

Half Century Memories

By Ardis Larson

Russell Moody (a cousin of Mrs. Everett Dunn) has been coming to Wawasee for many years, had come to work for Mr. William Noll in 1914. Mr. Noll (now deceased eight years) and Mrs. Noll were renting the Bill Griffin Cottage (now known as the Teetor place) at that time. Event-

ually the Nolls bought the old Durand place, with its old fashioned porch clear around it, and was the only cottage along the lake from the nearby present Seminary grounds, to the low land past the church of the Little Flower. All that ground was owned by the Nolls. The old Inn was burned down at that time, and Mr. Moody recalls that the whole section along there, was wild and unkempt, such a different picture from the present shore line, with its handsome houses. Mr. and Mrs. Noll had their cottage remodeled extensive-

ly, and made quite a beauty spot there. Mr. and Mrs. Moody used to have a cottage along that shore, and now live in Fort Wayne. Mr. Moody recalled the "travel troubles" of the old days. One had to count on a day to get to the lake, and a day to get away, as he had to go to Pierceton, and from there, by various modes of travel — horses and boats, mostly to gain one's objective. It seems that the Catholic church there was the result of the efforts of a relative of the Nolls' to have a church there, instead of having to go to Lionier, for their nearest church.

Mrs. Estella Swartz remembers when there were only a "handful" of cottages on Wawasee, the Vories; Major Marsh's, the Cables on Kale Island, the Morrison family on the island now bearing their name, a log house belonging to Elizabeth Stewart, and a Lamm family cottage. Mrs. Swartz remembers the marriage of the Marsh girl to Charlie Woods, on the lawn of the Marsh cottage. Mrs. Morrison was a sister to Margaret Sloan, "Mag" and "Henry" Sloan (Henry) built the Holton Hotel on the spot of the Pickwick Theatre, and later, built the Le Grande Hotel, where Mr. Irwin's store is now.

Mrs. Swartz recalled how thrill-

ed she was when she and her father made trips to Cedar Beach Hotel, (now the Seminary) and she observed the colored help at the hotel. Her parents moved to Syracuse, so she could go to school, moved to where the present Eugene Wright poolroom is now. Little Estelle had to go to school on the high board sidewalks, and to this day feels she never did like the Yoncase boy called "Dude," for he pushed her off the high sidewalks to fall in the snow, and snow, being something she did not like either. Estelle married early in 1900 to Benjamin William Swartz, a Wawasee man, in the hardware business, and lived there awhile, and later returned here, in the early thirties to live with her mother, Mary Cable at her home. Mrs. Swartz died in Chicago in 1923. Mrs. Swartz recalls when there were just six houses south of the B. and O. tracks, the Orange Corys, Mrs. Hattie Davis, Alva Yoncase (now Harry Cleveland's) the McGaws' (now the Kenny Felts place, the Whistlers' Chris and Melinda and the Hovarters.

In 1940, Estelle, and friends started a delicatessen at Cable's Grove, and eventually Estelle started a grocery store in a house, her mother owned, back of the present Nelson's Drive In, and then moved to the Jack Wright building now owned by Frank Yoder, who bought it in 1943.

Mrs. Swartz (probably with the most pleasure when groups of young people chartered the "Anna Jones" boat, for moonlight excursions, (for \$2.50) and one of her first dates with William Swartz, was on this boat. She remembers the Eppert place, where Mary Gilchrist now lives. Mary had been wed to Mr. Gilchrist in the location of the present Rainey's Court.

Mrs. Swartz remembers the good meals she had at the old Jones Hotel, the last one being in 1902, on July fourth.

Jr. Wilnot Jones remembers faintly the tables in the dining room of the Jones Hotel, where as a child, he stumbled and fell against a table corner, and even now, bears the scar, on his forehead. Mr. Jones recalled how he enjoyed ringing the dinner bell, when his dad held him up to reach it, and ring it to announce that dinner was being served in the Jones Hotel.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF ROTARY CLUBS AT MICHIGAN CITY

Gov. J. J. Laskosky, head of Northern Indiana Rotary Clubs, announces the program for the 36th annual conference to convene in Michigan City, Sunday, May 7th to Tuesday noon May 9th. Outstanding speakers have been booked. The opening banquet Sunday night will be served in Indiana's Navy Armory.

A fine turkey dinner, prepared by the Miner-Dunn Catering Service of East Chicago, will be served to Michigan City with less than 3 degree loss in temperature. Miner-Dunn serve more than 7,000 meals each noon at the Steel Plants in the Calumet area.

Prof. Edward McFaul, former lecturer in advertising at Northwestern University, will speak at the opening banquet. Mr. McFaul has spoken before State and National convention groups from coast to coast.

J. Burr Gibbons, director of Rotary International, of Tulsa, Okla., president of the Gibbons Advertising Agency a native of New Albany, Indiana, will speak at the luncheon Monday noon in the ball room of the Spaulding Hotel.

Entertainment at this session will be furnished by the Utilitarians, a singing group of young ladies from the Northern Indiana Public Service Company in Gary.

Presentation of the annual High School Discussion contest will feature the Monday morning plenary session.

Special entertainment for the ladies of Rotary on Monday afternoon will feature a tour of the Purdue-Barker Center, followed by a tea at the Michigan City Yacht Club.

The Governor's dinner for past district governors, and their wives, will be at the Beverly Shores Hotel, west of Michigan City in the Dunes area, at 6:30 Monday, followed by the annual Governor's ball in Barker Hall at 9 o'clock. The feature speaker Tuesday noon will be Edgar DeWitt Jones, LL. D. of Detroit, Michigan. Dr. Jones claims himself as a Texan by birth, an Ohioan by residence, a Missourian by adoption, a Kentuckian by marriage, an Illinoisian by citizenship, and a Detroitite by process of dynamiting. His topic will be "Three Against Their World."

Early reservations indicate the Michigan City conference will be the largest attended since the State of Indiana was divided into districts.

Gov Laskosky has departed from the usual this year in opening the conference on Sunday. Heretofore, Rotary conferences in Indiana's Northern District have been staged at week-ends. The success of his innovation may form a new pattern in Rotary.

SYRACUSE CRAFT CLUB

Craft Club met at the home of Mrs. Georgia Miller Monday evening.

The tables were appropriately decorated with colorful May Baskets and a May Pole. Several odes were read on the originality of May Day. The hostess served a delicious two course dinner.

Eleven members and five guests were present — Mesdames T. K. Warner, Dearborn, Michigan; T. K. Warner, North Webster; P. E. Ort, Chubbuck; Roy Miller and R. K. Miller. We saw many lovely paintings by Mrs. T. K. Warner, of North Webster.

The meeting was called to order by President Ruth Rapp. As roll was called members responded with a tribute to Wanda Howard, who had been a member of this club for 15 years. Her life chapter closed — it seems most fitting that we should meet to appraise her virtues and acknowledge our gratitude for the benediction of her exemplary example of life.

The club will meet with Mrs. Otto J. Rhode in two weeks.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

The meeting was opened April 29 by the Girl Scout laws, promise, and pledge to the flag.

It was decided to wait until this fall to start working for attendance badges.

The Girl Scout Cookies are being sold this week. There are two varieties which are chocolate and vanilla, and those that are filled. Each girl is responsible for 5 boxes.

Those that would like more boxes, should go to Mrs. Ed Klein.

The meeting was then adjourned and each girl went to her pa-

STATE MEETING CALLED FOR "CROP" PROGRAM

The Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP) will continue its appeal to feed the hungry overseas through 1950 and an Indiana State CROP Meeting has been called for April 27 at the Indianapolis Y. M. C. A., by the State CROP Chairman, Lt. Governor John A. Watkins. The meeting opens with a luncheon at 12:15 P. M., and continues into the afternoon.

CROP collects farm products from rural communities for distribution to hungry and needy overseas through church agencies. The program is strictly operated for those in need who cannot buy food for themselves—the refugees, the orphaned, sick, homeless, and aged. All CROP food is distributed in Europe, Asia and Africa on the basis of need, without regard for race, creed, or nationality.

CROP's sponsors; Catholic Rural Life, Church World Service, and Lutheran World Relief decided to continue the coordinated church relief program in 1950 because the need for doing so continues and is graphically illustrated in reports from Western Germany where 13 million refugees have been thrown upon the mercy of a shattered economy

and many are exposed to malnutrition, starvation and disease in poorly provisioned and ill-equipped refugee camps; in reports from Japan where post-war economic collapse — so far staved off — remains an immediate threat; reports from China, where the impact of radical social changes on economic post-war chaos as well as natural disasters have caught countless millions in the tentacles of famine; and from other countries where millions of families have been reduced to a life of want on a sub-subsistence level until the world regains economic balance.

Indiana farmers contributed approximately 80 freight cars of food for needy persons in Europe and Asia in the 1949 CROP appeal, Lieutenant Governor John A. Watkins, Indiana CROP Chairman declared. The canvass will follow the harvest of crops this year.

Last year's Indiana CROP Executive Committee members were: Governor Henry F. Schricker, Honorary Chairman, Lieutenant Governor John A. Watkins, State Chairman, Rev. Father H. J. Miller, Dr. Ralph Holland, Rev. H. M. Hauter, Vice-Chairmen, Mr. Larry Brandon, Secretary, Mr. Lee Patrick, Treasurer. Other committee members were Dr. Frederick L. Hovde, Mr. L. E.

Hoffman, Mr. Albert Finkel, Mr. Hassel Schenck, Mr. Herschel Newsum, Mr. L. M. Vogler, Mrs. Russell Cushman, Dr. Cleo Blackburn, Rabbi Maurice Goldblatt, and Mr. T. R. Johnston. All are expected to attend the meeting on April 27 when this year's CROP plans in Indiana will be recommended and officers elected for the 1950 campaign. A number of other committee members from the Lutheran World Relief and Church World Service groups will be present for this meeting.

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