reminded that the campground is officially closed after the annual meeting and does not resume operations until April 15.
5. Dam and Lake--John Mowery indicated that the lake would be lowered 24 inches on November 15 and raised again by March 15. The audience complimented John for the fine job of maintaining the lake level during the year. Presently, the lake is down about 3 inches.
 6. Budget/Fishing--Ron Bahnsen was absent. Jim Nielsen reported that 3,000 walleye were added to the lake.
 7. Mowing and Special Events--Judi Jones reported that the Hicks had mowed the out lots and Kramer had mowed the other lake roadside five times. Boats can be left on out lot DD, but the boats must be moved during the mowing season. Sherman Shay and Judi Jones completed a boat dock survey. Five docks need to be repaired or removed. Little Swan Lake and some lot owners have repaired or removed some docks during the year. Rick Mason will work on the Little Swan Lake docks starting November 15. Dead tree removal is going well, as many of the dead trees have been removed. The Fishing Derby is set for June 2001.
 8. Pavilion--Judi Jones reported that the clubhouse was painted during the year.
 9. Roads--Kenneth Clontz reported that Frank Worthington would not plow the roads for Little Swan Lake this year. Several people were contacted about plowing and all of them have been unable to do so. Requested that the audience provide help in locating a person for this task. Next year the board will start graveling roads around the lake that are not currently paved.
 10. Sanitation Board Summary--Walt Franke was not present. Virginia McKinley reported that the State of Illinois would not let the well on the north side of the lake be used with the water tower because of PVC pipes. Because of this, a new well on out lot M had to be dug. The Sanitation Board hopes to have the tower in place by next summer.
 11. Conservation/Siltation--John Mowery reported that most property owners had rocked their shorelines. However, 2 lots still need to be rocked. The Lake Association rocked out lot BB. The next area that needs attention is the Wildlife area.
 12. Patrolman--Don Kahn reported that most people were pleasant during the season. The boat has been put away for the winter.

