FIRST ANNUAL BULLETIN

Report For The Year

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President's Message

The Directors and Committee Members of your Association are genuinely proud to present in this, our first Annual Bulletin, the reports of various projects and activities which have been undertaken during the short period of its existence.

Your Association is young. The Corporated Organization was not perfected and officers elected until April 22, 1950. Nevertheless, during these first few months of its existence it has made its presence felt in the community and has received much favorable publicity in the press at Detroit Lakes and at Fargo and Moorhead.

The purpose of the Association, stated briefly, is to protect the property of the members in the many ways that are detailed in our By-Laws and to carry forward a broad program of improvement that will restore Lake Detroit to its former state of excellence. To this end it is our desire and intention to promote those activities which we believe will enhance the enjoyment of our individual properties and of the lake. We earnestly believe this program cannot possibly be detrimental to others; that on the contrary, it will benefit everyone in the community including those who do not own property abutting on the lake.

It will be apparent to all of you that a very large amount of hard and time-consuming work has gone into the business of getting ourselves organized. The Association has had the benefit of free services by members, who at other times, have commanded high salaries and fees for their labor. The work already done could never have been afforded if we had to pay out money for it.

A great deal has already been accomplished too in the operation of various committee programs, making contacts and inquiries, gathering the necessary facts and getting a number of projects under way. Much time and effort was spent by individuals during the past season in the general interest of all members and the Association is deeply indebted to them.

But, while we have reason to be proud in a number of ways, there is also need for some straight talk about our failures. The greatest weakness in our organization and one that may be fatal, is the common tendency to "let George do it."

Every one of us wants to have things done to improve conditions and protect our investment in property around the lake. We want to get a better break on taxes and electric power rates. We want to improve sanitary, pollution, weed and algae conditions. We want better roads and traffic provisions. We want regulations of water levels and water traffic and control of mosquitoes, and all the other subjects now delegated to committees. Yes, we want all these things done but too many of us want the other fellow to do them for us.

Let's have it understood now, this is not an association to be run by just a few individuals—it is an organization that must depend for its life upon the interested and active effort of MANY.

If every member will contribute just a few hours of work each year in some field (in which he or she is especially interested)

Minutes of Annual Meeting

THE SECRETARY called the meeting to order and declared that more than the required quorum of 20 members were present. The Secretary announced that President Haakenstad was not able to be present owing to death of a close friend in Minneapolis. Since Vice President Burrill was not present nominations for a chairman were in order.

B. G. Allen moved that F. Ralph Hollands be elected chairman of the meeting and called for vote. Elected unanimously. Mr. Hollands took the chair and expressed Mr. Haakenstad's regrets and read the President's report for the Directors. Report accepted. Secretary stated that minutes of previous meeting included mostly organization matters. Motion to dispense with reading of minutes carried. Secretary & Treasurer read his report. Report accepted. Auditing Committee made its report. Report accepted. It was moved by Mr. Humphrey that all

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actions by Board of Directors and Officers to date be approved. Carried.

Mr. Thomas recommended the re-election of all Directors for ensuing year due to the short tenure in office of the present board. Mr. Allen explained that Mr. Tomlinson had moved to another location. Mr. Thomas moved that all Directors except Tomlinson be re-elected. Carried. Chair called for nominations from floor for a Director to replace Mr. Tomlinson and suggested that he should come from East Shore to maintain balance, Mr. Page nominated M. B. Monson. It was moved by Mrs. Nicolson that nominations be closed and Secretary instructed to cast unanimous ballot for Mr. Monson. Carried.

The Chair called for reports

The Chair called for reports from Committee Chairmen on activities to date, explaining that all committee reports would be meager at this time because the organization work was scarcely

Mr. Hollands explained work of his committee (Water Craft Regulation) in developing a code of ethics; that he had a tentative draft not yet approved by his committee but that he wanted to read it and get concurrance of group to finish the job and publish the code in suitable manner. The code was read and accepted. Mrs. Hvidsten suggested that code be distributed to all property owners on the lake. Mr. Hollands agreed and then reported on project to improve markings on channel and other dangerous points. After some discussion Mr. Allen moved that the association endorse the channel marking job. Carried.

Mr. Allen requested Association to back two other related projects. (1) Night lighting of Allen's Point by City for benefit of boaters in distress, i. e. sheared we can accomplish great things—to the benefit of everybody. Your membership fee helps of course, but it certainly won't substitute for an active participation in the affairs and objects of the Association.

I urge every member to become more concerned about the health of the Association and its immediate needs. If you don't find your name on a committee that is no reason why you should not work with and in behalf of any committee in whose work you are interested. Don't duck assignments when they are suggested. And volunteer your willingness for future committee appointments. Also, committee members are urged not to wait for the chairman to act, nor expect the chairman to do all the work either. Get in touch with him yourself and propose action. Being "too busy" and preferring to spend your time at a more pleasurable occupation is a common condition for all of us at the lake in the summer time. But the load won't be heavy for anybody if everybody does just a bit and the accomplishments will be really worthwhile.

It would be a good thing, I believe, if we could manage to have a completely new set of Officers and Directors elected at our next Annual Meeting, if that is possible; or at least a goodly infusion of new names, so as to give another group a chance to show what they can do in the next twelve months' period. The situation is certainly wide open for anybody who is willing to work at it. The salaries will be the same as for last year—nothing, except the warm appreciation of your neighbors.

Another instance in which everybody can lend a hand is in regard to memberships. Send in your own membership fee right away now for the new season—renewals and new memberships alike—and thereby reduce the work of the folks who are serving on the Membership Committee. We want a substantially increased membership next year and it will be a nice testimonial of your interest in the Association and the work it has done to date, if voluntary subscriptions have our roster well filled-in by the time the new season starts.

Those of you who read this and may not yet be members will find the qualifications for membership printed in Article VII of the Articles of Incorporation and Article III of the By-Laws in the back part of this Bulletin. We hope you will take the initiative and send in your membership now without further solicitation. We want you with us.

As mentioned above, the objectives of our Association are broad and far reaching. In fact, our undertaking is such an ambitious one it calls for continuing effort, because the task will never be finished. This need for the Association and for work in connection with it will continue so long as the lake exists; and hence, it is hardly likely that any phase of our program will ever be completed to the point where nothing further needs to be done. Keep this in mind when considering the reports of the various committees. Their work has not been finished, it has just begun.

In conclusion, I express the gratitude of the officers and directors to everyone who has assisted in the work. Some of your labors have been most generous. As time passes the Association will gain in importance, and its influence for GOOD will be generally recognized and appreciated by all.

> OTTO HAAKENSTAD, President.

pins, etc. (2) That the wiring serving the channel lights be made safer against tampering by children; very dangerous now. Both objects endorsed by Association.

Report by Mr. Schaleben (Fish & Game Committee) told of his preliminary work in getting information on the subject and investigating certain offers that came to his attention. Report approved.

Report of W. T. Stevenson (Roads & Traffic) mentioned need for marking of roads, better roads on south side of lake and in other areas that have been neglected. Mrs. Nicolson told about efforts to clean up highway No. 10 approach to city from south and made suggestions for beautifying this beach. Report approved.

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Mr. Humphrey (Sanitation & Pollution Committee) gave report on activities in this field, especially with regard to pollution from the Pelican River and stressing the job we have in restoring the lake to the better conditions which prevailed in earlier years. Report accepted, including endorsement of first projects outlined.

Mr. Baird explained that Mr. McRoberts (Weed & Algae Control) found it impossible to attend but had turned in a written report which Mr. Baird read. Report mentioned both the physical and chemical means of treatment being studied in connection with this difficult problem and that further information would follow. Report accepted.

Mr. Procter made a verbal report for the Property Protection Committee pointing out the need for extensive study and work upon this project which it is hoped may be ready to get into operation by the winter of 1951. Report accepted.

Mrs. Nicolson, acting for chairman of Insects & Land Weeds Control Committee, read her report covering the first experimental spray job for mosquitoes on the North Shore of Big Detroit and recommended that the work be expanded to other shores of the lake. She described the results to date and the general preferance for spraying as done with the equipment of the Master Fog Co., at least for the limited areas

we have to consider. Needed work on poison ivy and other noxious weeds in both the lake and city areas were also outlined. Hope was expressed that an early and complete program for insect spraying and land weeds control would be well organized for the following summer. Report ac-

For the Utilities & Taxes Committee, Mr. Baird told of the start of our studies on the complex problems that are involved and mentioned facts he had gathered to date. Report accepted. In this same connection, Walter Thompson mentioned that the State law assessed business and residence property at 40% of full and true value but reduced the valuation basis to 25% under homestead out that "summer residents" naturally could not qualify as homesteaders and hence had to take the 40% rate, which he saw as inequitable and not to the state's best interests. He thought the Association should endeavor to get a better law for the people

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Secretary & Treasurer

At the time of the meeting of Detroit Lake Property Owners Association in August 1949 when I was appointed Secretary & Treasurer, the last previous Treasurer turned over to me \$10.76 and bills for \$9.20 in expenses in connection with that meeting.

Our campaign for members in the Detroit Lake Property Owners Association netted 45 Active Members at \$5, or \$225, so the old association had \$226.56 which it turned over to Lake Detroiters on April 4, 1950. Since that date, to April 30, 1950 Lake Detroiters signed up 71 Active, 1 Associate and 1 Sustaining members and paid out \$257.73, largely for supplies and organization costs, leaving a balance in the bank on May 1, 1950 of \$335.77.

From April 30, 1950 to November 1, 1950 we have added 14 Active and 17 Sustaining members, giving us a total on the latter date of 130 Active, I Associate and 18 Sustaining members.

In addition, the Association acted as collection agent for four mosquito spraying projects for which it collected \$953 from 75 participants, making a total of revenues from all sources by Lake Detroiters Association, Inc. to November 1, 1950 of \$1,786.50.

Since April 30th, the Association has disbursed \$56.73 for Administrative costs and \$44.15 for preliminary costs of the Annual Bulletin in addition to \$953.00 paid out to the Master Fog Co. for mosquito spraying, making total disbursements to November 1, 1950 of \$1,311.61.

As of October 31, 1950 the Association account in Detroit State Bank was \$519.04 against which there was an outstanding check of \$44.15, leaving an unpledged balance of \$474.89.

> RALPH P. BAIRD, Secretary& Treasurer.

Report Of

Auditing Committee

Acting for the Auditing Committee, I have examined the records of Lake Detroiters Association, Inc. as of the time of our Annual Meeting last July and again as of Ocotber 31, 1950. I have also checked with the Detroit State Bank verifying the amount of our balance as of the last named date and have found all records and accounts to be in good order and in agreement with the Secretary & Treasurer's report.

HARRY C. WEEDEN, Chairman Auditing Committee.

- - COMMITTEE REPORTS - -

Sanitation And Pollution Committee

YOUR COMMITTEE on Sanitation and Pollution expects to do its part in the object of restoring Lake Detroit to the conditions which prevailed 10-15 years ago—when our shores were especially known for their clear waters and fine beaches.

Our chief difficulty is in the fact that there is not yet any full realization, on the part of many people in the community, of the serious extent of damage already done to our lake by pollution of its waters and by the deposits of silt. The alarming growth of weeds and other conditions are described in the report of the Weed and Algae Committee in another part of this Bulletin.

There need be no finger-pointing for the conditions which exist
today. Everybody is hurt when
the lake is hurt and certainly no
bad was done intentionally. Our
only job now is to prevent future
CARELESSNESS in the treatment of our best common and
natural asset of the whole community; and to IMPROVE conditions of our lake in every way
possible, OVER A PERIOD OF
YEARS.

The committee has studied and discussed the general condition of things in our field and has made contact with such authorities as the State Conservation Department, the Department of Health and certain local officials. Copies of both the State and Federal acts for water pollution control have been obtained and studied. The existing law seems to be adequate for the purposes intended. Enforcement of the law, however, has not been impressive.

One of the obvious sources of pollution of our lake comes from the dry-milk plant located on Highway 10. This plant got into operation during the war (its construction was started in 1944) as a government assisted project, and possibly because of war-time urgency and shortage of materials, it was arranged to use the Pelican River as an outlet for the "cooling" water that is used in its processes, instead of routeing it into the city sewers. It is said that the government engineers, who built the plant, were obliged to use the Pelican River because the available city sewer system was of inadequate size at that time to handle the milk plant volume of water in addition to the water already being handled. The milk plant volume of cooling water is reported to be 250-300 gallons per minute — or about 15,000 to 18,000 gallons per hour.

The trouble, from our viewpoint, is that frequently in the processing of the milk, the plant has "boil-overs" and other manufacturing difficulties which mixes (Continued on Page 18)

Property Protection Committee

THE NEED of some organized action for the protection of members' property in the winter-time was well demonstrated last January when five vacant cottages on Burritt Beach were broken into.

It happened that the chairman of your committee had been appointed as a Deputy Sheriff just a few days previous to this vandalism and had an opportunity to study the event in detail. His experience will be helpful in the construction of plans to meet the situation in future years.

In the incident mentioned, the Sheriff's Office did an excellent piece of sleuthing and arrested two suspects who later confessed and were promptly sentenced up to five years in confinement. The Association published \$100 reward ads in local papers as soon as it learned of the break-ins, but was not called upon to pay because the local authorities moved fast on their own responsibility.

It is believed that some system of protection that is similar to the methods outlined in our By-Laws (on page 21 of this Bulletin) can be put into effect next winter. All members who are interested in this possibility are asked to return the coupon printed on page 22. A meeting of all such interested parties will be called during the summer, when an exact proposition can be submitted discussed and set in motion, after being approved.

In addition to the actual policing of properties, the committee is investigating the conditions regarding some form of blanket insurance against risks of this kind. It is felt that a most favorable premium rate might be obtained if a fairly good number of properties are covered by a single policy. We plan to have a report on this aspect at the Annual Meeting.

Also, as regards fire insurance, we are advised that both Lake View and Detroit townships now have agreements with the Detroit Lakes Fire Department, whereby the Department is paid from township funds for all runs made; and that the fire department will respond to all calls made from the two townships. The fire department will be paid additionally by insurance companies in those cases where a standard clause to that effect, and a very small additional premium, are added to the policy. The fire department will now use the map printed in our Bulletin as a means of more quickly locating cottage properties on the various beaches of our lake.

SEE OUR COUPON ON PAGE 22

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Roads & Traffic

N APPROPRIATE fact to lead off this report is an incident told to us by G. C. Nunn, Sr., one of the most respected oldtime residents of the community. It seems that between 1900 and 1910, when the present West Shore Drive wasn't much more than a rutted wagon road, an-other pioneer of that day, E. G. Holmes, offered to build at his own expense a replacement road 200 feet back from the lake, maintain such a road for 10 years and to deed it to the county upon abandonment of the existing road. Mr. Holmes owned property in the area and realized that values would be improved by such a change and at the same time not deny to the public a highway around the lake, within easy sight of the water.

A hot dispute over the project went on for years but was finally rejected by the county and township boards, with benefit to no-body, as is so apparent today when both foot traffic and vehicles are endangered by congestion. Possibly one good result came in later years, when the road east from the city along the north shore, which also followed fairly close to the lake, was actually set back to where it is today and known as the North Shore Drive.

The most urgent needs today, in the way of highway improve-ment around our lake, is the continuation of the surfacing around the east and south shores of the lake; and some improve-ment designed to reduce the congestion of traffic on West Shore Drive.

Discussions are now under way by the trunk highway officials in regard to the possibility of re-routing T. H. 59, starting just north of the Pelican outlet; the

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suggested route being along the Soo Line tracks C.F. BRICKNER as far as Willow Street and then on up some street to T. H. 10. This, in the opinion of your committee, S.H.ROGERS is a very desirable project, and it is the recommendation of the committee that the Association take official action, joining the Civic and Commerce Association of Detroit Lakes, in con-tacting the trunk Da. G.S. MALLARIAN highway officials and urging upon W.L.Isensee them not only the desirability of the project itself, but also the desirability of

ed in an early program.

In the meanwhile, it is reported that some relief of this congestion on the present route is expected in the near future, in that there is a cooperative agreement between the Highway Department and the City of Detroit Lakes, whereby there will be constructed this year a surfacing and widening project from Washington Avenue south to the Soo overhead approach; providing for a widened section on the north side within the city limits, and full bituminous surface over the present pavement and the exist-ing shoulders.

In regard to the road around the east and south of the lakeand indicating the importance of this road in the eyes of the County officials - we can report that the County Board has requested that this road be included in the Federal Aid Secondary System of Highways within the County, in order to make it available for Federal Aid Secondary money; and, while it is understood that the County intends to complete the bituminous surfacing on this road in 1951 if funds are available, it might be well to have a committee meet with the County Board at their May or June meeting dates relative to this matter, unless there is prior information as to the definite intent of doing this work in 1951. It is our in-formation that the Civic & Com-merce Association of Detroit Lakes is also requesting this same improvement.

Similarily, the roads serving Nodaway, Curfman, Sunset and City View Beaches are also in need of improvement, and inas-much as this road is under the jurisdiction of the township, and since the township collects in the neighborhood of \$7,500 a year for their road and bridge work, it is suggested that the members of the Association meet with the Town Board with the view of having this road improved to a suitable standard. It is quite evi-dent that this road will be in-creasingly important now that development is progressing all the way around the lake.

Our roads are lacking in sufficient traffic signs and some direction signs are needed. Particular suggestions in this regard will be welcomed by your committee. During the past winter we have be en instrumental in getting "Slow" signs put up on the sharp turn where North Shore Drive turns into Roosevelt Avenue. This same turn needs to be cleared of some of its trees to help relieve its blindness.

It has been suggested that we can get the Highway Department to improve the appearance of roads leading into the city and inquiry is being made in this re-gard. It is suggested too that the roadside boundary of members' property be beautified by planting

flowers and shrubs. Many property owners have already done this and it is hoped that all will do so. The results will repay many times for the small cost and the work. The added beauty (and value) will be enjoyed by the property owner, and shared by his neighbors and all those driving around our lake.

As early in the season as possible our committee will meet to consider all matters that come within its scope.

Annual Bulletin Committee

FTER PUTTING this book A together, we have come to realize that it may be a bit more elaborate than was really necessary. However, it was felt that this first edition of our Annual Bulletin should present to all members the more important background facts on each committee subject. Other editions can be simpler and need only to report on the progress of each committee during the year that is covered.

It is hoped that the map print-ed on the center pages will be of value to the whole community. It gives every member a copy of the large air-photograph, in a size that is handle-able; and, in conjunction with the membership list, it gives each of us a good means of knowing where

the other fellow lives on the lake.
The local Post office has accepted the name descriptions of roads and beaches printed on our map, and the Telephone Company will follow the same address descriptions in the new phone direc-tory when it is published in June. The fire department of Detroit Lakes will make use of the map in more quickly locating a call from our area. Local merchants are finding it handy for directing their delivery trucks.

Before the next edition of our Bulletin is put out, it is recommended that a census of mem-bers be taken to gather certain information that would be valuable to the Association. Such data as: the present occupation of members, other business experience, year of construction of lake homes, assessed valuations in each case, number of adults and children in each family, aver-age number of over-night guests during a season, voting residence, etc. The composite information could be beneficially used.

Very likely, we have made some errors in this publication and we ask your forgiveness of them, in advance. It will really help, though, if you will take the trou-ble to advise the Secretary, by postcard, of any error that is noticed (such as incomplete address) so that the records may be cor-

"They Went That-a Way"having it includ-

Insects and Land Weeds Control

OUR EXPERIENCE with Mosquito Control during the summer of 1950 was definitely successful in the areas covered. The first test was the milelong stretch from Edgewater Beach to the Pelican River, where practically all property owners willingly joined in the effort. Smaller groups that later organized themselves were on Phillips Beach, Burritt Beach and on East Shore Drive.

The Master Fog Company was employed on a basis that called for the preliminary oiling of all stagnant water in the low areas of the neighborhoods as well as the actual spraying. A set fee was agreed upon for spraying through the season, at intervals that seemed necessary to the committee; according to conditions of the weather and the prevalence of insects.

The spraying equipment consisted of fog generators made by the Todd Shipyards Corporation. One of these units was mounted in a jeep and, later in the summer, another unit was used in an amphibious "duck" which permitted spraying from the water side of the properties.

The spraying is always done at night or very early morning, choosing a time when there is only a slight breeze and when the operation will least bother any other activity. The actual spraying is quite dramatic. Great billowing clouds of true fog, with DDT in suspension, go rolling and drifting for hundreds of feet, clinging to and covering everything in their path and penetrating the smallest crevices. But even more dramatic and memorable is the complete absence of biting insects on the following days.

Sure enough—we could happily work in our gardens, sit in the sun or play croquet without thrashing at the stinging pests. No more welts to scratch—babies out in the sun—workman busy outside in the evening hours—and life all around relaxed.

Like all community efforts, this program took up a lot of time and work by just a few individuals. But, with more folks participating, next summer's program ought to be easier to organize. We have a considerable amount of experience to go on now.



SUMMER 1951 PROGRAM

The first requirement we have to meet is to obtain volunteer service from members—one from each natural community around our lake. This volunteer will be appointed as Captain of the program in his or her area and will meet with our Committee in coordinating the whole program. We should have at least 10 Captains; and could have as many as 18 if all shores are to be serviced next season.

Every one of us is here to enjoy holiday life in the summer. NO ONE is anxious to do much work. Therefore, if any desirable work is to be done at all it must be shared by many hands. So far as mosquito control goes next summer—it's strictly "no workno spray" for any given community. We are not going to beg anyone to come along in what has already been proved a good thing.

The work of each Captain will be to contact all neighbors who will cooperate in the program, collect the money and turn it over to the Treasurer of the Association. The service will then be ordered for that community and be supervised by the Committee and the local Captain. Payment for the service will be made by the Treasurer from a separate fund.

To guarantee a sure control of insects next season—and for ALL OF THE SEASON—we purpose to cover the 13 full weeks that make up June, July and August. Over that period there will be as many foggings as necessary to keep control. The number will vary according to the weather, wind, rain, insect crops, etc., and must be at the discretion of the committee, who will be free to call upon the contractor for as many sprayings as prove to be necessary.

There will be advantage for all of us in allowing flexibility of management, although this makes it a little difficult for us to fix costs in advance. However, there has to be an exact proposal and our proposition for 1951 is as follows:

Each full participant pays \$22 for the 13 weeks season (about \$1.69 per week).

A partial participant, who wants to assist the program but does not feel he or she can afford full participation, may contribute whatever is wished. And it will be gratefully received.

Your committee believes that, with such flexibility and with discretionary power to act, it can operate most effectively. Also, a further part of this proposal is that any money that may be left over from the season's operations will be refunded in equal amounts to each Full Participant. In effect, then, the Full Participant is

a sort of an underwriter for the project; and who stands to benefit according to the efficiency with which the whole operation is carried on.

Naturally, the more participants we have, the lower the cost and the better the job for everybody. That \$22 fee is not high when you consider what you are going to get for the money and what the same amount will buy in the form of other lake equipment. It may make for you the most enjoyable outdoor summer you have ever had. Then too, there is that possibility of a substantial refund at the end of the season.

TO QUESTIONS

Here Are A Few Answers

- No—this fogging does not kill birds. University tests and our own observations show there is no harm to birds.
- No—fogging will not hurt trees, plants, flowers, paint or furniture—inside or outside of house.
- Yes—airplane spraying is good.
 We found it more expensive. Drift of spray is less localized. Not available as often as needed. For our money, we can put the fogging where needed, more often, much cheaper.
- Yes—army worms are killed by this spray. Minnesota had many defoliated trees last summer. Let's protect trees in our area.
- Yes—heavy rain may wash away the effects of a spray, but under our contract plan we can look forward to another fogging within a few days.
- Yes—the fee you pay covers oiling of stagnant water which breeds the mosquitoes that swarm over your lawn.
- No—this is not expensive.
 Many firms charge \$25 for
 just one spray. We'll get
 12 or more, plus swamp
 oiling. The more that join
 our plan, the cheaper it
 will be for all.
- Yes—Stallin might upset our plans but our last word indicates the service will be available.

Among other users of this equipment last summer was the city of Detroit Lakes which fogged the baseball field and city park, the Skyview outdoor theater, the Edgewater Beach Hotel and a few private resorts. It is believed all of these and quite a few more will have Mosquito Control in 1951.

It will simplify the job a great deal (and save us a lot of work) if members will ACT NOW by filling in the coupon on page facing the back cover; sending in a cash remittance at once. WE WANT TO HAVE EVERYTHING READY TO GO BY JUNE 1ST.



ON THE LAKES IN LATE SUMMER ?

Weed & Algae Committee

 XCESSIVE amounts of algae "bloom" are found only in waters that are both warm and highly fertile. The fertility of waters is determined by the amounts of chemical nutrients such as lime, phosphorous, nitrogen and potash dissolved in the waters. All lakes receive such nutrients from the soil of the watershed and the lake bottom, but in populated areas additional nutrients are often added to lakes from commercial manufacturing plants and sewage treat-ment plants; runoffs from barnyards, streets, fertilized lawns and farmlands; and seepages from septic tanks. The additional amounts may promote algae blooms in lakes where they would not otherwise occur.*

There is no doubt that the algae condition in Lake Detroit has been getting increasingly bad during recent years. It is worse in some locations than others, but is certain to spread to all areas unless it is brought under control. Once a lake has a high concentration of dissolved nutrients, there is no practical way known for remov-ing them. They can only be lost over a period of years with the water running from the lake. It is vitally important, therefore, that as little artificial enrichment as possible be allowed to enter our lake.

Because the Pelican River is our lake's chief inlet for new water it is being watched for the inflow of nutrients by the Sanitation & Pollution Committee; and action in this regard is separately reported by them in this Bulletin.

The most common chemical treatment for algae bloom is found in copper sulphate (blue vitriol). This material is a poison and may be used only under the supervision of the State Conservation Department because it will kill fish if improperly applied. Two other limitations are in the fact the treatment is fairly expensive and the results are quite temporary. To keep a lake relatively free of bad blooms during a summer season it is held that

"Note: We are indebted to Dr. John B. Moyle, Aquatic Biologist of the State Department of Conservation, for much of the information contained in this



-Courtesy Minneapolis Sunday Tribune and Oz Black, Cartoonist

three treatments are necessary. For the time being, at least, your committee does not recommend any broad scale use of copper sulphate in Lake Detroit for algae-bloom control alone; preferring to watch developments in this regard (including the possibility of some more effective treatment) and doing what it can to prevent any increased fer-

tility of the water.

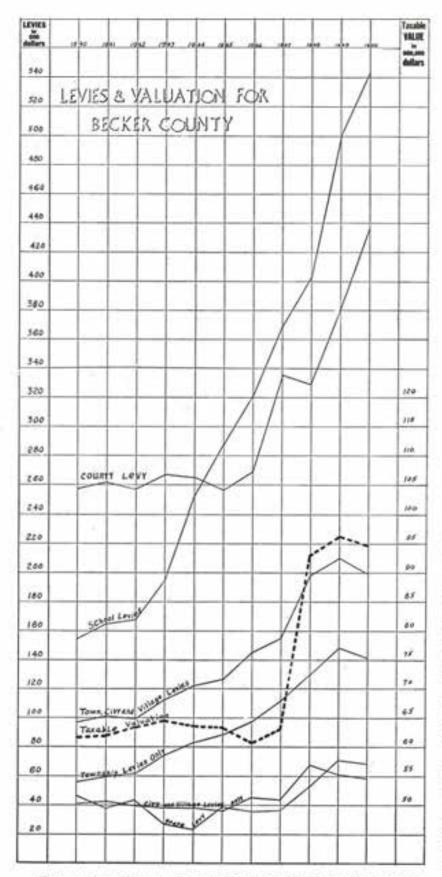
Another aspect of water conditions that had attention during the summer of 1950 was the prev-alence of "swimmer's itch," chiefly among children, and during the dog days. There was a common tendency to blame the situation on the algae which were a high content of the water at that time. However, according to good authority, this itch was more like-ly caused by the frequent occurrance of snails in the water. A treatment for the riddance of snails on a particular beach is the same copper sulphate mentioned above; with the same restrictions prevailing. Also, as a matter of practical interest, your commit-tee will be glad to inform you of a medical prescription that was found very effective last year in treating this particular afflic-

LAKE WEEDS

Growth of weeds in our lake is a problem of immediate and serious concern. Beaches and other areas which were practically free of weeds only 10 or 12 years ago are now heavily infested. Like the algae, this weed growth is sure to spread and has already made great progress along the shores of both Big and Little Detroit.

Excessive weed growth, such as that in Lake Detroit, is of little benefit to the fish and greatly restricts the uses and enjoyment of the lake. The growth today has reached alarming proportions and if allowed to persist will result

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There are just 4 levies in our tax bill: (1) the County Levy, (2) the School Levy, (3) the Township Levy, (4) the State Levy. In the chart above, the lines for "City and Village Levies Only" and "Township Levies Only" are component parts of the line for "Town, City and Village Levies."

Observe the relatively small increases for the City & Village and State levies.

Levies in the County for School purposes have increased about 251% since 1940.

Levies for general "County" purposes have increased about 68% since 1940.

Report Of

Utilities & Taxes Committee

L OCAL TAXES is a subject that ranks very high, if not topmost, in the minds of all members. There probably isn't one of us who doesn't feel aggrieved at the present situation and who wants to "do something about it"—or have something done about it for him.

But the tax system is somewhat complex by its very nature and must be completely understood before any attempt can be made to set forth recommendations.

Our first objects, therefore, have been to assemble certain basic, background information. Some of this data is printed in the adjoining columns and a study of it should prove to be interesting to all members.

Your committee is not yet ready to draw any final conclusions from its study to date and will be most happy to have comment and advice regarding its further action from any members who are especially interested. In fact, we would like to count upon such advice.

It is clear, of course, that we can have no just quarrel with tax increases in general because all taxes have necessarily gone up in hand with inflation. But we do have a most valid complaint if and when it is demonstrated that particular increases have not been fairly distributed among all taxpayers of the county. And it is intended that we shall implement such a complaint by every means at our disposal.

While the adjoining table of figures clearly suggests the existence of inequity in the distribution of value increases since 1946, it is the contention of the county assessor that lake properties, as a whole, were seriously under-valued in years previous to 1948. He may be right but the facts are yet to be determined to our satisfaction.

To illustrate the seeming unfairness of the increases in valuation shown in the table at the right, we observe the following points:

About 90% of our members (and potential members) own homes in Lake View Township. The other 10% are in Detroit Township.

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The taxable valuations in both Lake View and Detroit townships have been increased since 1946 at a rate far greater than the rate for the county as a whole (Lake View 115%; Detroit 131%; county 56%).

The total county increase would be reckoned at substantially less than 56% (actually about 48%) if it were considered without benefit of the large rates of increase in Lake View and Detroit townships. And if the above-average rate of increase for the city of Detroit Lakes were also not credited, the increase in valuations for the rest of the county would be a bare 40% since 1946—a still worse comparison against our increases.

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On the other hand, the best farm-land townships of the county are now paying on valuations not much greater than those existing in 1946; i. e. Lake Park 24%; Cuba 21%; Audubon 17%.

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Cuba township in 1946 had a taxable valuation greater than Detroit township (exclusive of Detroit Lakes of course). In 1950, Detroit township had a taxable valuation 81% greater than that of Cuba township.

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Considering city and village property apart, it is noted that in 1946 Lake Park village had a valuation equal to more than 10% of Detroit Lakes valuation. In 1950, Lake Park village had less than 7½% of Detroit Lakes valuation. There has been no such change in population ratios between the two places.

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While the valuation of the city of Detroit Lakes increased somewhat more than the county average, it is noted that there was a reduction of nearly \$210,000 in 1950, or 15 per centage points on our table. The reduction in Lake View township was about \$7,800, or 3 per centage points. The reduction in Detroit township was about \$10,500, or 5 percentage points.

Coincident with the reduction of valuations in Detroit Lakes the city issued building permits of well over \$1,000,000 in 1949 and 1950 (about 250 permits of all kinds). There was some new building around Lake Detroit too during this period but in no such amount as mentioned above.

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The cost of operating the city of Detroit Lakes is financed in large part by the operations of its municipal liquor store, its power and light plant, parking meters and other services that are sold in good amounts to lake dwellers, as well as to its own residents. In addition to this advantage in direct taxes, our city neighbors have the advantages of water and sewer connections, paved streets and sidewalks, fire and police protection, street lighting, lower insurance rates, lower utility rates and all the other conveniences of city living. Nevertheless, our tax valuations, and actual taxes too, on comparable properties seem to be generally equal or greater than upon city properties today.

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Intensifying this bad situation is the added penalty that is fixed by State Law upon non-resident

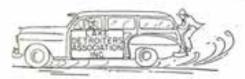
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Township sto-	\$170,631 (100F)	1967 1875, U.S. (1938)	\$169,617 (1118)	\$504,463 (1208)	1950 4805,935 (11131)	(1950 (1950
Authbon .	195,091 (1008)	301,496 (103%)	262,762 (1265)	256,226 (1268)	229,299 (1175)	2.42
burlington.	95,110 (1005)	100,125 (1099)	123,707 (1308)	130,041 (1379)	116,669 (1518)	1.55
Callaway	127,961 (1005)	126,805 (1036)	372,557 (3508)	171,170 (1395)	277,397 (1124)	2,87
Carsonville	89,179 (100K)	95,137 (1078)	324,9% (33/8)	124,034 (1398)	121,062 (1368)	1.25
Corneract	118,711 (1009)	130,262 (2025)	184,722 (165)	198,053 (1514)	201,563 (1575)	2,13
Cobs	215,752 (1008)	#16,064 (100g)	254,001 (1188)	261,037 (1218)	262,071 (1216)	2,77
Detroit	205,144 (1005)	226,400 (1105)	133,637 (2108)	1/0,770 (2068)	474,360 (2015)	5,01
Drie	67,416 (1008)	70,777 (105%)	358,608 (2008)	148,873 (2235)	352,3T8 (2268)	2,62
Evergreen	100,121 (1005)	106,792 (1065)	142,355 (1425)	16,275 (1691)	156,162 (1558)	1.6
Grand Park	33,667 (3,005)	32,638 (1035)	14,254 (11,60)	17,436 (3508)	M,55% (1538)	0.51
Green Valley	97,332 (1005)	100,506 (1015)	125,813 (1288)	131,A37 (1358)		1.31
Santen	205,678 (1008)					2.75
Swight of Land						1.41
Salaesville	55,566 (100s)		104,886 (1164)			1.13
Lake Dudge	176,419 (1009)				231,95% (1318)	2.15
Lake Park	200,425 (100E)		235,501 (1136)		255,095 (121,67)	7.73
Lake Yies	371,071 (1008)		801,660 (216E)			8,44
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Maple Grove	25,699 (1005)		50,609 (1975)		59,767 (2325)	
Ceage	111,430 (1005)		188,521 (166,6)		201,361 (1758)	7.12
Pine Point	95,630 (1005)		119,639 (1298)		120,729 (1268)	1.07
Riceville	333,860 (3008)		102,126 (11,98)		199,663 (1665)	2.11
Bickwood	177,789 (1008)		204,553 (1348)		204,977 (1388)	2.59
Brund Lake	26,795 (1005)	100,536 (1065)	105,111 (1095)	202,257 (1068)	304,898 (3585)	1.11
Busherg	85,585 (100£)	90,056 (1058)	111'335 (1308)	118,003 (1388)	115,236 (1358)	1.22
Sevenneh.	23,865 (100%)	11,50 (105)	MS,TIL (1995)	14,398 (2038)	47,770 (2005)	0,50
Shell Lake	59,025 (1008)	60,689 (1008)	71,303 (1205)	72,487 (1035)	67,411 (1186)	0.71
Silver Leaf	88,193 (1005)	89,932 (2005)	157,815 (1625)	156,596 (1678)	147,179 (1678)	1.55
Apring Greek	91,400 (100K)	90,673 (1015)	140,000 (16)5)	155,366 (1705)	155,156 (1698)	1.63
Spruce Styre	121,762 (1008)	136,161 (1125)	185,368 (1525)	167,759 (1386)	158,270 (1308)	1,67
Dupir Fush	29,378 (1009)	29,640 (0018)	55,109 (18(6)	54,722 (1865)	53,997 (1806)	0.57
Tood Lake	203,452 (2008)	107,668 (DOLE)	118,791 (1198)	184,615 (1898)	329,7% (1185)	1,29
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Esteurity	190,563 (1008)	152,129 (101£)	205,014 (1365)	205,601 (1375)	204,285 (1358)	2.36
Think Berth	16,064 (1005)	98,299 (1015)	127,893 (3361)	116,796 (375)	121,909 (1305)	1.29
Well lake	95,331 (3006)	67,548 (100E)				0.59
		4,389,535 (1036)				67,225
		56,212 (10(4)	AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSON			0,78
		28,314 (1115)			19,137 (3938)	0,52
		1,486,253 (1058)				25.99
		160,961 (1058)				1000
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Lake Perk		352,939 (3438)				1.95
Ogena Village		35,030 (1068)	**,550 (14,78)		51,115 (1608)	0.57
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County TOTALS .	1,830,551 (1008)	1,727,779(1098)	1,137,07E(1718)	3,300,UES(180K) 3	,105,503(1668)	32,705

In the table above the taxable valuation of each township, village and city has been set as 160% for 1986. Each year's change thereafter has been indicated in both dollars and percentage; thus giving us a picture of how the increases have been distributed.

Taxable valuation, of course, is the chief element in establishing the amount of tax. Against it is multiplied the mill-rate which is set each year according to the demands of each revenue seeking unit of government—County, Township, School District, State, City or Village,

COMMITTEE REPORTS - -



Membership Committee

A LIST of all members is printed on the pages just following the center of this Bulletin.

Effort to sign up members last season (after the Association was incorporated) was done almost entirely by mail. The result, we feel, was rather good considering the lack of any personal solicitation.

However, for the 1951 season, we have every hope to have a very substantial increase in the number of our members, of all types—Active, Associate and Sustaining. The more members we have, the more effective we will be in working for the objectives set up by the Association.

It will greatly simplify the work of this committee if every present member will promptly send in his, or her, renewal for 1951—without solicitation. A convenient coupon, for this purpose, is printed on the page facing the back cover of this book. PLEASE attend to it now, without delay. Present memberships expire on April 30, 1951.

New members, too, are urged to use the coupon. It is known that many of you, who are qualified for membership, believe in the work the Association is undertaking and we feel that we are entitled to your support—both financial and by personal effort.

The annual membership fee has been purposely kept low so that no one would be denied the benefits of membership, by reason of its cost. Several families have seen fit to send in two memberships, attesting their belief in what the Association can accomplish, and encouraging the work that is under way.

May we refer you again to THAT COUPON that is printed inside the back cover. We want very much to see YOUR name in the membership list when it is published again next year.

Water Craft Regulation

This committee intends to publish, early in the coming season.

its suggested Rules of Navigation which will largely be in accordance with our By-Laws on the subject, as printed on Page 21. A tentative draft of the proposed

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Water Level Regulation

T IS WELL known that the question of a proper water level for Lake Detroit is a controversial issue. Both sides of the debate—high water vs. low water—are well represented, and your committee is aware that there are merits in each viewpoint.

Of course this is not a new dispute and it is not a condition that is peculiar to our lake alone. The Conservation Department is beset with contentions of similar kind all over the State. Years of drouth and years of abundant moisture sometimes act to change the contenders from one side to the other and the role of an arbitrator is not an easy one.

All of us have heard of the days when there was "steamboat navigation" between Lake Detroit and Lake Melissa. And we know that even as late as 1937 dams were being completed at Shoreham and other spots to "control levels" in lakes Detroit, Melissa and Sally. Subsequent events have certainly changed the picture today.

Your committee, in its brief life, has not yet had time to gather all the data it needs—historical facts and the provisions of law which govern. But it is our in-tention to do so and, thereafter, to act in the fairest manner postsible in serving the best interests of the members.

It may be said now, however, that for the immediate objects and under present level conditions, there should be a basis for good compromise that would be satisfactory to all parties. To prevent or reduce ice damage to cottages and shore installations

during the winter and during the spring break-up, it would seem reasonable to think of lowering the level after Labor Day. The Spring replenishment is always as certain as the snow crop in this part of the country. There is always an overflow on the present dam level in the Spring. Of course, after a summer of drouth, we would want to retain every bit of water up to the minimum level established.

To maintain a proper minimum level for the lake, we feel that the Association, rightfully, should be the body delegated with authority to act. Our interests in a proper lake level do not conflict in any practical way with the interests of the city of Detroit Lakes. This is more true now than ever because the city no longer depends upon the lake for its domestic water supply, having drilled some fine deep water wells in recent years. We intend to consult with all proper authorities in pursuing this angle of the subject.

Your committee will welcome suggestions and advice from all members, especially from those with some special knowledge on the subject and of Lake Detroit levels in particular.



Water Level Control Dam at Outlet

Fish And Game

NO PROOF is needed, that ours is a heavily fished lake both summer and winter. It has been fished intensively for many years now and your committee believes that we must arrange for a positive and systematic means of stocking Lake Detroit generously each Fall, from now on—especially with walleyed pike.

It has been learned that the State Conservation Department now favors the use of small rearing ponds for the raising of wall-eyed pike fry, keeping them segregated until they have reached fingerling size before putting them into large lakes to fend for themselves.

There are no rearing ponds now designated for the raising of wall-eyed pike for Lake Detroit and the first object of your committee will be to obtain such facilities. We are assured that the State Fish Hatchery will provide all the necessary fry needed to plant in an approved rearing pond.

Members are asked now to help

Members are asked now to help
us in locating one or more suitable ponds, in nearby areas, that
can be used for this purpose.
Rearing ponds are generally shallow in depth and must not exceed
8 or 10 feet in any spot. Preferably, the pond should be one that
"winter-kills", thus assuring that
it is practically free of any form of
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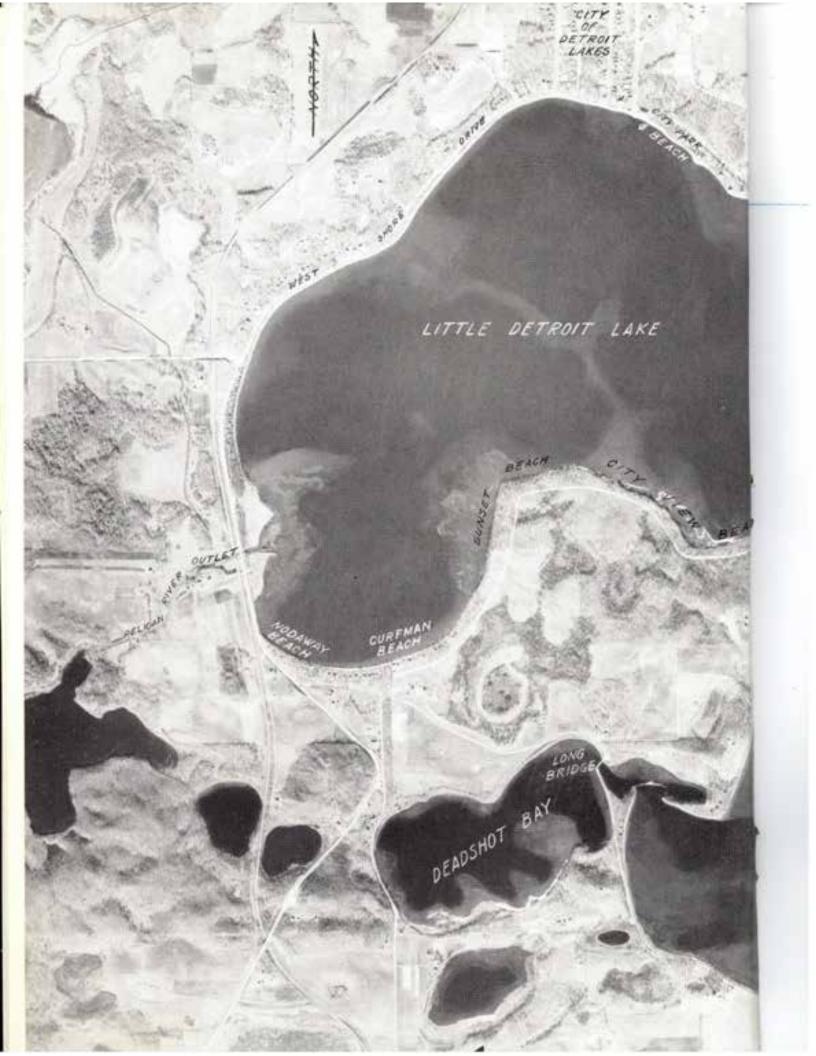
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Blanding's, Inc.

Detroit Lakes Record

The House Of Fine Printing

Detroit Lakes Tribune

Printing Is Our Business

Detroit State Bank

Banking

Insurance

First National Bank of Detroit Lakes

General Banking and Insurance

Freeman Paint & Decorating

Retail Store & Contracting

Gopher Grill

Always A Friendly Welcome

Lakes Hotel

Detroit Lakes' Newest Hotel

Lakes Theatre & State Theatre

Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

You're Always Lambert's

Walgreen Agency Drugs

Marshall-Wells Store

Hardware Where Your Dollar Buys More

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Day After Day Food Values

L. J. Norby Company

Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Ole Lind Boat Works

Minnesota's Finest Boats

L. P. Olson Chevrolet Co.

Chevrolet - Cadillac

"Trust Your Taste" Buy

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A Jewelry Gift Is Always Special

Standard Oil Company

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Electrical Appliances, Wiring, Refrigeration Service

MINUTES . . . Cont'd

who use their lake homes such a small portion of the year. After some discussion it was voted that this question be referred to the standing committee for special study and report to the Board of

Directors. Carried.

Mr. Hollands, in closing remarks, mentioned that while the Association was just making a beginning in what looks like a wonderful opportunity to be of service to our membership and to the community, good progress had already been made in the fact of actual organization and the specification of the problems to be tackled; that a consciousness of our opportunities existed now and that our small beginnings will get more and larger as time goes on. Several members expressed their own personal gratification with the progress and results of the organization to date.

Adjourned.

TAXES . . . Cont'd

owners in the conversion of "true and full value" to assessed value, as governed by the following rates:

1855	On First \$4000 Value	On Excess of \$4000
City & Cottage Property—Non Homestead City & Cottage	40%	40%
Property — Homestead	25%	40%
Farm Property— Non Homestead	3314%	331/4 %
Farm Property— Homestead	20%	3314%

Apparently this arrangement has the objects of (1) Favoring the farm taxpayer, and (2) Obtaining additional tax on all rental property. If the general validity of such objects can be granted there is still no moral or sensible justification for slapping a highly discriminatory rate on NON-RENTED summer homes. This is especially true where the owner invests out-of-state capital and is not eligible for homestead rights; and whose property is generally not habitable or rentable on a year-round basis; and who does not add in any way to the local school load.

The simple injustice of this situation (intentional or otherwise) and the seeming lack of foresight in taking unfair advantage of outof-state capital ought to have the active interest of all good citizens of the State and of our community in working for an early correction of the present law. Fortunately, we are able to report that there has been at least some recognition of the inequity in this situation. Certain responsible leaders in the State Legislature have spoken of the poor judgment that acts to discourage the summer-time population of Minnesota's many lakes. We hope to cooperate with the "10,000 Lakes Association" in a State-wide ef-

fort to change this condition. Lack of change will certainly promote a further loss of population.

There is some question as to the proper legal inclusion of lake homes (of rural location) with city properties in the table of rates above and the point might be successfully disputed in the courts. It has been proposed in this connection and also as pertains to the whole subject of taxation that we employ an investigative service to explore the whole situation in detail and an attorney to follow-up. Your committee has the proposal under consideration and may have a recommendation to make at the next Annual Meeting.

FLASH! March 13, 1951: The State Supreme Court has just decided favorably in a test case of the contention mentioned above. While not conclusive, in our own situation, it is decidedly favorable.

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Also, as pertains to the Personal Property Tax, there is reason to hope for a repeal of this tax entirely and its replacement by some less clumsy and more efficient method of raising an equivalent amount of revenue. There is a fair possibility that such repeal may even come at the present session of the Legislature.

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On the Utilities angle of our assignment we have no tangible progress to report. It is planned to expand our inquiries in this direction during the coming year.

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A short time ago it was learned there is an impending plan to redistrict the county in accordance with the 1950 census. At the present time Lake View and Detroit townships are represented by two different commissioners on the County Board, both of whom also have large areas of farm country to represent. It is felt that this is a decided disadvantage for members and effort is now being made to have our two townships linked together in representation, so that members on all sides of the lake as well as owners on Lake Sally and Lake Melissa will speak through the same representative on the Board of Commissioners and that we may have a more concentrated vote in choosing that Commission-



SANITATION . . . Cont'd

large quantities of milk with the water—all of which flows into the Pelican River and thus into Lake Detroit. As many witnesses know, the milk content is sometimes so heavy the water looks like it might be bottled and sold.

This condition has prevailed now for SIX YEARS and probably a large amount of nutrient for weed and algae growth has entered our lake from the source mentioned. There has been numerous protests by individuals during this interval—all with no results of a permanent character—and the damage to the lake continues.

Because this polluted water is an effluent from within the city limits of Detroit Lakes, it is believed to be a problem of the city as much, or more, than it is a problem to be solved by the milk plant. And, as reported to the Annual Meeting, it seems that probably the best of several possible solutions is to get the city to construct additional sewerage capacity in the area of the milk plant. Our views on the whole subject were presented to the city council last October and we were advised that the situation would be taken into account in a general survey of the city's whole drainage problem, then being undertaken.

The engineer's study, since completed and submitted to the council, calls for the construction of a 24-inch storm sewer on Holmes Street, east of Washington Avenue, to provide additional drainage capacity for all of that low area which is now inadequately served by a 12-inch sanitary sewer. The present sanitary sewer. The present sanitary sewer would then become available for the cooling water from the milk plant and it is our understanding that, upon completion of the work mentioned, the milk plant will be ordered by the city to make a sewer connection with it.

All of the above is contingent upon an approval by the voters of a special bond issue for sewer construction throughout the city. It is also contingent upon the availability of materials at the present time. A third hurdle to get over is any delay on the part of the milk plant in obtaining easement for the transit of its connection.

We are not yet sure that the new facilities outlined are going to provide a satisfactory solution to that part of the problem we are concerned with, but it certainly will be an improvement upon present conditions and may very well prove to be a good and final answer, so far as pollution from the milk plant is concerned.

from the milk plant is concerned. Your committee is not unaware that there are other conditions of sanitation and pollution that need to have action. The drainage of up-county swamps is going to have some study. And, aside from direct pollution, the number of septic tanks and cess pools now surrounding our waters, and the

conditions of their seepage, need to be worked upon. Certain practices of garbage disposal and rubbish burning is a cause of annovance to some members as well as being a part of the general sani-tation picture. The littering of our highways with rubbish and garbage, especially in the Spring, makes for a bad situation and it may be necessary for the Asso-ciation to take legal action against some offenders to establish a proper respect for the law in this regard. A better way, of course, is for all members to be alert to bad practices in their own neighborhood and to correct them by local and personal effort. Perhaps it may be advisable for the Association to draw up and publish suggested rules for the disposal of garbage, fish-cleanings and other kinds of refuse, for the information of members.

WEED & ALGAE . . Cont'd

in serious harm to our whole community.

The cause of this excessive growth in recent years is believed to be the same story of nutrients draining into our lake which have increased the fertility of the water. The same plan of abatement and prevention is our chief hope for curing the condition over a period of time.

To speed the process by attacking the present growth, we have considered both the chemical and mechanical means that are available. Of the two methods, the mechanical removal seems to be the most practical for immediate use.

There are several chemicals that could be employed but they are generally expensive, dangerous to use and quite uncertain in results. We intend to explore the chemical aspect of the problem further and try to arrange for some experimental work to be done through the Conservation Department during the coming

But we cannot wait or depend upon the outcome of such experiments. The situation is already too bad to tolerate or let grow. Every member is urged to do what he can to eliminate what weeds he can from his own particular shore by mechanical means.

The most immediate way, in small areas, is to pull the weeds by hand. Another good trick is to get a strand of barb wire about 50 feet long, attach wooden han-dles to each end and weights along the wire if the weed growth is heavy. Drag the wire through the weeds with a sawing motion. By this action, most of the weeds should loosen and be washed ashore. Cutting by scythe is rela-tively easy way to keep the growth down. Another method that has been used is to drag an old-fashioned bed spring along the bottom.

In bigger scale operation last season, a group of members along the North Shore employed an old-

fashioned hayrake and a team of horses, getting about 65% of the weeds within the depth of the horses' ability to walk. The re-mainder of the weeds alipped through the width between the tines of the rake and the operation was not too successful.

Another group, further down the shore, contracted with the local ice-harvesting company and had the use of their under-water mower which was built for the special purpose of cutting weeds from the area in which ice is harvested in the winter. This operation cost each participant 9c per front foot. It was judged to be successful, cutting possibly 90% of the weeds in the shore area covered.

It is our hope that such clear-ing of weeds, if persisted in for several years running, will re-duce or eliminate them in those areas where they are not wanted. The work will be especially effective, if done early in the season before the weeds have gone to seed. We intend to have our principal types of weed growth identified as to which are annuals and which perennials.

The State regulation does not require a permit for removal of weeds along beaches or in boat channels, but, for large weed-cutting operations, a permit must be obtained from the Minnesota Department of Conservation.

To provide a means of combatting the weed nuisance on a larger scale, the Association has presented a resolution of your Direc-tors to the City Council of Detroit Lakes suggesting the acquisition by the City of a weed cutting machine similar to the one mentioned above. The City has about a mile of shore frontage on Lake Detroit and has its own weed problems in that respect. There are a number of other reasons why the City might best own and operate such an apparatus, charging all other willing property owners a fee for the service. At the moment we do not know what action is to be taken on our suggestion.

It is not forgotten, of course, that the basic cause of our present plight with weeds is the rich fertility that has been built up in the water. We must look to the elimination or reduction of the causes of additional fertility. Even so, we must also work to-gether to eradicate the existing growth of weeds in those places where they are clearly excessive and objectionable.

FISH & GAME . . . Cont'd

fish life, including minnows which also prey on the tiny fry.

Size of the desired ponds may vary from 1 to 15 acres. At least one shore should be sound enough to permit the seining crew to approach the edge of the pond for the removal of fingerlings in the Fall of the year.

If we can locate and obtain the use of one or more such ponds by the middle of April, we can have it seeded with fry before another season rolls around, and have a fine lot of walleyed fingerlings to pour into Lake Detroit this coming Fall. Such a program, over a period of years, ought to show gratifying results. Please get in touch with someone on our committee right away, if you know of some likely pond.

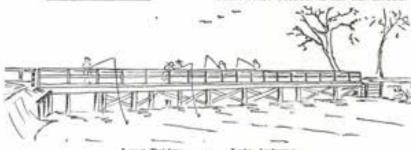
The extent of winter fishing and spearing on Lake Detroit is beginning to raise questions among our members. Some favor having the lake closed on alternate years. There were 120 dark houses on the lake last winter, and every year finds a correspondingly large number because of the lake's easy accessability. There are those who believe that all fish spearing causes too great a drain, because too many of the fish taken during the winter are loaded with spawn. Any Northern weighing over 5 or 6 pounds is said to be a female, carrying many thousands of eggs, whose destruction causes the loss of many more fish than just the one speared. This whole question will have further study and we may have a recommendation to offer at the Annual Meeting this summer.

WATER CRAFT . . . Cont'd

code was read at our Annual Meeting.

A copy of these regulations will be supplied to each member (and to all other interested parties) and should contribute in a definite way to safety on our waters. Everyone is asked to acquaint themselves with the local code and, especially, to teach the rules of conduct to minors. Most infractions of ordinary courtesy and right-of-way on inland waters are due only to lack of knowledge of the established custom.

The committee has also been authorized to obtain and install markers at several danger spots in the lake and it is hoped that a number of these will be in place before the season is far advanced.



ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF LAKE DETROITERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRES-ENTS, that we, the undersigned residents of Becker County, Minnesota, do hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming a corporation under and pursuant to Chapter 309 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for the year 1945 and Acts Amendatory. and do hereby adopt the following as our Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation shall "Lake Detroiters Association", Inc.

ARTICLE II

The purpose of this corporation shall be the consideration by scientific and educational methods or otherwise, of matters pertaining to the common welfare of its members and the community surrounding the lake known as "Detroit Lake," including lands adjacent thereto in Becker County, Minnesota; and action in the form of any and all things necessary to the attainment of such desires of its members or cultural objectives as have the approval of a majority of legally voting members, including in such consideration and action such matters as the preservation and improvement of said lake and lands; the regulation of water levels; the propagation and preservation of fish; the control of pollution and other sanitary conditions; the promotion and enforcement of game laws of the state; the regulation of water craft; the protection of homes and property of its members; the betterment of roads and highway conditional in the area; the control of common nulsances such as mosquitoes, noxious weeds and unnecessary noises; the promotion of a cooperative spirit within the corporation, between the corporation and local governmental units and citizens thereof; and the corporation is hereby authorized to acquire and own such real and personal property as may be desired to carry out its purposes and to do any and all business furthering the purposes of the corporation and other acts or activities not inconsistent with the above and in the furtherance of the purposes of the corporation.

ARTICLE III

The postoffice address and the prin-cipal place of business of said corpora-tion shall be Detroit Lakes, Becker County, Minnesota.

ARTICLE IV

The duration of this corporation shall be a period of thirty (30) years.

ARTICLE V

The names and places of residence of the incorporators are as follows, to-wit: Willard D. Humphrey

Williams F. McRoberts Byron G. Allen

all residing in Becker County, Minne-sots, with postoffice addresses at De-troit Lakes, Minnesots.

ARTICLE VI

The management of this corporation shall vest in a board consisting of not less than seven (7) directors to be elected at each annual meeting of the corporation. The directors shall be elected for a term of one (1) year. The first board of directors, however, which shall serve only until the first annual meeting, shall be three (3) in number and shall consist of the three incorporators named in Article V.

ARTICLE VII

This corporation shall be a non-profit and non-stock corporation. It shall make no dividend or pro rata distribution of its funds to its members during the life of the corporation. The operating funds of the corporation shall be derived from contributions by its members in such amount per year as is determined by its by-laws. There shall be three (3) types or grades of memberships.

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FIRST—"The Active Member", shall be an owner of property which directly abuts on the waters of Detroit Lake, or the owner of property wherein no other privately owned land intervenes between said property and the water of Detroit Lake. Active members in good standing (as defined in the by-laws) are entitled to vote at the regular and special meetings of the corporation. The annual dues of the Active Members shall be five (\$5.00) dollars.

SECOND—"The Associate Member", shall be an owner of property which next adjoins property which directly abuts the main highway around the waters of Detroit Lake; or a renter of property, the owner of which is qualified for either Active or Associate Membership. The Associate Member shall have no right to vote, but is privileged to participate in all discussions and in other activities of the corporation. The annual dues of the Associate Member shall be any individual connected with any business enterprise, profession, trade or government unit, having a natural interest in the affairs of the corporation and who may wish to express their views to the membership. Sustaining Members shall be ten (\$10.00) dollars.

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ARTICLE VIII

The regular annual meeting of the corporation shall be held in the month of July or August of each year, at such time and place in Becker County, Minnesota, as may be fixed by the Board of Directors. A special meeting of the corporation may be called at any time in accordance with the by-laws upon giving five (5) days' notice to the members by mall, or by publication of notice for one (1) week in a newspaper of general circulation in Becker County, Minnesota. The fiscal year of the

corporation shall date from the first day of May of each calendar year to the first day of May of the succeeding cal-endar year. A minimum of twenty (20) active members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at any annual or special meeting of the corporation.

ARTICLE IX

The corporation shall have no indebt-edness in excess of unpledged funds in the treasury, nor shall its officers or directors contract the payment of any money in excess of unpledged funds then at hand in the treasury.

ARTICLE X

The general officers of said corpora-tion shall be a President, Vice Presi-dent, Secretary and Treasurer. The President and Vice President shall be elected by the directors from their number who shall first be elected by the members of the corporation. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be ap-pointed by the Board of Directors. All Directors and Officers shall serve-

All Directors and Officers shall serve for the period of their election or ap-pointment and until their successors are duly elected or appointed and qualified.

ARTICLE XI

(a) The principal duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings of the members and meetings of the directors and to have a general supervision of the affairs of the corporation.

(b) The principal duties of the Vice President shall be to discharge the du-ties of the President in the event of the absence or disability, for any cause whatever, of the President.

(c) The principal duties of the Secretary shall be to keep a record of proceedings of all meetings of the members and meetings of the Board of Directors and to keep safely all books, records and documents belonging to the corporation or pertaining to the business thereof.

business thereof.

(d) The principal duties of the Treasurer shall be to keep an account of all credits, monies and property, of any and every nature of the corporation, which shall come into his hands, and keep an accurate account of all monies disbursed, and to render such accounts, and inventories of monies received and disbursed, and of money and property on hand, and generally of all matters pertaining to his office, as shall be required by the Board of Directors.

(e) Whenever the Board of Directors.

(e) Whenever the Board of Directors shall so order, the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person.

(f) The said officers shall perform such additional or different duties as shall from time to time be imposed or required by the Board of Directors or as may be prescribed from time to time by the by-laws.

ARTICLE XII

Private property of the members shall be exempt from corporation lia-bility.

ARTICLE XIII

Amendments to these Articles may be made at any annual meeting of the corporation or special meeting called for the specific purpose by affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Active Members in good standing present and voting at that meeting.

THE BY-LAWS OF THE LAKE DETROITERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I

OBJECT: The object of this Association, in addition to the legal objects as stated in Article II of the Articles of Incorporation, shall be to promote a

more intimate acquaintance among its members and to provide through appointment of suitable committees, a keener interest in sports, pastimes and such other pleasures as are incidental to recreational and community life.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held as pro-vided in Article VIII of the Articles of Incorporation, and the order of busi-ness shall be:

First: Minutes of Previous Meeting. Second: Reports of Board of Di-rectors and Officers.

Third: Unfinished business.

Fourth: Election of Board of Di-rectors and Officers.

Fifth: New Business.

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Section 2. Special meetings of the corporation may be called as provided in Articles VIII of the Articles of Incorporation by authority of the President or a majority of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall meet for the transaction of business following the annual meeting of the corporation, and upon the call of the president or any three directors, in writing, provided notice shall be given by mail to each member of the board before the time designated for said meeting. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, four members shall constitute a quorum. constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE III

The annual contribution from each member shall be as follows:

Active Member Pive Dollars (\$5.00) Associate Member Two Dollars (\$2.00) Sustaining Member Ten Dollars (\$10.00)

Annual contributions are due and payable to the Secretary on May 1 for the fiscal year beginning on that date, and a member ceases to be in good standing who fails to make the current contribution prior to August 1 of the current year.

New members of whatever type who qualify under Article VII of the Articles of Incorporation may be admitted at any time on payment of the annual contribution applicable thereto. New members joining between January I and May I will have their initial contribution applied to the following fiscal year.

ARTICLE IV

DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES. In addition to and in amplifica-tion of the principal duties assigned the officers in Article XI of the Articles of Incorporation, the following duties and responsibilities are specified:

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Section I. The President shall be the head and principal officer of the corporation and in him shall be vested the authority to manage and govern the affairs of the Association subject to the scope of the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws currently in force. He shall preside at all meetings of the corporation and Board of Directors and shall enforce all laws and regulations of the Association. He shall appoint all standing committees provided for in the By-laws, and be an ex-officio member of each committee. He shall, together with the Secretary and with the approval of the Board of Directors, make and execute all contracts for and on behalf of the Association.

At the annual meeting of the corpor-

At the annual meeting of the corporation, the President shall on behalf of the Board of Directors, make a full report of their proceedings during the preceding year, and recommend such measures as they deem advisable.

Section 2. Should neither the President nor Vice President be present at any meeting, a chairman shall be chosen by vote of the members of the

any meeting, a chairman shall be chosen by vote of the members of the meeting body.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep a record of all members, minutes of meetings of the corporation and Board of Directors, and he shall issue notices of the meetings to all rightful members. He shall collect the annual contributions from all members and pay same over to the Treasurer, and shall render an annual report at the annual meeting of the corporation. The Secretary shall give a fidelity bond to be approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall safeguard the funds of the corporation by placing such funds on deposit in Deiroit State Bank of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, subject to withdrawal by check signed by the Treasurer, or in his absence or disability by the President.

The Treasurer shall, at the annual meeting of the corporation, submit a detailed report of all receipts and expenditures for the preceding fiscal year. The Treasurer shall give a fidelity bond to be approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V

The President shall appoint the fol-lowing standing committees, whose du-ties shall be hereinafter prescribed;

Membership Auditing Roads and Traffie Fish and Game Sanitation and Pollution Weed and Algae Control Water Level Regulation Water Craft Regulation Property Protection Insect and Land Weeds Control Utilities and Taxes Annual Bulletin

The term of office of said committees shall commence on the first day of September of each year and continue for one year and until their successors are appointed and shall have entered upon their duties.

THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE shall consist of nine members, whose duties shall be to endeavor to secure the membership of all eligible persons, associations or corporations owning property, residing at, or patronizing the area as a resort, in accordance with the type of membership for which each party qualifies. Said committee is authorized to adopt such means in obtaining members as a majority may determine.

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THE AUDITING COMMITTEE shall consist of three members, whose duties shall be to audit the reports of all officers of the Association at each annual meeting or at such other times as may be demanded of them by the Board of Directors, making their report either to the Board of Directors or to the annual meeting of the Association.

ROADS AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE shall consist of three members, whose duties shall be to secure all reasonable and possible improvement of roads around the waters of Detroit Lake and of the connecting highways, during both winter and summer; to work for the betterment of traffic congestion, speed control and safety by such measures as the creation of diversionary roads, widening of present roads, adequate markings, policing, clearing of dangerous turns and by all other feasible means.

THE FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE

THE FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE shall consist of three members, whose duttes shall be to see that, so far as practicable, full protection under the game laws is secured and that the waters of Detroit Lake receive their adequate share of replenishment annually; and in addition to securing for the lake that to which it is entitled, to render to the local fish and game wardens and other officers of the State every effort and assistance possible in the performance of their work.

THE SANITATION AND POLLU-THE FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE

THE SANITATION AND POLLU-TION COMMITTEE shall consist of five members, whose duties shall be to pre-pare sanitation rules for the guidance of all property owners in the area and to work for the enforcement of Federal and State Laws governing the pollution of streams and other bodies of water in which the Association is most direct-ly interested.

In which the Association is most directly interested.

THE WEED AND ALGAE CONTROL COMMITTEE shall consist of five members, whose duties shall be to make a comprehensive and continuing study of lake weeds and algae control; to keep their findings of all scientific fact and other matters in the records of the Secretary of the Association; and to formulate a program for a proper and effective control of excessive weeds and algae growth in the waters of Detroit Lake, from year to year. It shall be the further duty of this committee to consult and maintain contact with Federal, State and other governmental and educational authorities on this subject and with similar local associations and groups, seeking the cooperation and assistance of all in furthering the lake weed and algae control program of this Association, as approved by the Board of Directors.

THE WATER LEVEL REGULATION

Association, as approved of Directors.

THE WATER LEVEL REGULATION COMMITTEE shall consist of five members, whose duties shall be to make a comprehensive and continuing study of the water level conditions in Detroit

Lake and its inflowing and outflowing water system, including the problem of pressure toe in the wister; to keep all their findings of fact in the records of the Secretary of this Association; and to formulate a program for a proper and effective control of the levels of said waters during different seasons of the year and from year to year. It shall be the further duty of this committee to consult and maintain contact with State, County and other governmental authorities on this subject and with similar local associations and groups for the purpose of furthering the alms of the water level program of this Association, as approved by the Board of Directors.

THE WATER CRAFT REGULATION COMMITTEE shall consist of five members, whose duties shall be to promote safety and courteous conduct in the navigation of the waters of Deroit Lake. The means to this end shall include the formulation of Association Rules (subject to approval of the Board of Directors and to amendment from time to time) for the operation of sail boats, motor-powered boats (both in-board and outboard) rewbeats, canoes, acquaplanes and any other water-borne conveyances, as may be deemed necessary by the committee, both in regard to the safe operation of an individual boat and in the relation of one boat to another in matters of right-of-way, signaling, speed under various conditions and in various places, night-time markings and other safety neasures. Also included in the responsibilities of this committee shall be a continuing study of the need for marking danger spots in the lake, of obtaining, placing and caring for suitable markers, and of undertaking study and planning action upon all other matters which may contribute to safety upon the waters of the community.

THE PR OP ER TY PROTECTION COMMITTEE shall consist of five mem-

upon all other matters which may contribute to safety upon the waters of the community.

THE PROPERTY PROTECTION COMMITTEE shall consist of five members, whose duties shall be to organize and supervise a system, subject to approval of the Beard of Directors, by which non-resident owners of homes (or residents who may expect to be absent for a long interval) who are members of any type or grade of the Association in good standing, may obtain protection for their buildings and premises during the winter season and thus gain the economy of cooperative effort. Among the ways of protection to be considered annually are the posting of Association reward signs; inspecting at weekly intervals of building exteriors by patrols who would close open doors and windows and report promptly all chamage or loss by the elements or evidence of trespass to the owner and follow up the relevant facts with local authorities of the law; arranging for supplementary patrols by local authorities at special times, and investigating the possibilities of blanket insurance on such manner of risk by all owners wishing to avail themselves of it. The financing of such protection shall be borne primarily by those members who avail themselves of the system but the Association shall assist in such manner and to the extent that is approved annually by the Board of Directors.

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This committee shall also be responsible for keeping the members advised as to their rights in maintaining the value of their property against undesirable encroachments, including enforcement of existing zoning ordinances or restrictions, recommending new ordinances, and similar activities.

THE INSECTS AND LAND WEEDS CONTROL COMMITTEE shall consist of three members, whose duties shall be to organize facilities for the cooperative use of members in the control of This committee shall also be responsi-

be to organize facilities for the cooper-ative use of members in the control of insects, especially mosquitoes, and of noxious land weeds such as poison ivy and dandellons; to promote the use of such facilities in every practical way, seeking the cooperation and help of all interested parties.

THE UTILITIES AND TAXES COM-MITTEE shall consist of three mem-bers, whose duties shall be to study the conditions under which members

bers, whose duties shall be to study the conditions under which members of the Association are served by all public utilities, and, similarly, to sur-vey the situation as regards all forms of public tax assessments; to form con-clusions as to the fairness and equity of the charges which result therefrom to members of the Association; to rec-

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emmend such changes as seem warranted; and to work for the attainment
of changes recommitteed. The activities of this committee shall be a coninuing project from year to year.

THE ANNUAL BULLETIN COMMITTEE shall consist of three members, whose duties shall be to arrange
for the publication of an annual builetim, which builetin shall include annually its Articles of Incorporation, its
by-laws, minutes of the last annual
meeting, reports of officers, a list of
all members in good standing, a list of
all committee members and all other
informational data such as sailing
guides, courtesy rules, maps of danger
spots and so forth that may have been
developed during the year and which
are deemed by the committee to by
desirable to publish.

ARTICLE VI

These by-laws may be amended at any annual meeting or any special meeting called for the specific purpose; provided that no provision in the by-laws may violate any of the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation.

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TO SECRETARY, P. O. Box 149, Detroit Lakes.

I am interested in the possibility of a Property Protection Program and would like to be notified of date for meeting on this subject during the summer.

Name -

Address .

Date

TO TREASURER, Lake Detroiters Association, Inc., Box 149, Detroit Lakes, Minn.

I want to participate in the MOSQUITO CON-TROL Program in 1951, as outlined in the Annual Bulletin.

Name .

Address _____

Amt. Enclosed \$_

Please "Vote" On Items Below

- () I will serve as Captain for my neigh-borhood, if called
-) I will do all I can to interest my neighbors in joining the program.

TO THE SECRETARY P. O. Box 149, Detroit Lakes, Minn.

_ as my mem-Attached is my check for \$ ____ bership contribution for 1951.

The nature of my membership is checked below:

ACTIVE Member - - -

ASSOCIATE Member - - (

SUSTAINING Member - (

LOCATION of member's property, or home, on Lake Detroit (please refer to map on center pages for road and beach names).

NAME of INDIVIDUAL to whom membership is to be issued:

LAKE ADDRESS __

WINTER ADDRESS _

Dated: _

Please check below, the Standing Committees in whose work you are especially interested. Please check at least two.

Membership -

Auditing -

Roads & Traffic -

Fish & Game Sanitation & Pollution

Weed & Algae Control -

Water Level Regulation - -

Water Craft Regulation -Property Protection -

Insect & Land Weeds Control

Utilities & Taxes -

Space For Use By Secretary

Qualifications Checked. Membership card mailed: Index Data:

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NOTE: See Article VII on page 20 for various type membership qualifications.

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> SAVES YOU A LOT OF WRITING— SAVES THE POOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS A LOT OF WORK TOO.