

REPORT OF  
ST. JOHN'S - ON - THE - LAKE ASSOCIATION  
1962 and 1963  
John Ripley Forbes, President

These past two years have been perhaps one of the most important in the history of St. John's-on-the-Lake Chapel - certainly since the association was formed in 1954 for the purpose of saving the chapel, then in danger of being sold. From 1954 the chapel enjoyed five years of successful operation. A move by its president to another region resulted in inactive leadership and brought on a second crisis when the chapel closed in 1960 and was not again in operation until 1962. Extensive damage by vandals took place while the chapel was closed and this, coupled by neglected repairs, left the chapel in serious physical condition.

Reorganization

In 1962 at the request of Rev. William T. Wallace, Rev. Stanley P. Hopper of Bear Island and John Ripley Forbes of Birch Island, a meeting of the St. John's-on-the-Lake Association was called to bring about the reorganization of the association and the election of a board of trustees and new officers.

Members of the Association elected to the Board of Trustees were as follows:

Mrs. Edgar A. Caffall	Dollar Island
Rev. Albert J. Chafe	
John Ripley Forbes	Birch Island
Mrs. Stephen Habbe	Jolly Island
Mrs. George Holsten	Bear Island
Rev. Stanley R. Hopper	Bear Island
Dr. F. B. Nelson	Bear Island
Dr. Bertram J. L. Sauerbrunn	Bear Island
Rev. William T. Wallace	Bear Island
Dr. William O. Wuester	Bear Island

Officers elected were:

John Ripley Forbes, President	Birch Island
Mrs. Edgar A. Caffall, Vice President	Dollar Island
Mrs. Stephen Habbe, Secretary	Jolly Island
Dr. William O. Wuester, Jr., Treasurer	Bear Island

Committees appointed by the President were:

Nominating	-	Mrs. George H. Holsten, Jr.
Services	-	Rev. William T. Wallace
Building	-	Dr. Francis B. Nelson
Hospitality	-	Mrs. Stanley R. Hopper

Repair and Renovation of Chapel

The most important task facing the new officers, next to immediate resumption of summer services, was the critical need for repair of the chapel building. The auditorium roof of the chapel was in very grave condition and could not go through another winter without serious damage to the inside of the church. Extensive damage to the tower by vandals and the danger of the cross falling from the top of the tower presented the new officers with problems that called for prompt action.

The board agreed on the necessity for complete and prompt repair of the entire building, even if it were necessary to borrow funds to do this. The Building Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. F. B. Nelson made a careful investigation and received bids from several contractors and awarded the contract to the Meredith Woodworking Company. This company was to complete the renovation and repair of the entire building and it was agreed that the following would be undertaken. In the fall of 1962 before winter the auditorium roof would be completely shingled with asbestos shingles, replacing the old original wooden shingles. This task was completed in the late fall and just before winter weather set in. New wooden shingles were placed on the front and side of the chapel tower to replace those defaced by the vandals. In the Spring of 1963 the small roof over the entrance and the roof of the tower itself were given new asbestos shingles. The cross was repaired and painted and once more made safe at the top of the observation tower. A new rail was built for the tower observation platform and new canvas placed on the floor of the observation platform. The old broken windows were taken from the tower observation room and replaced with wooden shields. The exterior walls of the observation room were covered with masonite to prevent future defacing of the tower by vandals. A new door replaced the broken one leading to the outside of the observation platform. A new platform was built above the tower observation platform for a new bell. Two doors replaced the old ones at the entrance of the chapel and tower and another new door was installed inside the lobby for the supply closet. Construction and repair on the chapel was complete by the middle of the summer of 1963.

A breakdown of the construction costs are as follows:

Shingle Auditorium Roof	\$860.00
Shingle Tower Roof	500.00
Repair and Paint Cross	75.00
Shingle on Exterior of Tower	200.00
Paint and General Repair	130.00
Platform For Bell Support	175.00
Doors	160.00
Repair of Observation Tower	652.55
Total Cost of Church and Tower Repair	\$2,752.55

#### Method of Payment for Renovation of Chapel

The Meredith Woodworking Company agreed to undertake the total repair program with the understanding that we would pay all but \$500 of the total cost and this would be paid during the fall and winter of 1963 as membership funds came in. The hiring of a sub contractor by the Meredith Woodworking Company gave our building committee some problems because he did not feel bound by the original contractor's agreement. This problem has been worked out and a balance of \$342.55 remains to be paid to the subcontractor and \$100.00 to the contractor; these two figures totaling \$442.55 - within the \$500.00 figure. We expect to pay both firms in full when our membership letters come in after our members have received this report and our letter urging their prompt response. We should have all work paid for in full by the end of March at the latest. We shall then pay off our note of \$500.00 to the bank and hope to start the summer in July with all obligations paid in full and our chapel work finished except for the repair of several supporting beams which we hope to finance from summer offerings and additional memberships.

A schedule of the payments made to the contractors is as follows:

\$860.00	February 1963
400.00	July 1963
350.00	August 1963
600.00	September 1963
100.00	December 1963
\$2,310.00	TOTAL PAID IN 1963
\$442.55	Balance Due Contractors Scheduled for Payment in February and March
\$2,752.55	TOTAL COST OF CHAPEL RENOVATION

#### Work Needed To Complete Chapel

One job which must still be done during 1964 is to replace two cross and horizontal supporting timbers on the first level of the observation tower at the chapel. This is essential for the complete safety of those climbing the observation tower. Action now will also save on much more expensive construction work if this is not done promptly. This repair work has yet to be contracted and will cost about \$400. This work will not be authorized until the balance due the contractors of \$442.55 is paid in full and the association's bank loan of \$500 is paid in full.

An interesting side light along historical lines is that the entire chapel when built in the 1920s cost just over \$4,000, while repair work now finished and that to be done later comes to \$3,152.55; meaning that our present work will cost slightly under \$1000 less than what it cost to build the entire building 40 years ago.

#### Fund Raising and Membership Program

An intensive membership campaign was undertaken to bring in much needed funds with the result that memberships in 1962 which stood at 15 members were increased to 45 in 1963. All funds from the church offering were also earmarked for the chapel's restoration.

When the reorganization took place in 1962 the association had in its treasury \$873.49 of which \$500 had been raised in 1954 through Life Memberships for the purpose of chapel repair. \$373.49 was saved between 1955 and 1961. Eight services in 1962 brought in \$223.74 while 13 memberships brought in an additional \$320. For 1963, 13 services on 9 Sundays resulted in \$246.64 and 44 memberships added another \$805.00. A total of \$2,458.87 was available for the general expenses of the chapel and for its renovation and repair. About \$550 was used for maintenance and ministers' honorarium leaving a balance of \$1,908.87. Your officers borrowed \$500 from the Lakeport National Bank in order that the contractor could be paid as agreed. With the contractors' bill totaling \$2,752.55, funds to date paid the contractor have reduced this amount to \$442.55 and well within our agreement with the contractor. We hope to complete payment for the chapel as a result of our 1964 membership drive not later than the end of March and your cooperation will be appreciated. We hope that all work on the chapel including that still to be done on the several supporting beams will be finished and all work paid in full by our Annual Meeting at the chapel in August 1964.

### Chapel Services - 1962

A Services Committee under the co-chairmanship of Rev. William T. Wallace and John Ripley Forbes assisted by Priest-in-charge Rev. Joseph M. Trask scheduled 8 services for the summer of 1962 and 13 services for 1963 all of which were held. Attendance in 1962 was 509 while 1963 resulted in 713 and the total attendance for the two summers was 1,224.

The Service Schedule for 1962 follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Scheduled Speaker</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
July 15th	Rev. William T. Wallace (Methodist) First Methodist Church, Laconia, N. H.	6
July 22nd	Rev. Stanley R. Hopper (Methodist) Dean, Graduate School, Drew University, Madison, New Jersey	10
July 29th	Rev. William T. Wallace (Methodist) First Methodist Church, Laconia, N. H.	42
Aug. 5th	Rev. David W. Plumer (Episcopal) Missionary to Ecuador, South America	85
Aug. 12th	Rev. Sheldon Rahn (Methodist) Director of Social Work, National Council of Churches, New York City	90
Aug. 19th	Rev. Wallace Sorenson (Methodist) District Superinten- dent of Newark Conference, Westfield, New Jersey	91
Aug. 26th	Rev. Albert N. Snow (Episcopal) Rector of St. George's Church, Chaplain of University of New Hampshire, Dublin, N. H.	109
Sept. 2nd	Rev. William H. Crouch (Episcopal) Diocesan Counsel- ing Service, Concord, New Hampshire	76

Our low point in attendance was 6 at our first service as the chapel had not been open since 1960. Our high point was 109 at the August 26th service. A total of 509 summer residents and visitors attended the 1962 services.

### Highlights of 1962

Four important developments took place in 1962; the first was the formal opening of the chapel after two years of being closed and the first service was held with Rev. William T. Wallace officiating on July 15th at 10 a.m. A total of 509 residents and visitors enjoyed the 8 summer services which followed the formal opening on July 15th.

The second event was the appointment on July 31st, 1962 by Bishop Charles Francis Hall of Rev. Joseph M. Trask of Laconia, New Hampshire as "Priest in Charge" of St. John's-on-the-Lake Chapel. Fr. Trask, Rector of St. James Church, Laconia will be in charge of the chapel and will work closely with the St. John's-on-the-Lake Association, whose board and officers will continue to take full responsibility for the operations and financing of the chapel, but with the advice and support of the Rev. Joseph M. Trask.

The third highlight of the 1962 season was the chapel's second baptism which took place on August 26, 1962 and was officiated by Rev. Stanley R. Hopper, Dean

of the Graduate School of Drew University of Madison, New Jersey, who conducted a Methodist baptism service for Michael David Keeler and Eric Frank Keeler, two of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Keeler of Concord, New Hampshire. Mrs. Duane Keeler is a member of the chapel's board of trustees.

The fourth event took place at the very close of the 1962 season on September 2nd when the chapel for the first time in its history had organ music to accompany the singing. A fine old Estey organ had been located and was purchased for the chapel. It was carried up the steep hill to the chapel by the young men of the YMCA Camp Lawrence of Bear Island. Mrs. Stanley Hopper played for the last service of the 1962 season and all present agreed that the organ was an outstanding success and greatly added to the enjoyment and beauty of the service.

#### 1962 Memberships

1. Mrs. John Ripley Forbes
2. Rev. and Mrs. Stanley R. Hopper
3. Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Roeschmann
4. Mrs. Clifford W. Sawtelle
5. Mrs. R. C. Crane
6. Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot H. Decker
7. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hoxie
8. Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Hamlin, Jr.
9. Mr. and Mrs. William Barnett
10. Mrs. Emily Walker
11. Mr. and Mrs. Silas Pearsall
12. Rev. Wallace Sorenson
13. Rev. David W. Plumer

TOTAL - 1962 memberships

\$320.00

#### Offerings Received in 1962

July 15 . . . . .	\$ 7.48
22 . . . . .	16.38
29 . . . . .	13.15
Aug. 5 . . . . .	46.25
12 . . . . .	31.17
19 . . . . .	37.11
26 . . . . .	44.14
Sept. 2 . . . . .	28.06

TOTAL OFFERING FOR EIGHT 1962 SERVICES \$223.74

TOTAL INCOME FOR 1962

\$543.74

#### Chapel Services 1963

The 1963 season got off to an impressive start with three services being held on July 7th with a total of 95 in attendance, as against last season's 6 when the chapel was reopened. A Holy Communion service was held at 9 a.m. with 8 in attendance, the 10 a.m. Morning Prayer service saw 66 in attendance and the 11 a.m. Camp Service was attended by 21 Girl Scouts and their leaders.

A report of the 13 services for the 1963 season is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Scheduled Speaker</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
July 7th	9 a.m. (8) 10 a.m. (66) 11 a.m. (21) Rev. William H. Crouch (Episcopal) Diocesan Counseling Service, Concord, N. H.	95
July 14	10 a.m. Rev. Stanley R. Hopper (Methodist) Dean, Graduate School, Drew University, Madison, NJ	51
July 21	(rain) James Hornsby (Episcopal) Camp Lawrence, YMCA Camp, N. H.	16
July 28	Rev. Kenneth Rose (Methodist) - Maryland	54
Aug. 4	9 a.m. (8) 10 a.m. (88) Rev. William Baxter (Episcopal) Rector, St. Mark's Church, Washington, D. C.	96
Aug. 11	10 a.m. (90) 11 a.m. (78) Rev. Edric A. Weld (Episcopal) Executive Secre- tary, Department of Christian Education, National Council, New York City	168
Aug. 18	Rev. Henry H. Crane (Methodist) Retired Methodist Minister Rev. Stanley R. Hopper (Methodist) Dean, Graduate School, Drew University, Madison, N. J.	88
Aug. 25	Rev. Albert W. Snow (Episcopal) Rector, St. George's Church, Chaplain of University of New Hamp- shire, Dublin, New Hampshire	86
Sept. 1	Ven. Donald H. Lyons (Episcopal) Archdeacon, Diocese of New Hampshire, Concord, N. H.	59

Our low point in the 1963 season was on our only rainy Sunday and saw 16 hardy church goers attend the service. Our high point was on August 11th with 168 in attendance when 90 filled all available space at the morning prayer service and 78 boys from a boys' camp attended the 11 a.m. camp service. A total of 713 summer residents and visitors attended the 9 Sundays and 13 services of the 1963 season.

#### Highlights of 1963

Two important developments took place during the 1963 season. On August 18th a memorial service was held at St. John's-on-the-Lake Chapel in honor of one of the original Life Members and a member of the original Board of Trustees of the St. John's-on-the-Lake Association, Senator Robert C. Crane. He and his wife, Frances Adams Crane, spent their summers in their home at Meredith on Lake Winnepesaukee with their three children, Jonathan, Geoffrey and Deborah. In his youth Senator Crane attended Wyanoke Camp at Wolfeboro, N.H. and Dartmouth College in Hanover, N. H. Dr. William O. Wuester, a life long friend of Senator Crane and a Life Member and Trustee of the chapel arranged for the chapel to secure a beautiful 200 lb. bell from the New Jersey Central Railway through the co-operation of its Chairman of the Board, Earl T. Moore. The bell had been carried up the steep hill to the church by the young men of the YMCA Camp Lawrence at Bear Island and was hung in the belfry of the chapel tower. The dedication memorial service was conducted by Rev. Stanley R. Hopper, Dean of the Graduate School of Drew University of Madison, N. J. Dr. William O. Wuester spoke in tribute of Senator Crane.

A bronze plaque was affixed to the wall at the entrance of the chapel and had the following inscription, "The bell in this tower is dedicated to Robert C. Crane, September 25, 1920 - April 24, 1962. May it ring true and clear in his memory."

A second important event taking place during the 1963 season was the chapel's third baptism which was held on Sunday August 25th with Rev. Albert W. Snow, Rector of St. George's Church at Dublin, N. H. officiating. "Leigh Brenner Peppard", the son of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond W. Peppard of Laconia, N. H., was given an Episcopal baptismal service at the 10 a.m. service. Dr. Raymond W. Peppard is a trustee of the chapel.

#### 1963 Memberships and Contributors

1. Mrs. Lillian Caffall
2. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Restall
3. Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Brown
4. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Habbe
5. Mrs. Sarah E. H. Lyman
6. Rev. and Mrs. Albert J. Chafe
7. Mr. and Mrs. John Ripley Forbes
8. Mr. and Mrs. Duane L. Keeler
9. Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Holdaway
10. Dr. Robert Nelson
11. Mr. Edward J. Grassman
12. Dr. L. C. Grossman
13. Dr. Robert Brenner
14. Dr. Michael Taranto
15. Dr. and Mrs. William Wuester
16. Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Beiswenger
17. Dr. and Mrs. Francis B. Nelson
18. Mr. and Mrs. George H. Holsten, Jr.
19. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Sawtelle
20. Rev. and Mrs. Stanley R. Hopper
21. Dr. and Mrs. Raymond W. Peppard
22. Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Hamlin, Jr.
23. Dr. and Mrs. Bertram Sauerbrunn
24. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth F. Ralph
25. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ochs
26. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Creighton
27. Mr. and Mrs. William A. Kneath
28. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Garland
29. Mrs. Robert C. Crane
30. Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hall
31. Rev. and Mrs. Ralph E. Davis
32. Mr. and Mrs. George E. Griscom
33. Modern Appliance Center
34. Anonymous
35. Mr. John Goodhue
36. Laconia National Bank
37. Lakeport National Bank
38. Melcher & Prescott
39. Fays Boat Yard
40. The Cail Family
41. Mr. and Mrs. Harry MacKinnon
42. Mrs. Edwin J. Hahn
43. Mr. George E. Griscom
44. Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Roeschmann

Total memberships & contributions \$805.00

Offerings Received in 1963

July	7	.. . . . .	\$21.35
	14	.. . . . .	31.00
	21	.. . . . .	8.84
	28	.. . . . .	22.22
Aug.	4	.. . . . .	37.23
	11	.. . . . .	31.85
	18	.. . . . .	41.59
	25	.. . . . .	26.60
Sept.	1	.. . . . .	35.90

Total Offerings for 13 services on 9 Sundays were . . . \$246.64  
 Total Income for 1963 . . . . . \$1,051.64

List of Life Members

1.	John Ripley Forbes	\$100	1955
2.	Dr. Bertram J. L. Sauerbrunn	100	1955
3.	Dr. F. B. Nelson	100	1955
4.	Dr. William O. Wuester	100	1955
5.	Robert C. Crane	100	1955
6.	Alford Wildlife Sanctuary	100	1959
7.	Mrs. John Ripley Forbes	100	1962
8.	Mrs. F. B. Nelson	100	1963

Enlargement of Board 1963

During the July 1963 meeting and the August 1963 meeting of the St. John's-on-the-Lake Association the Board of Trustees was enlarged and a number of new committees authorized. The Board of Trustees as elected at the August meeting is as follows:

1.	Dr. Robert E. Brenner (Annual)	Pine Island	New Jersey
2.	Mrs. Lillian Caffall (Annual)	Dollar Island	New York
3.	Mrs. Doris Cail (Annual)	Bear Island	Massachusetts
4.	Rev. Albert J. Chafe (Annual)		Massachusetts
5.	Mrs. Robert C. Crane (Contributing)	Meredith	New Jersey
6.	Mrs. Leah Creighton (Annual)	Bear Island	Massachusetts
7.	John Ripley Forbes (Life)	Birch Island	Connecticut
8.	Mrs. Stephen Habbe (Annual)	Jolly Island	New York
9.	Mrs. Francis B. Hamlin (Annual)	Bear Island	New York
10.	Rev. Stanley R. Hopper (Sponsor)	Bear Island	New Jersey
11.	Mrs. George Holsten (Annual)	Bear Island	New Jersey
12.	Mrs. Duane Keeler (Annual)	Bear Island	New Hampshire
13.	Dr. F. B. Nelson (Life)	Bear Island	New Jersey
14.	Dr. Robert M. Nelson (Contributing)	Pine Island	New Jersey
15.	Dr. Raymond W. Peppard (Contributing)	Laconia	New Hampshire
16.	Rev. Kenneth Rose (Annual)	Pine Island	Maryland
17.	Dr. Bertram J. L. Sauerbrunn (Life)	Bear Island	Texas
18.	Mrs. C. W. Sawtelle (Annual)	Bear Island	Massachusetts
19.	Rev. Joseph M. Trask (Annual)	Laconia	New Hampshire
20.	Rev. William T. Wallace (Annual)	Bear Island	New Hampshire
21.	Dr. William O. Wuester (Life)	Bear Island	New Jersey



Committees for 1963

Nominating Committee  
House Committee  
Services Committee  
Building Committee  
Hospitality Committee

Rev. S. R. Hopper  
Mrs. Duane Keeler and Mrs. Leah Creighton  
Rev. William Wallace and John Ripley Forbes  
Dr. Francis B. Nelson  
Mrs. S. R. Hopper

Officers for 1963

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer

John Ripley Forbes  
Mrs. Edgar Caffall  
Mrs. Stephen Habbe  
Dr. Francis B. Nelson

Committees for 1964

Nominating Committee  
Building and Grounds  
House  
Services  
Hospitality  
Membership

Dr. Robert E. Brenner  
Dr. F. B. Nelson  
Mrs. Duane Keeler and Mrs. F. B. Hamlin  
Rev. Stanley R. Hopper and Rev. Joseph M. Trask  
Dr. and Mrs. Raymond W. Peppard  
John Ripley Forbes