

# Douglas Lake

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President's Message.

July 2013

Once again it is summer at the lake. A time when most of us are enjoying friend and family in the one-of-a-kind atmosphere of Douglas Lake. This is a very special place for me. I have been coming here as far back as I can remember, and when life takes you in different directions the lake will always be the constant. The bond of our lake community is something that I wish more people could experience as it is indeed a rare thing.

One of the biggest threats that we face to our lake's ecosystem is Eurasian Milfoil. This is an issue that I have been concerned about since the mid 90s when I attended a couple of seminars on this invasive plant and the difficulties it was causing on infested lakes. Fortunately we are still free of this invasive milfoil but are in continuous risk of contamination via boats coming from lakes that has Eurasian Milfoil. This is how zebra mussels found their way to Douglas Lake. One of the best things to come out of the DLIA over the past couple of years is a group of volunteers who will be stationed at the boat ramp during busy weekends and other times to inspect boats for this milfoil.

A very large thank you to Peter Klass for heading this group.

In closing I would like to thank Sue Nelson for her dedication to the DLIA over the past four years as its president. I look forward working with our new Vice President Holly Gedert, who has been a huge help this spring, in keeping our lake a fun and memorable place

Have a great July and see you at the lake!

Nat Wilkinson President

#### Milfoil Survey

History Quiz

The Aquatic Vegetation Survey 2012 for Douglas Lake found no Eurasian Water milfoil. The study was supported financially in part by the Douglas Lake Improvement Association and completed by a UMBS Biological Station class and the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council. You may be familiar with other lakes in Michigan that have dealt with the problem. It is very time consuming and expensive to clean the lake once the problem is discovered. We are on a positive path to avoiding the problem. Keep up the good work!

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#### **Survey of Aquatic Emergent Plants**

**Volunteers are needed** to complete the emergent aquatic plant mapping portion of the comprehensive survey carried out by UMBS students and faculty and Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council staff during the summer of 2012. Watershed Council staff will instruct volunteers in emergent plant identification and mapping using a GPS.

It shouldn't take too long to complete the survey. It depends on the number of volunteers and efficiency. Contact Kevin Cronk, Tip of the Mitt, directly for details. kevin@watershedcouncil.org or 231-347-1181, ext. 109.

## WE WILL MISS

We offer our condolences to the families of Mary Rebecca Neff Agnelneri, Asho Ingersoll Craine, Kathrine Caldwell Haensel, Ruth Paddock and Erich Wilkinson.

Mary Rebecca Neff Agnelneri, left us behind on Monday September 24, 2012. She was taken ill at her beloved cabin in northern Michigan. She loved the peace and quiet, the loons and the eagles, and the brilliant sunsets that had been part of every summer since her childhood. Born to Ned and Mary Lee Neff in Indianapolis August 23, 1950, Becky lived most of her life in Indianapolis. She attended North Central High School, class of 1968, and subsequently obtained a psychology degree from IUPUI. She married Mauro Agnelneri June 22, 1974. During their 38 years of marriage Becky and Mauro lived in Chicago, Wisconsin, Iowa, and South Bend Indiana before settling back in Indianapolis. Wisconsin she developed her allegiance to the Green Bay Packers. Living in South Bend put her close to Notre Dame games and campus activities. Becky loved reading, engaging in multiple book clubs. At times she worked in a bookstore, spending her pay with her employee discount on more books. In addition Becky was an excellent cook, cherishing her cooking shows and her hundreds of cook books. Becky was also able to engage in volunteerism for her daughter Jessica and her schools and activities. She was a good friend with a kind heart. Mary Rebecca, you will be missed. She was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Mauro Agnelneri in Indianapolis; daughter Mary Jessica Franke and her husband Tyler in Bloomington. Sisters Laurie Renzi (Robert) in Tampa Florida and Susan Long in Indianapolis completed her small but close family.

A memorial service will be held in the near future. Please send any memorial contributions to Douglas Lake Improvement Association, P.O. Box 472, Pellston, Michigan 49769 to keep beloved

Douglas Lake pristine. See www.douglaslake.org to get a glimpse of what Becky loved, "Up North."

Asho Craine, a long-time summer resident of Douglas Lake, died in Bloomfield, Connecticut, on May 27 following a stroke at the age of 97. In 1960, Asho and her late husband, Lyle Craine, bought their cabin, located on the north shore adjoining U of M Biological Station property. Both were strong advocates for conservation and enjoyed living with a minimal impact on the natural environment. Douglas Lake—not only their own property, but the entire lake and its undeveloped surroundings—were special to both of them. Asho was born in Brooklyn, New York, where her father served as Brooklyn Borough President in the reform-minded administration of New York Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, 1933-1940. Her mother was a supporter of women's suffrage and an associate of birth-control pioneer Margaret Sanger. Asho entered the first class of Bennington College, an all women's college founded on progressive educational principles. In 1934 she traveled with the first student group to enter Russia after President Roosevelt recognized the Soviet Union. After graduation she worked for a consumer-farmer milk cooperative, which led to a job in Washington, D.C., with the Consumers' Counsel Division of the Department of Agriculture. There she met Lyle Craine, whom she married in 1942. In 1953 the family moved to Ann Arbor, where Lyle earned a Ph.D. and then joined the faculty of the U of M School of Natural Resources, Department of Conservation. They enjoyed life together in Ann Arbor for forty years until Lyle's death in 1993 following a stroke in 1988. Throughout her Ann Arbor years, Asho was a dedicated volunteer and community activist. A 2002 article in the Ann Arbor News characterized her as "a champion with a social conscience." She was an active member of the League of Women Voters and once ran for school board. In the 1970s she was a founding member of the Washtenaw County chapter of the Gray Panthers. Following Lyle's death, Asho joined the Learning in Retirement Collective and began to produce her memoirs, excerpts of which appear in The Man Who Eats Snakes, an anthology produced by the Collective in 2001. The collection Asho Craine

Writings 1993-2009 was published in 2011. One section of her memoirs, written largely at Douglas Lake, takes the form of "Memory Letters to Lyle.". This section opens, "Home again for another summer at our well-loved little cabin. Already, after only one night's sleep, I feel the peacefulness of this place penetrating my bones and restoring me to my true self. I'm sitting here at the table looking out at the calm lake through the familiar silhouette of the triple oaks on the ice rampart. As I delight in the morning sunlight sparkling on the not yet trammeled tall grass on the path up the bank, memories of the life we shared here flood over me." The family first became acquainted with Douglas Lake in 1958, when family members spent the night at the log cabin of Rev. Leslie French before leaving one son at Camp Manitou. Dr. French's daughterin-law, Atossa Herring French, had been a college classmate of Asho's, and the families had gotten to know each other better in Ann Arbor. Two years later, Dr. French asked Asho and Lyle if they might be interested in buying the small cabin between his land and the Bug Camp property. He had sold the lot years earlier to a fishing buddy, who was no longer using it. At the time Asho and Lyle took possession, the 2-room cabin had a kerosene cook stove and no electricity or running water. Over the years, they made many improvements, but kept it compact, simple, and always as natural as possible. In 2004 Asho moved from Ann Arbor to the Seabury Retirement Community in Bloomfield, Connecticut. For as long as she was physically able, up until 2010, she continued her annual visits to her primitive cabin at Douglas Lake, to the amazement of other residents and staff at Seabury. Survivors include three children, Tim Craine of Windsor, Connecticut, Steve Craine of Newton, Massachusetts, and Ellen Craine of Ashland, Oregon; six grandchildren; and four great grandchildren. Three memorial meetings for Asho were held this summer: at Seabury, at her family homestead on Long Island, New York, and at an evening campfire at the French's cabin on Douglas Lake. The latter was attended by members of the extended French clan, a few other close Douglas Lake friends, and a gorgeous Douglas Lake sunset.

Kathrine Caldwell Haensel, 76, died on July 28, 2012, at the Hospice House of Cheboygan. Kathrine (Katie) was born in Muncie, Ind., on January 8, 1936, to John Calhoun and Treva Gaunt Caldwell, and was the stepdaughter of Lenora Lewellen Caldwell. Katie began vacationing at Douglas Lake at the age of 2, when her grandparents, Charles and Bertha Gaunt, rented the Arbuckle cottage in Nuttings Bay (her grandparents would later purchase the cottage in the late 1940's). Katie's great grandmother, grandparents, parents, sisters, and others (10 in all) came to the cottage during that summer of 1938, some arriving by train to Levering and the others traveling by automobile. It was the first of Katie's annual pilgrimages to Douglas Lake. Katie grew up in Dunkirk, Ind., with her four sisters, Ann (Butler), Treva (Breuch), Margaret (Gilbertson), and Joan Caldwell. Each of the sisters (Ann is now deceased) would eventually own a cottage on the northern shore of Douglas Lake. Throughout their lives, the sisters have remained closely connected and formed a powerful bond centered on a shared love of family, friends, and Douglas Lake. Katie married her loving husband, Peter Curt Haensel, in 1957, after meeting him at the University of Wisconsin. Forever Badger fans, they settled in the Milwaukee area, where they raised their three boys, Curt, Douglas (yes, named after the Lake), and Jack. Katie taught in the Milwaukee Public Schools, and Peter built his law practice at the law firm of Lichtsinn & Haensel. Katie first brought Peter to Douglas Lake in the summer of 1957. Peter quickly became part of the Lake's extended family, and hasn't missed a summer since. The tradition of never missing a summer at Douglas Lake is shared by each of Katie and Peter's three boys and seven grandchildren. When Katie and Peter decided to retire, they built their dream home at Douglas Lake. The house was completed in 1998. In retirement, Katie lived an active life and gained an even greater appreciation for Douglas Lake and its people. She enjoyed swimming and kayaking; she attended "bird camp" with her sisters; she participated in the DLIA and Womenade; she cross country skied; she hosted wonderful dinners for friends and family; and she traveled the world with Peter. For Katie's 70th birthday,

Peter bought her a jet ski. Her friends and family will remember her riding it (slowly) along the shoreline to stop by for a visit. Her grandchildren liked it when their "Mimi" would ride the jet ski. Katie was a person who cherished traditions, but wasn't afraid to try new things. Katie loved to read and learn, and was an excellent teacher and motivator. In her final days, she would continually marvel at how each of her grandchildren was "perfect". She was a proud person, and in many ways they are the culmination of her life's work – the next generation of Douglas Lakers. She was an inspiration to many.

Ruth Paddock, of Pellston, Mich., left us on May 1, 2013, at McLaren Northern Michigan hospital after falling. Her family was in attendance at her passing. She was born March 2, 1927, to Mary Emma and Michael Frederick Knuths in Ames, Iowa. It was a large, close family with strong Iowan values. She was slim, athletic and a natural beauty all her life; a genuinely nice person. Ruth showed early and life-long interest in art, music and the natural world. Following graduation from Ames High in 1945, she attended Iowa State University before transferring to the University of Colorado in 1951 to further her art education. It was there in May 1952, shortly before graduation, she met Mark on a blind date. A lasting love instantly blossomed, culminating in their marriage June 14, 1953, and an all-encompassing love of 61 years. She was fortunate to live in wonderful, stimulating communities like Ames, Iowa: Boulder, Colo.: and Ann Arbor, Mich. This was enriched by 30 summers at the Mountain Research Station in Colorado and on Douglas Lake at the University of Michigan Biological Station with Mark and their family. Her last 20 years were spent at "Old

Orchard," their home near Douglas Lake. Ruth is survived by her husband, Mark W. Paddock; sons, Mark F. Paddock (Mardie) of Farmington, Maine, and Todd W. Paddock (Sue) of Winona, Minn.: and daughter, Meredith Higgins (Bo), of Niskayuna, N.Y., and daughters, Kaleigh, Kelsey and Maren Higgins. She is also survived by sisters, Anne Buck (Bob) of Ames, Iowa; Darlene Walton of Cedar Falls, Iowa; Winifred Butson of Wells, Minn.; and brother, Michael Knuths, of Dallas, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews. A celebration of her life will take place at the University of Michigan Biological Station in Pellston in the summer. Memorial contributions may be made to the University of Michigan Biological Station at Pellston or to The Little Traverse Conservancy, Harbor Springs.

Erich Wilkinson, died from lung cancer on June 18, 2012 at the age of 47. Erich, was a graphic designer, for over 20 years, who owned "Eightfold Creative". Erich was eight when he first visited Douglas Lake stopping in for a visit with his paternal grandparents during his father and step mothers honeymoon. The water and sand toys that were purchased that day at Reinheirt's Marina were used for many years and to this day remain in the beach house when not being a contribution to fun in the water. That was the beginning, and all during his childhood and teen years he spent summers enjoying the lake traditions; returning for quick visits during his adult life. Many a tale and fond memories resulted from time spent at the lake. Erich is survived by his wife Terri Voigt-Wilkinson; mother, Charon Carver; father, Stewart Wilkinson; stepmother, Barb Wilkinson; mother-in-law, Jo-An Voigt; sister, Sarah (Paul) Engelmann; brother, Nick (Melissa) Sanford; and brother, Nat Wilkinson.

#### The Straits Area Band Concerts

The tradition of providing free concerts in Conkling Heritage Park on the shore of Lake Huron in Mackinaw City will continue again this summer. Everyone is welcome!

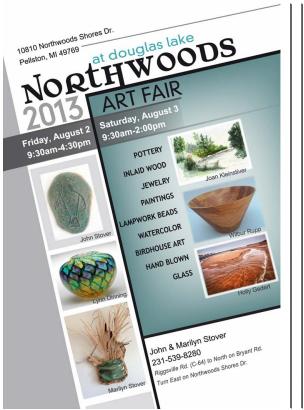
This is a series preformed by local musicians, summer visitors and some who drive from as far as 100 miles away to play everything from marches

and show tunes to innovative compositions written by members of the band. Some have had distinctly Michigan themes.

TUESDAYS
JULY 9, 16, 23 & 30
AUGUST 6, 13, 20 & 27
All concerts are from 8-9 p.m.

NON-DLIA event

#### The 2013 Northwoods Art Fair



Be sure to visit the Northwoods Art Fair to see and purchase pottery by John and Marilyn Stover, Watercolors by Joan Kleinstiver, Photography by Holly Gedert, Woodworks by Wilbur Rupp, Glass art by Lynn Dinning and more...!

10810 Northwoods Shores Drive (off Bryant Rd) Friday, August 2nd from 9:30 am to 4:30pm Saturday, August 3rd from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm This is a NON-DLIA sponsored event.

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### **Douglas Lake Merchandise**

We have a convenient new location in the storage buildings adjacent to the Pellston Lodge motel at the corner of Douglas Lake Road and US 31.

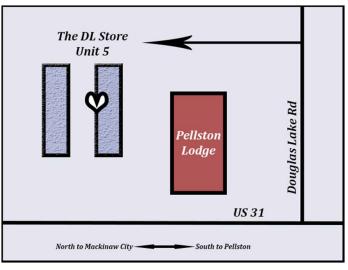
There is a lot of **exciting new merchandise** along with many favorites from last year ready for your shopping pleasure. New items include: twill shirts, a variety of short sleeve t-shirts, sport shorts, caps, sweat pants, wine glasses, mugs, 2014 calendars and die-cut Christmas ornaments.

The merchandise storage unit is located adjacent to the Pellston Lodge on US-31. To get to the storage unit from the south side of the lake, take Douglas Lake Road west toward US 31. Turn 1 block east of US 31 on the service drive that runs behind the Pellston Lodge. Continue past the back of lodge to the storage units. From the north side of the lake, take US 31 to Douglas Lake Road. Turn left on Douglas Lake Road. One block from US 31, turn left on the service drive that runs behind the Pellston Lodge. Continue past the back of the lodge to the storage units. DLIA has storage unit # 5.

#### The next sale is Sat. July 20, 10-noon,

**New items** include: twill shirts, a variety of short sleeve t-shirts, sport shorts, caps, sweat pants, wine glasses, mugs, 2014 calendars and die-cut Christmas ornaments.

Contact Marilyn Kelemen for more information kelemenm44@gmail.com



## Editor's Comments

After a long hiatus newsletter returns. This issue will be followed by another one in just a couple of weeks. It will include more obituaries, the annual meeting notice and an up to date report on any lake news plus the date the directories will be available. A huge thank you to Linda Orlow for her contribution to the History Corner with the Douglas Lake History Quiz. Please be sure to send me your contributions including articles or announcements. If possible e-mail the information to me at bayw2002@yahoo.com, otherwise please type and mail your information to me at P.O. Box 613 Hutchinson, KS 67504 We do publish events that are not necessarily D.L.I.A. sponsored as long as they are open to all, or of general interest to part of our membership. Remember to keep in touch with any address changes, lake news you wish to pass along or obituaries we need to print. Please note my new email address, my old address had many problems as it regularly seemed to lose mail, something that does not happen in my yahoo or Gmail accounts. If you sent a notice or obituary and it has not appeared please send it again to the above address. Enjoy the summer!



## Douglas Lake Sunfish Regatta

The 2013 Douglas Lake Sunfish Regatta will be held on Saturday, July 27 at 9561 MacArthur Rd.

The Skippers meeting will be at 1 PM with the first race at 2 p.m. and as many back to back races as possible. We require a PFD to be worn while racing. No race will start after 5pm. Dinner will follow the races with the presentation of awards. Please bring your own lunch

Registration is \$25 and additional dinners are \$10. For early registration please send a check payable to Ingrid Butler, along with the skippers name, sail number, hull color, email and physical addresses to:

Ingrid Butler 8184 Silver Strand Rd. Levering, Mi 49755

To help the food planners please send an e-mail even if you are just a "possible".

If you have any questions please contact

Jay Butler #231-537-4537 jaybutler@ieee.org

This is a NON-DLIA sponsored event

#### Donations needed for "A Whale of a Sale"

Have a garage full of boating equipment or a boat that hasn't touched the water in years? Kid's outgrown the life jackets? A little to creaky in the joints to enjoy those kayaks these days? Consider donating them to Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council for their 5th Annual Whale of a Sale, a huge rummage sale for water recreation lovers. One person's trash, is another person's water recreation treasure. Donations should be gently used, saleable items, in good condition. Items can include fishing gear; swimming life vests, rafts and toys; water skiing equipment; diving equipment; boats, kayaks, canoes, related hardware, equipment, and gear. No clothing please. For boats or larger items, please contact Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council's office prior to drop off. Proceeds from this event benefit Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council. Donations are tax deductible.

Drop off locations include: Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, Petoskey; Irish Boat Shop in Harbor Springs and Charlevoix; Burt Lake Marina, Indian River; Ryde Marina, Alanson; and Duncan Bay Boat Club, Cheboygan. For additional collection locations or to have items picked up, please call Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council at (231)347-1181.

The 5th Annual Whale of a Sale will be held on Saturday, July 20 from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m at the Irish Boat Shop storage building behind Meyer Ace Hardware in the Fairview Square, Harbor Springs. Additional information about the upcoming sale is available online atwww.watershedcouncil.org/events.

(This is a NON-DLIA sponsored function)

#### FOR SALE

22 Foot Mahogany Speedboat





Well maintained 1953 HackerCraft Deluxe Utility is available for on the water inspection on Douglas Lake this summer. Very original and complete including a Chrysler Marine Engine with efficient reduction gear drive. 150 engine operating hours since rebuild. Starts easily, runs strong, and idles smoothly. Launches and reloads easily at difficult boat ramps from a custom built float-on trailer with tongue extension. Includes numerous spare parts to keep it on the water for years to come. Please contact Dick Stuber at

231-445-2292 or 239-785-0586. Selling price \$26,500.

#### FOR RENT

Clean, 3-bedroom lakefront cabin near Maple Bay
Short walk west of Douglas Lake
Steakhouse
No smoking or pets
Maximum accommodation - 6
\$750.00 per week, \$110.00 per night
Contact jaynemorse@yahoo.com
(419)280-0532
(419)537-1570
(231)539-7135

## **History Corner - DOUGLAS LAKE HISTORY QUIZ**

- 1. What was originally built on the site of the Mercke cottage on Bentley Point? What was the DLB before it was a bar/restaurant?
- 2. What was the room rate at the Ingleside Hotel in the 1920's?
- 3. What would a limnologist be doing at the Bio Station on Douglas Lake?
- 4. What landed on Douglas Lake in 1929?
- 5. Which cottage on Douglas Lake did Teddy Roosevelt visit?
- 6. What was the name of the man who logged the south shore of the lake and then gave the land to the U of M?
- 7. What interesting pet did former Bio Station Director Dr. Pettingill have?
- 8. Who honeymooned on the island in a tent at the turn of the century and lived to be 100 in Cheboygan?
- 9. Until the late 1930s the G.R.& I. ran three passenger trains daily from what city to Mackinaw City?
- 10. In what year did Douglas Lake get electricity?
- 11. Who arrived in the Petoskey area on a wedding trip from Buffalo, NY in 1878 and never left and homesteaded about 160 acres on Douglas Lake as the second white settler?
- 12. Whose grandfather moved from Watertown, Wisconsin in 1856 to operate a stage coach tavern stop near Brutus before homesteading 100 acres in the Silverstrand area?
- 13. How wide was the beach on the north shore long ago and what was it used for?
- 14. Why is it McArthur Road and MacArthur Farm? You get extra points for this one!
- 15. What was the former name of Pells Island?
- 16. What was the name of Douglas Lake on a 1873 atlas (likely Native American) then changed to Douglas (and Douglass) Lake in the late 1870's or early 1880's?
- 17. What was name of the post office that was at the north end of MacArthur Rd.?
- 18. Name three of the six camps that have been on or very near Douglas Lake.
- 19. Name Jack Caldwells five daughters all of whom had/have cottages on the lake.
- 20. Where was the Munro Township dump?
- 21. In the early 1900s how did you get a car from Bentley Point to Ingleside?
- 22. What were the original names of Vincent, Paradise and Munro Lakes?
- 23. What year were our mailboxes installed at their present locations?
- 24. What northshore resident learned to sail on Douglas Lake in a rowboat using a raincoat for a sail and broomstick for a mast and his mother was an accomplished figure skater?
- 25. What tribes were the first to inhabit the shores of Douglas Lake?
- 26. What kind of furniture was very popular in Douglas Lake cottages and made in Cheboygan?
- 27. What other camp was close and adjacent to the U of M Bio Station, both established in 1909?
- 28. What was the former name of Silver Strand?
- 29. What was the name of the very large hotel on Douglas Lake?
- 30. What was at the end of Reinhardt Road on the lake?

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#### **DOUGLAS LAKE HISTORY QUIZ ANSWERS**

- 1. Bryant Hotel #1 (burned d own) which had a popular steam launch for touring and Bryant's Hotel #2 Bentley, for whom Bentley Point is named was the first white settler on Douglas Lake. 2. \$3 and a load of split wood cost 10 cents, etc....
- 3. taking water samples. 4. an amphibian plane 5. Fitzgerald's on the island. 6. Ziff. 7. Penguins!!
- 8. James MacArthur, a reportedly good looking brother of the five MacArthur brothers grandfather. He and his wife Marion had college educations but he chose to deliver mail in order to stay in this area.
- 9. Cincinnati 10. 1939. 11. Wendell Judson's grandparents (Clark) also who when clearing the property found two cannonballs that are speculated to have been taken from Fort Michilimac
- 12. Harold Brill (1908-1991) grandson of George Brill who would later fly his own plane out of the hay field across Swamp Rd. west of his house on Brill Rd. 13. 250' to 300' used as road and the Levering baseball games were played there
- 14. We can only guess that the Cheboygan road commission didn't do their homework 15. Fairy Island. 16. Turtle Lake.
- 17. Buckhorn named for Buckhorn deer that were prevalent. 18. Camp Chick-a-Mi, Camp Manitou, Camp Davis, U of M Bio Camp, Knight of the Pines, Northwoods. 19. Joanie Caldwell, Treva Breuch, Margaret Gilbertson, Katie Haensel, Ann Butler. 20 Bonnett Road. 21. Via the beach.
- 22. Round, Carp and Skunk. 23. 1954
- 24. Fritz Roberts. 25. Ottawa and Chippewa. 26. Rittenhouse. 27. Camp Davis also known as Camp Bogardus (Pellston lumber baron), a civil engineering camp which had been an old railroad grading camp sold to the bio station in 1929 when the engineering camp moved to Wyoming. 28. Sunny Sands. 29. Ingleside, Dr. James Inglis was a Presbyterian minister. 30. A grocery, cottages and boat rental run by Annie and Paul Reinhardt. Carol and Bob Longyear also had a grocery near the intersection of MacArthur and the Cheboygan- Levering Road /C-66