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An Early White Settler in Manitowish Waters

### HISTORY

by Michael J. Dunn, III

Where Indians paddled blueberry-laden canoes or camped to barter with fur traders only three generations ago, sun tanned teenagers now skim gracefully over the water on skis or their elders relax in comfort to forget the press of business. That in a nutshell is the story of Manitowish Waters.

The red man appeared back beyond the reach of recorded history, and when he faded from the local scene his doing so was so gradual that he left no exact date to mark his passing. The first white folk to settle here watched him paddle across Island Lake in summer, his canoe low in the water with the weight of the wild berries it bore. Families still gave him wide leeway; some Indians were still a threat, especially to children of the intruding palefaces. The Indians had an age-old gathering place on the eastern shore of Manitowish Lake. Here they met to trade, to distribute funds from Federal paymasters, to bury their dead. From here too, to propitiate their gods, they floated sacrificial offerings which always drifted to the tiny island that they came to regard as sacred.

Came then the white man, perhaps to trade for furs, to cruise the woods for timber, to settle on a homestead. The story of early Manitowish Waters rings with the names of colorful settlers and personalities. Abe LaFave, who settled in 1888 and became the predecessor of the resort trade that is now the lifeblood of our community; long gone is the island lodge he built on Island Lake as the first tourist accommodation in the area, but on the shores of that same lake his family today continues the tradition of resort keeping he originated. Dan Devine, who raised a family on Clear Lake, whence he paddled each summer on a

month-long canoe journey to Madeline Island in Lake Superior to sell his furs. Peter Vance, a timber cruiser who came here in the 1880's and lies now in our cemetery, his grave marked by a stone recording his hundred years and his pioneer status. Stephan Stewart, once a Yankee soldier in the Civil War, who was sure he was the only white man for miles around as he surveyed for a timber company dam, only to run into Abe LeFave in these deepest northwoods.

The railroad penetrated the county in 1888. In its wake came the great logging days, a swash-buckling era during which you might have seen stuck into the ground in front of a tavern the pikepoles or canthooks of a hundred or more lumberjacks drinking inside. The Chippewa Lumber and Boom Co. opened the logging age here. In 1892 CL&B forces built the Rest Lake dam with heavy timbers, three spillways and huge iron bullwheels to control the gates; the same year its men also built a steamboat with a backbone of tamarack and cedar ship knees hewn on the Island Lake shore. For the life of the CL&B activities here, the most exciting event of the year was the log drive. For several weeks early each summer pine logs were sent through the spillways in great bunches and washed downstream with huge gulps of penned up lake water. The river then might be a solid mass of logs for many miles. Skilled drivers prodded them along. Leading and trailing the drives were wanigans or cook boats, built below the dam for each year's drive. It took almost all summer and the efforts of up to two hundred men to push the drive all the way to its Chippewa Falls area destination. The rest of the year lumberjacks who lived in long, low, log camp buildings below the dam labored to replenish the log supply held behind the dam in preparation for the next season's drive. They took only the finest of pine, so light that it could float indefinitely and was called cork pine; in the winters teams and sleds pulled the newly felled timber to the icebound shores; in summer giant wheels were used. On the waters of the lakes, raised up to sixteen feet above their

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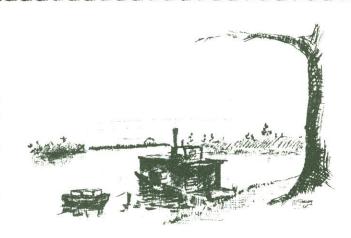


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original level by the new dam, and thus spreading over a much wider area, the steamboat worked almost round the clock to shepherd huge rafts of logs to the dam. The boom, however, could not go on forever, and by the early 1900's and certainly by 1906, the crude little paddle wheel steamer, its whistle stilled, lay pulled up on the shore where modern day water skiers stage their shows. A few families clustered around the dam, which deteriorated and even was left open for a while; the landing where boats met travelers was located on the present Ilg property. The horses, ponies and wagons were kept there and a man named James McKinney kept a tavern there before 1910.

 The logging era revived when railroads drew closer to the lakes and could haul out hardwood logs too heavy to float downriver in drives. The Milwaukee Road built in to Boulder Junction in 1903 and on to its Papoose Junction Point by 1906. One leg of the wye at the junction point ran up to Buswell, a Papoose Lake mill village; another leg ran roughly along the present bed of county highway K to reach Riley's Hoist on the shore of Rest Lake just north of the present YMCA Camp. The daily local train of the Milwaukee was not only an important carrier of outbound logs consigned to sawmills further south. The mixed freight and passenger train was the carrier too of inbound supplies for the owners of summer homes on the lakes. At Big Lake Creek near Island Lake these supplies were transferred to barges for lake delivery. From Chicago & Northwestern near Powell a spur cut across Powell Marsh to reach a loading hoist between Star and the Grass lakes (now Stepping Stones). Yawkey-Bissell, Stange Lumber Co. and Brooks & Ross are just a few of the names of lumber or logging firms that cut in what is now Manitowish Waters. Hardwood logs were partially dried to ensure their staying afloat until another little lake boat, like the gasoline powered Skiddoo, could raft them to the two landings for loading on railroad cars. From the Star Lake spur track there also radiated little railroad spurs over which lightweight but standard gauge "Peggy" locomotives (geared locomotives, most likely of the shay or screwdriver variety) pulled in loads of logs from the woods; some of these temporary lines ran as far as Alder and Benson lakes. Big logging activity ceased between 1911 (when the last Yawkey-Bissell activity ceased; that firm's last local camp was near Mud Lake, now Fawn) and 1914, (when the last logs had been shipped from the hoist at Star Lake). In 1919 the Milwaukee Road removed its track along the north side of the chain; the spur to the C&NW was quietly taken up around the same time. The lone sawmills to operate after that era in the area were operated by Bob Loveless, who cut timber in the few pockets of virgin forest during the 1920's, and Marvin Loveless, who ran a small mill into the 1940's or 1950's.

The resort business developed alongside the homesteading that brought the early settlers to this area. First to offer hospitality to sportsmen and other visitors in a lodge was Abe La Fave. In 1892 George Buck settled some land at the narrows between Spider and Manitowish lakes, probably by homesteading it. He too developed a resort business, which stayed in the Buck family until it was sold in 1916 to the Koerners, who began operations under their name the next year. What is now Deer Park Lodge was begun in the 1890's by one J.A. LaMotte of Wausau; its succeeding owners including Jay A. "Dad" Paine, Max Engemann and Charlie Doriot. After spending several summers camping here, Henry Voss built his first cottage here in 1909 and opened an American plan resort in 1911 that is still operated by his family. Supplies were hard to get in those days and Henry Voss' establishment kept farm animals, including cows. For years he arose at four or five in the morning to deliver his milk to local residents and summer home occupants. His pantry had to stock not only supplies sufficient for the resort kitchen but also for sale to housekeeping cottage tenants and neighboring summerfolk.

Until motor travel was common, resort launches met guests borne by stage to the dam from trains at Manitowish or to Star Lake landing by Sherman's buckboard from the station at Powell. Road travel was eased considerable when a bridge was built across the narrows at Buck's, in 1912 and 1913; it replaced a makeshift ferry. Early vacationists were hardy souls, mainly sportsmen. They usually spent several weeks on their vacations in the early resorts, for most of them were people of means.

On the whole, farming has been neither very successful nor very popular in the Manitowish Waters area, with the possible exception of a little dairying. A few would-be farmers were lured up here by big city exploiters and land promoters, were soon disenchanted by the meagre results that attended their exertions, and abandoned their efforts.

In 1923 a new dam at Rest Lake was built; it now maintains a water level eight and a half feet above the original waters before 1892. In winter water levels are dropped by three and a half feet.

By 1927 area residents were chafing at what they felt was neglect by the town of Flambeau, to which our present day Manitowish Waters then belonged, and they succeeded in having the state legislature pass a bill creating the new Town of Spider Lake. The new town built a town hall during the next biennium and a modern school soon after. That school was outgrown and was enlarged twice before it was replaced in 1971 by a new, complete plant on highway K that is a consolidation of the grade schools for several north Lakeland communities. The town board also



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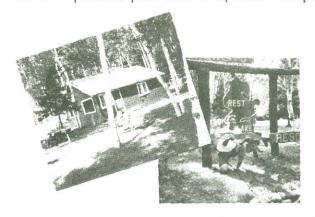
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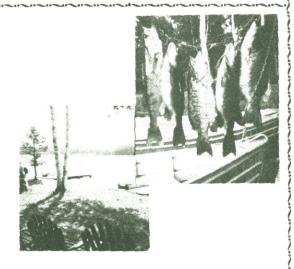
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authorized a community cemetery in 1935, and the first burials date from 1936.

The Thirties brought the town new distinctions. One was the distinction of having its own fish hatchery, said to be the only municipal fish hatchery in the state. It was built in 1932 and enlarged in 1936 to provide tiny walleye pike and musky fry and fingerlings for planting in the chain of lakes. Peak walleye production was apparently 1942's 14,000,000 tiny fish, while the muskies of 1939 numbered a high 2,700,000 -- records are incomplete but that must have been the peak musky year. The last records cover operation in 1942; the fate of the hatchery is foreshadowed in minutes of a 1944 town board meeting, which state that the board then authorized removal of the electric meter from the hatchery. Its career a wartime victim, the hatchery remained closed and was finally razed two decades later. Few traces remain at the old site, just below the Rest Lake dam.

It was also in the early 1930s, 1934, to be exact, that desperado John Dillinger brought the area instant notoriety. Detected hiding out at Little Bohemia, he fled lawmen in a shootout that cost two lives.

Manitowish Waters was a more appropriate name for the chain of lakes area, and in 1938 the name of the town was changed from Spider Lake to Manitowish Waters. The Post Office Department gave the name added recognition when it established the new Manitowish Waters post office in 1949. (It served much of the area previously served by the post office at Manitowish station, nine miles distant, and in subsequent years both the railroad station and post office named Manitowish disappeared from the scene).



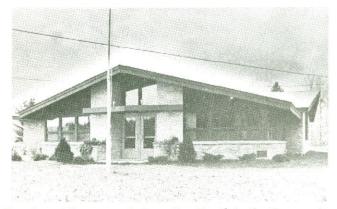




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The past quarter century has been an era of tremendous growth and refinements in Manitowish Waters. Between the late 1940s and the early 1970s the tax list rose from 300 bill-receiving taxpayers to 800 propertyholders. Chamber of Commerce efforts towards developing an airport -- which date back to 1943 -- began to bear fruit in 1945 when the airport was cleared and graded. It was soon enlarged to a two-runway facility and received lighting in 1964. Fire protection, a service authorized on a very small scale by the town authorities as far back as 1931, received a great boost with development of the modern fully equipped fire department and ambulance operation two decades later.

The Community Church and Catholic parish were organized after World War II. In an interesting display of religious cooperation both groups worshipped in the same facilities in the old town hall for a number of years, the Catholics very early on Sunday mornings and the Protestants in the later forenoon. Ground was broken for the new Community Church edifice in 1954. The Catholic Church was built in 1958 and named Our Lady, Queen of Peace to honor dead warriors of Wisconsin's 32nd Division as a memorial to whom a portion of the construction funds were donated.



Chamber of Commerce Information Booth in the Community Center Building.

A new community center building was erected on the airport grounds in 1961. It provides permanent town offices and a gathering place for local functions ranging from town meetings and elections to wedding receptions and an annual summertime art fair that draws artists from all over northern Wisconsin.

Retail trade has prospered. Merchants in "downtown" Manitowish Waters enlarged their establishments and a variety of new boutiques and retail businesses opened. New stores appeared as well at the south entry into the township. The year 1972 saw several of the downtown businesses in new quarters, clustered around LaPortes' super market. This complex was built in 1971-72 to replace a predecessor shopping center destroyed in a summer, 1971 fire.

Industry and large scale commerce appeared in 1945 with the arrival of cranberry developers and in 1949 with the advent of Trueflight Manufacturing Co., an archery equipment firm. Both activities have found Manitowish Waters a happy environment and have flourished here.

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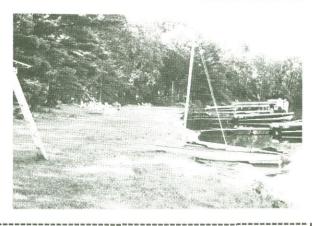
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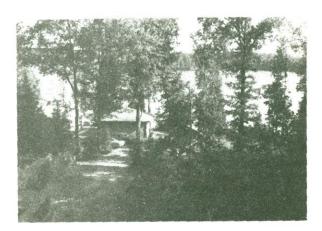
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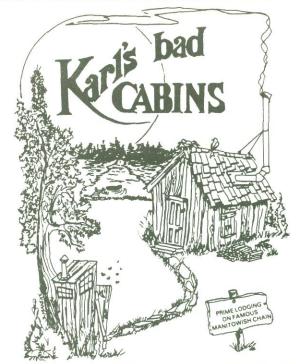


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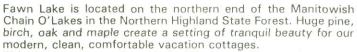
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striking at lures and baits that they might ignore during the lush summer days. Each year the public celebrations planned for Colorama time are bigger and better, with many of our neighboring towns also participating. These include fish bakes, chicken barbecues, dances, color tours by road and lake, tours of cranberry marshes. All of these things are here to be enjoyed. Make a reservation at your favorite resort for a week or weekend during the fall.

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Wayne Kwiatkowski, Manitowish Waters accepting travelling Classic Trophy 1984.

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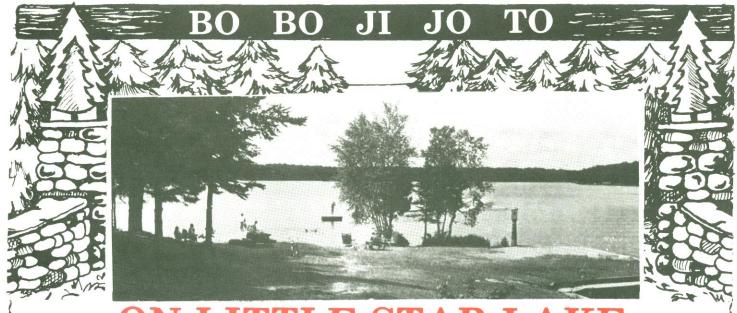
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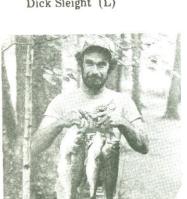


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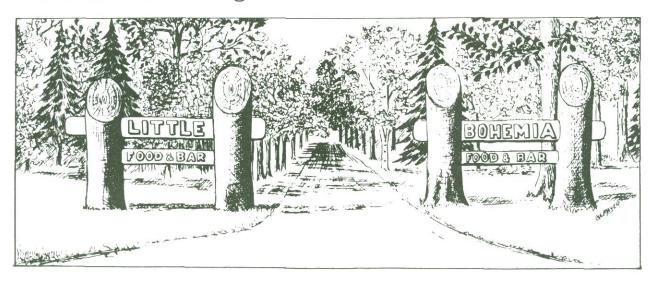
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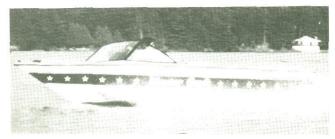
The present group is a 1961 revival that took the name, Manitowish Waters Skiing Skeeters. Summer residents and all-year inhabitants form a membership of over 50 individuals. Members are selected on the basis of interest and cooperation as well as skiing talent, and they move up the ladder from a junior to senior or full membership status.

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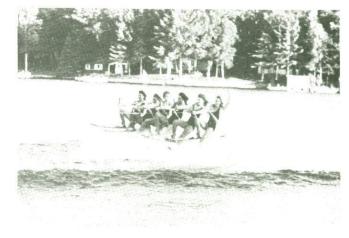
Annually in August they stage their barefoot competition, the Beier Barefoot Tournament, open only to club members.

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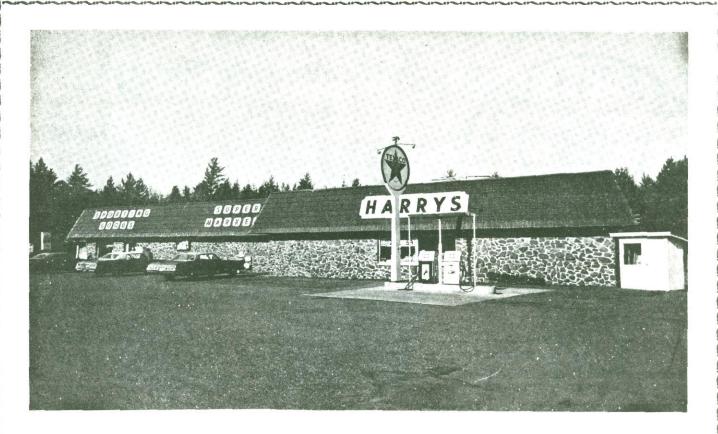
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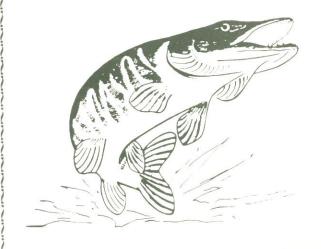




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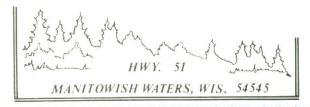
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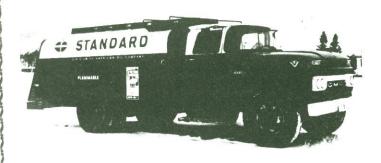
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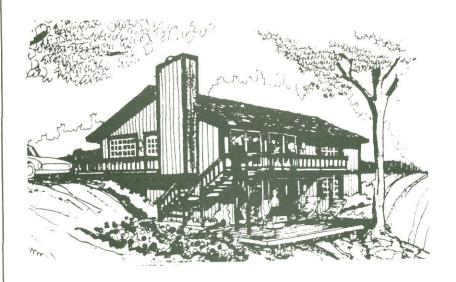
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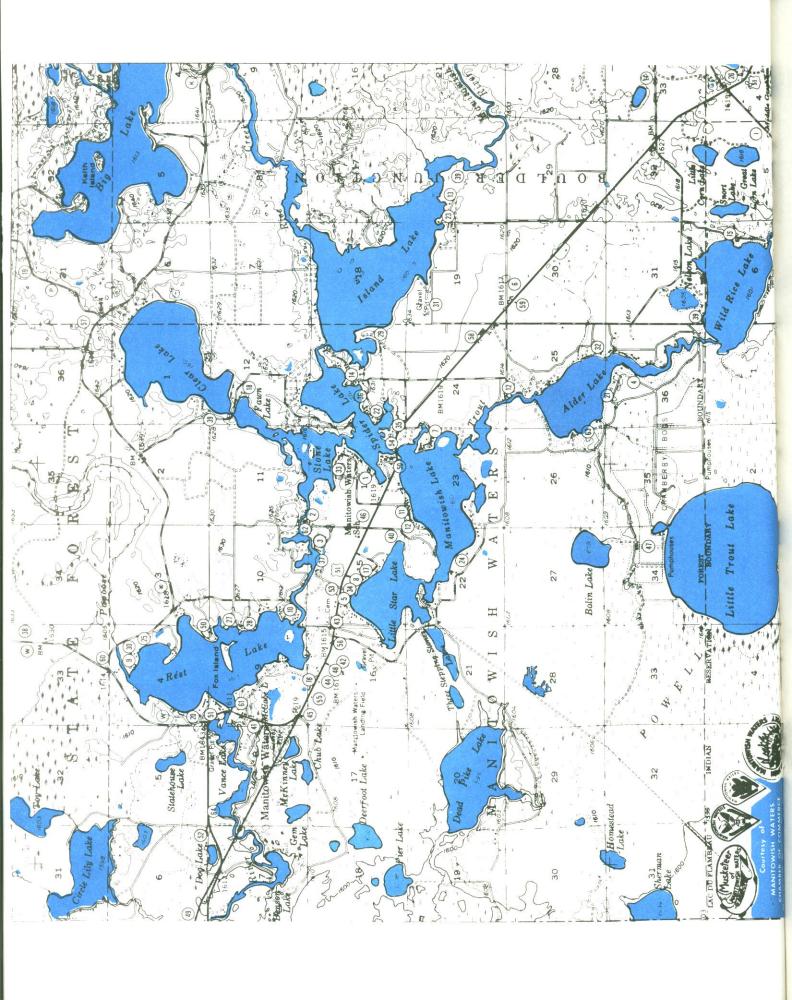
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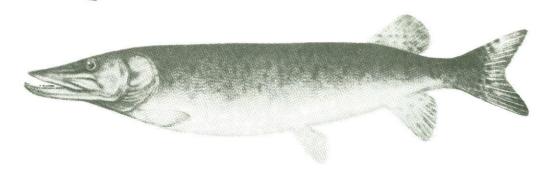
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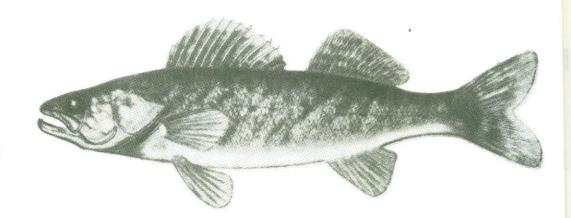
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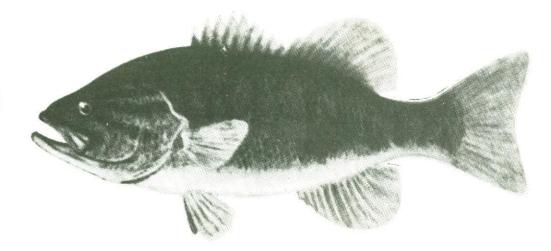
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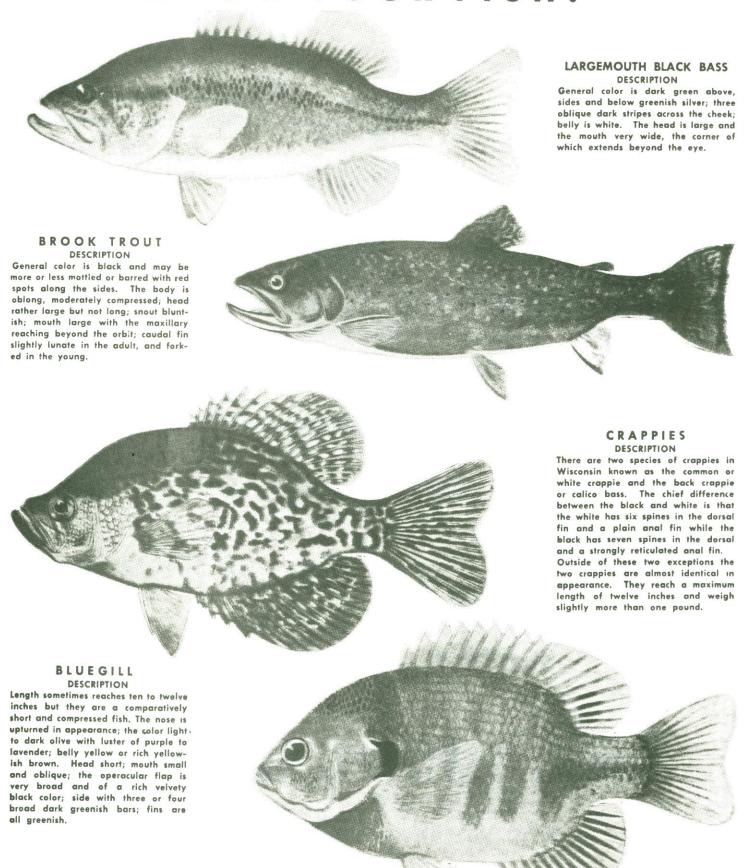
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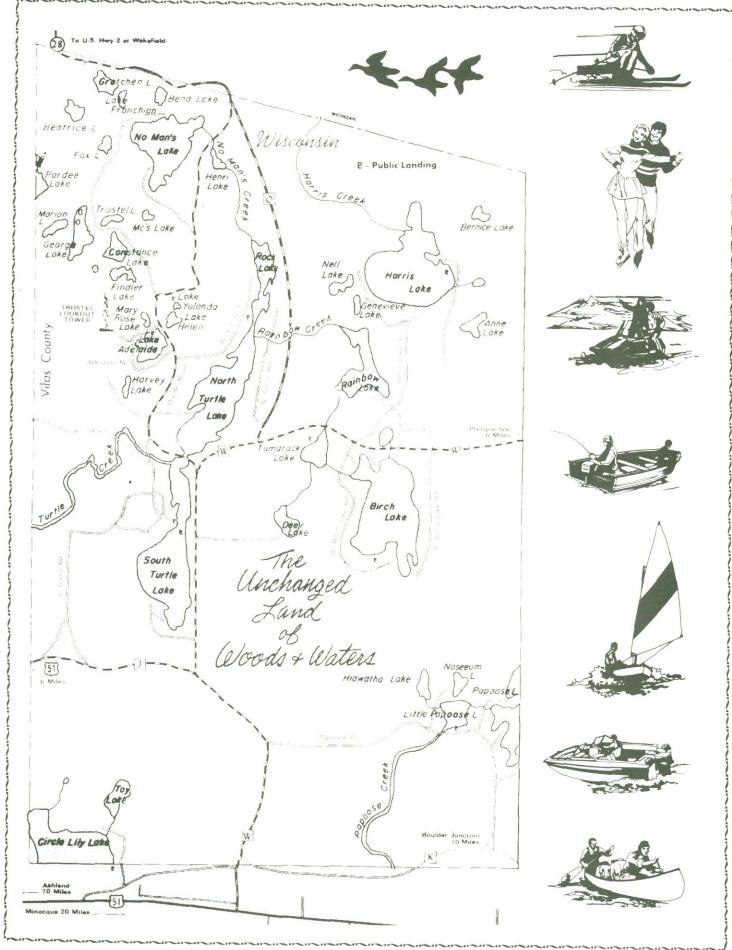
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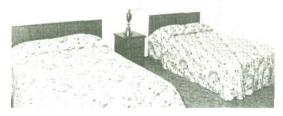
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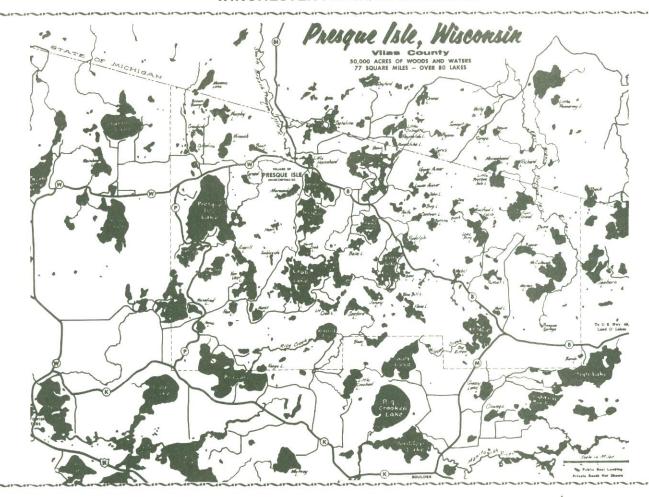
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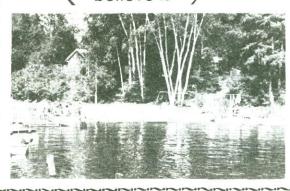
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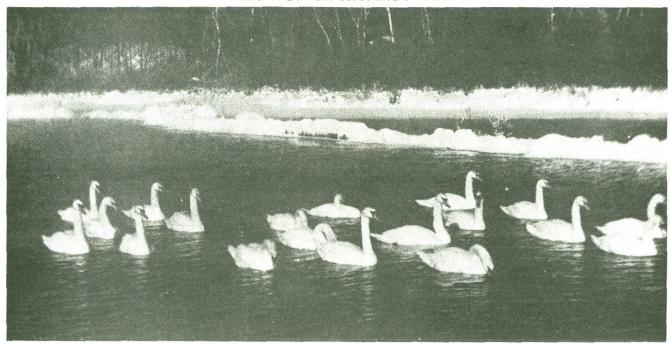


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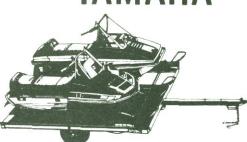
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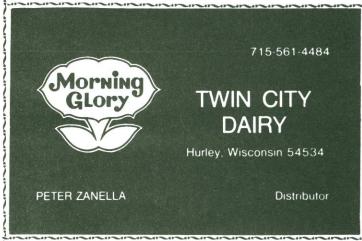


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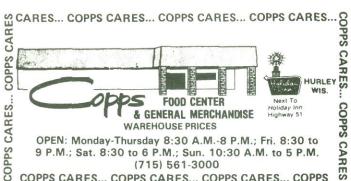








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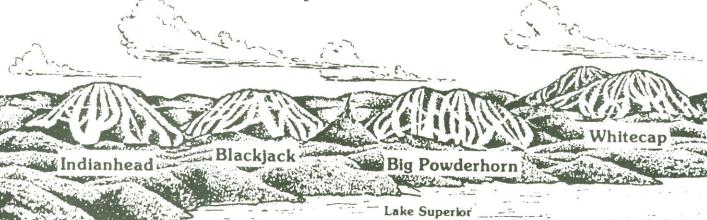
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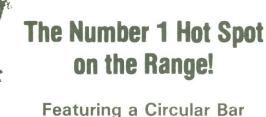
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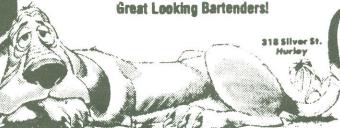
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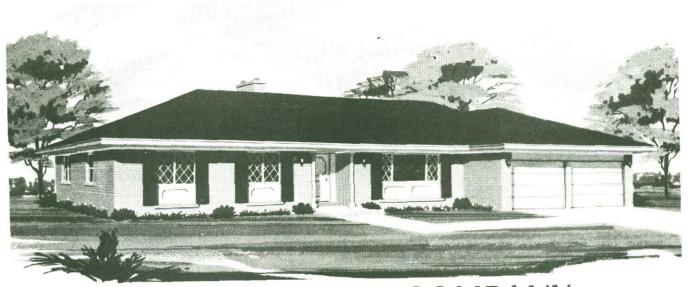


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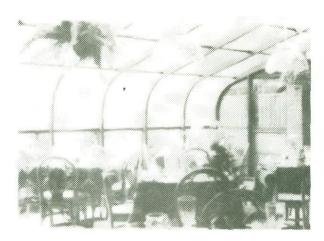
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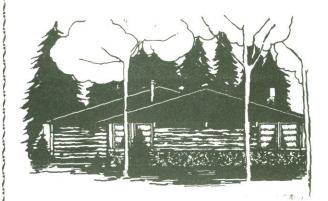
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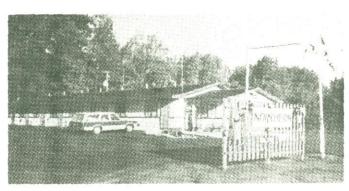
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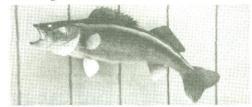
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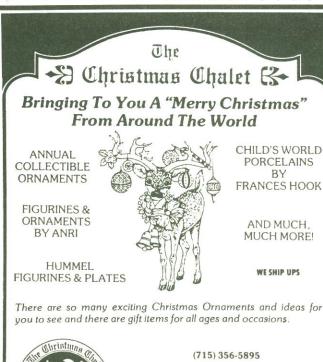
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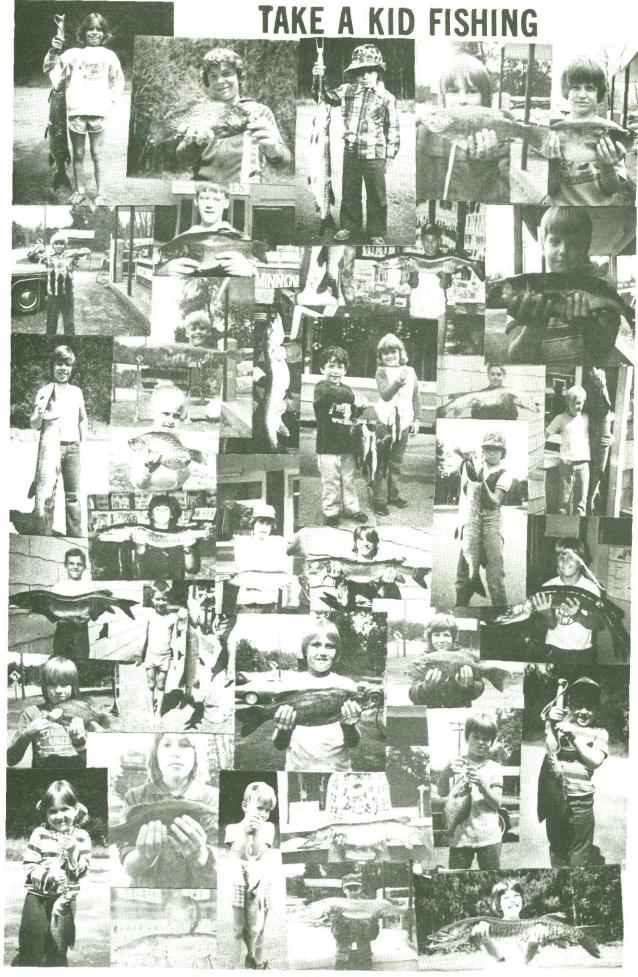
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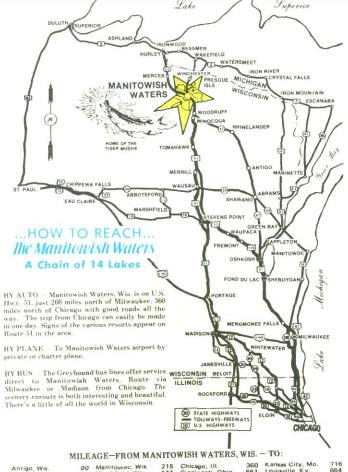
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