

Trout Mills Women's Institute Book IV

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Burrows Estate

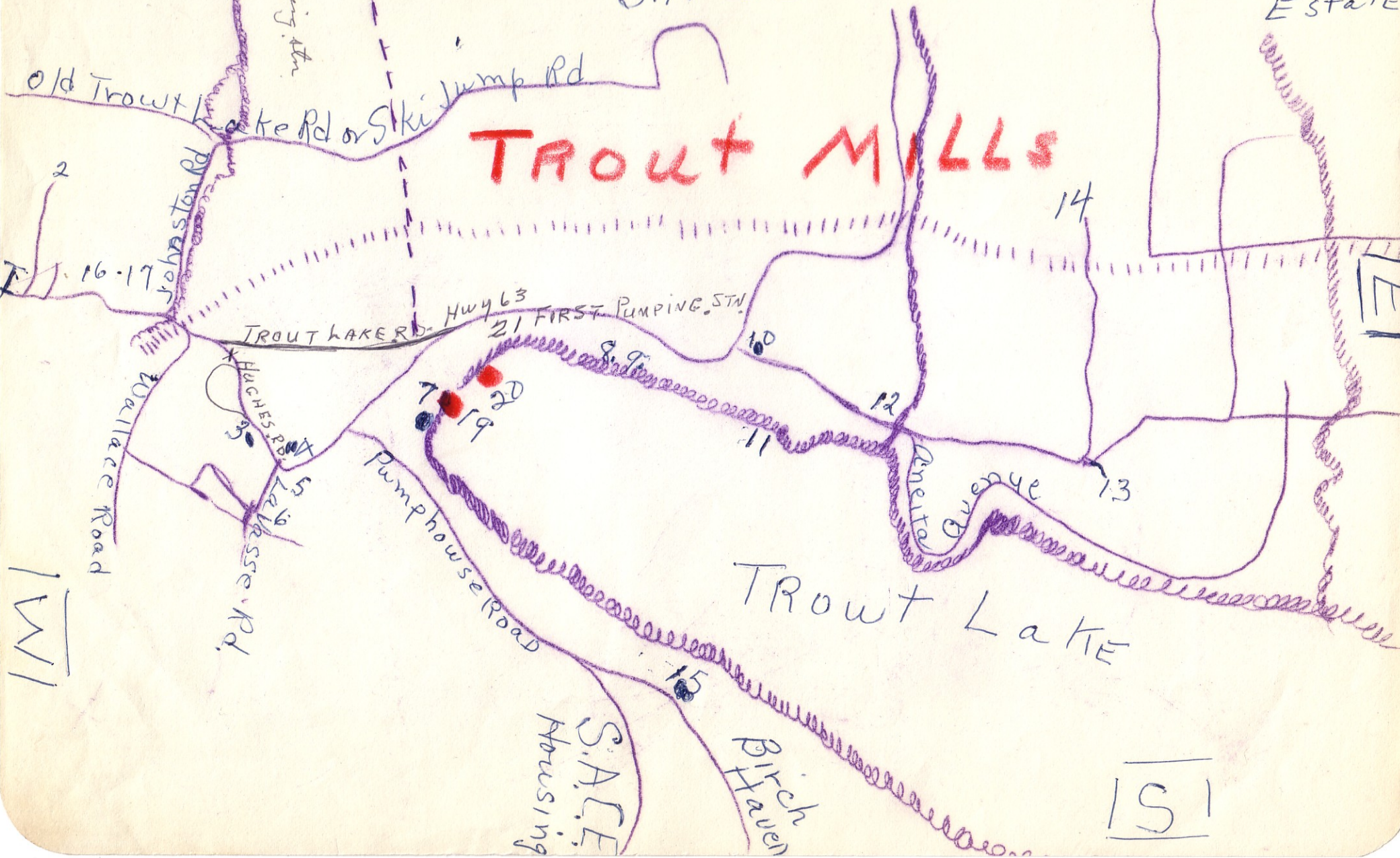
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- 5. Forester's Homes
- 6. D. P. P. Home
- 7. Land & Forest
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TROUT MILLS



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LEVI THOMPSON.

Son of Mr. and Mrs, Alexander
'Sandy' Thompson, served with
the 159th. Battalion in World
war 1.



William Thompson son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Thompson 'Sandy'
served in World war 1. (picture marked by "X".)

World War One August 14th. 1914 to November 11th. 1918.

Delaney, Reg.

Killed in action.

Doxsee, Arthur

Killed in action.

Forester, William

Killed in action.

Perry, Gordon

Wounded.

Thompson, William

Wounded.

Bole, Lige.

Boucher, George.

Bourke, Ham.

Bourke, Everett.

Delaney, Chum.

Dool, Adam.

Dool, James.

Forester, Ernest.

MacDonald, Donald.

McConnell, James.

McLellan, Dougal.

McLeod, Roddie.

McLeod, Donald.

Perry, Riley.

Thompson, Arthur.

Thompson, Levi.



Jim Dool

World War Two 1939 to 1945

Dool, Wilfred.

Killed in action.

Groves, Clinton.

Killed in action.

Mangan, E.J."Jack".

Killed in service in Canada.

Avery, Gordon.

Wounded.

Johnstone David,

Wounded.

Avery, James.

Bourke, Ham.

Bourke, Delmer.

Bourke, S.C.

Bourke, Trevor.

Carr, Elmer.

Carr, Gordon.

Dool, Milton.

Hughes, Goldwin.

Hughes, Howard.

Mangan, E.J."Teddy".

Mangan, William.

McCall, Jack.

Perry, Charles.

Perry, Lloyd.

Wilson, Earl.

Wilson, William.



HAM BOURKE

Ham is the eldest son of the late
= Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bourke.
He served in World War 1.

RILEY PERRY

Riley is the son of the
late Mr. and Mrs. George Perry. =
He served in World War 1
with the 162nd. Battalion.



RONALD and DONALD McLEOD

Twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Alex McLeod both served in
World war 1.



Ronald McLeod



Donald McLeod

In the early days of motor launches it became quite a popular custom to organize blueberry excursions to the Stepping Stones or through the narrows into Turtle Lake where the berries grew in profusion.

Trout Lake for many years was a fisherman's paradise where lake trout, bass, pickeral and many of the less appreciated fish were easily taken either with worm or troll.

As we drive along Aneita Avenue we see many attractive and comfortable homes built since the second world war. Many new families live here who are contributing a great deal to the advancement of Trout Mills.

But not so many years ago this avenue was only a path along which we girls roamed to pick berries and where we were sometimes startled by a deer bounding down to the lake for a drink.

Another section of the village being built up is in the locality of the pumping station where large and beautiful homes have been built adding to the area of the village.

On what was known as "the old hayfield" formerly owned by Mrs. Delaney and where the young people congregated to play baseball, there is also another residential site. Here several homes and Lakeview Grocery have been built.

Please bear with me as some of the pleasures and tragedies or near tragedies come to me in my reminiscences.

Storms have been cruel with us, Mr. Hughes shingle mill was once struck by lightning the fire from which caused considerable damage.

Another time lightning hit Wm. Milne and Sons' mill. One night, at midnight, the pumping station was struck, just a few days before George Hughes had purchased his first car and it was stored in the pumphouse shed which was locked.

When the lightning struck Mr. Calloway's eldest daughter ran several yards up the road, in the driving rain, to waken the Hughes family that the shed might be opened and the car removed.

I remember one storm, about the year 1912, which ended with a cloudburst, washing away the T.&N.O. tracks, just at the station which was situated then between the crossing at the Hutson property and that at the Levi Thompson property, also a travelled street.

The result of this is the gully between Trout Lake Lodge and the properties owned by Orval Quirt and William Avery.

John Hutson Jr. after hearing the storm rage during the night, arose early and discovered the damage done the railway tracks. He ran to the Post Office and phoned the TNO office in North Bay, in time to have the "Cobalt Flyer" held at North Bay.

A few years ago William Avery reported another washout at almost the same place, thus again diverting tragedy.

In the spring of 1954, George Coleman, Orville Quirt, Pete Prested and William Avery flagged a southbound passenger train after the spring floods had undermined the tracks at the creek.

On Good Friday, March 21st. 1913, a gale swept across the province and Trout Mills suffered her share of destruction including many roofs blown off.



Trout Mills 1906 Photo taken from hill at new school site
by William Watt.

REMINISCING ABOUT HISTORY of TROUT MILLS and AREA

As written for the North Bay Nugget by Mrs.(W.) Orr Moore in 1955

Many people think that Trout Mills had it's birth with the coming of the Ontario Northland Railway formerly called the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, the construction of which was begun in 1902.

But Trout Mills long before that had residents and places of note.

Situated at the foot of one of the Laurentian Hills it over looks beautiful Trout Lake at its headwaters.

Recently I visited one of Trout Mills pioneers, Mrs. Archie Stevenson. Mrs. Stevens is the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. William Descheno and was born eighty-eight years ago on the property known as Lounsberry Park, almost opposite the spot where Champlain landed in Dugas Bay.

When a young girl nineteen years of age Mrs. Stevens cooked for a gang of men, in a camp run by Frank Gowilea, situated almost where Chippawa Creek crosses Cassells street.

These men felled the hemlock trees and hewed the ties which were used by the construction company when building the Canadian Pacific Railway. She did her cooking over an open fire and baked the beans and "long clear" in the coals.



ARTHUR DOXSEE

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Doxsee,
killed in action, in World war 1.

DOUGAL McLELLAN

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan
McLellan, served in World war 1.





CHADBOURNE'S MILL - WINDFIELD.

MR. JOHN CHADBOURNE RESTING AFTER
DINNER AT HIS MILL ON FOUR MILE
LAKE

Jan 1st 1916.



A Happy New Year

NEW YEARS CARD
EMBROIDERED BY
BELGIAN WOMEN
AND SENT TO
MRS. J. CHADBOURNE
BY HER BROTHER
MR. LEVI PRINGLE

INDUSTRIES OF TROUT MILLS continued



Smelter at Trout Mills 1907

In the year 1907 the Montreal Reduction and Smelting Company built a smelter at Trout Mills. (The remains may still be seen (1955.)) The silver in raw ore form shipped by rail from Cobalt and smelted here. This proved too costly a means of transportation and operations ceased for a few years.

In 1913 operations were resumed for a short time after which the property and plant were purchased by the Wabi Iron Works of New Liskeard. The machinery was moved away and the buildings partly demolished.

Montreal Reduction and Smelting Company of Canada,
LIMITED.

SECOND ADVICE

No.

Trout Mills, Ont., 19

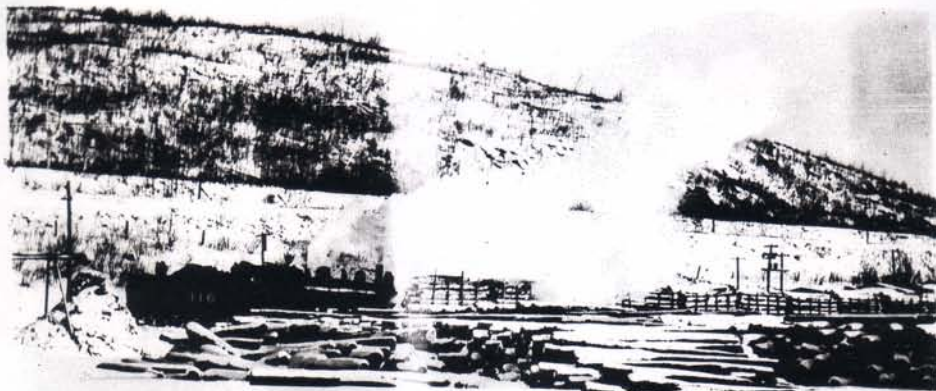
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Name of Shipper

Address

LEDOUX Assay per TON	
Number of OUNCES in Car	
Per cent of RECOVERY	
Per cent of Assay paid for	
Number of ounces PAID FOR	

SECOND ADVISE



T.&N.O. STEAM ENGINE PLACING FLAT CARS OF LOGS TO BE UNLOADED.

WINTER LOG DUMPING OPERATIONS (1902 -1935)

At one time in Trout Mills there was a railway track or "siding" along the north shore of Trout Lake, between Highway 63, what is now The Marine Room (then the pumping station) and the water's edge, ending just behind Mr. and Mrs. Norman Fleming's home.

In the winter the logs were cut "up north", loaded on flat cars shipped over the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway to this siding and then dumped onto the ice, to be sawen at the Wm. Milne & Son's mill the following summer.

This furnished considerable employment for the married employees who had their permanent homes here.



Walter Johnston, Wilfred Craig and Donald Campbell, dumping logs. In the immediate background may be seen the roof of the pumping station while to the right is the engineer's residence.

The pictures on this page were taken from the one place
"The Manary home!"



Looking North-East to
the site of the S.A.G.E.
now.

The 'Old Red School'
was formerly to be seen
between two signal posts.



Looking South-East
over Trout Lake with
Aneita Ave. in the
background. The two
trees on the vacant
lot were planted in
1918 by Mrs. W. Craig.



The new Lands and Forest building. Built on the
Old saw-mill site. (Wm. Milne & Sons)

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

The first highway that connected Trout Lake with North Bay is what is now known as The Old Trout Lake Road or The Ski Jump Road. This road branched off Clock Avenue ~~Now~~ Algonquin Ave. North Bay and followed along the foot of the mountain past the locations of Terrace Lawn Cemetery, Ski Club (then the Alex McLeod farm) eastward past the Robert Johnston Homestead across the old school grounds (now Sage site) past the John Hutson Homestead and on eastward. Part of this old road may still be seen between the property of Harvey Burrows (settled by Mr. Colback and later known as the Washington Winter farm) and that which is now owned by Charles Straiton. Along this road from Trout Lake to North Bay was a narrow path paved with one board plank over which ladies and gentlemen cycled for a week-ends camping at Trout Lake.

Why and how did the road come to be changed? In 1902 the company known then as the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Company desired a portion of this road for their new railroad bed. Mrs. Delaney gave a part of her land to be used as a Highway in exchange for the portion the Railway Company wanted and she in turn sold the "traded land" to the T.&N.O. This new part of the road now wound along the north shore of Trout Lake from where the Forestry building now stands down past her hotel and Skyline Airways is now located and on eastward.

In 1898 William Milne cut a "haul road" through the bush, on which to haul his mill machinery, from Cassels St. North Bay eastward to the head of Trout Lake and the site of his new mill. Today over this haul road and the newly donated Delaney property is what is now known as the Temiskaming Highway.

Another "Highway" important to our locality, short though it may seem, is the road branching off the Temiskaming Highway at the Forestry Branch and down to the Pumping Station then on past and through the new residential section.

At one time the McPherson Lumber Mill was located where the Pumping Station now is. The old road bed may still be seen (some of it corduroy) down from the corner between the homes of George Wilson and William Carr to the lake.

Anita Avenue was opened up in the 1920's and many large and beautiful homes may be seen now on this 'point' which has always been a prominent pleasure spot on Trout Lake.

In 1912 a cloud burst washed away part of Agnes St. and left a huge gully which may be seen between Trout Lake Lodge and the properties of Wm. Avery and Orville Quirt.

Submitted March 8/50, by
(Mrs. Wilfred) Orr Moore.

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William Milne's & Son's Lumber and Lath Mill year 1920.

INDUSTRIES OF TROUT MILLS

The first Industry known of in Trout Mills was a small circular Saw Mill owned and operated by a Mr. Wooden who moved from this place to Sturgeon Falls about the year 1897.

In the year 1898 William Milne of Trout Creek moved his mill to Trout Lake building it at the head of the lake, on the shores of the Bay that became known as Milne's Bay. It is on the old mill site that the modern Lands and Forest Building now stands.

When Mr. Milne decided to bring the mill machinery here he cut a trail through the bush, from North Bay, on which to haul it and this trail later became the right of way for what is now the Temiskaming Highway.

This was a "Circular" Saw Mill and was enlarged in 1907 when a boiler room was added and a Band Saw installed thus the first Band Mill in this District or rather Township (Widdifield.)

In 1936 this mill, now known and operated under the business name of William Milne & Sons) was moved to Temagami.

About the year 1904 William McPherson built a saw mill (circular) across the Bay south of Milne's mill on the property where the city of North Bay now has it's new Pumping Station. The mill was dismantled and moved away in 1909.

George Hughes built and operated the only Shingle mill in this village (to date 1955) and with this mill he also had the first Lath mill. Several times this mill was damaged by fire and once it was struck by lightening.



George Hughes's Shingle and Lath Mill year 1916.
(foreground) One of Milne & Sons' teams with a load of shingles,
(teamster) James (Jim) Hutson.

INDUSTRIES OF TROUT MILLS.

Above is a picture of the only Shingle Mill to have ever been built in Trout Mills. This mill was owned and operated by George Hughes. For a number of years there was also a Lath Mill in part of this building. A trolly track ran from Wm. Mile's, at a point from where the slabs left the slash table, down to the Hughes Mill. A hand trolly was used to transport the slabs and they were then manufactured into lath.

At this period lath and shingles found a ready market with building contractors and many buildings in North Bay and the surrounding localities still have roofs made from these cedar shingles.

Reduction



The Commodore (photo in 1923) Originally built by the Montreal Reduction and Smelting Co. as a residence for their personell. (U907)



The Commodore when the residence of Mr. & Mrs. W.W. Craig, Sold to George Coleman in June 1945, and became known as Trout Lake Lodge.

One of the first settlers Richard Jessup, owned a hotel here in in the late 1800's. Later the hotel business was carried on by Dan Delaney. In 1901, the day Queen Victoria died, Mr. Delaney and a little daughter were burned to death when the hotel was completely destroyed by fire.

At the time of the fatality, Mrs. Delaney was at a neighbor's home where she was called owing to sickness. Mr. Delaney carried the other children to safety but perished when he returned for the little girl. Mrs. Delaney and the family lived in a little log cabin, where Trout Lake Lodge now stands, until her new hotel was built. This hotel was also burned about 1908.

The road from North Bay now known as "The old Trout Lake Road" branched off Clock Avenue, now Algonquin Avenue North Bay, at the top of the Priest's hill and followed along the foot of the mountain past the present site of Terrace Lawn Cemetery, Charles House's market garden, the farms of Messers Brown, Knapp and Stuffles and that of Alex McLeod, now the Laurentian Ski Club on past R. Johnston's through the "old" school yard, now owned by Sheldon Moore, past the John Hutson property and on eastward.

Part of it can still be seen on the property of Harvey Burrows formerly known as the Winter's farm and then settled by a Mr. Colback.

Along the right hand side of this road from North Bay to Trout Lake was a one-plank sidewalk on which ladies and gentlemen cycled to Trout Lake during the weekends.

WHY was the road changed? I remember the story told me, as a child, by Mrs. Delaney.

The T.N.O. needed part of this highway for it's roadbed so Mrs. Delaney gave the land where the present highway now is along Trout Lake from about where the forestry building now stands, for a roadway and in turn sold the old road to the railway. Then a new road was built from North Bay to join the newly constructed piece along Trout Lake. This is now the present Temiskaming Highway.

With the coming of the railway the village must have a permanent name. The railway officials suggested "Delaney Siding." But by this time William Milne, Trout Creek, had built his saw mill at the head of the Lake.

Then Mrs. Delaney, the hotel owner, and Mr. Milne the mill owner, decided on a name they felt, as Mrs. Delaney expressed it, had a future, so the village became known as Trout Mills.

On a bright winter's morning, Feb. 5, 1907, I came to Trout Mills with my parents. My father Wilfred Craig, had been hired by Mr. Milne to install the new band mill, when he was dispensing with the old circular saw. Although only a child, I recall that ride in the clear, cold morning on an open sleigh behind a team of horses. The huge trees were growing so close to the road in places the branches almost touched.

Houses were at a premium in those days too. My parents lived until the following November in the only available dwelling a little flat-roofed shack about 12 feet square. This building site was later part of the large lumber yard just west of the present school.

The school was then held in another little building about the same size as this shack and was situated near where the pumping station now is. Mr. McPherson had a saw mill on the pumping station site at that time.

NEIGHBORS REMINISCENCE ABOUT HISTORY of TROUT MILLS and AREA.

As written for the North Bay Nugget by Mrs. (W.) Orr Moore
April 1957.

Not long ago I visited with a neighbor, Mrs. Joseph LeClair, and I wish to tell you some of the reminiscing by Mrs. LeClair, as I heard it.

During our conversation I asked:

"What do you remember about the early days in Trout Mills?"

Promptly the answer came:

"Do you know, Orr, I can remember before the railway was finished through here. Then my parents lived where Camp Ontario is now and we had to travel this way to North Bay. When the lake was calm we crossed over in a canoe to Delaneys' dock, about where the Skyline Airways docks are now. Then we walked in to North Bay. But if the lake was rough, we landed at Doran's Point and walked through the bush to the road back of Olliver Garven's. You know, the property now owned by John Chadbourne Sr., at Birch Drive?

Sometimes we stopped to watch the construction gangs building the T. & N.O. Railway. Then we followed the old road, down past where you are now living. Mr. Colback owned it then, afterwards Washington Winter and now Harvey Burrows. Then across this place here and across the Delaney pasture, the property where Shackletons, Watkins, Tompkins and Esslemonts are living. We came out on the road just in front of Mr. Sullivans house and SkyLine Lodge, are now. From here past the Lakeview Grocery and Marine Room's present sites and on past Milne's Mill. This was a good corduroy road at this time.

In the spring the lake and Delaney Creek would flood over the road, completely covering it. In those days there was a road where the big gully is, just east of Trout Lake Lodge. Just think of the nice Highway we have there now, although the bridges over the creeks were almost as wide then as they are now. It was quite common on a hot summer's day to see a horse or team driven, not over the bridge, but into the creek where they were allowed to drink their fill.

That was back in 1901 and 1902 when neighbors were neighbors in every sense of the word.

Many a night a woman was called on to walk a mile or maybe more to try and arrive before the "Stork" had landed. When a Doctor was needed in a hurry, Mr. Delaney would lend his horse if it was home. If not the trip was made to North Bay, on foot, for Dr. McMurphy or Dr. Carruthers, who, came by horse and buggy, or cutter, in winter. If we feared a loved one was near death, the doctor didn't say "Wait till morning, or, take him in to the hospital."

Edward Jessup owned the property we live on now and this is where our Mail Carrier was born, and spent part of his childhood.

Then you could walk around the Point, now Anita Avenue, and shoot a deer or stand on the shore any place and catch a fish. There wasn't any season for game then and we had all the wild meat we needed all year and none was wasted.

My parents moved to Trout Mills about 1904 and I have lived here ever since. J. Jessup owned the property then where Mr. and Mrs. P. Straiton lives now. Later it was owned by a Mr. Conroy and for a number of years stood idle. During this time a toboggan slide was operated past the house and down to the frozen lake.

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NEIGHBORS REMINICE ABOUT HISTORY of TROUT MILLS and AREA cont--

1957 by Orr Moore.

The old brickyard pond ,on the Trout Lake Road, afforded a skating rink for North Bay's youth. It was situated where the jail is now and where the Eastview housing project is now in operation.

We had home parties then and enjoyed ourselves more, I think, than the young people do today in fashionable dance halls with several musicians.

On Friday night we would meet at someones' home and Pete Stevens would come along with his fiddle and we would dance till daylight. Two changes and a breakdown completed a square dance then.

Christmas and New Year's season was one of festivities and pleasure. Crowds of young people would pile on wood sleighs, behind teams of horses and drive for miles to a Christmas'tree Concert. Then after Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve until New Year's there was a round of house parties which old and young attended.

Mr. Milne had a mill here then and another was built soon after by Mr. McPherson, then the smelter was built and with three Industries Trout Mills' population grew.

One strange feature about the early settling of Trout Mills was that no one thought that he or she was pioneering. Yet it was pioneering in every sense of the word. Our mothers used coal oil lamps and when oil became scarce we used candles, sometimes homemade.

The first washing machine in 1910, hand powered, was the pride of it's owner and the envy of her neighbors. Today almost every home has an electric machine.

Do you remember how excited we were with the first radio ear phones? Now just think of all the T.V. sets. A movie right at home every night. What a change in a short lifetime.



Part of the T. & N. O. Railway station, which was torn down in the late 1920's. With Miss Laura Breany (Mrs. D. Reeves) North Bay, in the foreground.

Trout Mills felt the earth quake tremor of October 31, 1934, to such an extent that when a second tremor was experienced the following day and the lids danced on the cooking stoves there was a sigh of relief that this one was so much lighter.

The lumber yard fire will long be remembered, by people then living at Trout Mills. Before the fire was extinguished carloads of people arrived from as far as Verner on the west and Mattawa to the east who had seen the reflection of the blaze at their homes and thinking the fire much nearer started out to investigate. It happened on a Saturday night in the month of July. No rain had fallen for a couple of weeks and everything was tinder dry.

About 11.30 P.M. the night watchman at the mill discovered a small blaze in the central part of the yard. He gave the alarm but in a matter of minutes several piles of dry pine lumber were blazing. It was thought that a spark from the southbound passenger train had fallen in that spot igniting the dry boards.

All night firefighters struggled with the inferno but by morning all that remained of months of labor were piles of ashes heaped beside warped and melted rails.

Not long ago a youth asked: "What did the kids do when you were young?"

We didn't go to many movies, a show was a real treat.

Probably a "soap opera" would stage a performance each year in the school room. This was usually well attended by young and old.

Each season brought clean wholesome sport. Today the children cannot slide down the "Smelter Hill" as we did, because now there is a highway at the foot of the hill and a car passes about every minute.

Bobsleigh riding was a great winter pastime, the sleighs were usually made by the boys themselves.

Then too many hours were spent on Mr. Calloway's open air rink



Milne's Big Red House with Eva and Earl Craig in the foreground.
photo taken Nov. 1918. occupied by W.Craig & family.



Above is the oldest farm house in this vicinity on the property owned by Harvey Burrows with Mr. and Mrs Wilfred Moore as tenants. This property was settled by a Mr. Colback in the later 1800's then sold to Washington Winter later to Mr. Burrows. The little boy sitting on the front steps is Mr. Moore's grandson Wilfred Craig Moore. (photo taken in Oct. 1964)

Suppersing Dist. Woman's Institute Officers for 1953-56 Taken in McLoys Hall, H. M. Bay

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TROUT MILLS SCHOOLS.

The first school in Trout Mills was held in a small frame building near McPhersons' mill, located where the present Pumping station now is. This building was small, cold in winter, hot in summer and very poorly lighted. This was the year 1904 and the first teacher to cope with these conditions and follow the then simple educational curriculum was Miss Iva Banks.

In 1908 a new school was built, across the railroad track, on property donated by Mrs. D. Delaney. The T.&N.O. Railway Co. allowed a tunnel to be dug under the rail bed, this was shored up with timbers and was wide enough to allow a team of horses and wagon to pass through, a smaller tunnel is still to be seen at the same place although the "School Property" is now part of the Sage Site.



The new Red School House erected in 1908

This was a two room school and opened the autumn of 1909 with Miss Waymen (now Mrs. Greenles of Cobalt) as Principal and Miss Watson as Jr. Room teacher.

The first pupil to pass the Entrance examinations was Margery Taylor about the year 1915 (she is now Mrs. Alex Fraser) Some years the attendance was not large enough to necessitate two teachers but in the year 1916 two teachers were again engaged Mrs. E.L. Hughes (Miss Rosella Hawke) as Principal and Miss E. Robinson as Jr. room teacher.

In 1947 another, very modern, two room school was built the first year only one teacher was hired, Mrs. (E.) Violet Shortreed, who became principal when another teacher was engaged. Mrs. Shortreed had already taught two years in the "old school" and was very pleased with the accommodations of this new modern place of learning.



Charles Johnston driving his pet "Billy Goat"
with little friend Willie Watt looking on.



Mrs. Robt. Johnston
Sr. and son Robert.



Mr. Robert Doxsee and Mr. Wilfred Craig
on the 'DONALD M.' With Orr Craig (wheel
house) and Gordon Doxsee (engine room)



The DONALD M. at work towing a boom, taken from the residence
of W.W. Craig, (now the Commodore) Boat house has been removed.

NIPISSING SEED FAIR 1955

The Nipissing District Annual Seed Fair was something very different this year. In former years it was designed as a real "Farmer's Day."

This year it was a great deal more than that and was known as North Bay's "First Spring Fair." The exhibits were placed and judged on Monday and remained on display all week, thus giving both rural and urban visitors to the Fair an opportunity to view the grains, seeds and potatoes.

In the same tent were exhibits from the various farm women's groups including the various Federated Women's Institute Branches of the District of Nipissing. These ladies displayed their hobbies samples of their baking accomplishments as well as articles of the various crafts they are interested in. They deserved a great credit for the display of rugs, quilts, woven articles and needle work.

F.G. Millette, Agriculture Representative for the District of Nipissing thanked the members of the Women's Institute for the part they took in assisting to make this project a success. He said credit must go to the members of this Organization for helping and arranging the booths.

The Trout Mills' Branch members took an active part and one of our members presided in the booth either afternoon or evening during the entire week.

On the opposite page may be seen a reprint of a "Nugget Photo" of Mrs. Donald Campbell, a past president of the Trout Mills Branch.

Respectfully submitted by,

(Mrs. Wilfred)

Ann Moore

STORE KEEPERS IN TROUT MILLS.

Mr. Banks Built what is now the Harbor Terrace.

Mr. George Hughes Purchased this property.

Mrs. Stewart.

Mr. Thomas Thompson. Operated a General Store Directly north of what is
 now the Commador and south of the Sage site dump.

Mr. Harry Bourke built a General store (at the corner) on his property
 now owned by his grandson.

Mrs. D. Delaney Leased the store building from Mr. Hughes and operated
 a grocery store during the years of the first world war.
 Her son Percy Delaney was Postmaster at this time.

Mr. Paul Sabourin. Operates Lakeview Grocery now (1964)

REMINISCING ABOUT TROUT MILLS & AREA HISTORY continued
1955 by Orr Moore.

As I have mentioned before the first school was held in a little building near where the pumping station now is. The teacher in 1907 was Miss Iva Banks.

On Sundays the Methodist Church services were conducted here by a Mr. Vowles. The new Two-room red school was then built across the T.N.O. railway on property donated by Mrs. Delaney. This school was the pride of the Township and although it was a great improvement from the little school, was cold and uncomfortable. In winter the lunches would freeze in the desks and on a clear, cold day one's breath could be noticed a few feet from the stove till late afternoon.

Church was now held in the upper room of the new school with a Mr. Troke in charge of the services. Winter set in with little wood to hear or oil to light the "Church". In those days everyone worked together.

I can remember Mrs. Calloway and my mother, a Baptist, and a Presbyterian wading in snow to their waists, (no power plows in those days) to notify the people of the community that a pie social was to be held in the school to raise funds with which to purchase oil and wood. Why hadn't the telephone been invented sooner?

So the new school was serving a double purpose. After the pupils graduated or passed the entrance examinations he or she would likely walk a little over three miles to the North Bay High School. Many winter mornings they broke a trail as far as the brick yard, where the jail now is. Then we would probably meet the first Team and wood sleigh and from that on have a sleigh track to trip along on.

About this time a mining company built a smelter here, the ruins of which may still be seen. The silver ore was mined at Cobalt and shipped by the TNO to be smelted at this plant. The assay rooms smaller offices and official residence were all in another building which is now popular Trout Lake Lodge owned and operated by George Coleman and overlooking Trout Lake.

The Methodist Mission now assisted the people to build a Church where Protestants of all denominations worshipped until 1940 when a grass fire destroyed it. This church building was located on the property now owned by Claude Tye. Until a new place of worship is erected the church services are being conducted by Re. H.H. Eaton in the public school's senior classroom.

Beautiful Trout Lake for many years has attracted tourists and in recent years the operation of tourist camps has become a profitable business, but I would like to take you back many years to when steam boats were plying these waters.

One of the first steamers was owned by a Mr. Kingston who was a jobber for the J.R. Booth Lumber Company. Mr. Blanchet, North Bay, owned a pleasure steamer. This was burned one night with the boat house, where Skyline Airways' building now stands.

Wm. Milne & Sons owned several steam vessels with which they towed booms of logs from the foot of the lake to the mill pond in Milne's Bay. The last steamer on Trout Lake was owned by the Wm. Milne & sons and was built in the mill yard one winter by Wilfred Craig, Phillip Hutson and William Bean. This steamer was named the "Donald M."

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OLD LANDMARKES TO BE SEEN IN TROUT MILLS (1959)

There are many old "Land markes" still to be seen in this beautiful old village some have a sentimental memory or two for the earlier residents of Trout Mills. In those days owning one's home meant more than owning a car or speed boat, and many good substantial homes were built at the turn of the century, some have been destroyed by fire and some demolished to make way for progress.

The oldest house in Trout Mills (1959) built by John Perry Sr. about the year 1902. Mr. and Mrs. John Perry lived here a number of years before moving to their farm on the south shore of Trout Lake. Other owners were John's parents Mr. and Mrs. George Perry then his half brother Mr. and Mrs Charles Perry.

The property passed out of the Perry family and was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Campbell.

This property is situated at the corner of Highway 63 and LaVase Road often refered to as "Campbell's Corner" or "The School Corner" as it is opposite the recently erected Trout Mills School.





Mr. & Mrs. John Hutson and two of their sons
John in the foreground and Robert in the rear.



Home of the late Mr. & Mrs. John Hutson Sr., built about the turn of the century. Later owned by their son John and sold by his widow to Leslie McCoy Sr. and in turn sold by his widow to the "Sage". It was then demolished and part of the fill taken from the "hole in the mountain" has been dumped on some parts of this property. (1963)



Filming of Captain
 of the Clouds were
 made at - Trout Lake.
 James Cagney. Dennis
 Morgan. Brenda
 Marshall. In Picture
 Taken at - Picture Site
 and Camp Champlain.



The post office was located across the road from Donald Campbell's home, then the property of John Perry Sr., just angling across from the present school. The post office was in part of the store owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Banks. Later Mr. Banks erected another store building where he also kept the post office.

This store was purchased by George Hughes, owner of a shingle and lath mill. Mr. Hughes's son-in-law now owns the property and the Harbor Terraces are now where the store and post office stood for many years.

Recently a rural mail delivery has been enjoyed with Herbert Jessup as mail carrier.



Interior of the 'first' pumping station with engineer Wm. Calloway and his daughters Violet and Eva.

About the turn of the century the little town of North Bay decided to give its people good water in their homes. Of course Trout Lake was the purest body of water near, so the pumping station and an engineer's residence were built on the site where the Marine Room is now located. This station operated until 1929 when the present station was built and the same year the reservoir was enlarged to its present size.

A Mr. Dellie was the first engineer in charge. He was replaced about 1908 by William Calloway who came with his wife and two daughters and remained on the job until his retirement just a few years ago.

Anyone who was a child in Trout Mills will have a feeling of gratitude when thinking of the many kindnesses of this kindly man. For years we enjoyed free skating on the open air rink which Mr. Calloway kept clear of snow for our benefit. This rink needless to say was of nature's ice being on Trout Lake.



Pumping Station - Trout Mills.



House and grounds at Pumping Station - Trout

THE WELL KEPT GROUNDS AT THE
PUMPING STATION IS ONE OF TROUT MILLS'
BEAUTY SPOTS. STATION ATTENDANT AT THE
TIME OF THESE PICTURES WAS
MR. WM. CALLAWAY.



Kenneth + Lorena McLeod.



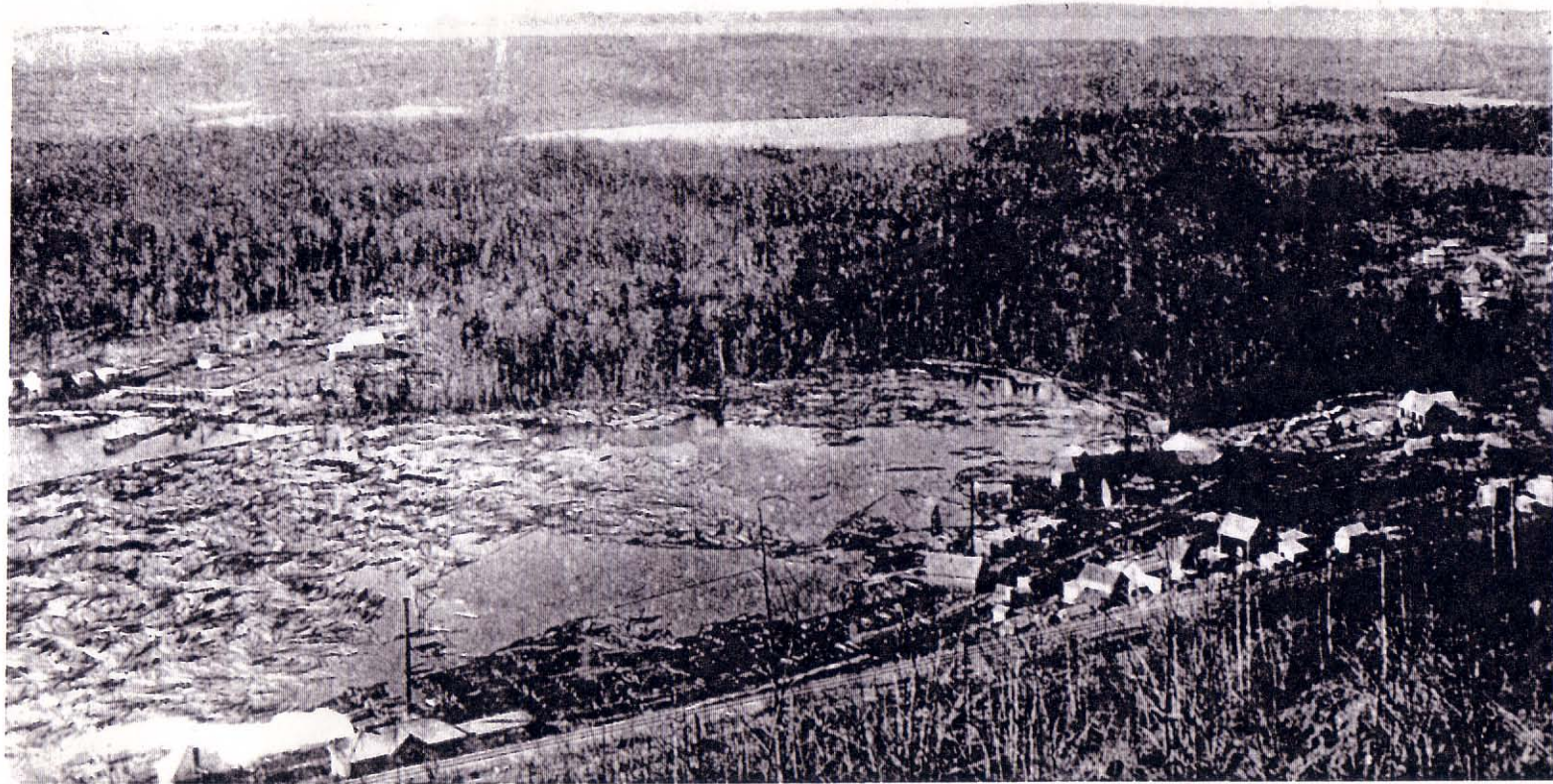
Mrs Leslie McCay Sr.
Leslie Jr. Elsie + Laura.



Ernie + Marie Mc Dady, Orr Craig
Bernie Jones Norma Davey, Joe
Chadbourne, and Henry + Mary
Hughes. Others unknown.



Julia + Hubert Virginia
Jenkins



TROUT MILLS AREA - Early 1900

McPherson's Lumber Mill - centre left

City Pumping Station - left bottom

Hughes Shingle Mill and Milne's Mill - bottom right

First School House at McPherson Site

Circle Lake - top centre



Logs at Chadbourne Mill.



Leaving Dock at
Geo Hughes Store.
Trout Lake.



Old Reservoir New One
has since replaced it.
was placed on Hill above
Trout Lake.



a Sunday School Picnic
with Local Children

1956



Trout Mills' Branch of the Women's Institute held their Christmas party at the home of Mrs. E. Shortreed.

In the above picture, back row are Mrs. Clemmens, Mrs. W. Carr, Mrs. D. Campbell, Mrs. Leslie McCoy Sr., Mrs. Wilfred Moore Sr.

Bottom row

Mrs. John Chadbourne Sr., Mrs. Boyd Dool, Mrs. L. Groves, Mrs. Sheldon Moore, (foreground) Mrs. E. Shortreed, hostess.



Same ladies as above picture excepting Mrs. Jack Campbell, is taken here and Mrs Shortreed is not.



First Dam built at the foot of Turtle Lake.

Shortly after Wm. Milne and Sons built their mill in this village it became necessary to have a means of controlling the water level in Trout Lake.

The above dam was built and during some of the summer months a watchman was on duty to see that the level of the water was kept at a certain depth, when more water was needed at the mill site an extra log was put in or when it was necessary to lower the depth of water a log or lock was removed. This dam was almost, made entirely, of logs.

Later a second dam was erected to replace the first log one. The next picture shows this second and much more modern dam.



Second Dam built at the foot of Turtle Lake.



Dam at Turtle Lake. Before it was replaced by New One.



A early view of Trout Lake by the Lake Land Air Ways. Note - Older Houses on Hill. Thompson Store, Corbitt House, Smelter House. Now New Commodore Hotel. Pictures Given by Mrs Len Hughes.



Foreign Foster Child



back row - Katie McElhaney,
front row - Mae Chadbourne,

, Elsie Fleming!



Mr. & Mrs. J. Sharrow

MR. & MRS. SHARROW, PIONEERS
IN THIS DISTRICT, ARE GRAND-
PARENTS OF MRS. J. CHADBOURNE



Mrs. J. Sharrow

MRS. J. SHARROW WHO DIED AT
THE AGE OF 113 WAS THE OLDEST
WOMEN IN CANADA AT THE TIME OF
HER DEATH. MRS. SHARROW AND HER MOTHER
BEFORE HER LIVED TO SEE FIVE GENERA



*May Chadbourne, Ruth
Weaver Gladys Noel
Mrs. H. Regina Judy Kiefer
old timers of Troutville
W. I. 1967*



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A Canoe trip in 1930's Frank Hughes
Jack Avery and some tourists. Taken
at the far end of Talan Lake.



Camp Milne's Camp.

Donald Campbell. Dad of Eliza Hughes,
and friend at Milne's Camp

REMINISCING ABOUT TROUT MILLS AND AREA

continued

1955 by Orr Moore.

We liked to play train on the empty flat cars from the logs had been dumped onto the lake ice. The "logsiding", on which the flat cars were placed, ran along the lakeshore between the water's edge and where the Marine Room now is and ended just behind the Norman Fleming residence.

In the summer baseball was enjoyed by the boys, with the girls looking on and cheering. In these days we had really enjoyable house parties, when the hooked rugs were rolled back and Lyle Bourke and Tom Perry tuned up their fiddles while Evebett Bourke called "Places all!"

I remember the first plane to light in Trout Lake. It was the G-CAAZ and needless to say caused considerable excitement. When it flew over the village the chickens all took shelter in the hen houses. "A big hawk was on the loose." Now Trout Lake is a regular refueling point for seaplanes in the north, while privately-owned planes can be seen anchored on the ice all winter.

As I stand at my front door in the evening, above the railway track, and look across the landscape from "The Point" on my left to beyond the pumping station on my right, where dozens of electric bulbs throw their illuminations, I think of what a change has taken place in our village in half a century, and I cannot help wondering will tranquility and peaceful living be enjoyed after another fifty years have rolled around, when this settlement is no longer a hamlet or a village but a part of a prosperous city.







This Group was taken In front of
 the Old Trout Mill Church. Note
 the house behind which was Home
 of Geo Perry and later D. Campbell
 In the photo Mrs Callaway, Mrs Geo Hughes
 Mrs Maxwell Jack Hutton, Trupper Hughes
 Mrs Jack Hutton Eva Bean Annie Stute
 and myself. All have Past Away
 And I'm Gelling There.
 Mrs. Eliza Hughes



This is the old Smelter
 House, Formerly owned by
 W. Craig later Geo.
 Coleman. Now the
 Commodore Hotel.



Mr & Mrs Lelpred Craig on their ^{60th} Wedding Day. Below is the family in later years.









back row - 1 - , 2 - 3 - Mrs Shields, 4 -
 4 - , 5 - Doris Watson, 6 -
 7 - , 8 - Laura Reeves

Front row 1- Mae Chadbourne, 2 - 3 -
 4- Kathy Rose, 5- Gertrude Phillips, 6 -Orr Moore



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COUNTRY WOMEN
WORLD

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 6,000,000



Trout Mills, Hockey Team.
 (The One and Only). Consisting of
 Gordon Avery, Wm. Mangan, Tony Hughes,
 Frank Hughes, Charlie Avery, (Goal) ^{Eddie}
 Laurence, Jimmie and William Avery.
 Coach. Geo Wilson. They beat
 every league team in North Bay. Just
 played for the Sport.
 E Hughes.



Mr Geo Bowland, Father of Mrs Effie Smith
 He is still quite active and stays with
 Mrs Smith. He is 90 in January.
 And is one of our old pioneers.



Photo at left - are of
 Mr & Mrs Geo Bowland taken
 while he was serving in the
 second world war.

Both have passed away.
 Mr. Bowland just last year.

January 1955.

TROUT MILLS' HISTORICAL NOTES FROM 1866.

In 1866, our oldest living pioneer, Mrs. Archie Stevens, was born at what is now known as Launsberry Park, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Deschino. All around Trout Lake was virgin timber and most of the travelling was done by canoe.

The old Champlain Trail from Dugas Bay overland to Lake Nipissing was the one most commonly travelled but a second one through the old Trout Mills' school property, now owned by Sheldon Moore, followed the height of land to the Big Lake of shining waters. A pile of rocks is all that is left of the remains of the fireplace which warmed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Deschino in winter and by which Mrs. Deschino did the cooking for her family.

The first Hotel was owned by R. Jessup, about the year 1893. Later this business was operated by Daniel Delaney. In the year 1901 (the day Queen Victoria died) this hotel was burned and Mr. Delaney and little daughter Violet were burned to death in the building. Mrs. Delaney and her other children lived for a while in a log cabin, on the site of the present Trout Lake Lodge. When their new Hotel was built they moved into it and Mrs. Delaney carried on the business till the year 1908, when it too was destroyed by fire. The old foundation of this last Delaney Hotel can still be seen on the property now owned by William Avery.

The first Post Office, in the late nineteenth century had as its first postmaster Mr. Banks and was situated in part of Mr. and Mrs. Bank's store, which was on the property now owned by the Lands and Forest Department and where they in turn built two houses which are occupied by families of their personnel. Later Mr. Banks built a larger store (where the Harbor Terraces are now) and moved the Post Office to this building. He sold this property to George Hughes, Shingle mill operator, who continued as Trout Mills' Postmaster until his retirement in 1941 when his son-in-law Norman Fleming became Postmaster. In 1949 a Rural Mail Route was started with Herbert Jessup (grandson of the first hotel owner R. Jessup) as the Mail Carrier.

The second hotel White House Lodge was owned by a Mr. White. This hotel burned in 1947 and Mr. White died from injuries he received at the time. White House Lodge was situated on the Peninsula between One Mile Bay and Four Mile Bay, on Trout Lake.

In 1945 Norman Fleming (son-in-law of G. Hughes) remodelled some buildings between the highway and the lake opened for business in the "Harbor". This was a lounge room primarily intended to accommodate the R.C.A.F. personnel when they had business at Trout Lake, but later became a popular night club.

MUSKELLUNGE from TROUT LAKE.



Jean Dube, Vivian Cole, Allie Avery.

One day in the summer about the year 1927 the three girls in the above picture saw this huge muskellunge on the lake bottom, near the shore, just a little east of where the Sage pump houses is. With the help of a pike pole and fish spear they were able to land it.



Muskellunge
from Trout Lake.



Chas. Avery with "lunge" (1927)



Bessie, Millie and Eliza Campbell, sitting in front of the summer kitchen of the house then occupied by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Campbell and owned by the Wm. Milne Co. This house was entirely shingled. It was situated directly across the LaVase Road from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hughes' home (Eliza Campbell). It was in this house that Trout Mills' first Postmaster and his family lived, Mr. and Mrs. Banks. (Note beautiful white wash before the day of electric machines)



This was known as the Jessup hotel but has since been purchased & remodelled by Mr. Peter Stratton Sr.
STRATTON S.R.

In the above photo the following people appear, Elinor Hughes; Vivian Cole; Marion Burke; Mina Maxwell; Olive Stewart; Jean Dube; Thelma French; Linda Maxwell; Eva Craig; Marie Tracy; Allie Avery; Effie Bowland; Florence Hathaway; Mina Maxwell; Grace Avery; Evelyn Hathaway; Lillian Carr and Lucy Tracy.



This water-powered sawmill was operated by the Trusslers from 1890 to 1913.

In the good old days

This is another in a series of Centennial Year photo flashbacks to the early days in North Bay and district. The Nugget has a large collection of memorable pictures of this kind but will be pleased to consider others for publication that might be submitted by readers.



Pioneers on Trout Lake outing in 1935

Two of North Bay's earliest residents and best-known railroaders, James Fowler and John Scott, take a boat ride on Trout Lake in August, 1935. John Blanchet's summer home is in the background. Mr. Scott was responsible for organizing Lodge 234 of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen in North Bay on August 21, 1884. It was the first organization of any kind in North Bay.

OLD LANDMARKS TO BE SEEN IN TROUTMILLS (1934)



Wm. Milne & Sons' office (second) built in summer of 1907. The carpenter work was done by Wilfred Craig and Robert James. Only one part was built at this date, the section showing dark in the picture to the left. After the mill was moved to Temagami this was used as a private home. Mr. and Mrs. H. Manary and family resided here till 1964.



Milne's Boarding House 1902- 34



Photo showing Mrs. Stewart's Store (peaked roof building to left) Corbiel's Boarding House to the right (destroyed by fire in 1940.)



The above picture shows the beginning of the construction of Thomas Thompson's General Store. Which was situated just North of the Commodore, at the top of the hill where the highway veres East. With the two contractors in the photo may be seem Phillip Kennedy(stone mason) A.Thompson (Sandy) and his two sons Tom at his side and Arthur driving the team. In the back ground can be seen the home of Jerry Lafontaine. (Some of the fill from the S.A.G.E. has been dumped where this house once stood.)

This picture was taken about the year 1906.



These Garages were built by Geo Hughes
in 1924. in which he stored American
Laurists Cars. while they Camped in the
Vicinity of Trout Lake. As there were no
roads to Cottages at that time and. Every
one went by boat. to his or her Cottage



The person
on the Machine
is F. J. H.
Himself

Ice Boat. built by Frank Hughes in
1925



Sand Beach Near Portage Trout Lake



*The C. P. R. Station in North Bay.
in Early years.*



Upper Picture taken in 1930 Ellyse Fleming Evelyn Robertson Kay Douglas, Norm Fleming and Laurence Aspy Lower photo is Elsie Fleming same year on Trout Lake.

Trout Mills Sunday School class (Methodist) just prior to union.

This Church was burned in 1939 result of a grass fire.

The Church was situated on property now owner by C.Tye across from
now residences of the members of the O.P.P.



Some of the people appearing in the above picture are, Eva Beane (teacher)
Tupper Hughes, Orr Craig (S.S. Sup.) Annie Steele (teacher) Eva Craig;
Earl Craig (teacher), Geo. Carr; Elmer Carr; Eliza Campbell: Annie Campbell;
Effie Bowland; Glydas Bowland; Lillian Carr; Mable Johnston; Allie Avery;
Reg Bowland; Gorden Carr; Mary Bowland; Elsie McCoy; Laura McCoy; Roy
Johnston; Margaret McLeod; Millie Campbell; Mable Gore; Edna Johnston;
Vivian Cole



Marcell Burke.



Mrs John Chadbourne. Taken on steps
of her home. Now called Northwood. Note
the woods in back ground. Now all built
up.



This is a group of our old red school house.
 In the picture is Tony Hughes (Deceased).
 Bessie Campbell (Dee), Annie Stute (Deceased),
 Eva Craig Anderson, Bill Mangan, Millie Campbell,
 (Deceased), Florence Hathaway, Harold Rawland,
 Gordon Carr (Dee), Ted Mangan, Geo Carr, Linda
 Maxwell, Fiffie Rawland, Grace Avery, Almer Carr,
 Evelyn Hathaway, Geo Perry, Reg. Rawland, Mary
 Rawland (Dee), Annie Campbell.

The school was on the right of Sage.

J. Hughes.



This is a Picture of
the first Ski Jump
when the Ski Club
was formed back in
the early thirties.



This is a picture of the old Reservoir
which is being filled in now that they
have erected a New One. It served North
Bay for many years.



The first wedding to be performed at Howard Eaton Church took place when Bonny Osborn became the bride of Mervin Frederick. Mrs. Frederick is the daughter of Mrs. E. Osborn, 1590 Ferguson Street; and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Frederick. Pawassan. The couple will reside in North Bay.



Old Tyme Tea Meeting



to be held at
6:15 o'clock on the evening of March 31st, 1965
in the Trout Mills School Highway 63, Ontario.

You will partake of sumptuous hot viands
prepared by the local ladies and enjoy a program
of delightful entertainment presented by

some of our talented neighbours,

All for the small sum of \$1.50

Dress—turn of the century—or your choice.

The Tea meetings are being arranged
by the Women's institute in co-operation with
Salada Foods Ltd

OLD TYME TEA MEETING

On March 31st, 1965. The local F.W.I.O. Branch sponsored an Old Time Tea in affiliation with the Salada Foods Limited. The Branch members who prepared and served the meal were dressed in the styles seen about the turn of the century. Pupils from the Norman School presented a programme and the organization gave prizes to the amount of Twenty-five Dollars.

1965



Department of Agriculture Extension Course

back row L-R

Anne Moore, Mrs. Granbarger, Orr Moore
Berulah Campbell, Maud Moore

front row L-R

Mrs. White, , Mae Chadbourne
Emma Stillaway

Teacher in front.