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REUNION

It's been quite a few years since they've all been at the same place at the same time, but finally the Milford Johnson family ALL got together (last Thursday) for a reunion at Amygdaloid Island (Crystal Cove). Present were: Milford, Myrtle, Mary, Art, Kenny, Frankie, Milford Jr and wife Monica and daughter Tracy; Norman, and wife Sigrid and daughter Tara; and Bob, and wife Ruby and son Mark.

BRONZE AGE

While Isle Royale is noted for its native and nugget copper, we have had a mother lode of bronze in our midst since the last edition of WOLF'S EYE. The Regional, Washington, and EODC people arrived in shock waves. We are happy to report that much constructive planning and engineering resulted from the visits and our urgan friends departed well charged with the benefits of our bracing climate.

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Nate Golub, Dock Design Engineer, EODC, sports the reddest hat ever seen on Isle Royale. As Nate bobs about in his skiff taking depth sounds one is reminded of a highly animated red buoy.

SHOW-ME

The Show-me trip, composed of 30 Houghton-Hancock businessmen on June 13-14 was most successful. The group enjoyed a cruise on the Ranger II, being the first guests to ever use the new Chippewa Multiple Cabin and just plain getting acquainted with Isle Royale.

WILDLIFE FLASH

"Burr" Coryell claimed at times during his June assignment he had never seen a moose on Isle Royale. During a social visit to the Lewis' residence one evening Burr was rewarded by a cow moose appearing in the yard -- with twin calves yet!

THE COVER PHOTO

Taken by Bob and Nadine Janke at Amygdaloid Island last summer. The scene printed here is only a part of the original photo -- due to a practical size limitation for "half-tones" on WOLF'S EYE'S press. The scene depicts some of that serene summer beauty that is found most everywhere on Isle Royale.

THE BLUE OX AND A CLOD OF MUD

Sent to us by Tom Smith when he was still in East Lansing this spring was a clipping from an East Lansing newspaper. Clarence J. Tinker of the state conservation department spoke to the Rotary at the Hotel Clds on "The Heritage of Paul Bunyan". "....he related how Paul lost his temper with the Blue Ox Babe and flung a clod of mud after him. The speed of the dirt was so great that the friction with the air heated it to oven temperature and baked it solid...the clod fell into Lake Superior and became Isle Royale. The imprint of Paul's four fingers are still visible in the four parallel valleys crossing the island, and if you want final proof, just turn the island over and you'll find his thumb print." WOW!

BELL AND LIGHTED BUOY AT HOUGHTON POINT

The U. S. Coast Guard has begun the placement of additional navigation aids around Isle Royale. The initial aid was laid last month at Houghton Point -- a lighted bell buoy. Those of us who have sought the passage around Houghton Point on one of those especially dark Siskiwit Bay nights will certainly benefit from this. According to Sam Rude and Ed Holte the light is visible as far west as McCormick Rocks and almost as far as Wrights Island in Siskiwit Bay. More navigation aids are forthcoming and will be announced in WOLF'S EYE when they arrive.

EVEN KIDS CAN "UP" AN ESTIMATE

Superintendent Lewis initiated a youngster conservation contest with the James Oswald children: Bob, Bill, Barbara, and Dickie. The contest was based on individual reports of impressions of the new Daisy Farm Dock and Campground. The reports were so excellent it was declared a draw and a cash award was made on a unit basis (5 times over the Lewis estimate, which is about par for the course).

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John A Skadberg and Tom Eckel spent July 4th at their mainland homes....Knife River and Grand Marais, respectively.

David Eckmark and wife visited Washington Harbor near the end of last month.

Ed and Ingeborg Holte spent last Sunday afternoon visiting their daughter Karen at Rock Harbor Lodge.

The Norman Johnson's are visiting the Bob Johnson's on Star Island until the 17th.

FISHING OR BOAT BUILDING

It's a little hard to tell what occupation goes on at the Edison's these days. Pete has been more or less rebuilding Kenny Johnson's 14-foot Wolverine sandwiched in between the laying and lifting of nets. Then, too, when Mrs. Lucy Johnson was visiting the Edison's not long ago there were a few days that rather confused everyone. In the process, John Markham ended-up with one of Milford Johnson's fish boats, Milford Johnson ended up with Mrs. Lucy Johnson's "Nancy E" which was dry docked at the Edison's, Bob Linn ended-up with the "Snipe" that belonged to Pete, and Joe LaFermiere (Frank Taddeucci's able assistant) ended-up with a skiff of John Markham's. Incidentally have you ever tried some of Pete Edison's Herring fillets? If not, you haven't lived!

FROM WINDIGO

A very nice letter from Frances Mattson at Windigo Inn reports a number of news items. The Windigo folks received a clipping from the June 17th Duluth News-Tribune which shows Mrs. Erwin Oreck of Duluth holding two nice brook trout that she caught near Windigo. They were nice, too ---- $3\frac{1}{2}$ pounds per. We understand that Andrew Brueberg started in on the long, tedious job of painting the Kitchen walls at Windigo last month and before long everyone around the place was helping him out. Then, Andrew began on Windigo's "bug" and the same thing took place. We're wondering if he's tried these tactics a third time.

DEATH'S

(Both of the following notices should have been in previous issues.)

Reported by H. Christiansen & Sons, Duluth: "Andrew Jorgenson passed away on April 4th. He was skipper on H. Christiansen & Sons boats for a number of years, on the "Detroit" and "Winyah", between Duluth, Grand Marais, and Isle Royale. He had retired, and was living at Stewart River (out of Two Harbors), was caretaker at Christiansen cottage, and the past two years operated "Andy's Smoked Fish Shack" at Stewart River."

Mr. Fred Dustin, author of "Isle Royale Place Names" and a recent article on the archeology of Isle Royale (just published in the March 1957 MICHIGAN HISTORY magazine), died several month ago. Mr. Dustin accumulated more archeological data concerning the island than any other man and his "Place Names" is one of the best known publications on Isle Royale.

RIPPLES ON YELLOWSTONE LAKE ?????

The end of May saw the departure of Elt and Kay Davis for Yellowstone where Elt is now Supervising Park Ranger at Lake Ranger Station. We had hoped to hear from them by know but maybe by the next issue we'll get word from them about their new assignment. Their address is: Lake Ranger Station Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming.

ISLE ROYALE NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

Most of the nominations ballots for officers in the Isle Royale Natural History Association came in late. They are presumed to be all received now, however, and election ballots will be out to all members by July 31. We HOPE!

