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WEED CONTROL

by Joe Jenus, Jr.

As I am sure you all are aware, Lake Lackawanna is yearly plagued with a healthy weed growth. Since this weed growth covers the entire lake, some type of control is necessary if we wish to have an attractive lake for swimming and other recreational activities. The major portion of this article will briefly discuss the causes of weed problems and some of the methods for their control.

As water areas become more developed or undergo more intense use, demands for the control or eradication of aquatic plants inevitably follow. This is true not only in New Jersey but in most other sections of the country. The factors contributing to the growth of aquatic plants are complex and not entirely understood. Some of the conditions considered to be associated with or contributing to this phenomenon are:

1. the continuous deposition of silt and debris over a long period of time, which produces shallow lake basins, such as Lackawanna, wherein sunlight can penetrate to the bottom and stimulate plant growth;

2. the increase in water fertility through drainage from farms, lakeside development, and septic tanks.

Consequently, there are many possible factors that are likely to affect weed growth in lakes. The two mentioned above are the most probable causes for weeds in our lake. An interesting comparison can be seen by riding out Tamarack Road and inspecting the small lake there. It, like Lackawanna, is man-made and shallow. Unlike Lackawanna, it has no inlet and only one small house is near its shores. It is evident that the water is not being polluted with nitrates from human sources.

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C. A. Meeting Highlights

by Hilma Jenus

The April Community Association meeting was held on Saturday, April 15, at the Landgraf home. Dates were set for several events. Our annual Clean-up Day will be on Saturday, June 17, so you will again have a chance to dispose of those hard-to-get-rid-of items. That same evening we will have a Tricky Tray Party at the clubhouse.

Plans are afoot for the July 1 dance, also to be at the clubhouse. We are hoping to have a cakewalk in addition to the regular dances. Also in the offering is an ice cream festival. The Summer Recreation Program will appear in the next issue of "Lack-A-News."

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

by Hilma Jenus

The 1967-68 Community Association Membership Drive will be in progress during the months of May and June. Dues are \$2.00 per year (an increase over last year, but essential to maintain our present program since our fund-raising events did not accomplish that end).

To simplify matters, we are asking you this year to mail in your \$2.00 check to continue your membership. We are enclosing an addressed envelope with this issue of the "Lack-A-News." Be sure to enclose your name so we can credit you. We will send your 1967-68 membership card to you in the next "Lack-A-News" issue.

In the event that you prefer to pay your dues in person, you may see Hilma Jenus, Emma Landgraf, Liz Perry, Mary Hunt, or Pat Speer. They all have membership cards on hand.

From The Investment Club

by James Hockley, Pres.

Well, at last Spring is here. The Daffodils, the Tulips, the Hyacinths, and the Forsythia are out in full bloom. And best of all, the new dam has been built, the sluice gate is closed, and the lake is filled with plenty of water spilling over. There were some people who said it couldn't and wouldn't be done. To those well meaning "Doubting Thomases" who took the trouble to call and offer all sorts of dire predictions as to its outcome because of the delay in getting started with the work, we can best answer by suggesting that they take a good look at the lake and try to recall when they last saw it in such good condition. In the meantime we'll forget all about the predictions and the calls, but we must share this incident (which has provided the writer with some silent chuckles) with you: Two women, blocking the aisle in the local Shop Rite, were holding a very confidential conversation but talking in a stage whisper. Hearing the name Lake Lackawanna, we stopped short. Snatches of conversation were as follows: "The state is taking it over--Tocks Island," "Bigger dam? -- No, the contractor walked off the job, the company that owns it didn't pay," "Can you imagine what a stinking mess that will be all Summer?" "The people up there are all up in arms." At this point these uninformed ladies opened up a passage way and we went home so much the wiser.

Speaking of the contractor (and this may deflate us a peg or two), there were several incidents which caused him to wonder and express himself about our community. One day, during the construction period, he was all set to pour the con-

crete but when he arrived on the job he found, to his dismay, someone had pulled the forms apart and thrown the lumber down stream. The loss of the lumber and labor and the cost of replacing both plus the delay in time of completion mounted to a considerable item. Another senseless act that really set him off (and he is the explosive type--but a fine gentleman) was when someone scratched a large selection of obscene words and swastika symbols in the wet concrete. Twice his men had to return and resurface the cement in order to obliterate them. But now that the job is completed, let's hope he has forgotten these things.

We are not happy to have to report that on two occasions thieves and vandals broke into the clubhouse, took out and broke up some light bulbs, stole the record player and the microphone, and smashed some windows. This act, combined with the remarks made to the contractor about what goes on in this community, reminded me of Bobbie Burns' words, "Oho to give us the gift to see ourselves as others see us." Fortunately there are many of us in the community who appreciate the beauty of this lovely spot we call the "Lake" and get more pleasure in enjoying it rather than destroying it. We read of such things happening in the ghettos of our once lovely cities and we learn from the experts that the cure of most of their problems is to move these people into more spacious quarters and to get them away from the grime and filth into decent homes with plenty of good air and room. It makes you wonder whether pleasant surroundings can bring

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about a change of character or vice versa.

By the time this paper goes to press, The Investment Company will have taken title to the Borowski property. The Company took this action for several reasons: First, they believe it to be a good long term investment. Second, since the Company was one of the prime movers in seeking to have this area zoned as a residential community, we finally had the opportunity to purchase this property, including the island and boat rights, giving us the means of preventing any objectionable commercial interests (over which we could have no control) from being established. Can you imagine what would happen to the value of our property should some honky-tonk outfit take over? And again this action reinforces our claim to all land known as "The Lake" and is no longer open to outsiders but is now a private lake.

On Saturday, May 27, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., the directors will hold an open house to all people in the community. We extend to each of you a warm invitation to stop in at the clubhouse so we can each have an opportunity to meet with you and to talk things over together. This will also help all of us to get better acquainted. See you then.

GARDEN TALK

by Mary Hunt

Now that Spring is here at last, I have an urge to get digging in the dirt and making flower beds, also to plant a few vegetables: those that can be grown in a limited space.

In February I planted a pack of Geranium seeds and now I have five nice slip-size plants for just 50¢ which I am anxious to have bloom. This is only one way of starting a nice flower bed. I also have a large flower bed that I call my "Friendship garden." In this bed I have Iris, Peonies, Bleeding Heart, Rose Campion, Delphinium, a Lilac bush, Rose, and Star of Bethlehem. All these plants have come from friends. Also there are some Foxglove plants that I grew from seed last year.

I'm sure the lake front will soon be blooming with many beautiful colors. I, for one, am trying the climbing tomatoes that I have read so much about. I read that they are great producers so if I get more than I can use I'll let you know.

Weed Control

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Therefore, weed growth in this lake is minor.

An aquatic weed can be simply defined as an aquatic plant that grows where it is not wanted. For the purpose of control, aquatic plants may be grouped as algae, submergents, emergents, floating unattached, or floating attached.

The three basic methods for controlling aquatic plants are mechanical, biological, and chemical. They can be, and are, used in combination.

The most effective means of weed control is dredging. If a depth of ten feet or more is attained, changes of development of nuisance vegetation are reduced substantially. The cost for such an operation is very high; for a lake the size of Lackawanna the estimated cost would be \$250,000.00 or about \$250 per family. But the problem doesn't end here -- what do we do with all the "gook" we have dug out? To date this type of operation has been confined to small ponds, the exception being the large operation at Lake Hopatcong.

Mechanical cutters have been used at this lake in the past. A major drawback of underwater mowers has been the problem of removing the cut vegetation that otherwise builds up in windrows along the shore.

The most practical method of weed control is by the application of chemicals. Chemicals employed as aquatic herbicides can be grouped as follows:

1. herbicides that kill on direct contact;
2. herbicides that kill by disrupting normal growth.

Group one was used with good success for years; however, this type was usually an arsenic compound which was as dangerous to people, pets and fish as it was for the weeds. Extreme caution was necessary during application of this type of chemical.

Group two came onto the scene in about 1960 and resulted in a major breakthrough. This type of herbicide is readily absorbed by the plant and disrupts its growth process. Essentially the growth of the plant cells is increased out of all proportion, causing the plant to explode and settle to the bottom of the lake in a matter of only a few days after application of the herbicide. In addition to disposing of the undesirable aquatic weed

growth the herbicide is non-toxic to fish, fowl or human beings.

For treatment of the lake this year I am going to use Diquat which is an aquatic herbicide manufactured by Esso of Southern California. Treatment will begin as soon as the plants from almost all of last year's seeds are growing near the surface of the water. If treatment were started as soon as weed growth first appears, it would take two treatments per year to destroy the weeds. Needless to say, this would double the cost of weed control for the lake. When treatment begins, a sign will be posted at the beach. As I stated before, the chemical is non-toxic; however, the state requires posting of any waters that are being treated for any purpose.

I hope this article will give the reader a little insight into aquatic weed control and its problems. If any questions arise please feel free to discuss them with me.

AN INVITATION

Do you have something to say about your community? Perhaps it's a suggestion that we make Lake Lackawanna a more pleasant place to live. Maybe you would like to voice a complaint or enlist the aid of your neighbors on some project you find enticing. Or do you have an opinion concerning something happening around the Lake? So, why not make your ideas known by writing a letter to the "Lack-A-News." Just mail it to Barbara Abdy, 112 Lak Drive and I will see that it is published.



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Editorial

by Barbara Abdy

"Summer time when all the trees and leaves are green" is once again coming to Lake Lackawanna. One by one we see our Summer neighbors opening up their homes and a flurry of activity on the golf-course as our golfers dust off their clubs.

After a long Winter of staying inside everyone is anxious for things to happen. First of all we get out our rakes and shovels and set to work in our yards. The grass turns green; the ground softens; and the flowers spurt up. Satisfied with our efforts, our thoughts turn to lazy Summer living. But please---let's not all be lazy. Come out to the Community Association meetings and help get our Summer program under way. Perhaps you may have an idea or two that will add a new spark of life to a dance or a few badly needed dollars to our treasury. Or else you can volunteer your services to some committee and help to ease the burden of its other members. But most of all we need you all to come out and attend the various activities this Summer. We can guarantee you a good time and a chance to get to know other "Lake Lackawannans." So have a good Summer enjoying the fresh Sussex County air and I hope to see you all at the clubhouse.

LADIES' CLUB CHATTER

by Pat Speer

To celebrate the long delayed coming of Spring the Ladies' Club of Lake Lackawanna held their April 27th meeting at the Harbor Restaurant in Parsippany. Twenty-nine women enjoyed their evening of good food, friendly conversation, and freedom from dish washing.

Hopefully, our present warm weather will continue, because our next meeting, May 25th at 8:00 p.m., will be held at the clubhouse. These meetings are open to all women residents of Lake Lackawanna and new members are most welcome.

Our Vlet Nam Project Committee is getting underway. Anyone wishing to donate the previously listed items needed

for the parcels, or wishing to write to servicemen, who receive little or no mail, should contact either Dottie Sullivan, Beryl Schlicht, Mary Hunt, or Margaret Hockley.

The Ladies' Club will sponsor the middle dance of the Summer, Saturday, July 29th. The theme will be a "Shipwreck Party." All members are urged to give their full support to ensure a successful event.

GERALD J. MITRANI

Gerald J. Mitrani, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mitrani of Lake Drive, is aboard the U.S.S. Bulwark MSO 425 attached to the U. S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea. Gerry, Radar Technician 3rd class, is responsible for the operation of Radar and Sonar Equipment aboard ship. He will spend the first part of his tour of duty in the Ports of Portugal, Spain, Greece and Italy. The ship is due back in the States about October 1, 1967.

If anyone cares to write to Gerry, his address is:
G. J. Mitrani B-10-74-32
U.S.S. Bulwark (MSO 425)
F.P.O. New York, N.Y. 09501

NIBLICK NOTES

by Betty Speer
347-2300

I only have one additional name to add to our L.L.G.C. Champion list. Greg Matthews supplied us with the 1955 winner, Don Baumann. Still missing are those for the years: 1946 thru 1949 and 1950 thru 1954. Please call if you can help fill in any of the blanks.

The season is finally underway, thank goodness. Harv had a little problem with snow mold but that was understandable and now it's all gone. With all the moisture this winter, the greens should be a source of pride to all members. And speaking of members, all are starting out with high hopes and many with new clubs. Each year someone speaks up for Harv's set and this

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year Joe Abdy was the chosen one. Charlie Bohanek is in line for the new Spalding Elites next year. Bill Rank and Greg Matthews had the (honor?) before that.

Denny Hertlein will be working for us this summer. And guess what he bought with his first pay? --- a set of Executive Woods. His sister Kim, while in Texas with her Army hubby, Wayne, went to Mexico and brought Denny back a beautiful hand-tooled leather bag. Now those new clubs and red knitted headcovers really set it off.

We've been hearing reports that the wives have decided to join the husbands on the links this season--if you can't beat 'em, join 'em! Good!--makes for a happier home-life in many cases (unless she gets too good, that is.)

Champ Joe Jenus has been out there practicing away. He's a good example and it's a challenge to try to beat him each year. Watch out for his young son Ross--looks like he's a natural and following in the footsteps of Dad and Mom.

We have a new Lake resident who is quite an avid golfer and another one to keep your eyes on. He is Dan Materna who moved in next to Ken Kane a month or so ago and is already shooting in the 30's!

While in Florida, H.T. played some of the courses around Fort Meyers. He met Patty Berg on one of them and they had a nice little chat. She's teaching two girls all she knows about golf so they can go on the circuit. Wouldn't it be great if Lackawanna had a representative someday?

Joe Jenus set up a nice program all about golf for the local Kiwanis, of which he is Secretary. He got a movie film from Shell's Wonderful World of Golf; Harv attended as Joe's guest and they all had fun watching the "right" way to play.

One person I really envy is A-Flite member Artie Ankersmith, brother-in-law of Vince Borrelli. While in California on business, he flew to (sigh!) Hawaii and played the Royal Kaanapali Golf Course on the

breathhtaking Island of Maui. After hearing his description, I'm ready to leave tomorrow. Another member, Eddie Hallinan and wife, are flying there this summer.

U.S.G.A. published a new and tougher handicap system which we have posted on the Bulletin Board. Come on up and get more confused.

New red flags start this year's season, a slight change from orange and yellow. While we're anxiously waiting to see who makes the first Hole-In-One for '67, remember--"When you're playing golf, nothing counts like your opponent." Aloha!

Birthday Candles

by Mary Hunt

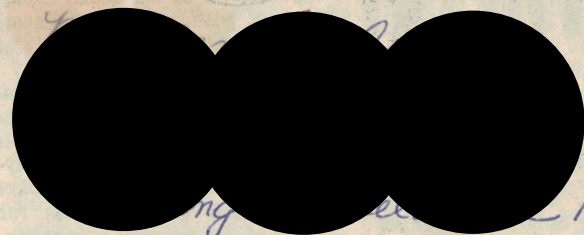
Happy Birthday to: Pamela Robertson who was 1 year old on January 17, and Kristan Perry who was also 1 on January 14.

February birthdays celebrated belonged to Scott Neal who was 4 on the 9th, Tracy Perry who was 3 years old on the 10th, and Marilyn Basenese who was 2 on February 4th.

Kurt Nussburger celebrated his first birthday on March 1st; and Mary Helene Materna also celebrated her first birthday on the 23rd of March. Three year olds having March birthdays were Dawn Smith on the 9th and Eric Paul Nussburger on the 26th. Frank Speer was 4 on March 3rd and Carl Jenus reached the ripe old age of 5 on March 28th.

C. A. Meetings

From now through the Summer months the Community Association meetings will be held in the clubhouse. If you want to be notified of each meeting please call Hilma Jenus at 437-4145 or Mary Hunt at 347-3167 and they will phone you before each meeting. Please try to attend; we need you!



Births

by Mary Hunt

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Jacob are the proud parents of a baby boy, Brent Allan born on December 1, 1966. Brent made his arrival weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz. Best wishes to all!

Patrick George Luciano, first born of Eileen and Pat Luciano of Lake Drive arrived on the scene March 2, 1967 weighing a hearty 8 lbs. 13-1/2 oz. Best of luck to the happy parents.

March 17, 1967 (St. Patrick's Day) was the day Michael D'Elia chose to have as his birthday. Michael, who weighed 7 lbs. 9-1/2 oz., made Mr. and Mrs. Patrick D'Elia of Lake Drive his proud parents. Congratulations!

Coming Events

The Annual Spring Clean-Up sponsored by the Community Association will be held on Saturday, June 17. This is your chance to get rid of all that junk that's piled up in your attics and basements during the winter. The only item

that will not be hauled away is glass. One year a boy was seriously cut by discarded broken glass and we do not wish to have this happen again.

On the same evening, June 17, a Tricky Tray Social will be held at the clubhouse. Emma Landgraf is the chairwoman of the affair and we urge everyone to attend.

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