

1924



The combined cabin now called the Cook's Cabin. The left side is "The Mag" & the right side is the old "Cook's Cabin".

Construction of a two man cabin on the Magnetawan River side of camp took place this year at an approximate cost of \$250.00 . The cook was the principle user of this cabin. Along with other incidental expenses for the year, an additional assessment of \$25.00 was charged to each member to cover the costs.

Note: Two cabins on the river side of camp were, in later years, pulled together to give us the cabin now known as The Cooks's Cabin. The second cabin, The Mag, the second portion, would be built in 1925.

The members had tried to have Guy Hayward build a boathouse at Harrison's Landing large enough to store three boats. The building would have been shared in cost and use by the Hyde's, Guy Hayward and ourselves but Mr. Harrison had refused to allow the boathouse to be built on his property. Guy Hayward agreed to take care of our boats during the winter under the circumstances.



Left, Dr. Archie McAlpine. Right, Robert Morton. Picture taken down the Mag in 1924 just before R. M. Morton's death in August 1924.

Robert M. Morton had passed away in August 1924. From 1910 to 1923, the management, while in Camp, was carried on by Robert Morton . After R. M. Morton's death, the Camp Manager position was held by A. D. W. Leach, E. C. Kenning, J. R. Coate, E. F. Ladore and George M. Duck depending on the period each one attended Camp. Preparation for opening Camp and getting the necessary supplies and equipment ordered and delivered was done by E. F. Ladore and J. R. Coate.

The Magnetawan Pioneer Association was founded this year. It serves Miskoway Lake (also known as Semikoka), Bolger Lake, Portage Bay, Kashe Lake and White's Lake.

The Founding of the Magnatawan Pioneer Association

From the vantage point of Col. Ireson's verandah, the McArthur Brothers, Mac, Bill (Sr.) and Jim (Sr.) decided in 1922 that something had to be done to improve the mail service, the forest management and for the protection of game and the fisheries. In 1924, concerned people on the surrounding lakes, came together in Toronto and signed the charter in the old city hall. The word "Pioneer" is used because the Association's founders were among the first to identify the compelling need for conservation of wilderness places when, in those days, wilderness and its creatures on land and in water, seemed inexhaustible. "Magnatawan" (please note the spelling) is also used in the title because preliminary discussions began in a cabin, the Wee Mac Inn, on the river of that name. Members, then and now, assume the responsibilities of respecting and protecting the environment and of passing it on to those who follow.

Submitted by Marsha Murphy

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The cook was Albert Axford.

Resignations (0)

New Members (0)

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