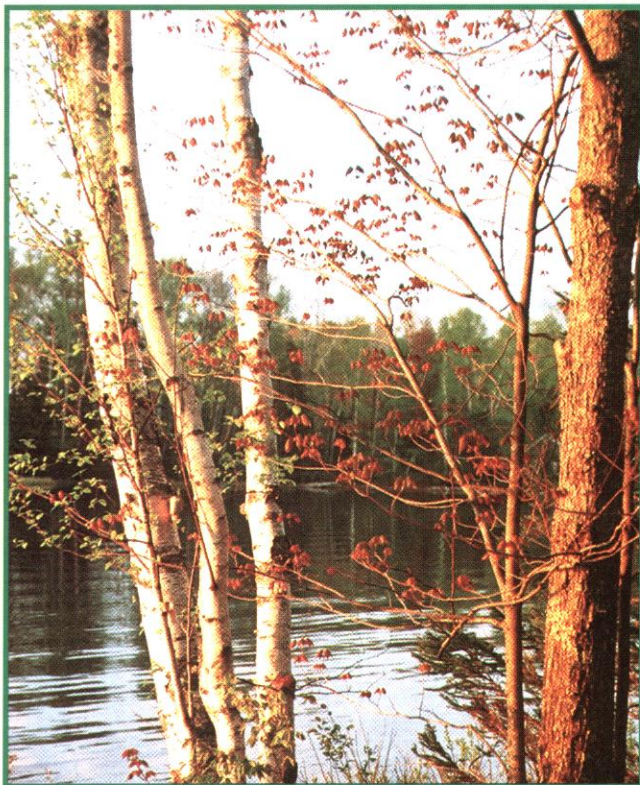
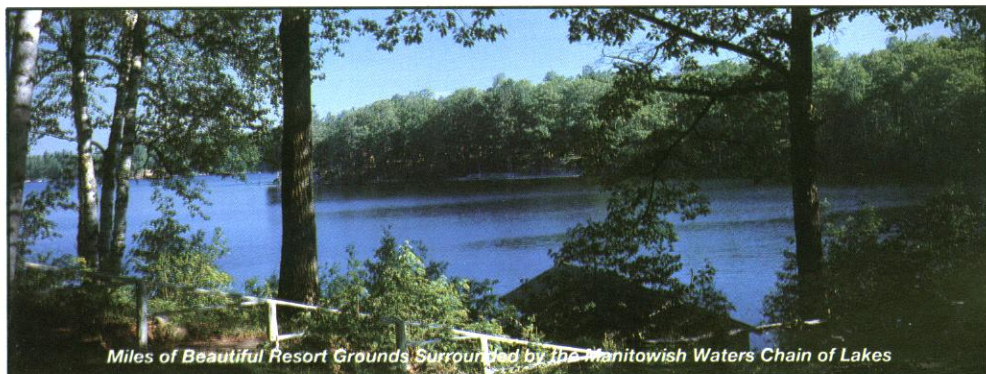


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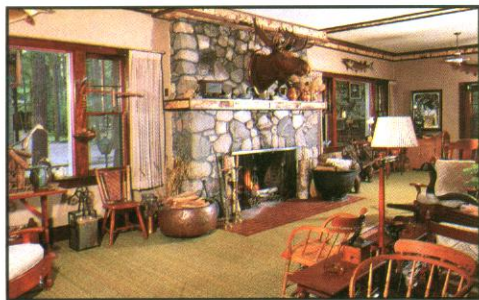


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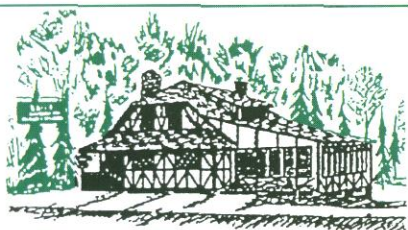
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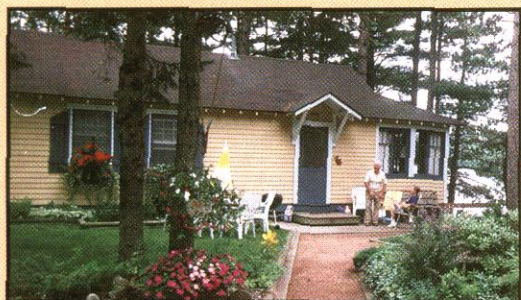
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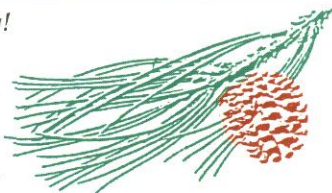
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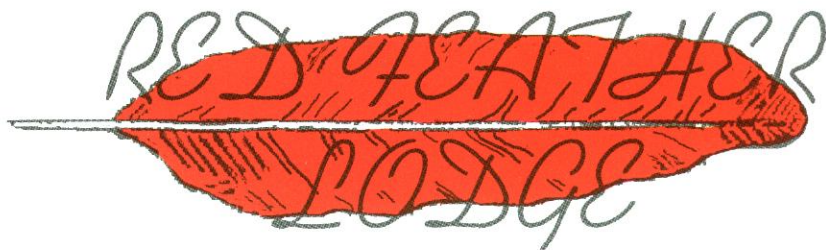
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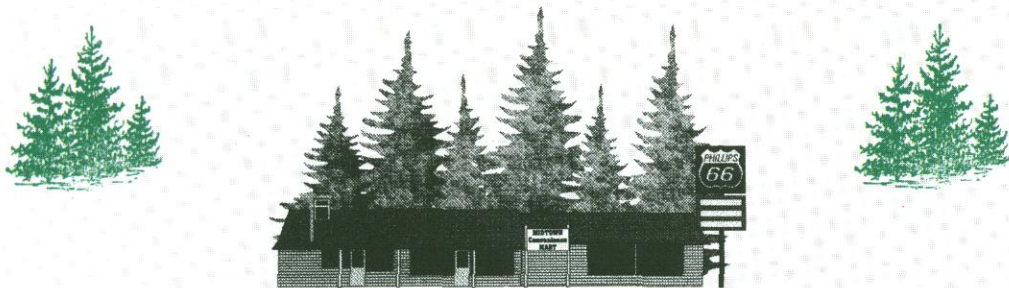
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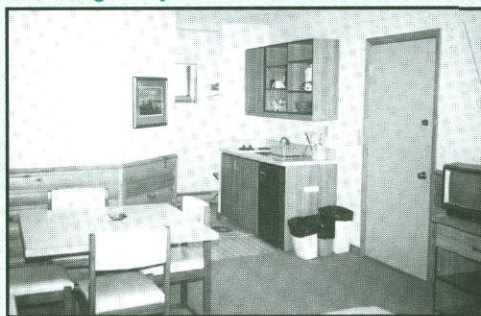
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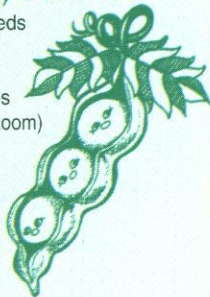
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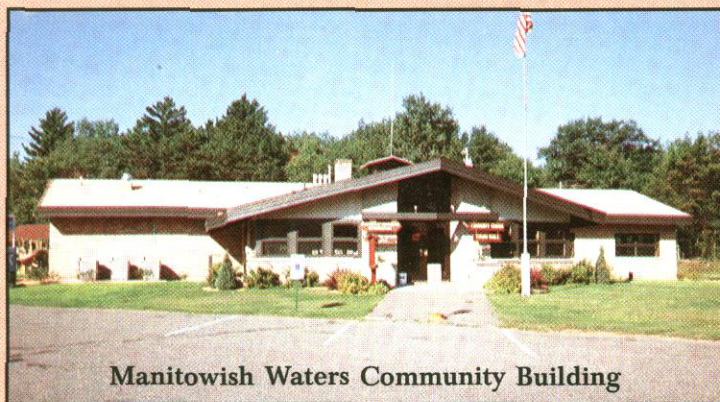
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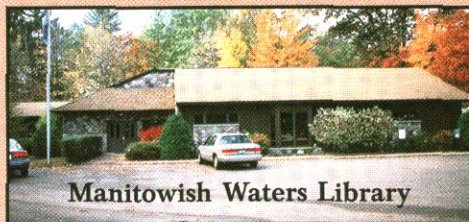


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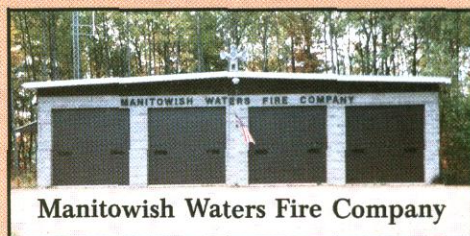
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Island Lake	1023	35	Stone Lake	139	43
Little Star Lake	244	63	Wild Rice Lake	379	26

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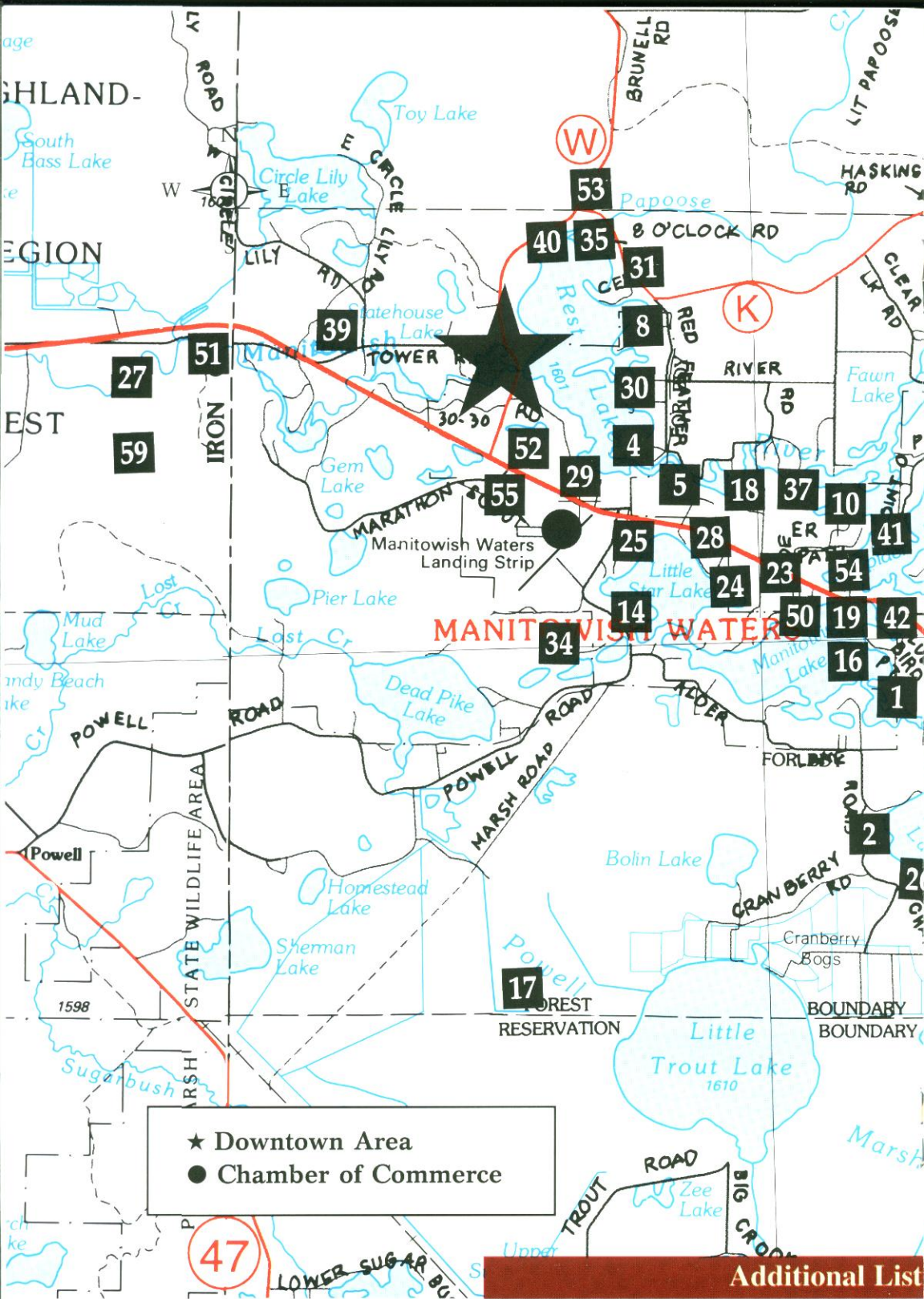
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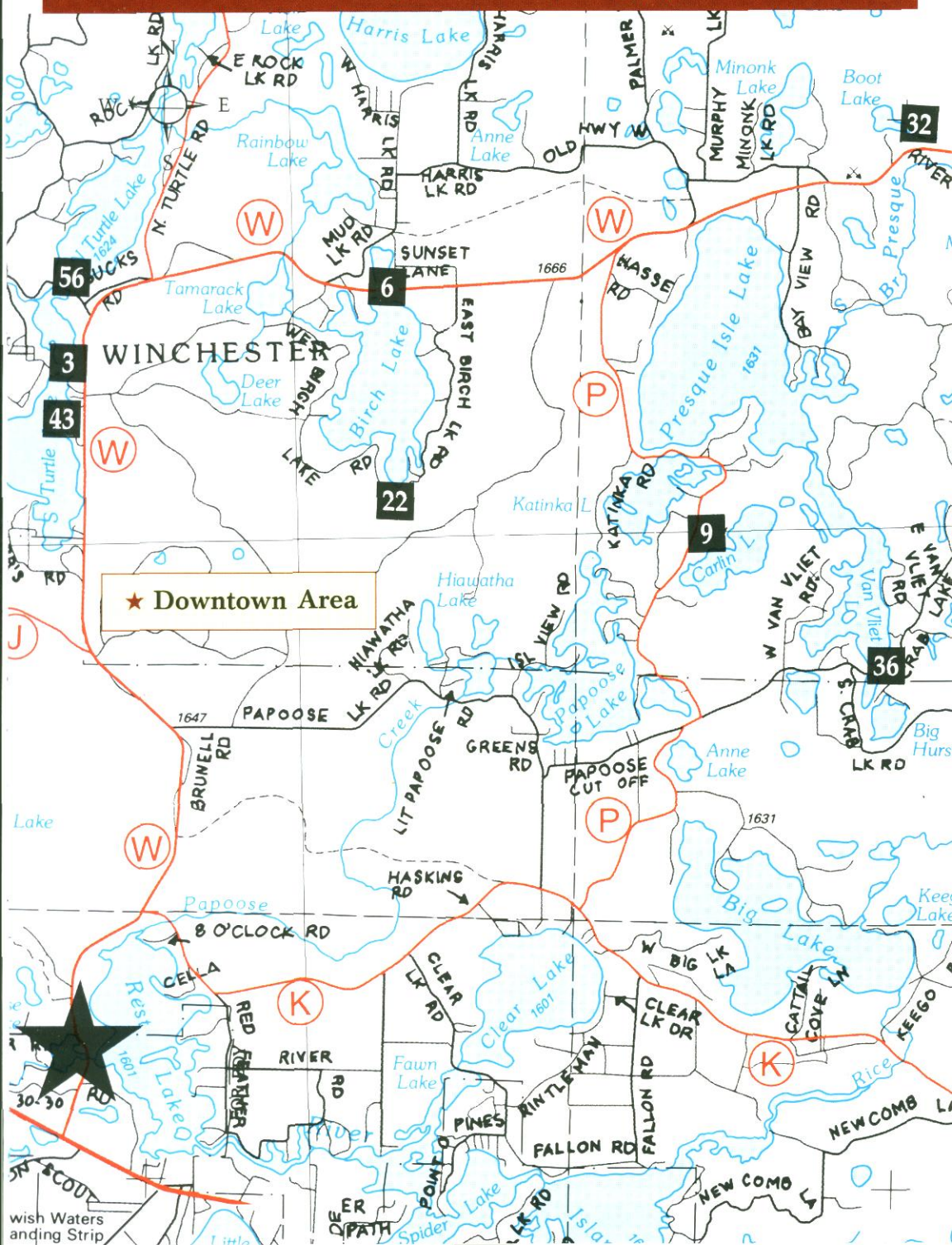


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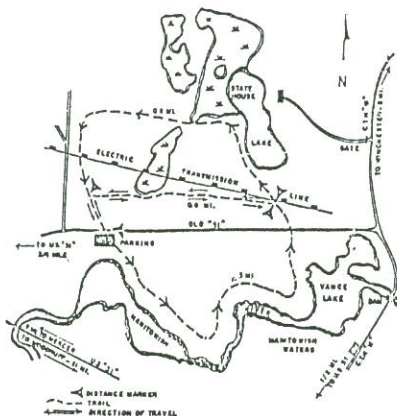
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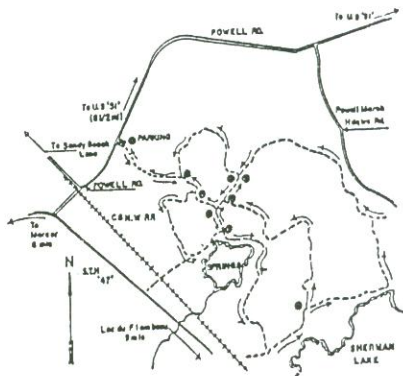
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A LOOK BACK... by Michael J. Dunn, III

A look backward into Manitowish Waters history reveals a colorful and many-faceted past, stretching back from today's energetic cross-country skiers and patient fishermen all the way to calked-booted loggers and birchbark canoeist Chippewas... and no matter what the era or who the participants, the focus of that history has always been the blend of woods and waters.

The Lake Superior Chippewa Indians were the first people to leave a significant imprint on this region. The Chippewa people had moved westward along the Great Lakes in quest of better hunting during the 1600s and 1700s, had become involved in the fur trade with Europeans and had come to depend on the Europeans' trade goods, like guns, iron vessels, woven fabric, even whiskey. They were now venturing farther and farther inland from the Lake Superior shoreline to find supplies of fur-bearing animals to meet their trading needs. Between 1700 and 1750 they had routed the Sioux, who had been their sometime rivals for the hunting in the region, and had established some sort of settlement at Lac du Flambeau.

Their traditional lifestyle was a cycle of moves with the seasons of the year; in spring they made sugar in their maple-sugaring grounds. In summer they moved on to their fishing grounds, where they fished for present sustenance and dried fish for later use, planted and harvested corn, and picked and preserved berries. In late summer they progressed to their wild ricing grounds, and in fall they moved on to their hunting grounds.

They traveled in birchbark canoes and when they stayed any length of time they covered sapling frameworks with birchbark to make wigwam-style homes, rolling up the precious bark and taking it with them when they moved on.

In the waning decades of the 1800s, though, the Chippewas were playing out the final years of this frame, perhaps without realizing it at the time, for the latter 1800s would see a movement to cluster them all on their government sponsored reservation at Flambeau and to settle them there.

Until then, however, some of the Chippewas had had a favorite encampment spot on the east shore of Manitowish Lake where Deer Park Lodge was later developed, and here they camped, fished and even buried some of their dead. They also gathered wild rice not far away, up near Big Lake, which they were able to reach by canoe via Island Lake and Rice Creek, and they continued to gather rice there into the 1900s, well after they had ceased camping on Manitowish Lake. (Their impact upon the area is evident in the fact that Manitowish Lake is almost the only body of water labeled by name on the map made by the first surveyors in the 1860s. Manitowish is the word for weasel or muskrat in the dictionary of Chippewa language that Father Baraga compiled and published during his long career as a missionary among the Lake Superior Chippewas in the mid-1800s.)

Government surveyors were the first white men who left a record of their passing through the area we know as

Manitowish Waters; one party passed by as it established the boundaries for townships in 1860 and a second party crisscrossed the township in 1862, establishing interior section lines. They made systematic notes, and these notes acknowledge the valuable timber resources here and even note that fact that the logs could be floated down rivers to sawmills elsewhere. By 1872 people were putting in applications for lands near the chain of lakes and by the 1900s the timber people were jockeying in earnest for control of large timber tracts.

By 1884, if we can rely on Peter Vance, one of the participants, a little flotilla of canoes paddled up the Manitowish River from the Eau Claire-Chippewa Falls area; after they passed the crossing of the Wisconsin Central Railway at Fifield or present day Park Falls, they were covering new territory.

They were sent to evaluate, or "cruise," the woods for timber and help plan the assault on the white pine forests, and their arrival also established a permanent white presence in township 42 North, Range 5 East; the present Manitowish Waters. The 1880s also brought pioneer white settlers who were not directly involved with this timber cruising.

What the lumbermen found – and coveted – were virgin forests so tall and thick that while they stood uncut, a person could walk six miles downstream from the present dam toward Manitowish, on the little road that developed parallel with the river, and never leave total shade for direct sunlight!

In contrast, when all the loggers were done, twenty-five years later, a person could stand, say, at Boulder Junction, and could see all the way across the logging and fire-ravaged landscape to Trout Lake or almost to the Manitowish chain.

A little rapids formed a threshold for the chain of lakes. In 1887 the state legislature authorized the lumbermen to build a dam there to pen up the waters of the chain for logging and river driving. In 1887-88 crews built a camp below the damsite and began freighting in the first supplies upriver from the railroad at Fifield and Park Falls. They also began grading the earthworks on either bank and began building a rock crib and timber dam tall and strong enough to hold back waters fifteen feet deeper than the chain had ever seen before!

White pine was valued for its fine lumber, but besides that, it was light enough to float indefinitely, and logs put into the water on the Manitowish chain could certainly stay afloat long enough to reach mills almost 200 miles away at Chippewa Falls or Eau Claire. So crews began cutting the pines in winter and putting the logs into the swollen lakes at break-up; and a paddle-wheel steamboat herded them to the dam end or Rest Lake from all around the chain.

The author has been Manitowish Waters town historian since 1971 and is the author of Easy Going: Wisconsin's Northwoods (1978). He has been a seasonal resident of the community for over fifty years.

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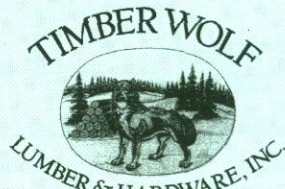
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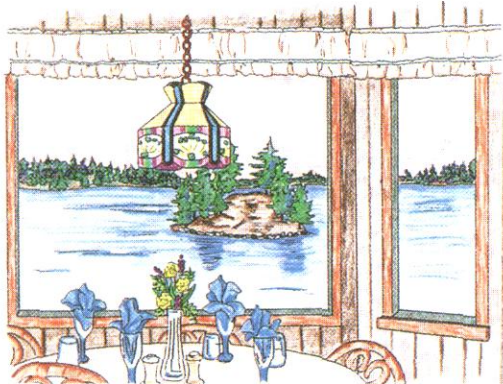
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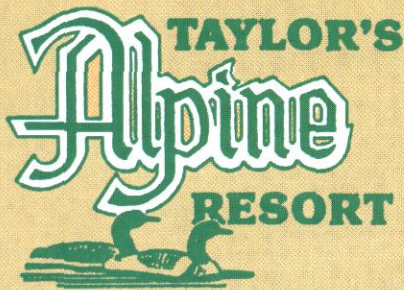
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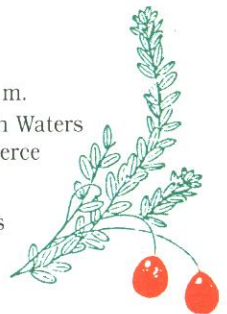
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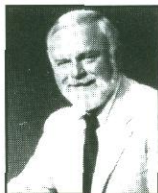
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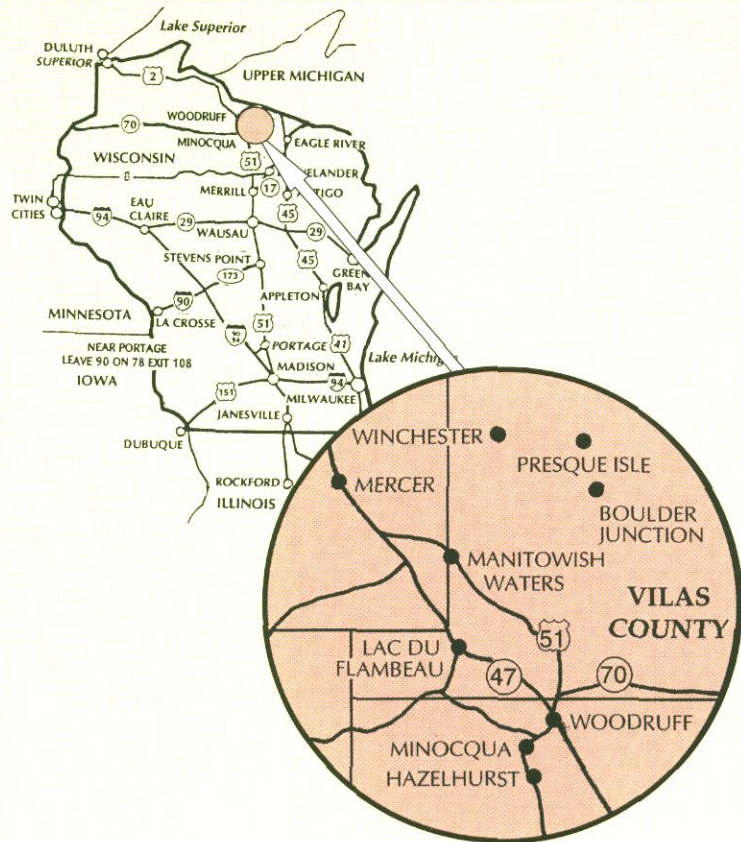
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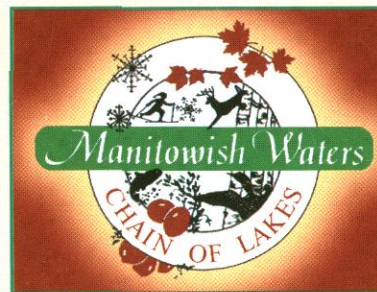
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