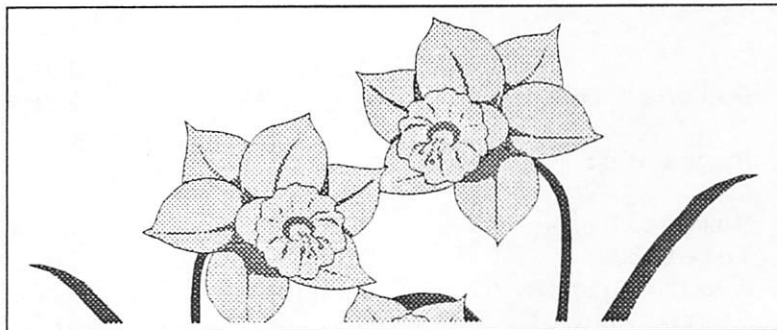
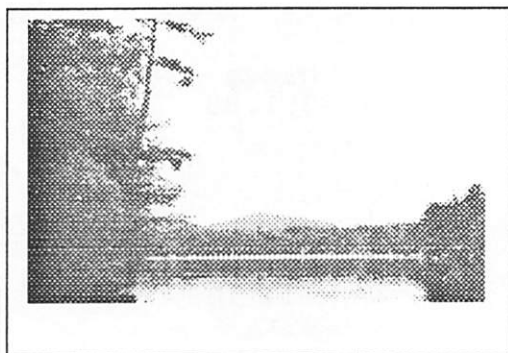




LAUREL LAKE LEDGER

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Dear Friends of Laurel Lake,

This beautiful Spring has made many hearts yearn for an early return to the Lake. I apologize for the late release of this newsletter. This is my first attempt at putting together a newsletter and thanks to Perry Nadeau the task was not as difficult as I thought it might be. This has truly been a collaborative effort and the modern technologies of computers, email, scanners makes for light work.

In that this is YOUR newsletter we are open to any suggestions, ideas or contributions you may have to make. Please contact me at:

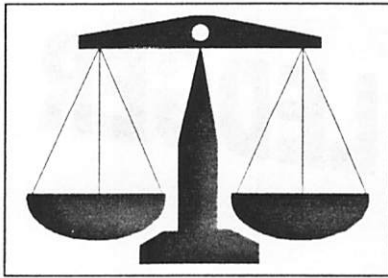
P.O. Box 107
Fitzwilliam, NH 03447

(603) 585-3104

Email: suewood@tiac.net

We've talked about offering free ads to members of the association. So, if you have something to sell, a cottage to rent, etc. Please send the information to any of the above addresses. I will plan on having the LEDGER published by April 1st next year.





TREASURER'S Report

Laurel Lake Association
Treasurer's Report
Year ended September 30, 1997

| | 1997 | 1996 | Change |
|--|---------|---------|----------|
| Balance October 1 | 2042.38 | 2394.18 | -351.80 |
| Receipts: | | | |
| Memberships | 1289.00 | 1324.00 | -35.00 |
| Interest | 32.49 | 39.21 | -6.72 |
| Sweat shirts * | 1310.00 | 9.00 | 1301.00 |
| Flares (net) | 591.40 | 600.56 | -9.16 |
| Total | 3222.89 | 1972.77 | 1250.12 |
| | 5265.27 | 4366.95 | 898.32 |
| Disbursements: | | | |
| Water Testing | 198.10 | 193.00 | 5.10 |
| Ledger | 268.89 | 654.67 | -385.78 |
| Postage/supplies | 64.35 | 170.75 | -106.40 |
| Annual meeting | 90.79 | 108.27 | -17.48 |
| N.H. Lakes Assoc. | 100.00 | 100.00 | 0 |
| Sunfish Regatta | 18.02 | 57.88 | -39.86 |
| Band Concert | 300.00 | 300.00 | 0 |
| Canoe Race (net) | 65.68 | 240.00 | -174.32 |
| Donations | 50.00 | 200.00 | -150.00 |
| Property Eval. | 0 | 300.00 | -300.00 |
| Parade of Boats | 100.00 | 0 | 100.00 |
| Total | 1255.83 | 2324.57 | -1068.74 |
| Balance Sept.30 | 4009.44 | 2042.38 | 1967.06 |
| * Invoice for sweat shirts not received at time of report. | | | |
| Cert. of Deposit | 7607.20 | 7207.34 | 399.86 |



WATER MONITORING COMMITTEE REPORT

SIX MONITORED PARAMETERS*

| 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | |
|------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Turbidity | | | | | | | | 0.29 |
| Clarity | 19 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 17½ | 1 | | |
| 20 ~ | 19 | 20 | | | | | | |
| pH | 6.5 | 6.61 | 6.52 | 6.6 | 6.43 | 6.48 | 6.47 | 6.5 |

Acid

Neutral ing

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|------|
| Capacity | 1 A | 2.2 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 2.3 |
| Chlorophyll-a | 4.21 | 3.34 | 4.82 | 6.54 | 4.5 | 2.29 | 3.49 | 2.61 |

Total

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|---|---|---|-----|---|---|---|
| Phosphorus | 6 | 8 | 5 | 9.5 | 7 | 6 | 9 |
|-------------------|---|---|---|-----|---|---|---|

Results are the average of three samples taken a month apart from the 2 meter level (6½ft).

This year the TURBIDITY of our lake was measured instead of its color. Turbidity in water is caused by suspended particles of matter such as sand, clay, and algae, which deflect or absorb light. The median value for N.H. lakes is 1.0 NTU. Range: 0.1 to 22.0

Our lake's CLARITY remains in the exceptional range for N.H. lakes. Clarity is measured by slowly lowering into the water a 20 centimeter disk with alternating black and white quadrants to the maximum Depth At which the disk remains visible. The median depth of clarity in N.H. lakes is 12½ ft.

The pH of our lake's upper layer has returned to the ideal range of 6.5 to 7.0. (Acid rain typically has a pH of 3.5 to 5.5) A pH Below 5.5 severely limits the growth and reproduction of fish. The median for N.H. lakes is 6.7

Of continuing concern is the lake's low level of Acid Neutralizing Capacity when compared to other N.H. lakes which have a median ACN of 6.5 mg/L CaCO₃. The good news is that the ACN has remained very stable over the past few years.

CHLOROPHYLL-a measurement is used as an indicator of algae abundance. Algae are photosynthetic plants that contain chlorophyll but do not have roots, stems, or leaves. Concentrations of Chlorophyll greater than 10 mg/M3 usually indicates algae bloom or excessive production of algae. Our levels remain good. The average Chlorophyll-a for N H lakes is 7.32mg/M3.

The Total PHOSPHORUS level remains our greatest concern and is the most important parameter measured because phosphorus is the limiting factor in algae production. The principle source of phosphorus in Laurel Lake is probably internal loading, which is the release of phosphorus from decaying organic matter on the lake's bottom. Not much we can do about that! We can, however, avoid adding phosphorus by taking care of septic systems and not using phosphorus containing detergents and fertilizers. Also planting and preserving shrubs and trees near the shore will help prevent phosphorus from entering the lake. The median phosphorus concentration for NH lakes is 11ug/L.

All tests for E. Coli at the North Beach, South Beach, and Swimming Club were very satisfactory, and there was no evidence of blue-green algae, Milfoil or Zebra mussels. In summary, we found the lake to be in very good condition and the parameters, with the exception of phosphorus, to be stable.

Participating Water Testing Committee members this year were GeorgeGraf, Barbara Green, Bruce Knight, and Don Treat.



Laurel Lake Association Board of Directors' Meeting June 7, 1997

The Laurel Lake Association Board of Directors' Meeting was held at the home of Anne Korjeff, June 7, 1997.

In attendance were Arnold Anderson, Don Austin, Jim Baldwin, Charley Brackett, Jack Dumont, Bruce Knight, Anne Korjeff, Cal Linkenhoker, Dana Mullett, Perry Nadeau, Rob Prunier, Don Treat, Elizabeth Young, and Susan Wood.

Dana Mullett moved to accept minutes of June 9/7/96 Board of Directors meeting as corrected (spelling errors). The motion was seconded by Anne Korjeff and passed.

Don Austin, Association Treasurer, reported on the financial condition of the Association. As of 6/6/97 there was a checking account balance of \$2,067 and a CD for \$7,500. A motion was made by Don Treat and seconded by Perry Nadeau that the Board of Directors accept the report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Rob Prunier agreed to fill in for the remainder of Larry Friedman's term.

The secretary will provide a copy of the Ledger and a listing of lake activities to the Fitzwilliam Newsletter.

Charley Brackett reported that he will need some help with parking during the canoe/kayak races.

Don Treat reported that overall the water testing reports were good news.

A discussion took place regarding Laurel Lake T-shirts and Sweatshirts. A motion was made by Bruce Knight to grant authority to shirt committee to decide sizes and styles of shirts and spend up to \$500. The motion was seconded by Liz Young and passed unanimously.

Other Business: Jim Baldwin mentioned that the Selectmen's office need to periodically be reminded that the roads around Laurel Lake should be on a low-salt program during the winter months. It was decided that at the Sept Board of Directors meeting this would become an agenda item as a reminder.

Letter from George Graf was discussed. Don Austin agreed to try and combine CD and checking account balance for more complete picture. A motion was made to ask selectmen

if a representative from the Laurel Lake Association could serve on the Town Beach Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion concerning the renaming of the sunfish regatta. It was decided that a motion should be made at the Annual Meeting in July.

Don Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting and motion was seconded by Anne Korjeff.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan H. Wood

Laurel Lake Association Board of Directors' Meeting September 6, 1997

The Laurel Lake Association Board of Directors' meeting was held at Fleur de Lis Camp on Saturday, September 6, 1997.

In attendance were Don Austin, Jim Baldwin, Charles Brackett, Phyllis Chase, John Dumont, George Graf, Barbara Green, Craig Heatley, Bruce Knight, Anne Korjeff, Perry Nadeau, Rob Prunier, Don Treat, and Elizabeth Young.

The meeting was called to order by Jack Dumont, President, at 9:15 AM.

A motion to approve the June 7, 1997 Board of Directors' minutes as mailed was made, seconded and approved.

Don Austin, Association Treasurer, presented an interim Treasurer's Report which showed a current



balance of approximately \$11,000. A final report will be prepared in the middle of October 1997 and mailed to all Board Members. The report was placed on file.

The 1997 4th of July celebration report was in two parts.

Part I - The flares showed a net profit of \$557.00. It was decided that the order for flares be placed with Atlas Pyrotechnics now with a pick up date in the Spring of 1998. Jim Baldwin offered to order them and store them. It was M/S/A to order 5 cases of flares (each case containing 36 flares). There are 26 flares left from 1997. It was decided that the flares (206) be available for distribution at the June 1998 Board Meeting for board members to take to sell. It was also recommended that Association membership forms be available for members who are selling flares.

Part II - The Band Concert. George Graf was concerned that some people around the lake are unable to hear the concert. An assortment of proposals were discussed. It was felt that the "floating band" was an important feature. The Baldwin-Austin Team will continue to study ways to improve the sound. The Nelson Town Band has been hired again for the 1998 concert. There will be continued discussion about the concert at the June 1998 Board Meeting.

Don Treat and Barbara Green reported on the water testing during 1997. There have been no reports of exotic weeds. The E. Coli count is very low (.001/100cc) - a good condition. The phosphorus count doubled in July and then returned to the June figure in August. This occurred before in 1991 and 1994. We do not know why. The committee is concerned about the lowering of the acid neutralizing ability of the lake. Jack Dumont asked Don Treat to contact the state about this pH drop and get information about what the Association might want to do about the situation. This will be discussed at the June 1998 Board Meeting. Barbara Green suggested that next year's tests may influence our decisions.

It was suggested by Rob Prunier that the L.L. Ledger note, along with the water study committee's report, the dangers of drinking lake water which can be contaminated by Beaver. There are beaver working around Laurel Lake and giardia is a potential danger.

George Graf mentioned the problem of lilies in the lake. It was decided to discuss this and a possible "removal drive" at the June 1998 Board Meeting. A motion was M/S/A to accept the Water Testing Committee Report.

Jay McNamara reported on the Sunfish Regatta (report attached). He pointed out the name change and also proposed expanding the program to a series of summer races ending with the special Labor Day Race, refreshments, and awards. A perpetual trophy (house trophy) was proposed. It was M/S/A that a new sunfish dagger board and appropriate brass award hardware be purchased. Jay will prepare a proposal with guidelines and dates for the June 1998 Board Meeting. Jay will also prepare an article for the April 1998 Ledger about the summer sailing plans and the Dresser-Friedman Regatta.

Jack Dumont announced that the Laurel Lake Ledger will be prepared by Sue Wood. Phyllis Chase will assist her. It was decided that anyone chairing a committee or project should get all information for the newsletter to Sue Wood by March 15, 1998. The Ledger will be published in April 1998.

It was M/S/A that the secretaries of the Association write a letter to Dana Mullett asking if he is willing to prepare an updated report of the assessments of homes in the town of Fitzwilliam - including recent sales - to be sent to Jack Dumont no later than May 1, 1998. This report should be available at the June 1998 Board Meeting.

Perry Nadeau reported that the 1997 Parade of Boats and concert were a great success. He proposed a return to one time around the lake for the parade. The concert was enjoyed by both the



performers and listeners and will be repeated in 1998. The operative letter will be W.

Perry also reported on membership for 1997. Adult Membership was down to 158 from 266. A fall reminder letter will be sent to past members. The 1998 Ledgers will have renewal forms and additional forms will be available at the June 1998 Board Meeting.

Charlie Brackett reported that there were 33 boats in the Canoe/Kayak Races. It is now only for local competitors. He said the day went well. A more detailed report and financial statement should be available by the end of September.

The board recognized the absence of Marguerite Albertini. It was M/S/A that a card and a LLA Sweatshirt be sent to her in appreciation of all her work for and support of the Association.

Rob Prunier reported on the extremely successful T-shirt and Sweatshirt sales. During the winter, he and Jack Dumont will inventory the remaining stock and plan styles, colors, and sizes for 1998. This information and any sales procedure recommendations will be presented at the June 1998 Board Meeting. In addition the Ledger will have an article stating that T-shirts and Sweatshirts will be available at the Annual Meeting and Canoe/Kayak Race. It was M/S/A that a letter of thanks be sent to Duncan and Donald Leith and Gretchen Prunier for their donations of time and effort in the production of the shirts.

George Graf has reports and information from many sources regarding the potential problems of jet propelled craft. He pointed out the dangers - they have an accident rate of 300 per 1,000 boats - and assorted legislative problems. (NH State RSA 270). George has agreed to do an article about this issue for the April 1998 Ledger.

The 1998 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday July 11, 1998 at 10 AM. Jim Baldwin has agreed to

co-ordinate activities with the Campground. Two topics were suggested for speakers: Jody Connor speaking on water quality or the Fitzwilliam Police Dept. on seasonal home security problems. It was decided to choose the security topic. Phyllis Chase agreed to contact the Fitzwilliam Police Department to get advice and arrange for a speaker. The speaker will be scheduled for 10:30 AM and the speaker will be invited to stay for the picnic lunch.

A copy of the 1998 Laurel Lake Association schedule will be sent to the Ledger for April publication.

Because of the concern about the security of seasonal homes, especially during the off-season, it was M/S/A to send a letter of support regarding the Fitzwilliam Police Department Budget to the Police Dept., the Fitzwilliam Budget Committee, and the Fitzwilliam Selectmen. Perry Nadeau agreed to draft a letter for the secretary to send.

It was M/S/A to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen, and a c.c. to the town Road Agent to request a reduction of the use of salt during the winter months in the water shed area around Laurel Lake. This letter will include the names of all members of the Laurel Lake Association Board and will be signed by Jack Dumont, President. Don Treat has drafted an appropriate request.

Because the Laurel Lake Association is concerned about the possible location of a Town Beach, it was recommended that a representative from the Association attend, as an observer, the meetings of the Town Beach Committee. George Graf and Bruce Knight volunteered to do this and report information to the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Korjeff
Liz Young



OBITUARIES

Silas W. White

Silas W. White, 84, of 4 Farm Road † Whites Grove, Fitzwill-

liam, died Friday at Genesis Elder-care-Keene after a long illness.

He was born in Fitzwilliam Aug. 19, 1913, son of Isabelle (Smith) and Stephen White, and was a lifelong Fitzwilliam resident. He was a 1931 graduate of Keene High School and attended the University of New Hampshire.

He was chief of the Fitzwilliam Fire Department for more than 30 years. He was a 52-year member of the Monadnock Masonic Lodge and was a member of the N.H. Sons of the American Revolution. He was active with the Boy Scouts of America and was an avid outdoorsman.

On Oct. 5, 1933, he married Ruth W. (Streeter) White, who survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Ralph S. White of Merrimack and Dave W. White of North Carolina; two daughters, Ann I. Pelkey of Fitzwilliam and Barbara E. Frette of Oregon; two brothers, John White of Daytona, Fla., and Robert White of Springfield, Mass.; two sisters, Violet Swenor of Arizona and Fitzwilliam and Grace Jones of California; 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; and several nephews.

At his request, no funeral service is planned. There are no visiting hours. Donations may be made in Mr. White's memory to the Fitzwilliam Ambulance Fund, in care of Chief William Prigge, P.O. Box 515, Fitzwilliam 03447.

The Fletcher-Hebert Funeral Home of Winchendon, Mass., is in charge of arrangements.

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Laurel Lake Association 1998 Officers

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|----------------|
| Jack Dumont | President | Perry Nadeau | Vice President |
| Liz Young & Anne Korjeff | Secretary | Don Austin | Treasurer |

Board of Directors

| | | | |
|---------------|------|----------------------|------|
| Dana Mulette | 2000 | Marguerite Albertini | 1999 |
| George Graf | 2000 | Charles Brackett | 1999 |
| Barbara Green | 2000 | Craig Heatley | 1999 |
| Jim Baldwin | 2000 | Anne Korjeff | 1999 |
| Don Treat | 1998 | Bruce Knight | 1998 |
| Rob Prunier | 1998 | Cal Linkenhoker | 1998 |
| Phyllis Chase | 2000 | | |

Committee Chairpersons

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Sue Wood | Editor/Publisher Laurel Lake Ledger |
| Don Treat | Water Testing Committee |
| Arnold Anderson | Nominating Committee |
| George Graf | Lake Boating Rules/Navigation Aid |
| Jack & Barbara Dumont | Annual Meeting/Family Picnic |
| Charles Brackett | Canoe/Kyak Race |
| Jay McNamara | Dresser/Friedman Memorial Sunfish Regatta |
| Jim Baldwin | Water Control Committee |
| Perry Nadeau | Membership Committee |
| Dana Mullett | Fitzwilliam Town Real Estate Assessments |
| Rob Prunier | T & Sweat Shirt |
| | 4 th of July Flare Celebration |
| Jim Baldwin & Don Austin | 4 th of July Band Concert |
| Perry Nadeau | Boat Parade & Concert |

1998 Association Meeting & Activity Dates

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| Board of Directors' Meeting @ Charlie Brackett's Home | Sat., June 6, 1998 |
| 4 th of July Activities | Sat., July 4, 1998 |
| Annual Meeting/Family Picnic | Sat., July 11, 1998 |
| Parade of Boats/Concert | Sat., July 18, 1998 |
| Canoe/Kyak Race | Sat., July 25, 1998 |
| | Sun., July 26, 1998 |
| Dresser/Friedman Memorial Regatta | Sun., Sept. 6, 1998 |
| | Mon., Sept. 7, 1998 |
| Board of Directors' Meeting @ Camp Fleur De Lis | Sat., Sept. 12, 1998 |



**FITZWILLIAM POLICE DEPARTMENT
CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM
P.O. Box 488 Fitzwilliam, NH 03447
Phone (603) 585-6565
Fax (603) 585-7760**

December 29, 1997

John Dumont
20 Surrey Lane
Chicopee, MA 01020

Dear John;

I'm sorry that I did not get this to you earlier, but you know how December goes. If you are on the internet you can contact me by my e-mail [kler\(dho@.com\)](mailto:kler(dho@.com)). Here's the newsletter article.

Hi everybody! We hope you all are having a terrific winter, we are (we have not gotten a lot of snow ... yet).

There's not too much to report up here. The police department is still a full time officer short. But by the time that you have read this we should have hired someone for that position. So, we will be a part time officer short. The Chief has put in for an additional part timer in the budget for 1998. This would mean that we would have 3 full time officers and 4 part time officers. With each part time officer working a shift a week, there will be times when we will have two officers working at the same time. This could mean that we could actually take someone and send them out to check your summer homes. So if you live close enough, you may want to go the town meeting to help us get this passed.

If any of you have questions and have access to the internet you can contact me at @ckier_ounaii.com. I'm looking forward to see all of you in the spring at your annual meeting.

Dan Hackler #1 08
Crime Prevention Officer





THE REGION

N.H. Supreme Court rules Fitzwilliam erred

By Sentinel Staff

CONCORD — The Fitzwilliam town government lost an argument this week, when the N.H. Supreme Court reversed seizure of 125 acres for unpaid property taxes.

It was an unusual case, in that neither of the people who filed the appeal was involved when the court issued its decision.

It's also unusual because both sides are working together for a settlement, according to the attorney for Fitzwilliam town government, which was sued.

The appeal was filed by Arnold R. Seppala and Michael C. Olson, who challenged Fitzwilliam's seizure of 125 acres they owned, because they hadn't paid the property taxes.

After the appeal was filed, Michael Olson died, and Elaine A. Olson, executrix of his estate, replaced him as a party on appeal. Cheshire County Superior Court

High court says land seizure for unpaid taxes was improper

then ruled that Seppala wasn't really involved, since he wasn't adequately notified of the tax issues, and he was dropped from the case.

When the Superior Court upheld the land-taking, the plaintiffs appealed, contending that the town's acquisition of the land wasn't allowed under the N.H. Constitution.

Seppala and Olson had bought the land, in the Fitzwilliam Depot area, in 1986, and hired a logger to cut and remove timber. In December 1987, Seppala submitted a "report of cut" form, showing the proper mailing address was the plaintiffs' business address in Rindge. But in March 1988, when the town assessed a timber yield tax, it sent the notice to Olson at his home, not at the business address, and sent nothing to Seppala.

The plaintiffs did not pay the 1988 timber yield tax, and Fitzwilliam mailed a "notice of impending tax lien" to Olson's home address on March 30, 1989. The 1988 timber yield tax remained unpaid, and a tax lien was subsequently slapped on the property in May 1989.

Everyone agrees that the town never sent those notices to the business address, or to Seppala.

When the 1989 and 1990 property taxes were not paid, another tax-lien notice was sent to both Seppala and Olson at their business address.

In response, Seppala wrote a \$7,000 check to the Fitzwilliam town government, sent it to Elaine Olson, and instructed her to pay the 1989 and 1990 property taxes.

When she tried to do so, the town tax collector refused to apply

the money entirely to the property-tax bills. Instead, under a town policy to reduce the oldest outstanding tax liabilities first, the tax collector paid the 1988 timber tax and the 1989 property tax in full. There wasn't enough money left to cover the entire 1990 property-tax bill.

Because that bill wasn't paid, the town seized the land in 1993.

The plaintiffs appealed, contending that the tax collector had made an error, and arguing Seppala had not received proper notice of the tax problems.

At trial, the Superior Court ruled that Seppala had not received proper notice of the timber-tax lien, and so the tax collector should not have used his money to pay that tax. The money should have covered the 1989 and 1990 property taxes.

As a result, the Superior Court said, the town's property seizure was invalid when it came to Seppala, but was valid for Olson, because he had been notified.

On appeal, the Supreme Court found that Seppala hadn't received adequate notice of the timber tax problem, and that the tax collector erred in applying Seppala's \$7,000 to the oldest tax liability first, because state law doesn't allow it. Rather, a taxpayer can choose to pay whichever bills he or she chooses.

Since that payment would have covered the property taxes, then the town's land seizure was improper for Olson, as well, the court said, and it reversed the taking.

Joseph S. Hoppock of Keene, who represented Fitzwilliam, said town officials followed established state procedure in applying the

payment to the oldest tax bill.

"A lot of tax collectors did the same thing," Hoppock said Thursday. "I know ... that Fitzwilliam is not the only town that did it this way"

That procedure usually ensured that the most delinquent taxes would be paid, Hoppock said, which would forestall towns seizing property. He envisions more landowners losing property, for the simple reason that many may not apply payments to the most delinquent taxes.

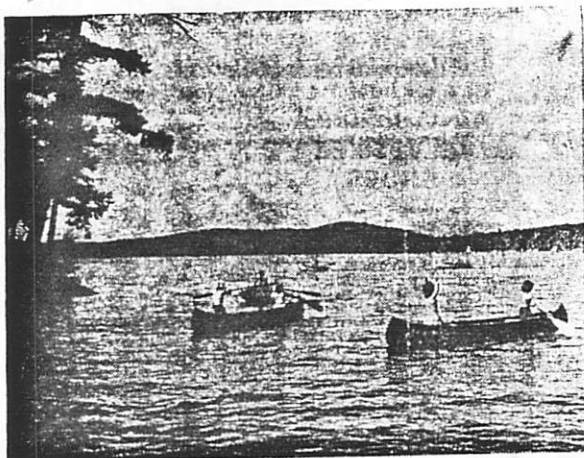
"That's stupid," Hoppock said.

Hoppock said the town and Olson's estate are working toward an agreement. Other issues, including zoning and bankruptcy, are yet to be worked out.

The unanimous opinion was written by Justice William Johnson.

Thomas P. Mullins and David M. Tower represented Olson.

LAUREL LAKE



(South Pond)

Sixty years ago four boat houses was the extent of buildings along the shore line of South Pond, two years later a two story cottage was erected by Thomas Blodgett, (South Pond Cabin) the first to start the long list of buildings which today totals over 150 with valuation of over one quarter million dollars.

Mountain laurel attains great perfection around the lake and the nearby woods and when in its full bloom attracts many visitors to the gorgeous floral sight.

Thomas Blodgett appreciating the grandure of the beautiful floral display started erecting signs, (Laurel Lake), thence the name was used more and more until today we seldom hear of it as South Pond.

With the loss of the Laurel Lake Inn by fire in 1920 came the loss also of the usual summer visitors but soon the automobile found its usefulness and the visitors came in greater numbers, so the building of more summer cottages.

This year the Fleur de Lis Camp for girls is celebrating its 25th, anniversary and we pay great respect for the steady growth of this splendid institution in its devoted program of training and wish it another twenty five years of that same growth which today our youth need so desperately.

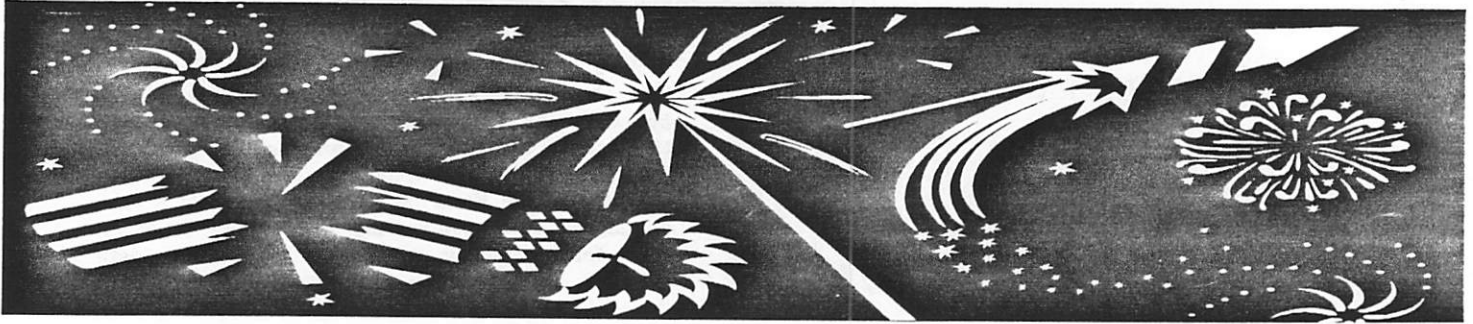
The lake residents have formed a Laurel Lake Association to better serve the interests of this expanding group, and effect a program of mutual benefit.

THE FITZWILLIAM DEPOT FIREMAN'S AUXILIARY

The ladies auxiliary was organized in 1949 for relatives of the firemen and other ladies wishing to join, and the object of this group is to assist the firemen such as forest fire canteens, fireman's suppers, raising money to equip the Depot Fire Station Kitchen and other improvements also aiding in civic needs. Money is raised by holding whist parties from September through June, also serving a supper once a year to the Cheshire County Forest Fire Wardens and guests.

The Auxiliary has donated money to many causes. Monthly business meetings are held the third Tuesday at the homes of the members. Present officers: Mrs. Vina Mattson, President; Mrs. Walter Hill, Vice President; Mrs. Silas White, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Abe Yon, Treasurer and Mrs. Warren Grant, Secretary.





Laurel Lake Celebrates July 4th 1998

July 4th, 1998 promises to be an eventful holiday at the lake. Fast becoming a tradition, the Nelson Town Band will present a concert from the lake, aboard pontoon boats. The concert will begin at 7 pm and continue until 8:30 p.m. Captain Ken Cavadini will again direct the pontoon fleet.

The concert will be followed by a reception for the band members at the Baldwin's white house. Lake residents are invited to "drop in", meet the band, and enjoy refreshments.

Residents and guests at each cottage are asked to light flares at 9:30 p.m. The flares may be purchased from Laurel Lake Association Directors or from local stores.

Jack Dumont, Association President and the July 4th Committee invite you to enjoy these events and urge you to participate in the lighting of the flares. Make this a spectacular conclusion to a wonderful evening.

4TH OF JULY

FLARE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Join with us at 9:30 P.M. July 4th and ring the lake with lighted flares.

Please, let us enjoy the celebrations safely. **ONLY AN ADULT SHOULD HANDLE THE FUSEES.** Read and follow closely the **SAFETY PRECAUTIONS** printed on the fusee. Decide where you will place the fusee before lighting it. It will burn for about 30 minutes. After lighting the fusee, immediately place it securely in the ground on the lake shore. Or, you may wish to fill a small can or pail with sand and put the fusee in this movable container.

THANK YOU for your contribution to the programs of the Laurel Lake Association. We hope you will join us if you are not already a member. (If you are not already a member ask your flare distributor for a membership form. **HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY 4TH**



LAUREL LAKE BOAT RULES

1. ALL non-power boats have the right of way over power boats.
2. Minimum age for operation of a boat with power in excess of 25 H.P. is 16 years unless accompanied by responsible adult.
3. Power boats are restricted to 6 mph within 150 ft. of another boat, any raft, float, buoy, or shore and must travel in a counter clock-wise direction around the lake.
4. No person may operate a boat or water ski while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. This is a very strict New Hampshire law.
5. The operator of a boat is responsible for safe and lawful operation of the boat. Operators are responsible for damage resulting from their boats' wake.
6. High speed operations restricted between 8:30 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.
7. Lights as prescribed by the State law are required when operating between sunset and sunrise, or during daylight when visibility is poor.
8. Personal Floatation Devices - ALL boats must have a Coast Guard Approved PFD for each person on board. Each preserver must be in serviceable condition, readily accessible and of appropriate size. Boats over 16 ft. must also have at least one throwable PFD.
9. Water skiing: State law requires skiers to wear approved PFD. The boat operator is required to have a responsible observer at least 13 years of age.
10. Jet Skis are not allowed on Laurel Lake.
11. Boating accidents involving injury or damage over \$200 must be reported.
12. Swimmers, floats, rafts, tubes, etc. may not be more than 75 ft. from shore or a designated swimming area unless accompanied by a boat.
13. Never grasp or tie up to markers or buoys.
14. Boats should not be operated, and skiers should not pass within 75 ft. of a diver's flag.

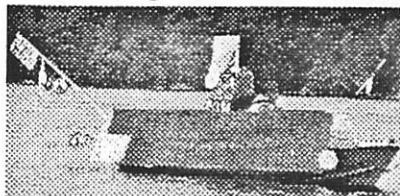
Keep Laurel Lake clean! Place trash in proper receptacle. Report intentional repeat offenders of these rules to the Laurel Lake Association for further action.

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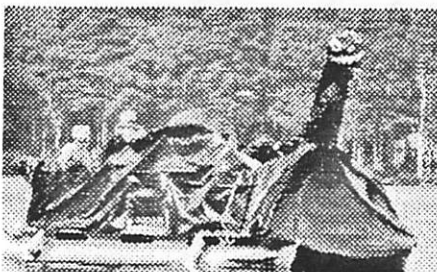


The Third Annual PONTOON & POWER BOAT PARADE sallied forth on a serene Sunday, July 13th, to the shrieks and shouts of scads of spectators who were simply ecstatic over the spiffy symposium skirting the shores of Laurel Lake.

The year's significant letter was "S" (as in supercalifragilisticexpialidocious) and the scenic sights were most certainly scintillating.



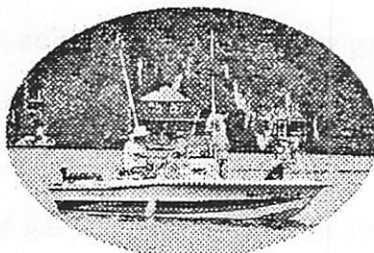
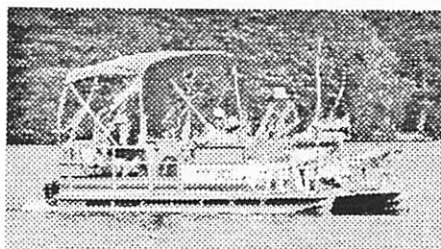
The SIGHTS & SOUNDS OF THE SIXTIES ship spotlighted that scandalizing stretch with the scrumptious sounds and scenes that made some of us sentimental: 'specially when we spied those scanty skivvies.



There were SEA SERPENTS that slithered their slimy selves from shore to shore, scaring other seagoers into staying safely well to starboard.

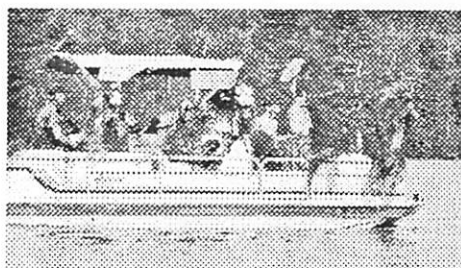


The SOX skiff was strewn with stockings in solving that secret so often speculated on; so



startling shades from sienna to silver and surely where's my other sock?

There were STARS & Stripes scows that steered away from scandals of state, sticking instead with a selection of signals in support of our sphere.



A SURFIN' SAFARI steered through the swamp shaking grass skirts and trying to sell their squirming snakes to squeamish spectators and sailors.

Once the shores had been sufficiently sailed, sailors and seers in ships of all sizes settled back at Sunrise Rock to share some sweet music and song.

The singer for the songfest was Rich Kumpu and his selection of singable folk songs seemed satisfying to all.



For summer, 1998, a "WONDERFULLY WACKY WATERCRAFT" show has been whipped up to help wile away the warm and winsome afternoon of Saturday, July 18th. The letter which packs this year's wallop is "W". Worthy winners might weigh in as wimps, weasels, witches wenches, whippersnappers, or wiseacres.

Whalers and wind-jammers will begin wending where they did last year, at Sunrise Rock on the west coast near the center around 4:00 PM.

Watercraft will wind, one after another, while wowing the worlds of watchers wave and wager while witnessing the whooping and hollering from their wharves and Winnebagoes.

Watergoers will work their way back to Sunrise Rock and wind up the day with a wingding of music and song (at approximately 5:30PM).

The warbler who'll whoop for 1998's water whirl is again Rich Kumpu. So wade around after and warm your heart with a waffle, a whistle or a wilt. Whether you wail or whisper don't worry, be happy, - all are welcome.

The whimsical whoop-de-do should wind down about 7:30.

So wish for warm weather and wave your wand over your watercraft and work up a wonder for Saturday, July 18th, 1998.



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Membership Dues are \$5.00 for Adult Memberships and \$2.00 for children under 18

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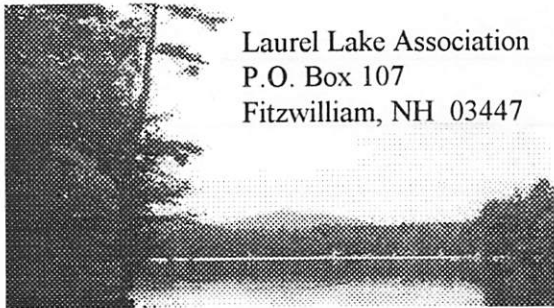
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