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Report For The Year

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Our Fiscal Year, May 1, 1952 To May 1, 1953



LAKE DETROITERS
ASSOCIATION
Inc.

President's Message

The time is here for the president of OUR association to give an accounting of another year's activities. Three years have passed since we became an incorporated association. Long enough for many things that need correction or improvement to have come to the attention of some of our members who may have said, "Why don't they do something about it?"

When two or more people get together, usually in a social gathering, some pet "peeve" gets an airing. "Why don't they do something about it?" How often we have heard that comment and even been guilty of making it.

The work of carrying on the activities of Lake Detroiters Association is being done by comparatively few persons; many more interested members are needed to help carry the load. The objectives of ALL the activities are for the benefit of ALL the owners of lake shore property. Incidentally, many of the benefits are enjoyed in no small way at the township, city, county and state level. As an association we can do much when little or nothing can be accomplished by individuals.

The cooperation of all concerned is imperative if the greatest results are to be attained. Our association must have the full cooperation of all the members; and all the owners of lake shore property should be members of the association. Only then can we best accomplish our objectives. The foundation is membership. Everyone is on the membership committee. Those who are listed as committee members are really committee leaders. Your part is to sign up for your own membership and then invite, urge if necessary, your neighbors to sign up. Not only those next door, but see the chap along the beach who sometimes brings in a good string of pike. Get his membership. The Fish & Game Committee works hard in restocking the lake with pike. He should like that part of our activities and take part in it. In 1951 nearly 38,000 walleyed pike fingerlings, some nearly 5 inches in size, were plant-

ed in the lake. In 1952 about the same number were planted in various spots in Lake Detroit. The fry are planted in May in a rearing pond maintained by the Association and are seined in late September. The work of seining is hard and takes several days. The Fish & Game Committee will need help next fall. Will you volunteer?

Perhaps you are bothered with weeds on your shore. The Weed & Algae Committee has been very active in trying to find some way to eliminate or control this situation. The enclosed reprint of the Wisconsin Conservation Bulletin demonstrates that there is a solution and the committee is commended for their continued interest. Tell them how you appreciate their efforts.

Poor roads are a real problem for you who use them frequently and certainly do not add to the comfort of your friends who visit you. The Roads & Traffic Committee is constantly working for road improvement. Some has already been done and this year much is expected to be accomplished toward the goal of a good road to every shore property on Lake Detroit.

Mosquitos are a pain in the neck and any other spot where they light. Tree worms of various kinds are another pest. The Mosquito Control program under direction of Insects and Land Weeds Committee contributes to the comfort of everyone in those areas taking advantage of the spraying program organized each summer. Of necessity, the program is worked out each year under the direction of the committee. More definite details will reach you after arrangements for the spraying service are completed.

The work of the Sanitation & Pollution Committee is closely allied with the weed and algae problem. Pollution and silt deposits in the lake during past years have created a somewhat high fertility in the water and the resultant weed growths are a continuing problem. One source of pollution of the Pelican River is being overcome now by virtue

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(*) Indicates Chairman of Committee.

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The RED NUMBERS Indicate
NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS for
Co-operative Action on
Various Projects.





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WEED & ALGAE CONTROL

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- * Stewart Schlipf
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- * Sid B. Amundson
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- ** Byron G. Allen

NOTE: W. T. Stevenson, as President, is an ex-officio member of all committees.



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of a new storm sewer recently completed by the City of Detroit Lakes.

Taxes are probably cussed and discussed more than any other subject because they are levied on every conceivable thing we own or operate, for every imaginable purpose. Taxes for the operation of political sub-divisions are necessary but that does not mean that they should be confiscatory. The present plan of assessing and taxing seems to be on the basis of "all the traffic will bear" so far as lake shore property is concerned. Much work has been done on the subject and more is necessary. The committee on Utilities & Taxes will probably have more to report later in the year. In the meantime be assured everything will be done to correct the present inequitable taxation we have at this time.

The Water Level Regulation Committee works closely with the City of Detroit Lakes which has authority to operate the water level control dam at the outlet of Lake Detroit. This authority was delegated to the city by the State Conservation Department. Lake Detroiters Association is on record, by a resolution passed by the directors of the association, favoring control of the water level by allowing a runoff beginning the first week in September and stopping the run off during the first week in November. This is done to prevent excessive high water during the winter months, which sometimes results in damage to lake shore properties. In the not too far distant future, we hope, a new dam will be constructed which will be much more efficient in maintaining the proper level and provide for a fish ladder during the spawning season.

The Water Craft Regulation Committee is watchful for the safety of bathers, of moored fishing boats and other water craft by suggesting that common courtesy be practised by owners of power-driven boats in keeping a reasonable distance from the shore and from moored boats and by using all other precautions for avoiding accidents. It is, of course, the responsibility of all of us to do the sensible and courteous thing at all times.

The Property Protection Committee is interested in bringing to our attention the various forms of insurance available for protection against loss by fire, windstorm and other

hazards, including vandalism, falling trees, etc. They are authorized to offer a reward, to be paid by the Association, for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any one guilty of vandalism, theft or malicious mischief on the property of any member of the Association.

Our Auditing Committee presents to the association an audit of the books and accounts of our Secretary and Treasurer. It has been done this year as of December 31, 1952 and we have a statement showing a good working balance in the bank. A completely detailed report will be submitted at our Annual Meeting next Summer by the Secretary-Treasurer.

Due to various circumstances the Annual Bulletin is smaller this year than the two previous years. Even if the information is condensed we thought the members should have a report of progress made and plans for the future. From the foregoing you can readily see that a lot of good hard work has been done by a group of really interested members. If they had not done it there would be nothing for me to report to you. My grateful thanks to a group of fine folks for a job well done.

Now, supposing nothing had been done, we would have an association in name only—nothing to justify its existence. We cannot expect the comparatively few to carry all the load. We realize that it is not possible for every member to take an active part but the majority of members are capable and we feel sure they are willing to help if given opportunity. So, when you are asked to help on some project, regardless of whether or not you are a member of a committee, pitch right in like the good fellow we think you are; you will enjoy it.

Did I hear someone say, "Why don't THEY do something about it? No, it was two other fellows saying, "WE did something about it."

Spring is almost here and before we realize it we'll be "spending the summer at the lake." I hope it will be a good lake season for you and yours. Everyone take care, and for those who are not yet old enough to see the danger, be extra careful.

W. T. STEVENSON,
President.