

ST. JOHN'S-ON-THE-LAKE ASSOCIATION

BEAR ISLAND, LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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April 29, 1955

Dear

Last year some of the summer residents of Lake Winnepesaukee learned of the contemplated sale of one of our most unusual and desirable features at Lake Winnepesaukee - St. John's-On-The-Lake Chapel on Bear Island.

A group of summer residents, led by Dr. and Mrs. Bertram L. Sauerbrunn, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O. Wuester and Rev. Richard Martin of Bear Island; Rev. James Green of Jolly Island; Mr. and Mrs. John Ripley Forbes of Birch Island and Mrs. Edgar Caffall of Dollar Island organized a Committee which agreed to do all in it's power to prevent the sale and possible destruction of this popular Lake Winnepesaukee landmark.

On Dec. 7, 1954, Bishop Chas. F. Hall of Concord, N. H., stopped sale of the property and agreed to allow this Committee to take over responsibility for upkeep of the property and operation of the Chapel. On December 15, 1955 at a meeting in New York City, the St. John's-On-The-Lake Association was formed and officers duly elected. Five Life Memberships of \$100 each were pledged to start the project and plans agreed upon which call for the following:

Immediate improvement of the Chapel and Tower including new shingles for the roof; construction of several wharfs at the end of Deep Cove, Bear Island for visitors to use when visiting the Tower or Chapel; improvement and better marking of the various trails on Bear Island which lead to the building; arrangement for Services in the Chapel each Sunday during July and August; organization of a special Camp Service for Girls and Boys Camps each Sunday in the Lake region and acceptance by eight different prominent Clergymen of Sunday Service at the Island Chapel.

The Tower at Bear Island commands one of the finest views of the Lake region and has for years been a favorite spot for people to visit. Having an active summer Chapel which will serve as a religious center for all Christians and providing Episcopal Services each Sunday for the large and scattered summer population of the Lake region is certainly most desirable and worthwhile.

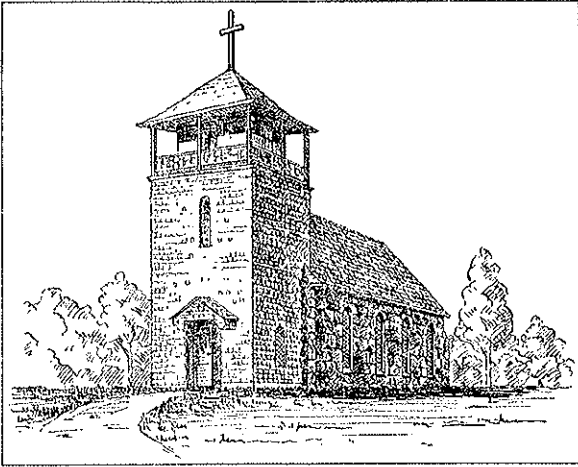
Will you not help us maintain this important asset of the summer season by taking a Membership in our St. John's-On-The-Lake Association? By so doing this you will join with us in our efforts to preserve for the future this popular and well-loved Winnepesaukee landmark.

With appreciation for any consideration which you may give to this request, I am

Very sincerely yours,

John Ripley Forbes, Secretary

A summer chapel of the Episcopal Church of New Hampshire serving as a religious center for all Christians, providing Episcopal services on Sunday and administering to the religious needs of the large and scattered summer population of Lake Winnepesaukee.



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