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## **BEACONIA**

## submitted by Vera Thomas

Beaconia wasn't always the way it is today. At the end of the summer season when the cottage owners go back it's empty. When I was a child in the 1930's and 1940's even in the 1950's, it was a pretty busy place. We had four stores, Albert Trapp had a small store and the P.O., then there was Steve Lesosky's, Alex Kirk's, and Pete Kutchy's, each of them made a very good living.

The main sort of living here was cutting wood, fishing, and small farming. Wood cutting really was done the most. They cut the wood in four foot cords, hauled it here to Beaconia with horses, and loaded it into boxcars.

The one room Beaconia School House had a population of up to 52 school children. That school burnt down in 1949. A new one was built the same year, and was used until the area was consolidated I believe in 1968.

In Oct., 1947 Trapp's sold out to Jack Zirk who still runs the store and the P.O. The first P.O. was opened on Aug. 8, 1921 by Albert Trapp. They left in Sept. 1970. It is now just a P.O., run by Ed and Lila Smith.

The Lesosky's left in 1949 or 50, the store was empty, then used on and off for a few years, finally being torn down. The Kirks left in 1952 or 1953, the store was then run by Leo Zirk for awhile. They left and it was turned into a living home by Stanley Thomas. They lived there for years, then they sold it to Howard Thomas who used it as a summer place. Then in the 1970's Earl Thomas bought it. By this time it had pretty well seen its better days, so it was torn down too.

Now the only remaining store is the Pete Kutchy Store. Over the years he had remodeled it and it is now quite a modern store. The Lakeland Restaurant was opened in 1947 and closed in 1950. By this time Beaconia was slowly turning into a summer place. Land was starting to be sold to city people. Cottages were being built and by the 1970's, it was mainly known as a summer resort, as it is today.

Most of our young people go away to look for work, as here we have nothing to give them. It's really sad to see a place that was full of homes and people at one time, now just a hand full of houses and very few people left.



Doris and Nettie Homenick in Red River.



Rowing on Ducharmes Creek in Narol.



Fred Trapp at Beaconia Gas Pump.



Rowing to the Island in Gonor - Anne Homenick.







East Selkirk Romeo's.







aaah! Those were the days ...







Left to Right: Eva Baldwin, Ferryman and Lily Larson.



Mr. Wasyl Kologinski on the Ferry.



Fred Kordalchuk at the East Selkirk Ferry Dock.

Gordon Burnett running the Selkirk Ferry, 1928 to 1930.







Our River Lots, Showing Gunn's Creek Drain



Lockport Corner, East Approach