

## ***Centennial Moment #14***

Greetings fellow Rotarians,

After months of hard work and planning, the Rotary Boys Camp (Camp Kawartha) on Clear Lake was inspected by Rotarians and guests on June 15, 1922, when a "monster picnic" was held. Our club bought the land in October 1921 (just 6 months after we were inaugurated on April 1, 1921).

From Frances' ongoing research into the Examiner archives, comes the following 3 articles:

From *The Evening Examiner*, Peterborough, Tuesday, June 13, 1922:

### **ROTARIANS TO SEE SUMMER CAMP**

#### **The Camp for Boys at Clear Lake to be Formally Inspected Thursday [June 15, 1922]**

The committee in charge of the Boys' Camp recently erected by the Rotarians at Clear Lake, have arranged that it will be formally opened on Thursday afternoon, when a **monster picnic** will be held by the Rotarians and their friends. Every Rotarian is asked to invite as many ladies and gentlemen as he wishes, so long as they are transported by auto to South Beach, where they will be met at three o'clock on Thursday afternoon of this week by steamer and carried across the lake to the camp. The only charge being 25 cents for the boat trip, returning by boat to the Beach, and motoring home, thus having a fine motor trip, a nice short boat sail, a real picnic, and inspection of the wonderful Rotary Camp for Boys.

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From *The Evening Examiner*, Peterborough, Friday, June 16, 1922:

### **ROTARIANS INSPECTED THE SUMMER CAMP FOR BOYS ERECTED BY ROTARY**

Nearly one hundred Rotarians, Kiwanians and their friends visited the Rotary Camp at Clear Lake yesterday afternoon and inspected the splendid buildings the Rotary Club have erected for the good and welfare of the boys of this city. The Rotarians provided every convenience and device for the comfort and entertainment of their guests. At four o'clock, the steamer *Islinda* was waiting at South Beach to take the party two miles across the lake to the camp. Motors (*autos*) were abandoned, and the sail was an enjoyable part of the programme.

Arriving at the camp, sports and baseball games were held, and the property and buildings subjected to the closest scrutiny they have received to date. The camp passed the inspection with flying colours. The ladies were particularly loud in their praises of the permanence and completeness with which the work has been carried out.

The finishing touches are being added and the last nail will be put in tomorrow, it is expected.

An enjoyable picnic supper was held on the grounds and in the evening, before the mosquitoes put in an appearance. The return trip was made on the *Islinda* and the automobiles performed their part in bringing the large party safely back to Peterborough.

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From *The Evening Examiner*, Peterborough, Thursday, June 15, 1922:

## **MANY BOYS WILL ATTEND THE CAMP**

### **Y.M.C.A. Will Take Over**

#### **Thirty Youngsters to Camp Rotary. Others Later.**

Prospects are more than bright for the Y.M.C.A. Boys' Camp on Clear Lake. To date, more than thirty boys have signified their intention of attending, and with other arrangements nearly completed, everything points to the best Boys' Camp ever.

The Camp will be divided into four groupings at the commencement, and with a capable Senior leader over each, these groups will be the natural source of all competition. During the progress of the camp, a double schedule of baseball will be carried through for the Boys' Camp Shield, emblematic of the baseball championship. "This shield has a place for the picture of the winning team and will hang in the Boys' Department for a year," said a spokesman.

In addition to the baseball program, land and water sports will be featured, and if arrangements are completed whereby the expected two war canoes are on hand, a war canoe race between crews representing the four groups will be a new feature for a Boys' Camp.

Though this camp is promoted by the Y.M.C.A., attendance is not limited to boys who are Y.M.C.A. members. Any boy in the city who is not being taken care of by any other group making use of Camp Rotary, will be made welcome and assured of every good time that camp affords. Competent supervision at all times is guaranteed. The age limit is twelve years and further information may be had from the local Y.