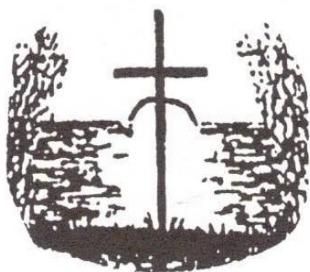




Camping  
at  
Camp Menesetung

compiled by L.Hallam  
summer of 1997

Camping  
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from  
1947 to 1997



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Huron-Perth United Church Presbytery  
Camp

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1997

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## Letter from the Chair

About three years ago, a friend introduced me to Camp Menesetung and Spoony. That changed my life forever. Months later I was the Chair of the Board -- my stereotyped images of camp quickly dispelled. Menesetung is a Christian camp with a focus - to teach our campers that God loves them just the way they are - no matter what. We strive to be a welcoming and accepting place where God's love is evidenced in the people who work here - including the board. This is a place of great love where lives have been transformed. God has blessed this camp many times over as documented in the pages of this book.

Thank-you for the continued support you have shown  
to us over the years.

God bless.

Joanne Rowcliffe  
Chair of the Board

*( Joanne Rowcliffe, Hensall)*

Letter from the Director  
1984-1997

Little did I know, when the U.C.W. of Sackville, New Brunswick United Church paid my way to their camp at the age of nine, would it have such an impact on my life.

In 1981, I felt a call to go into the ministry and build up the body of Christ in the United Church. While it was difficult with a busy husband and two young children, I responded and started a B.A. at Western University in London. It wasn't long before I became excited about what I felt the Holy Spirit was speaking to me about, as I studied the word to seek His will. Thus began the "Spoon Ministry": For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. Eph 4:12. It would be a commitment that would affect and involve our whole family. The message began with motivational speaking engagements to encourage and build up a burnt out and discouraged people.

In 1984, a call from a board member of Camp Menesetung, Susan Howson, gave us confirmation God had opened a lay ministry of the mission field of Camp Menesetung. What a blessing and a privilege it has been over these past 13 years to hear God's will and plan and to serve as the Administrative Director at this beautiful camp.

In His service,  
'Spoony', Barbara Hicks

*(Spoon Ministries - C. & B. Hicks, Clinton)*

## A Camper's Responsibility At Camp

- 1.—To love the Lord with all my being.
- 2.—To practise the Golden Rule.
- 3.—To study and show myself approved unto God, a workman that need not be ashamed.
- 4.—To think only on things that are of good report.
- 5.—To endeavour to adhere to the camp schedule. These things as Godrich Campers we will all seek to do during our stay together at Camp.

NOTE—Sunday, July 23rd—Worship Service at 11.00 a.m.  
Friday

## Courses

- 1.—The Adventures of St. Paul.
- 2.—Teaching Religious Creatively.
- 3.—Music and Art in the Religious Education of Youth.
- 4.—Building the Y. P. Programme.

## Leaders

- Rev. W. D. Goodger, Kirkton.  
 Rev. S. H. Benton, Ethel.  
 Rev. Hugh Moorhouse, Fordwich  
 Rev. W. O. Mather, Fullarton  
 Our Missionary—to be appointed.  
 Music Appreciation—to be appointed  
 Recreation—Rev. Harold Snell, Auburn.

## Week-Night Programs

Special week-night programmes will be planned with an open meeting on Friday evening, July 20th, at 8.00, taking the form of a School Concert. The public are cordially invited to the Friday evening programme.

## Goderich Summer School

of the  
 United Church of Canada  
 sponsored by the  
 Y. P. Unions of Huron and Perth  
 Presbyteries

July 17th-24th, 1944

Administrative Staff  
 President and Dean—Rev. Harold F. Currie, Fenriker.  
 Director—Rev. Harold J. Snell, Auburn.  
 Business Manager—R. Benton Suttie, Clinton.

Meals beginning with Monday dinner  
 All Campers Bring Fatigue Poles  
 Are you planning a Holiday? Make it worthwhile—enjoy the fun, fellowship and profitable study groups, with other Young People.  
 Young People of Huron and Perth  
 This is your camp—do it!

## A Camper's Daily Routine

- (Camp will operate on Sun Time)  
 7.00—We arise to a new day.  
 7.05—That morning dip.  
 8.00—Morning Watch.  
 8.20—Breakfast.  
 9.10—We set our house in order.  
 9.20—Group study period  
 10.10—Directed Recreation, by Rev. Harold Snell  
 10.40—Group Study Period  
 11.30—Leisure moments.  
 11.50—Missionary Interest Group.  
 12.30—We dine.  
 1.45—Singing and music appreciation.  
 2.15—Reading, rest and quiet.  
 2.45—Daily assignment period—leaders gladly assist.  
 3.00—Hand-rafts, Rev. W. D. Goodger.  
 3.45—Afternoon swim.  
 5.30—We sup and sing  
 6.00—Group games  
 8.30—Vespers—Rev. Harold Snell.  
 9.00—Camp fire.  
 9.45—Interest Groups.  
 10.15—Snack.  
 10.30—And now good-night and lights out.

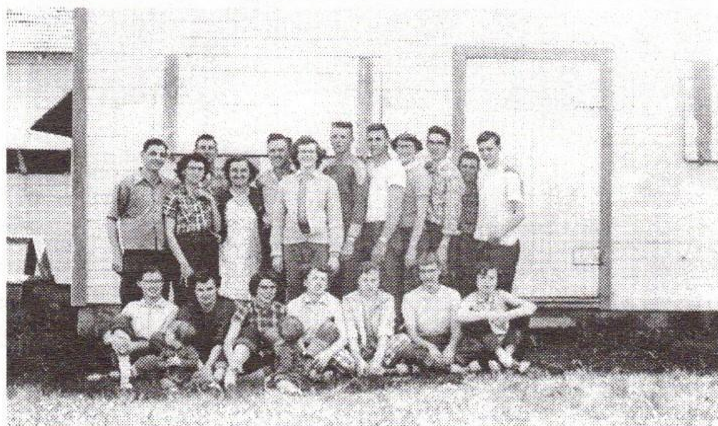
## Suggestions

- 1.—ARRIVE—on time for dinner on Monday, July 18th, and plan to stay till the end of camp.
- 2.—BRING—Bibles, Hymnary, Notebook, Writing material, at least two blankets, the nights are cool, camp clothes suitable for all weather.
- 3.—USEFUL—Flashlight, Camera, Bathing Suit
- 4.—DON'T FORGET YOUR RATION BOOKS.

Early registration forms

(Joan & Lavern Clark, Blyth)

prior to 1947 camp was called  
Goderich Summer School



### Work Camps

Young people came to camp to help build the cabins.  
Some of them even had to finish a roof before they could  
sleep in it one night.

*(The Dale Family, Atwood)*



### One early director



For over 35 years, Joe Snider of Goderich served on the board of directors of Camp Menesetung, the summer camp of the United Church located on the Lake Huron shoreline just north of Goderich. Snider, now 91 years of age, began board duties in 1950 and served as treasurer from 1954 to 1986. Members of the board honored Snider's service with the presentation of a commemorative plaque that will hang in the camp's dining hall, a facility he was responsible for building. Camp chair, Howard Pym (kneeling) of Centralia, Property and finance chairman, Don Tow of Wingham, secretary Muriel Coultas, Belgrave and Ruth Alton, Lucknow, made the presentation to Snider (seated) and his wife. (Photo by Dave Sykes)

*(B & L Scully - K. Nevins)*

## Incorporation in 1947

Camp Menesetung has been providing a Christian camping experience for people of various ages for over fifty years. On October 1st, 1933 the property was purchased from Edward Lawson by the Huron Presbytery of the United Church of Canada. By the summer of 1935, permanent buildings had been erected on site. Religious instruction took place at the Goderich Summer School under the direction of Miss Mabel Bailey (North Street United Church, Goderich) who was instrumental in organizing the lay volunteers.

On March 14th, 1947 Goderich Summer School was incorporated.

In 1968 the name was changed to Camp Menesetung to avoid confusion with academic institutions. In 1948, the community of Leeburn donated their church and had it moved to the site. A new dining hall and an inground swimming pool were added to the grounds in 1964. A recreation hall (the A-frame) was built in 1980. Currently, Camp Menesetung is blessed with a committed team of volunteers who participate in our Adopt-a-Cabin programme resulting in 14 out of 18 buildings being adopted by churches, church groups and families.



*(Howson & Howson Ltd., Blyth)*

*from a local paper*

## **Menesetung - the ideal campsite**

Camp Menesetung spreads out before you as you drive up the dirt road leading to its buildings and grounds.

The camp, just outside of Goderich, is a project of the Huron-Perth Presbytery of the United Church of Canada. It has been around since 1931, when the land was purchased. At that time it was known as Goderich Summer School.

You know you've reached the camp when you see the profile of an Indian painted on a triangular sign posted in the ground with the words "camp Menesetung". The artist who drew the Indian is Jack McLaren, an associate of the Group of Seven. He researched carefully to come up with a picture of the original Iroquois Indian who lived peacefully here about 400 years ago.

The word "Menesetung", for which the camp is named, is an Indian word that is fast dying out. It means "laughing waters" and was applied to the nearby river.

The camp offers many forms of recreation to its campers. Its facilities are excellent. Together with the natural advantages of Lake Huron and the Maitland River, the camp has a large swimming pool with a diving board. It also has a games court, an archery course, two different camping grounds, and buildings for wet weather recreation.

Scheduled activities at the camp are swimming, sports, and religious instruction, crafts, music and campcraft.

Camp Menesetung has five camps throughout the summer: a junior girl's camp for ages eight to ten, a girl's camp for ages eleven to twelve, a junior boy's camp for ages nine to twelve, a co-ed camp for ages thirteen to fifteen, and a Parents without Partners camp. Registration is between 60 and 70 campers for each camp.

There are eleven cabins on the grounds, each cabin holding eight to ten bunks. There are four tents in the bush and two tents on the other side of the gully. These are usually used for overnight sleeping. Groups also sleep on the beach under the stars.

George Simons, camp director, says that a little while ago some campers who were sleeping on the beach started to get wet when it began to rain. They slid under canoes where they stayed dry and cozy for the rest of the night.

*(Gordon House Antiques, Bayfield)*

The camp used to be losing money, but since Joe Snider came twenty years ago, the camp can pay for itself.

In 1931 it all began when the property was purchased from a farmer. Mrs. Mabel Fair, of Dungannon, who still helps out at Menesetung, teaching Bible study at the time and along with the board, conceived the idea of starting a camp.

Buildings built in 1932 provided room for 70 campers. Then business-minded Joe Snider came in 1952 with a way to make the camp run successfully.

The camp's business manager, Mr. Snider, says he changed the system in the camp so that it would pay. He either built or revamped most of the sixteen buildings now here. In 1961 new cabins for 76 children were built. In 1962 a swimming pool and hospital with a nurse was added. Then in 1964 the cafeteria, with dining facilities upstairs for 190 and downstairs for 74 campers, was built.

Mr. Snider says there are on the average 900 children a summer coming to this camp. He also rents the camp out on May and June weekends. The camp is already booked up every weekend in May.

There is a chapel on the campgrounds. It used to be Leeburn United Church, but was moved to the camp when the parishioners couldn't afford to keep it any more. It is a welcome donation to the religion-oriented camp.

Co-directors of the junior boy's camp, Marj and Albert Furtney start the day off for the boys at 7:30 a.m. with the ringing of the old bell on the grounds. Eight o'clock is "fag duty" - an old camp term for setting tables and preparing the dining hall. Cabin groups take turns for each meal.

At 8:15 a.m. can be heard the tired little voices of the boys trying to bellow out "O Canada" at the flag raising. And finally, breakfast is served to these bundles of energy with bottomless pits for stomachs.

Of course, after breakfast comes the chores - clean-up. Finally the noisy, active boys are split up into their activity groups: sports, crafts, swimming, discovery, or camp craft. This goes on until noon, when the boys get a half-hour before lunch to write letters praising or condemning camp life. After lunch the boys get a rest period until 2:30, when activities begin again.

*(Blyth General Store 523-9785)*

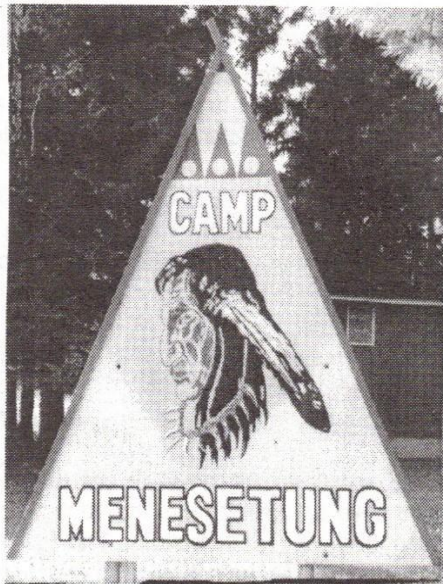
Then at 4 p.m. each cabin does whatever activity it enjoys most - swimming, hiking, a discussion, nature study, debate. or other ideas.

Before supper is free time again for more letter writing. At supper is announcements, mail, and a sing song. In the evening there is organized sports for the children and a campfire or evening program. Then before lights out at 9:45 there is bed-time snack. The counselor sleeps in the same cabin as his charges.

The counselors play a big role in a camp, says Mr. Furtney. They are like big brother or sister to the child, and provide leadership. They can encourage a child to take part in activities, and build up confidence in them. Without counselors, says Mr. Furtney a camp couldn't function.

Camp Menesetung has come a long way from the days when the idea was just a seed. Let us hope that the campgrounds remain an ideal site for children to enjoy centuries from now.

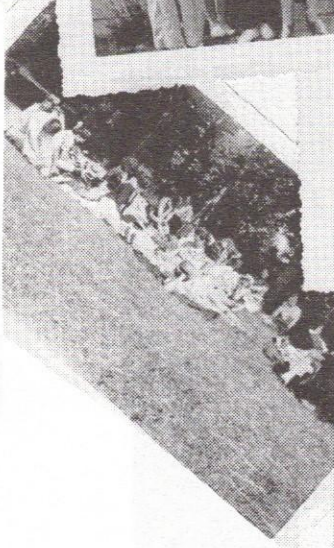
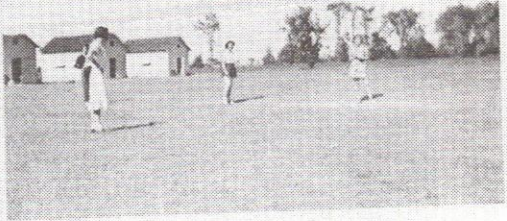
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Upon entering the camp, a 400-year-old Iroquois Indian greets you. Artist Jack McLean is credited with the painting of this authentic Indian.

*(Luann's Country Flowers, Blyth)*

sharing the experiences of the 40's



*(Auburn Co-Op Div. of Teeswater)*

40's continued

Early leaders at Goderich Summer School  
Mr. Beacom, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Harry Mahoney  
Mr. Weir, Mr. Bertch, Miss Bayber  
Mr. Lewis, Mr. Conron, Jack Bates



( McGavin Farm Equipment, Walton)

experiences of the 50's

a song to our directress

There was a girl who we all know  
And like her very much  
She cut her hair and changed her looks  
And took a lot of jokes.

Chorus

She cut her hair (3 times)  
She cut her hair so very very short  
That is right, She cut her hair  
She cut her hair so short.

2. And now she's worrying every night  
Lest Slugger mess her hair  
She doesn't sleep in bed at all  
But outside in the air.

3. And now at last her hair is straight  
And home from camp she goes  
And Allen looks and looks and looks  
But never says a word.

4. The moral of the song is this  
That if you want to have  
Your hair cut off so short  
Take time to call on Mave.

(To the tune of "the Happy Wanderer")

(*Bridge Ford Motors Ltd., Wingham*)



50's continued

A dedication to our directress

We love to make and sing those songs  
Which make our directress blush  
But when we are bogged under things  
It's to her we always rush.

Chorus It's to her (3 times)

It's to her we always run to, yes it's to her  
It's to her we always run.

2. And when it's very late at night  
And timmy aches have we  
We run to Mave to see if she  
Can cure them right away.

3. She always greets us with a smile  
Although she must be tired  
She's gay and happy all the while  
Unless she might get fired.

4. From seven o'clock to eleven o'clock  
She's always on the run  
First of all the leader  
Often wonder how it's done.

5. And when it comes to that great time  
When tribute should be paid  
We do not want to miss the one  
Who has been at our aid.

6. And from the staff and all the rest  
We want to say our thanks  
To one who's done the most  
To keep the camp in rank.

*(John Cullin Chew Olds, Wingham)*

camping in the 60's

memories of camp

by S(W)H

as a camper

- sleeping in tents because the cabins were too full
- backwards meals
- the goat trail
- having to keep our cabins tidy
- creating worship centres in our cabins
- getting mail
- having to do "fag" duty (preparing tables and clean-up)
- not wanting to leave camp for even one evening of family farewells
- my mother saving the baby bonuses all year so we could go to camp

as a counsellor

- no one got paid - not even the director
- home sick kids not much younger than I
- I remember boys from my home town sneaking into camp at night but I wouldn't even talk to them -- I was too afraid of getting into trouble
- reading under the covers so my kids wouldn't wake up
- remember the promises we made to keep in contact with the camp

as a director in '66

- each director only did one week
- completely different staff each week
- spending weeks getting programs ready
- no camp training for leaders
- never getting any sleep
- a counsellor walking to Goderich during rest period and the police bringing her back after we reported her missing
- boys raiding the camp at night

*(W.L. Wightman family)*

60's continued

Remember when autograph books were in everyone's suitcase and we all had verses remembered to write in them.

Here's an invitation to sign!

Aug 14/55

On the beautiful shores of Lake Huron,  
To Camp Minnehaha we've come,  
So while we're all here  
As a little souvenir  
Please come forward & sign  
your name  
Susan

Aug. 20, 1955

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

When you get married  
and have twins  
Don't come to my house  
for safety pins.  
'Oriole'

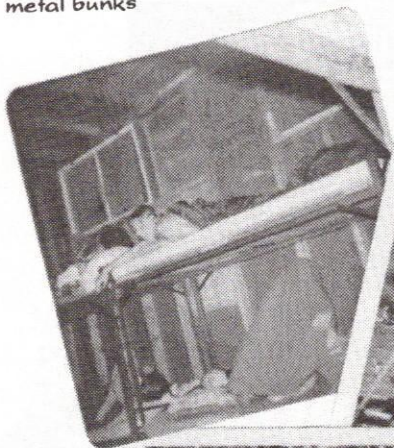
Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Life is like a mirror  
Reflecting what you do  
If you face it smiling  
It will smile right back at you.  
Love,

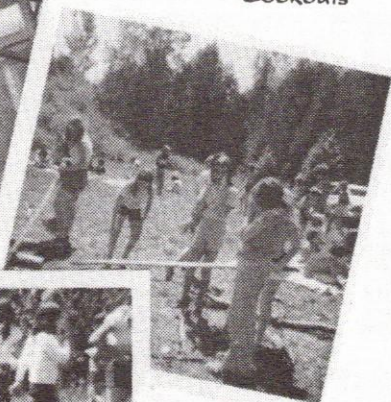
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(Keil Insurance, Winham)

60's continued

metal bunks



Cookouts

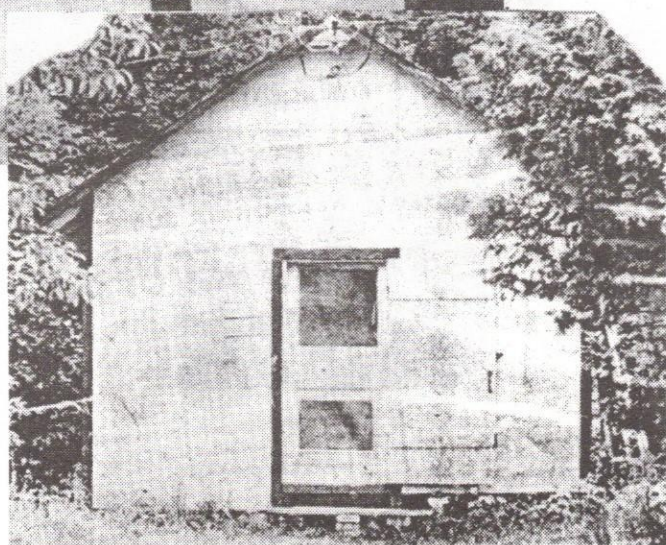


beach party

*(Hanna's Men's Wear, Wingham)*

The old and the new meet in the 70's

A young camper smiles obligingly for the camera after mailing a letter.  
The old building is also used for registration at the camp.



This is the last of the original cabins at Camp Menesetung, built when it was known as Goderich Summer School.

( *Wescast Industries Inc* )

## Memories of Camp

Each new day as it opened at rising of the sun  
The bell ringing out to announce the start of the fun.

Finally lights out at the end of the day  
Then checking the cabins to see all was OK.

Counsellors leading in singing and games  
Telling stories, and laughing and calling our names  
As they planned and worked, hoping to really inspire  
A special event around the evening camp fire.

Walking to vespers through evergreen trees,  
Feeling God's spirit through sunset and breeze  
Stargazing groups where we searched the night skies  
And pondered the universe through young innocent eyes.

Singing at lunch, breakfast and supper time too  
Grace before eating, camp songs when we were through.  
Tears, I remember, as we laughed hard at a skit,  
Tears also of homesickness, when we missed Mom a bit.

Overnight camping when we went to Point Farms  
The director kept praying no one would be harmed.

Polar bear clubs for the brave or the bold  
A morning dip in the water was ever so cold.

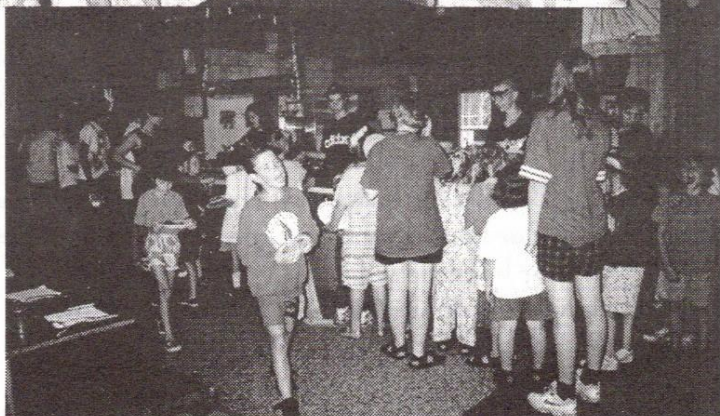
This camp remains in our hearts and our minds.  
And each camper has memories of different kinds.  
God bless all who have laboured, laughed, cried and sung  
God bless past, present and future of Camp Menesetung.

Words from C. Simons

*(Stainton Hardware, Wingham)*

## Remembering the 80's

Every Thursday evening we have a candle light service which anyone may attend. We start with the song "Welcome to the Family" (of God).

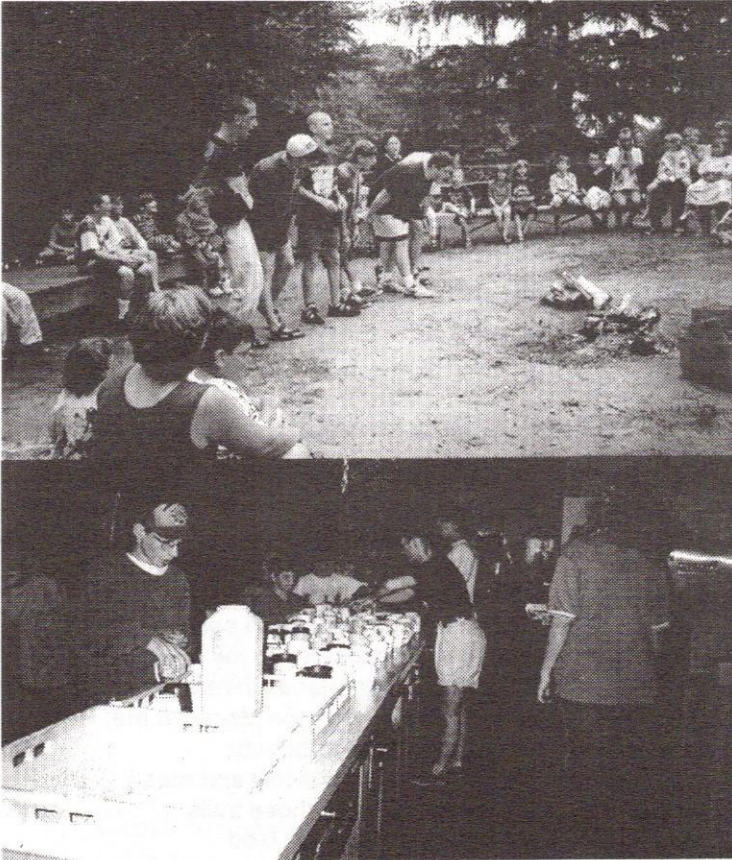


We close with "Friends are Friends Forever  
When the Lord is the Lord of Them"

*(Haugh Tire Inc., Exeter)*

80's

Camp fires are a time of entertainment and fun  
with skits, songs and stories



Time for nutritious food is always enjoyed  
Thanks to our dedicated cooks and their helpers.

*(Clinton Community Credit Union)*



### A Memorial

For all the ones who have gone before us and made this camp one that people will remember with fondness and inspiring messages delivered by those faithful leaders who dedicated their time to campers from all walks of life.

The counsellors' teaching is based on these words:  
"People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."

### "Fellowship with God"

As a youth I want  
To be true to my own best self;  
To be kind and helpful to others;  
Clean in my thought and speech;  
True to my friends; fair to my family;  
Cheerful and courteous in manner,  
Faithful to any confidence placed in me;  
Sensitive to beauty;  
Abhorrent to all that is low and mean,  
Choosing only those trails  
Which lead to God  
And happiness.

(taken from the study guide used at  
Goderich Summer School camp in 1945.)

*(Hill & Hill Farms Ltd., Varna)*

What you think about    Is what you talk about  
What you talk about    Is the way you are

"Thought for the Day"

I am only one, but I am one;  
I cannot do everything, but I can do something;  
What I ought to do, I can do,  
And what I can do, by the grace of God,  
I will do.

Spiritual Growth Chart

Go to God in Prayer

Read this word daily    Act 17:1

Obedient to the Lord's will    John 14:21

Witness    Matt. 4:19

Trust    1 Peter 5:7

Holy Spirit - be guided by    Gal 5: 16 & 17

"God always answers prayer:  
Yes, No, Wait, Grow"

*(Radiant Life Christian Books, Goderich)*

## The Spoon Ministry

### Be a Spoon for Jesus

As Christians, we have the choice, of being the personality of a knife, that cuts one another, a fork that picks at one another or a spoon that lifts and builds up one another.

A spoon represents, to edify each other, which is found in many places in the Bible. The dictionary says: edify means to build up, construct, organize, establish, and to improve.

We don't have to pick and cut, but, edify, by being a big spoon to your fellow Christian. Remembering that God made each of us different and loves us all the same!

The Lord truly blessed Camp Menesetung the year Barbara Hicks (Spoony) agreed to be director for the whole summer (which involved, for her, getting a leave of absence from her work). Barbara has made Camp Menesetung her ministry, not just during the summer but year round. With Barbara at the helm, Camp Menesetung continues to spread the Christian message to Huron-Perth and beyond.



Thank you, Barbara, from all of us.  
The board and friends of the camp

Be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ sake hath forgiven you. (Eph.4:32)

*(Bill & Betsy Rowcliffe, Hensall)*

### Memories of board members

-responsible for drafting the by-laws for the camp and having them approved by General Council of the U.C.of Canada

- a very dedicated hard-working group whose main purpose has been 'what is best for the camp & campers'

- no matter what our differences of opinion are - we set them aside to all to work towards our common goal

- early struggles to find directors and staff

- Being a board member is a 'Walk in faith'

### Memories of Camp Menesetung span a lifetime:

first as campers at Young Peoples' Camp, then at Clean-up camps, helping as counsellors, doing crafts, leading in Bible Study, Becoming a director, working on the board of directors and finally helping as a camp 'friend' as our U.C.W. adopted a cabin.

Many changes have come in both the physical setting and the program planning. We remember tents under the pines, built on wooden bases, A-frame cabins, the 'new' cabins as we see them now. The biggest excitement was the building of the dining hall overlooking the lake.

Over the years we have come to camp as a family group, singly and in pairs. We have made friends and remembrances which have lasted through the years.

Simons family

*(Jack Gerrits Contracting, Clinton)*

90's continued

Every week a picture is taken  
to record the new friends  
and good times at camp



In July of 1995

the campers experienced a storm of hurricane proportions. Everyone had to rush to the basement at supper time for safety. The Tuna Casserole became known as Hurricane Casserole because the storm had broken windows and blew food all over the dining hall.

The hydro was out and therefore there was no water.

All 110 campers were picked up the next day by anxious parents. Helpers came from near and far to help with the clean up and camp went on the next week as usual.

*(Yvonne Raidt and Brian Raidt)*

90's continued

Themes used from 86-97  
to help teach about life as a Christian

- J'm a King's kid - Eph:2:10
- Fruit of the Spirit - Gal 5: 22 & 23
- Armour of the Christian Soldier - Eph. 6: 13-17
- Servant of the King - Matt. 25:40
- Treasures in Christ - Col. 2:3
- Jesus said "Feed my Sheep" - John 21: 17-19
- A Lamp Unto My Feet - Psm.119:105
- Walking in the Sonlight - John 8:12
- Repeat of first to celebrate the director's 10th year
- Porcupines Have Soft Tummies - Eph.4: 31 & 32
- The Adventures of a Mustard Seed - Matt.17:20
- From Butterflies to Eagles - Jsa.40:31



There is an unwritten camp policy that no camper is ever refused because of financial need. We have a good group of supporters who keep a bursary fund available.

*(Vincent's Country Market, Wingham)*

other uses of the camp

Youth groups have used the camp for week-end gatherings

School groups use the camp in the spring for outdoor nature studies and stay overnight.

Families have used the camp for overnight weekend experiences

Boom's Recreation Camp ran for 32 years, with the co-operation of the Exeter Kinsmen Club, at the site.

Chick-a-gami (which means 'where pals meet') has had a (no-profit) recreational boys camp every year since 1934 and one leader, Bill Rolston, has attended every summer until 1996.

The Bettger family, of Goderich, used the camp annually for many years to give their family a place to experience camping and multi-generational fun.

The Amabile Singers visit the camp each year to entertain locally and have a camping experience while getting a new year started for their ensemble. They have rented the camp for 10 years now and have enjoyed the time at Camp Menesetung.

(*King's, Goderich*)

Weddings have taken place on the grounds



Rev Robert Ball married  
Mr & Mrs Don Gaze on May 20, 1983  
at Vesper Point

*(Banter, McEwan, Feagan, Goderich)*



C.G.J.T. camps met here for many years



Friday night's program is a special musical

*(Shanahan's Foodland, Goderich)*

Friday night musicals



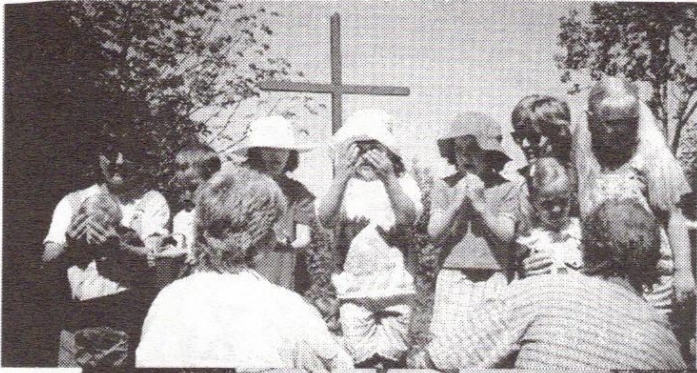
Some Early Directors



Gloria Rumble, Becky Howse, Muriel Coultres,  
"Spoony" Barb Hicks, Susan Howson, Marty Lobb

*(Mac Campbell Photography, Goderich)*

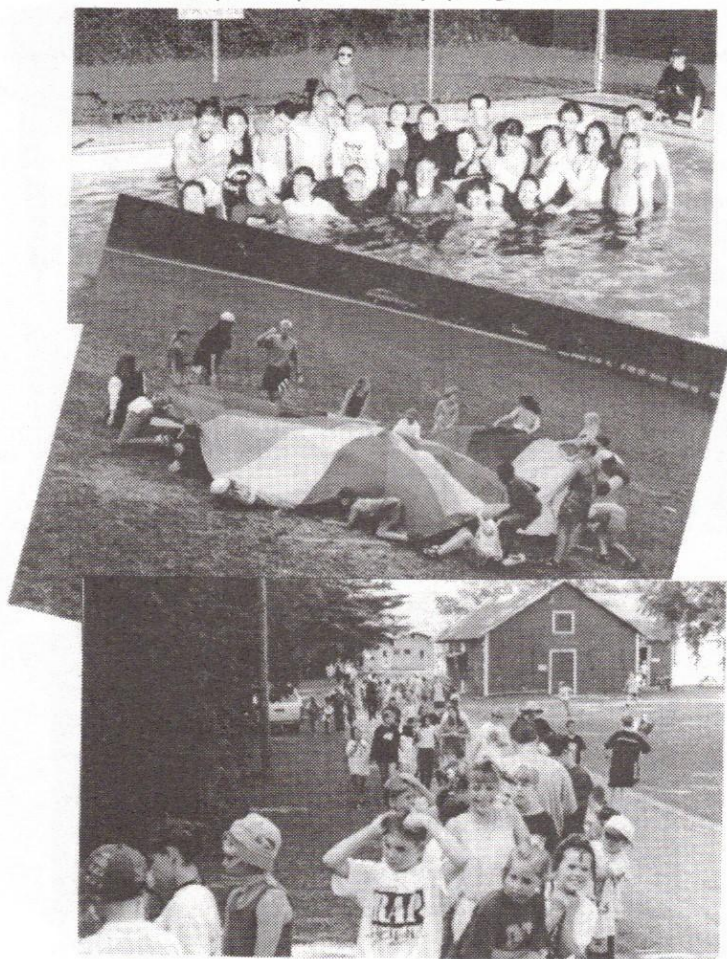
church services



North Street United Church Sunday School graduation every June  
with a family picnic following

*(Elliott Insurance Brokers Ltd., Blyth)*

Sports and swimming  
are part of the camp program



Crazy hair day is part of the fun

*(Brian Dent, Goderich)*

## Adopt-a-Cabin program

is an opportunity for Huron church congregations, men's groups, Sunday schools, youth groups, U.C.W.'s and individual families to take responsibility for the upkeep of a cabin at Menesetung.

- at present 14 cabins have been adopted
- replaces "work camp" of bygone years

### Benefits -

- an outreach ministry for Churches
- fellowship and fun with other Huron churches
- a chance to experience and work in Nature
- a real boost for our camp board - both financially and physically
- the biggest benefit goes to all the children who go to camp



Receiving certificates of appreciation for these adopters:  
McGill & Hibbert families, Dashwood/Zurich, Northside U.C., S.  
Miners family, Bayfield U.C.W., Londesboro U.C., Ontario Street U.C.,  
Hicks family Grand Bend Youth/U.C.W., Belgrave Youth, North St.  
U.C./youth, Varna U.C.W., Auburn U.C.W., Blyth Youth  
(*TNT Stand-by Power Inc., Exeter*)

## Parent Without Partners Camp

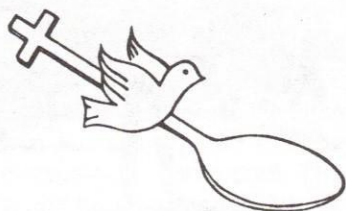
This camp is a place where parents and their children can spend a week together and feel safe and warmly accepted.

The comfortable Christian atmosphere, without judgment or demands, endeavours to encourage both parent and child to know how valuable they are to God and others.

God's unconditional love is promoted through every part of the program. Many times personal, spiritual growth and changes in these families happen just because they have learned their own value.

This camp has had great success and increase due to a program that helps each with their self esteem, letting them know that God loves them and that he has a plan and purpose for their lives no matter what their hurtful experience has been.

Rates are affordable and sponsors are available upon request.



*(Baintons Old Mill, Blyth)*

## Open Camp

This unique camping experience began in 1994 adding to our Presbytery camps.

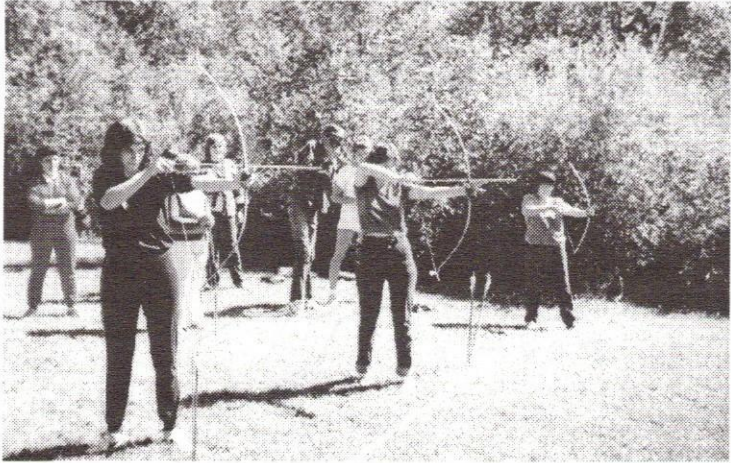
The camp is a flexible, comfortable, Christian atmosphere. The program is geared to individual needs or desires. Campers can determine their own structure and relaxation time.

It is a camp for any age, any scenario, families, couples, individuals with or without support. Campers experience unconditional love & acceptance, without discrimination to physical or mental ability.

The exceptional program, and fun - filled action songs encourage and build up, any age group, even the most reluctant, depressed camper.

The success of this camp is evident in the positive feedback and growth in all those who attend.

Due to the popular demand we hope to offer a two week program in the future.



*(Londesboro U.C.W.)*

Vesper Point

A beautiful spot to inspire meditation  
with a new cross built by Fred McGregor



We are a charitable organization as of May 1997 so receipts can be given to anyone who wishes to help us with a donation. Our camp can be reached at 519-524-6497.

(Please do not send cheques to the camp address.)

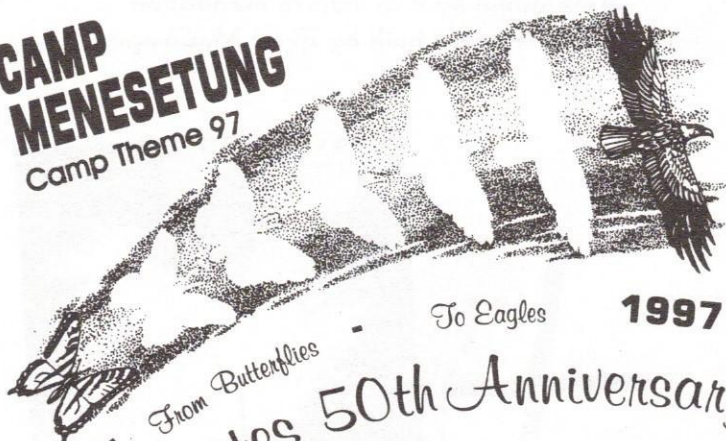
*(Timothy Rowcliffe, Hensall)*



the 50th Anniversary

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## 50th Anniversary

letters from campers on our celebration weekend

Congratulations! Fifty years of wonderful memories and dedicated leadership. It was called Goderich Summer School when I came. It was Joe Snyder who met me and taught me much of camping skills.

I remember the *COLD* plunge into Lake Huron for morning dip - and the new pool - and hot water in the shower - singsongs at the table. Joe always said I "papered" his dining room with newsprint song sheets -- and campfires!!!

The excellent meals -- and sharing fag duty -- ball games -- barbeque techniques that I was able to share with other camps.

The inspiration of Theme Speakers i.e. Rev. Gordon Hunter and others -- and method group leaders -- and vespers at the Point - and the Hymn sing as the sun went to sleep over Lake Huron - "Day is dying in the West".

May your camps today be excellent in every way - and we shall be remembering your camp in prayer.

May June 1 be a landmark -- full of beautiful memories. I shall always be grateful for this camp - which helped me grow spiritually. Sincerely, E.A.

*(Visser Farms Market, Exeter)*

music by 'the Way'

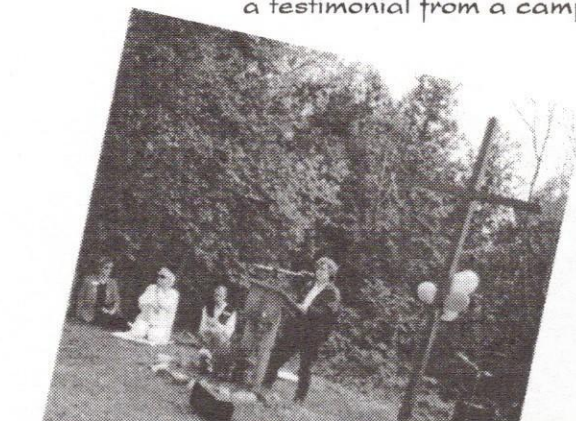


celebration cake held by director/chair of the board

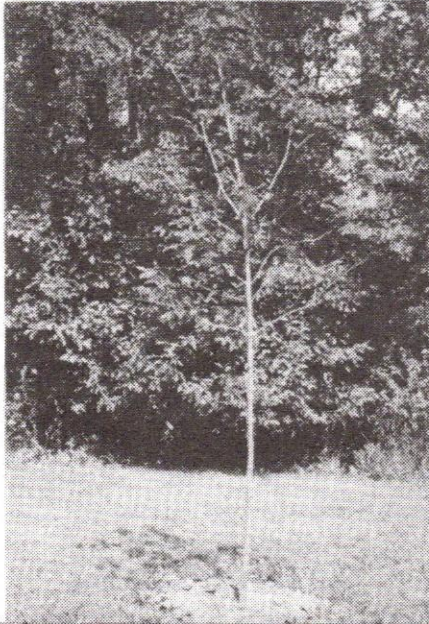
Promise for the future

*(Deborah Lambert , Seaforth)*

a testimonial from a camper



dedication of anniversary tree by  
Rev. Gani Lazaro & Rev. Steve Huntley  
*(Haugh Tire Inc., Exeter)*



A Crimsom King Maple tree was planted for the 50th Anniversary of the incorporation of Camp Menesetung

( Varna - Goshen U.C.W Groups )

Future Plans

Restore the church

full summer of Presbytery camps

2 weeks of Open Camp

We would like to find adoptees for the remaining buildings

Replace or update the present sewage systems

Replace toilets with low flush systems

Add more showers

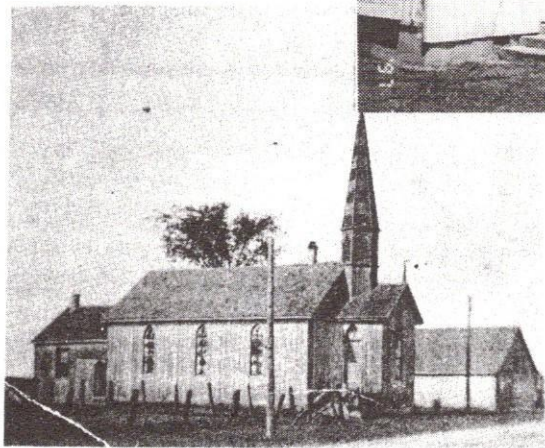
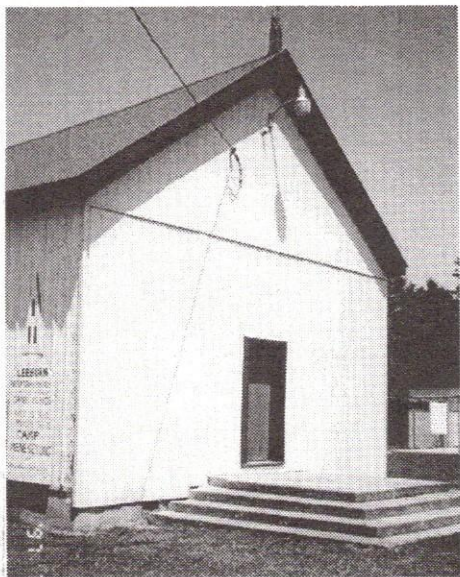
Put heaters in cabins



Friday night's special musical

*(Hillcrest Restaurant, Londesboro)*

The Church at the camp is our special project as we would like to restore it to its former beauty, especially the front entrance.

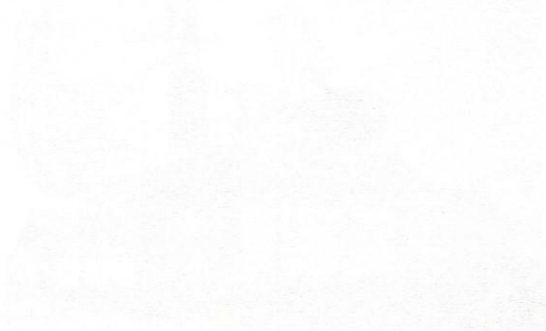
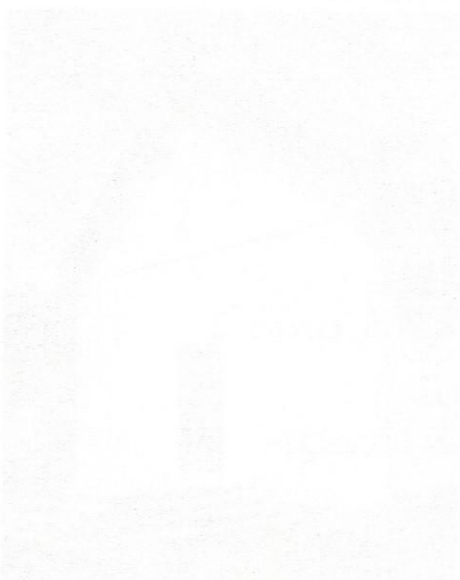


**Leeburn Church — Built 1880**

A windstorm in 1919 blew down the steeple. The main building was moved to the Church Camp in the early 1950's and is still used for summer services.



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