

TENTH DECADE 2012 - 2021

87 full cottages!

Permanent archive preservation

Township collaboration

- Water quality
- Quarry noise
- Natural infestations
- 911 compliance
- Boundary issues
- Emergency services

PANDEMIC FLEXIBILITY

Year-round security



Just in time! a beach pavillion & 3 sport court!

Fresh emphasis on

- Health wellness
- Nature mitigation
- Volunteerism
- Year-round events
- Worship flexibility
- Cottage sales
- Off-site philanthropy

1922 - PF Constitution - "Members shall be 'good-standing' Lutheran church goes"

1960s - Civil Rights challenges

1989 - Fair Housing Act challenges

2015 - 1st reading to rescind "Lutherans-Only" policy

2016 2nd reading + compliance with U.S + local laws

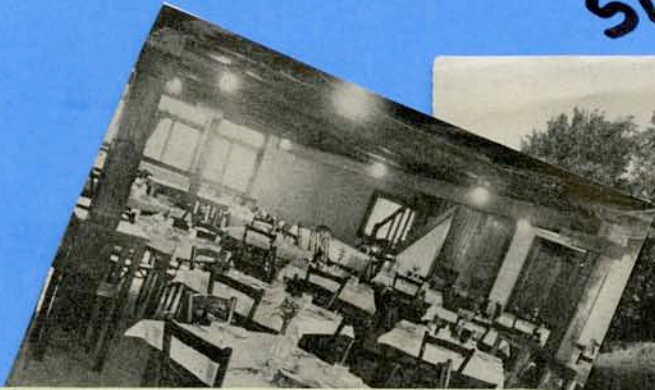
NOW PF is richer for its diversity

New things

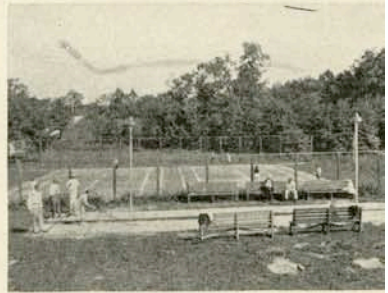
- Memorial garden
- Falls handicap road
- Social Hall ramp
- Tea-room WI-FI -
- Archive museum
- Worship paraments
- Beach pavilion
- On-line communication. 11:44

HISTORY #2

POSTCARDS SPRAYS BROCHURES



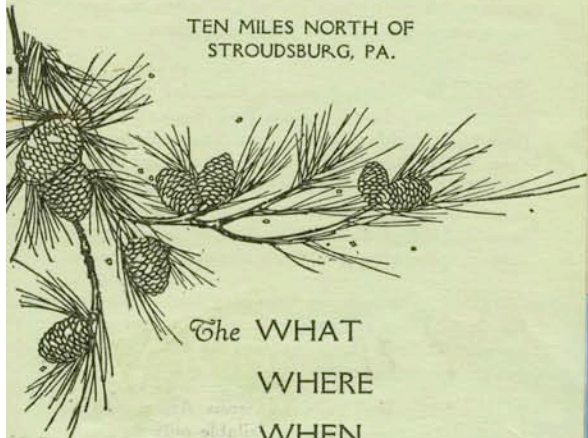
Here young and old may spend a delightful and invigorating vacation amid unsurpassed beauties of nature. A fine congenial atmosphere, where you can have all the good times that any other resort may offer, without the annoying and disturbing features often experienced elsewhere.



The UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH VACATIONLAND IN THE POCONOS

PARADISE FALLS

TEN MILES NORTH OF STROUDSBURG, PA.



The WHAT WHERE WHEN AND HOW of it



THE MONTH OF MAY IS BLOSSOM TIME



THE RUSTIC



NESTLEDOWN INN

LAUREL AND RHODODENDRON JUNE AND JULY

INN DINING ROOM

"Folks, Falls and Sports are very nice at Paradise"

HISTORY II

OUR DOCUMENT P.F. STORY

PARADISE FALLS RESORT

PARADISE FALLS, PA.

10 miles north of Stroudsburg, Route 90

Paradise Falls, Pa.

RATE SCHEDULE

Including meals—Hot and cold running water
Double rooms have twin beds

Weekly Rate per Person

May 1 to June 30—~~\$18.00~~ per week

Sept. 2 to Sept. 21—\$18.00 per week

Week ends \$3.50 per day

Children under 12 years—\$12.00 weekly
when occupying room with adults

JULY and AUGUST

Single Room, \$22.00—Double Room, \$20.00

Three in a room \$19.00

Daily Rate

July \$3.50 per day—week ends \$4.00 per day

August \$3.75 per day—week ends \$4.50 per day

Daily rate applies for less than seven days stay
Operated on American Plan



REPLY CARD
SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Harry P. C. Cressman
Paradise Falls Lutheran Association
PARADISE FALLS, CRESCO P.O.,

Paradise Falls, Pa., June 7, 1946

The next annual meeting of the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association will be held in Social Hall at Paradise Falls on Saturday, June 22, 1946, beginning at ten o'clock, D.S.T.

There are several items of special importance to be discussed in relation to the future welfare of the Association and directors are to be elected to fill vacancies due to resignation and expiration of term of office.

The following men have been nominated for the office of directors: John K. Johnson, Robert Petersen, Arthur K. Leberknight, Charles G. Roswell and Oscar Bernd. Other nominations may be made from the floor at the time of the annual meeting.

The Board of Directors will meet on Friday afternoon, June 21, at 2 o'clock and any matters requiring action of the Board should be mailed to the secretary at Paradise Falls before that date.

DAVID G. JAXHEIMER, President

HARRY P. C. CRESSMAN, Secretary

Paradise Falls Lutheran Association

This HISTORY II BINDER contains documents that further tell the details of Paradise Falls Lutheran Association history.

It shares official papers including incorporation data, but also personal letters sent to members about critical issues and decisions to be made.

Other items also include two personal writings by influential members - Board Secretary, Clifford Hays, and Luther Dittmer who walked our grounds for more than eighty-five years.



PLEASE FIND MORE HISTORIC DETAILS IN OUR 22 LABELED TOPIC BINDERS

BOOK #

1. Activities (secular and religious)
from first 50 years - 1922-1971
2. Activities from 1972-2011
3. Activities from 2012-2021
4. 50th Anniversary 1972
5. 75th Anniversary 1997
6. Buildings (Surveys, Maps)
7. Camp
8. Farms (Deeds, Censuses)
9. Groups
10. History I - Brochures
11. History II - Documents

BOOK #

12. Memories
13. Nestle down
14. Social Hall, Gate Lodge
15. Troubling Times
16. Water
17. Cottages #1-24 (Red)
18. Cottages #25-34 (Brown)
19. Cottages #35-59 (Green)
20. Cottages #60-79 (Orange)
21. Cottages #80-92 (Blue)
22. ABC's of PFLA Index

?-1700

1725-1860

History of the Pocono Mountains

Pocono Mountains, PA -- The first inhabitants of the Pocono Mountains were the Delaware, Iroquois, Shawnee, Minisink, Lenape and Paupack Indians. The Dutch established settlements in 1659 near the famous Delaware Water Gap but were forced to leave the area by the English in 1664. By 1742, English and German settlers began to arrive and the first permanent residence was established in 1725 by Nicholas Depui at Shawnee.

As was true all over the U.S.A, there was inability for settlers to live with or share territory with the indigenous indians of Pennsylvania. The 1737 Walking Purchase trickery (described on next page) especially fanned hatred.

Our area's Lenape/Delaware Indians were known for their shaved, feathered heads and use of long guns as hunters and gatherers.



They lived in "wigwams" attached to "long houses." Most left when cheated of their land.

Some remained close to the Route 611 that they had used for centuries. They built and tended, sold wares and kept alive their legacy in unique Rte 611 Indian Museum

HOUSES OF THE LENAPE

By Caitlin Cioce, Colleen Burns, Alyssa Wortman, and Ahmed Rezeq



1737

THE WALKING

PURCHASE 1737



The Walking Purchase, also known as the Walking Treaty, began in the early hours of September 19, 1737, when three colonists and three Native Americans set off to measure out a land purchase that Thomas Penn, son of William, claimed his father had made with the Lenape tribe (also known as the Delaware) fifty years previous. Thomas held in his hand what he said was a deed signed by Lenape chiefs in 1686 that sold all land north of Tohickon Creek on the Delaware River to William Penn. The document stated that the amount of land would be measured by a day and a half's walk from an agreed upon starting point. The Lenape questioned the validity of the document, yet, in the end they had no choice but to participate.

FAIR HISTORY

LESSONS

SHOULD

TEACH THIS

SAD INJUSTICE

The "walk" became a race, with the three well-trained Englishmen sprinting as fast as they could. The

runners were aided by settlers who cut away underbrush, arranged for horses to carry supplies, and lent boats to ferry the men across streams. They did everything they could to ensure Penn's men triumphed. In the end, 1.2 million acres were taken from the Lenape and given to the Penn family.

The Lenape were understandably upset and went to the Iroquois for help, but to no avail. Those who stayed in the area were forced to settle on poor land or work as laborers for the colonists. Most decided to move west to places along the Susquehanna, Allegheny, or Ohio rivers. During the French and Indian War they used the Walking Purchase as one of their grievances.

Research has shown that warrants for our own Paradise Valley Township land was illegally taken from the Lenape/ Delaware indigenous Indians

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PARADISE TOWNSHIP LAND WAS 1740-1820
SURVEYED BEFORE THE 1800's BUT

THE 61 Original Warrant Holders of Paradise Township Land

BY Dan Hamblin

The Spring 2017 issue of *Paradise Past* highlighted the first part of Dan Hamblin's November 6, 2016 talk to the Society on "A Brief History of Pennsylvania and Its Boundaries 1682 - 1863." This article summarizes his findings about the original Warrant holders in Paradise Township.

Acquiring land in what is now Paradise Township was a multi-step process in the 1700s. The steps to "original" land ownership were:

Obtain a Warrant — apply to the state or other government body which owns land and has authority to distribute it. Many early applicants couldn't read or write and had someone who was literate fill out the application. A group of applicants might have someone deliver the applications to Philadelphia or wherever they were supposed to go. Sometimes a token fee had to accompany the application. Often Warrants themselves were given names to assist in identification. Probably the best known in our area was "Stanhope," the name given by Samuel Powell (who was twice mayor of Philadelphia) to his Warrant which ultimately became Swiftwater about 1880.

Survey — Warrantee must request and pay for a survey which states the boundaries and acreage of the parcel.

Patent — Warrantee pays the state or other government body for a patent or deed which incorporates the survey results.

The deed holder may then sell the land to someone else who will obtain a new deed. The new owner in turn could sell the land and obtain a new deed, and so on.

Land Acquisition of our acres came through many hands, many times removed from William Penna and likely many land speculators before people actually purchased the land to actually settle and build communities like our township residents in the 1820's.



Wall of P.F.'s museum has this map and warrantee owners who held Wm Penn's land that we now own

Conclusions

All 61 Warrants were issued in the late 1700s, most of them in the 1790s. If Paradise really had dozens of settlers before 1800, why did George Bowman, moving his family to Paradise Valley in 1821, feel lucky to find one neighbor? And why are so few people from that era buried in our cemeteries? Where are the foundations of their homes?

In answer to these questions, I have reached the following conclusions.

The Walking Purchase of 1737 triggered a land rush north from Philadelphia. By the 1760s, most Native Americans had moved out of the area. Very few of the original Warrant holders actually settled on the land. In our part of Pennsylvania, most Warrant holders were speculators, many of whose surnames appear multiple times in what became Monroe County, and in adjacent counties. Since there were no property taxes in those days, it cost nothing to hold the land for decades. Some eventually had their land surveyed and sold to genuine settlers. Most sold out to large investors who paid for the surveys and purchased dozens or even hundreds of Warrants and held them until a market of genuine settlers developed.

So although the original Warrants were issued about 225 years ago, the first Europeans didn't begin actually settling in Paradise for another 30 years or so, in the 1820s. **WFS**

PEOPLE DID NOT START LIVING HERE UNTIL THE 1820s!

1825-1856

Just beyond our P.F. land to the north, we can hike to the church and grave site of Paradise Lutheran Church



The history of its brief use (1825-1856) is best described in the Paradise Inn article found in the Environs section elsewhere in these archives

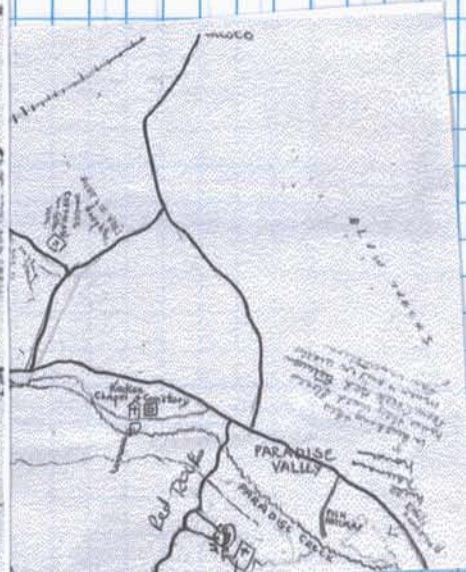
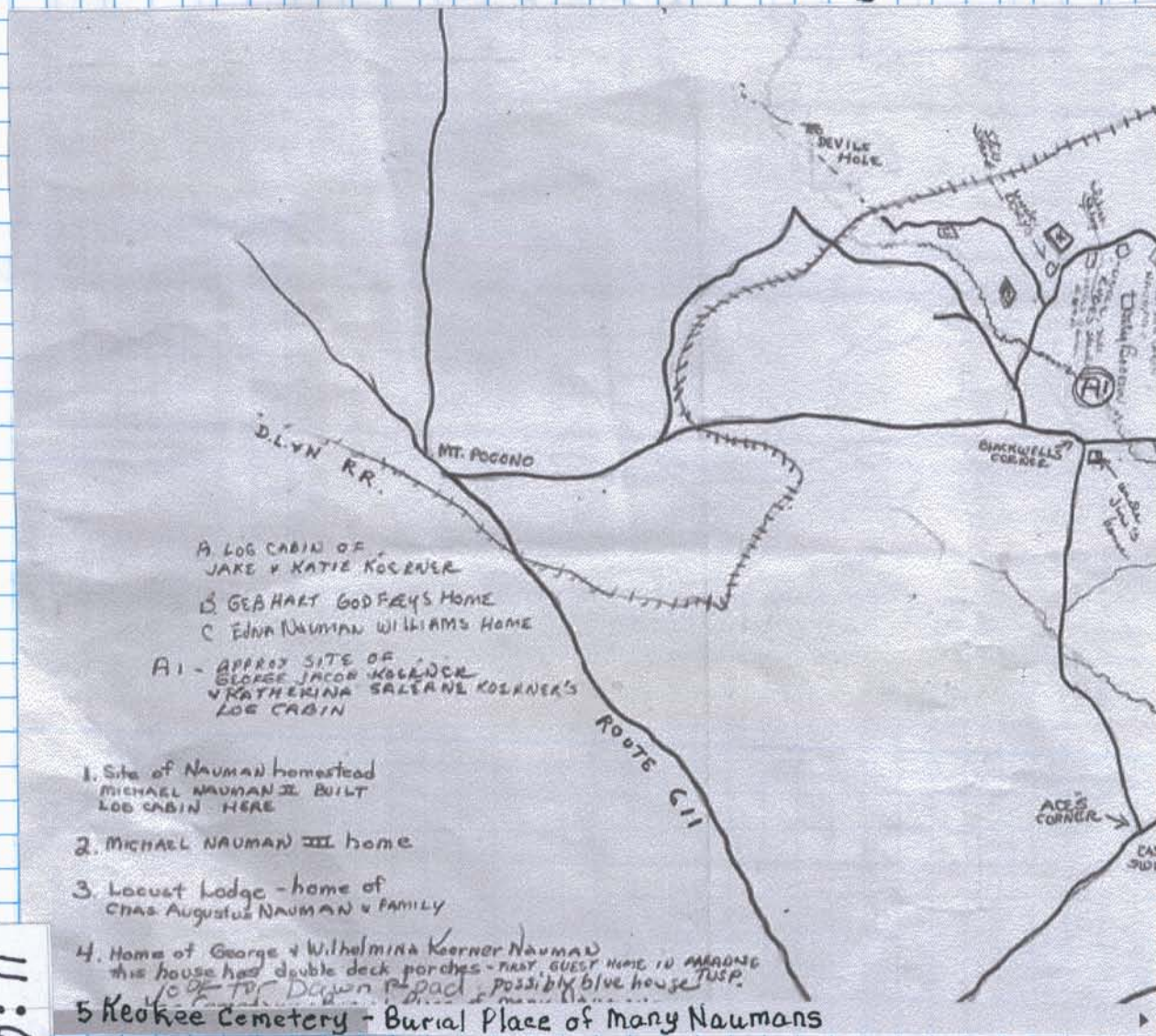
The church's wooded location and often overgrown condition hides the fact that it was built on a then busy road between Cresco and Swiftwater (See maps following)

Our area in the valley developed 40 years later so that our land owners likely knew very little of its existence.

Paradise Valley Township, now is charged with this treasures' preservation!

Doris Stellmers Notes about the log "Coffman Church" (later known as Paradise Lutheran Church / 30 grave cemetery) in existance 1825-1856. Grandpa James Nauman was 10 years when church was torn down. Remembers balcony inside! Lumber was used for an addition to Kintz Family - OLD INN -

- First - dining room
- 1906 - parlor
- 1930 - office
- winter - kitchen



1999
 Helen Dietz
 affirmed

1825-1856

Map donated 2021 by Nauman family through John Layton and Doris Stellmer. No date is attached, but connects Naumans to church and post 1856 use of its logs.

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CRESCO

PORTION OF 1870
PARADISE VALLEY
TOWNSHIP MAP

Red dotted lines indicate routes
that buggies used before 1870 to get
north & south to Cresco and Swiftwater.
PF neighbors built log church w/ cemetery
on that trail, but used busier roads
before this map was printed

By this map's 1870
printing, settlers
chose to live on
and use better
roads with
conveniently placed
services, schools
churches, etc.

1825-1856

PARADISE VALLEY

P.O.

J. Hilgert

HENRYVILLE

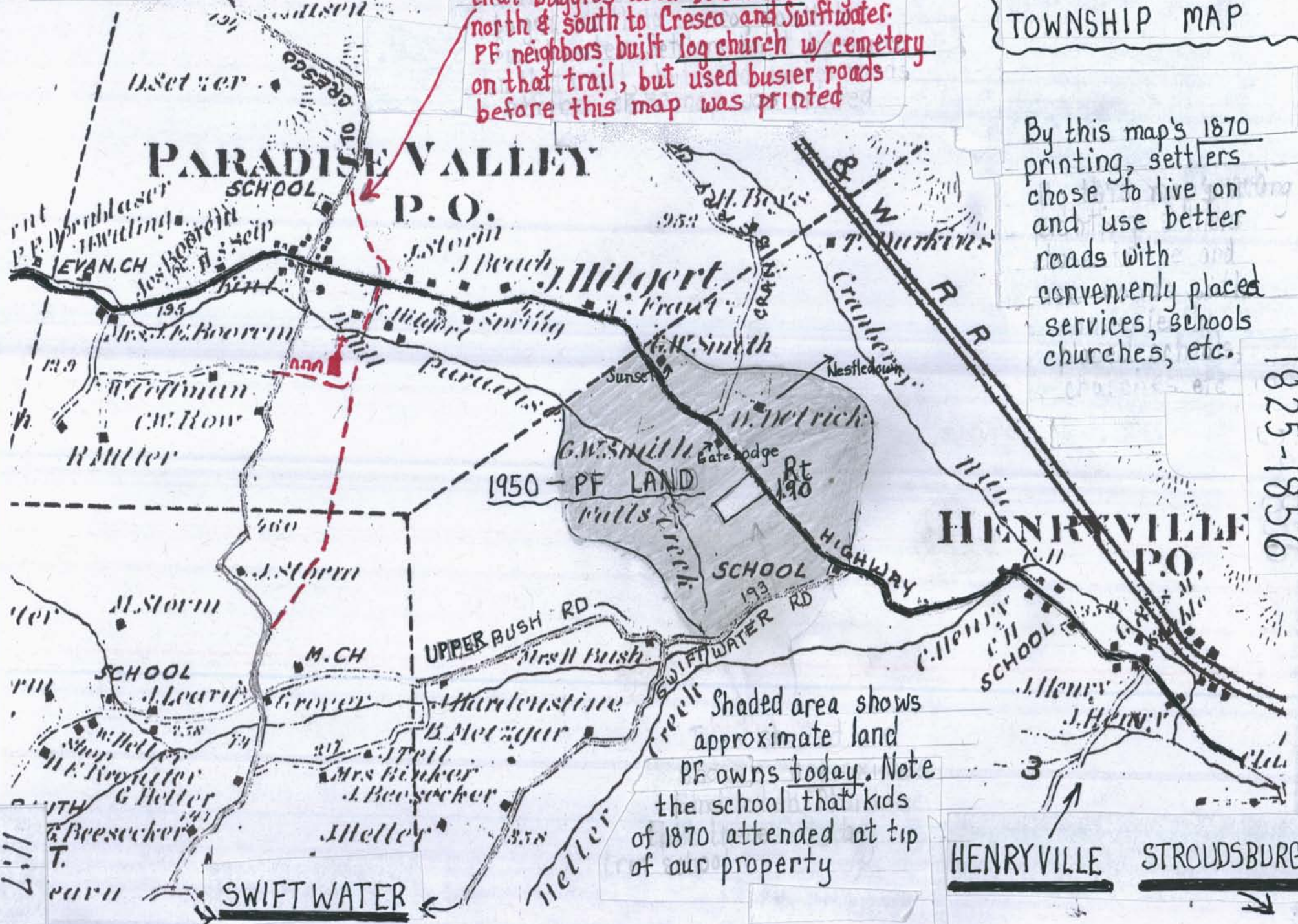
P.O.

Shaded area shows
approximate land
PF owns today. Note
the school that kids
of 1870 attended at tip
of our property

SWIFT WATER

HENRYVILLE

STROUDSBURG



1908

1¢ POSTCARD OF THE FALLS
BEFORE WE OWNED THEM!

NO BRIDGE!

LIKELY ISSUED TO
GUESTS AT MT POCONO
WHO WENT ON TOURS
OF PLACES LIKE
PARADISE FALLS IN
1908 RESORT VEHICLES!



Paradise Falls postcard 8/10/08 (reads as follows:)

To: MR. Theo Schnell
136 East 94th
New York City

Dear Uncle,

We have just returned from a lovely drive - a jolly party all at the same table in the dining room, too. Had a lovely day too, fine roads.

With love - your loving niece.

Julia K. Schnell

(Then there is a list of names, difficult to read)

Julia Brandt

Ethel H. Walker () 8/10/08

Hiram C. Myer

Anna

Marie Braun

Eunice E.D. Fraser

Susan E. Braun

East Orange, NJ.

This much later survey shows
create P.F. acres

1920-1928

9 owners of land we bought to
(FARMS Binder has more details)

1967 Perimeter Survey

ELMAN, FLYNN, MILLER AREA

James Heydt farm
acquired 6-27-27

GATE LODGE AREA INCLUDING FALLS
Harvey Dietrick (Haller) farm
acquired 10-7-26

NESTLEDOWN AREA
Dimmie Dietrick Farm
acquired 4-12-24

Bellis Tract
bought 4-12-24
sold 1953

Hannon Farm
bought 4-12-24
sold 1953

Abend Ruhe Farm (Raff)
included 150 acres
on both sides of the highway
including 23 acres given
to P.F.L.A. and
likely the Hoover*
family property
on Bush Road.

No owners were found when in 1922
P.F. wanted to buy this property.
It will be ours after 100 years

HOTEL SITE

HATCHERY
PROPERTY

LAKE

QUARRY
bought
1928

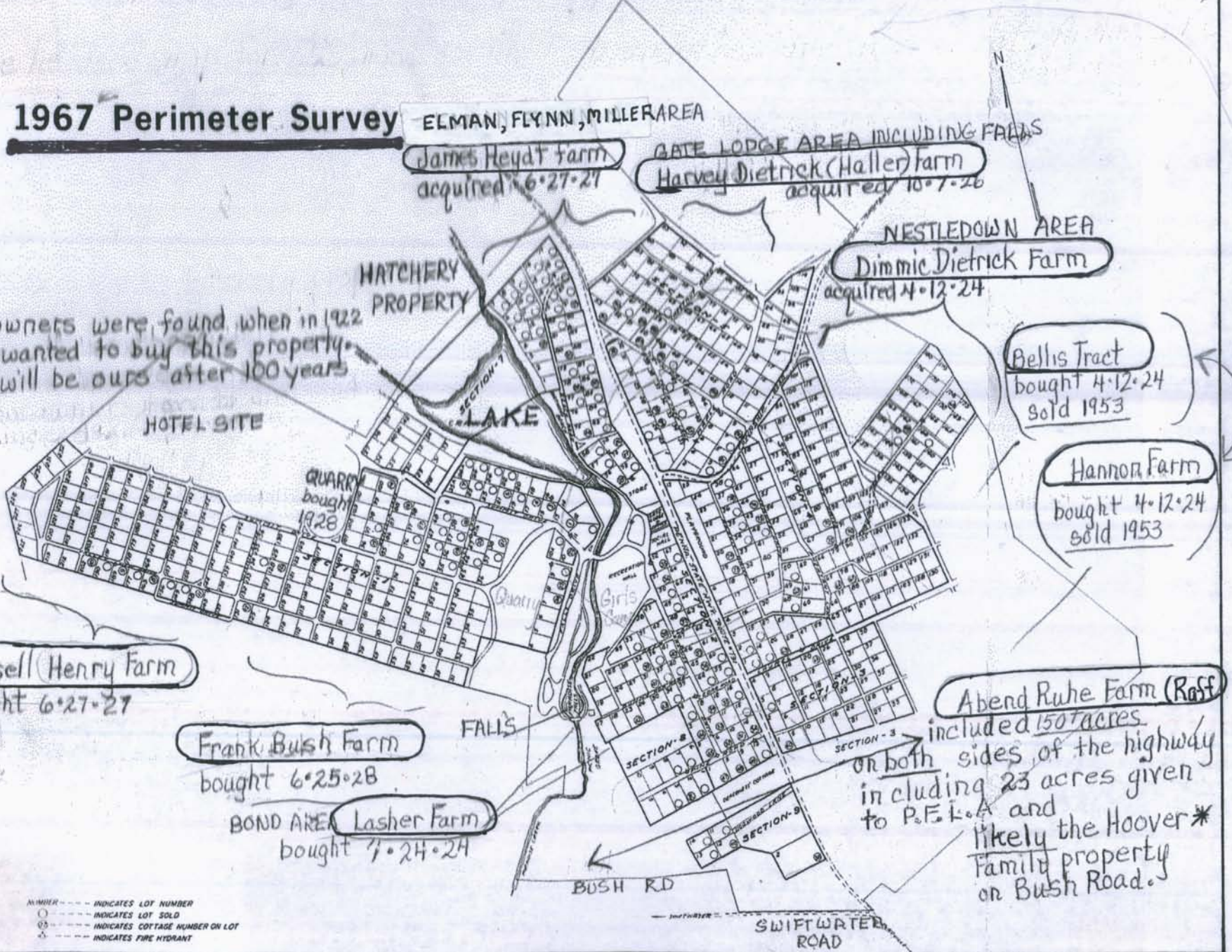
Russell Henry Farm
bought 6-27-27

Frank Bush Farm
bought 6-25-28

BOND AREA Lasher Farm
bought 7-24-24

NUMBER --- INDICATES LOT NUMBER
○ --- INDICATES LOT SOLD
② --- INDICATES COTTAGE NUMBER ON LOT
△ --- INDICATES FIRE HYDRANT

6:11



1922

Invitation to join
"Lutheran Summering
Place" at Abend
Ruhe.

Original hangs on this
farm house's wall.

A Lutheran Colony in the Poconos Abend Ruhe IN THE POCONO MOUNTAINS

The Pocono mountains are famous as a summering place.
A Lutheran layman went there ten years ago broken in health.
He purchased a tract, built a cottage, regained his vigor.
He has offered to give his valuable tract of field, stream and wood-
land to the Lutherans to be made into a

LUTHERAN SUMMERING PLACE

The tract lies 1600 feet above sea level (it is one of the highest points in the Poconos), there is a well 185 feet deep which supplies delicious water to a 5000 gallon reservoir, it is accessible from New York via the Lackawana R. R. (1¼ hr. run) and via auto over the Lackawana trail.

It is planned to put in a 18-hole golf course, tennis courts, base-ball diamond, quoit grounds, etc. and build a dam to make a swimming pool.

Do you want to put up a cottage or tent in this delightful place next summer?

On Oct. 17th and 18th, 25 delegates from New York and Pennsylvania met in Mr. and Mrs. Raff's bungalow, and in the presence of the donors an organization was effected and the property formally tendered and accepted. We invite correspondence as to further information concerning bungalow plots, etc., etc.

Communicate at once with any of the following:

OFFICERS

President, WM. F. BUCKNER, Cherokee Ave., Hollis, L. I., N. Y.
Secretary, REV. C. E. HAYS, 1347 South 54th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Treasurer, REV. J. E. RUDISILL, Riegelsville, Pa.

DIRECTORS

A. Raymond Raff, Philip D. Spaeth, Chas. A. Hunsberger, Philadelphia
Rev. H. W. A. Hanson, D.D., Harriaburg. Rev. Allen L. Benner, Lancaster.
Martin L. Diffendafer, Lebanon. Central Pennsylvania

Rev. J. E. Heindal, D.D., Jersey City. Peter S. Walters, Easton, Pa.
Rev. A. H. Holthusen, D.D., Wagner College, S. I., New Jersey District.

Rev. Frank E. Jensen, Rev. G. B. Young, D.D., Rev. W. H. Stutts, D.D. Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rev. A. S. Hardy, Hollis, Rev. G. F. Hartwig, Queens. A. Haase, Hollis. Long Island.

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MAY 16, 1923 Incorporation as Paradise Valley
Lutheran Association (no copy here) took place.
We could not call ourselves "Falls" until we
bought that land at a later date.

JULY 27, 1925 95/318 of the Common Pleas Court of PA on
this date changes the name of Incorporation
to Paradise Falls Lutheran Association

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania) Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of
To) Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, July 27, 1925.
Paradise Falls Lutheran) Pennsylvania, ss:
Association) I do hereby certify, that the name, title or design-
95/318) nation Paradise Falls Lutheran Association was this
day filed and recorded in this office as the title of a proposed corporation of the
first class in accordance with the provisions of the Act, entitled "An Act to provide
for the registration and protection of names, titles or designations of associations,
societies, orders, foundations, fe...ions, organizations and corporations, of the
first class," approved May 18th, 1923, and that a search of the records of this office
fails to disclose any conflict between the aforesaid title and any other name, title
or designation heretofore registered under the provisions of the said Act.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the
Secretary's Office to be affixed, the day and year above written.
(Official Seal) Geo. D. Thorn Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth.
Recorded July 28, 1925 Recorder

Handwritten notes:
P.F.L.A.
P.V.L.A. →



THESE PHOTOS SHOW
HOW FLAT AND
TREELESS THE LAND
WAS IN THE
← #54 COTTAGE
AREA. THESE HOMES
WERE BUILT ON
FARMLAND THAT
NEVER PRODUCED
PROLIFICALLY //::

February 5, 1925

Monroe Cty. - 94/646 - 94/649

Incorporation as Paradise Falls Lutheran Association

below on documents 94/646, - 94/649

(See Second)

Court of Common Pleas) BE IT KNOWN, that the subscribers, three, of whom
 To) are citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, having
 Paradise Falls Lutheran) associated themselves together for the purpose of organizing
 Association) the "Paradise Falls Lutheran Association", and being desirous
 (94/646) of becoming incorporated agreeably to the provisions of the
 Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to
 provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations", approved the
 twenty ninth day of April, A.D. 1874, and the supplements thereto, do hereby declare
 that the following are the purposes and conditions for and upon which they desire
 to be incorporated.

First. The name of the corporation shall be "Paradise Falls Lutheran Association".

Second. The purpose for which the corporation is formed is to offer healthful retreat and recreation for Lutheran people, the encouragement of social enjoyment, and athletic sports.

Third. The place where the business of the corporation is to be transacted is at Paradise Falls, Paradise Township, Monroe County, Pennsylvania.

Fourth. The corporation is to exist perpetually.

Fifth. The corporation shall have no capital stock. The names and residences of the incorporators are:

Name.	Residence.
Name.	Residence.
Rev. Clifford E. Hays,	5410 Springfield ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
Mr. Wm. F. Buckner,	8944 196 st., Hollis, L. I. N. Y.
Mrs. Augusta E. Buckner,	8944 196 st., Hollis, L. I., N.Y.
Mr. Philip D. Spaeth,	Drexel Hill, Pa.
Mrs. Philip D. Spaeth,	Drexel Hill, Pa.
Mr. Paul I. Larson,	5631 Willows ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
Miss Nora K. Ohl,	826 S. St. Bernard st., Philadelphia, Pa.
Mr. Henry C. Hempel,	9016 189 st., Hollis, L. I., N. Y.
Mr. Henry F. Hempel,	9016 Hollis ave., Hollis, L. I., N. Y.
Rev. Augustus Pohlman,	52nd and Race sts., Philadelphia, Pa.
Mrs. Augusta V. Pohlman,	52nd and Race sts., Philadelphia, Pa.
Mr. Henry Wehle,	112 Grand ave., Jamaica, N. Y.
Mrs. Martha M. Wehle,	112 Grand ave Jamaica, N. Y.
Mr. Charles Keller,	1813 New York ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Mr. Elmer E. Keller,	183rd st., and Lloyd Place, Hollis, N. Y.
Mr. George Katz,	6117 Mc Callum st., Philadelphia, Pa.



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P.F.L.A. Incorporation (cont) Feb 5, 1925

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Rev. Wm. L. Katz, 221 Mc Lean Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
Rev. Carl H. Miller, 61 W. Grove ave., Presport, N. Y.
Rev. Ivan Heft, North Bellmore, L. I., N. Y.
Rev. Robert H. Ischinger, Reading, Pa.
Mrs. Amanda J. Franke, 19316 Jamaica ave., Hollis, L. I., N. Y.
Rev. F. H. Knubel, 48 Hamilton Terrace, New York, N. Y.
Rev. W. H. Stutts, 837 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

~~Rev. W. H. Stutts, 837 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.~~
Miss Florence Z. Logan, 126 Centre St., Trenton, N. J.
Mr. John R. Lemmert, 19 e. Fayette st., Baltimore, Md.
Miss Ruth M. Lemmert, 19 E. Fayette st., Baltimore, Md.
Dr. J. P. Blechschmidt, 2203 Walnut st., Philadelphia, Pa.
Miss Helen Blechschmidt, 2203 Walnut st., Philadelphia, Pa.
Mrs. Sue E. Wierman, Stroudsburg, Pa.
Rev. J. E. Rudlall, 5513 N. 8th st., Philadelphia, Pa.
Mr. M. L. Koons, 245 N. 52 st., Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. Paul Y. Livingston, 11108 122 st., Woodhaven, N. Y.
Mrs. Luther D. Gable, 448 E. 28 st., Flatbush, N. Y.
Rev. Thomas E. Shearer, East Lansdowne, Pa.
Miss Lillian F. Rossman, 5001 Cedar ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
Miss Natalie P. Rossman, 5001 Cedar ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
Master Frederick P. Rossman, 5001 Cedar ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
Mr. James L. Kast, 240 Brookdale ave., Glenside, Pa.
Mr. Charles A. Hunsberger, 8509 Germantown ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
Dr. Anne E. Smiley, 5008 Chestnut st., Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. H. W. Fitting, Quakertown, Pa.
Miss S. Catherine Fitting, Quakertown, Pa.
Mr. F. W. Mueller, 719 W. Butler st., Philadelphia, Pa.
Mrs. F. W. Mueller, 719 W. Butler st., Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. H. S. Kidd, Womelsdorf, Pa.
Miss Gertrude Stanley, 3650 N. 9th st., Philadelphia, Pa.
Miss Bertha Heid, 4613 Spruce st., Philadelphia, Pa.
Miss Louise Heid, 46 13 Spruce st., Philadelphia, Pa.
Miss Mary E. Markley, 437 Fifth ave., New York, N. Y.
Misses Mary and Louise Paulus, 249 Hansberry st., Philadelphia, Pa.
Mr. Tadafuma Mikuriya, 5410 Springfield ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. E. W. Hamner, 13 Blake ave., Lynbrook, N. Y.
Mr. Roland M. Stoneback, Springtown, Pa.
Mr. L. S. Hoffman, E. Stroudsburg, Pa.
Master John Dallas Mueller, 719 W. Butler st., Philadelphia, Pa.
Miss Sara C. Mueller, 719 W. Butler st., Philadelphia, Pa.
Miss C. Jean Mueller, 719 W. Butler st., Philadelphia, Pa.
Mr. Paul Ohl, Ardmore, Pa.
Mrs. George W. Nicoly, Hanover, Pa.
Mr. Samuel W. Fales, 4213 Chester ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
Mrs. Ione Harr Fales, 4213 Chester ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
Miss Edith E. Fales, 4407 Spruce st., Philadelphia, Pa.
Mrs. H. K. Harr, Ambler, Pa.
Miss Esther Lee, 3713 Walnut st., Philadelphia, Pa.
Mrs. Lillian Van Houton, 10024 Ulster st., Hollis, L. I., N. Y.



11:13

1926 Bonds were sold to fund many PF improvements

State
FREE FROM TAX *(The Association will pay any State Tax)*
\$40,000

Paradise Falls Lutheran Association
PARADISE VALLEY, MONROE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Purchase and Improvement 6% Gold Bonds

Dated January 1, 1926
Interest Payable January 1st and July 1st
Denominations \$100 and \$500
Registered as to Principal and Interest

\$5000 Due January 1, 1931
\$10,000 Due January 1, 1936
\$10,000 Due January 1, 1941
\$15,000 Due January 1, 1946

STROUDSBURG TRUST CO., Stroudsburg, Pa., Trustee

Property

The Paradise Falls Lutheran Association was incorporated under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, April 6, 1925, and owns four hundred and thirty acres of land in Paradise Valley, Pocono Mountains, between Henryville and Cresco, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, which is being developed as a Lutheran Summer colony. There are two excellent trout streams flowing through the property. The far-famed and beautiful Paradise Falls is on the one stream. This is visited by over thirteen thousand tourists annually. These pay an admission fee. There are two large farm houses and a thirty-room Community House (Nestledown), which is operated as a boarding place and entertained over three hundred guests the past season. Reservations have been made for one-third of the 1926 season, although the capacity of the house has been doubled. There is a large barn which will be converted into a garage, and a grocery store and refreshment stand at the entrance to the Falls. One-half mile of water main supplies the bungalows and Nestledown.

Members of the association have erected eight bungalows and cottages on the grounds.

Management

The Paradise Falls Lutheran Association is managed by a Board of Directors composed of fifteen Members of the Association, elected for terms of three years each, by the Members assembled at the annual meeting of the Association. The present Board of Directors are as follows:

Rev. F. H. Knubel, D.D., Honorary President	Wm. F. Buckner, New York, President
Luther S. Hoffman, East Stroudsburg, Pa., Vice-President	Rev. Clifford E. Hays, Philadelphia, Secretary
Rev. J. E. Rudisill, Philadelphia, Treasurer	E. Clarence Miller, Philadelphia
Rev. H. W. Fitting, Quakertown, Pa.	Rev. Carl H. Miller, Freeport, N. Y.
Samuel W. Fales, Philadelphia.	Frank W. Mueller, Philadelphia
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John Lemmert, Baltimore, Md.	

Address all communications to

REV. CLIFFORD E. HAYS, Secretary
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Guest water fun happened at Falls 1925-29

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By mid-1930s guests could choose accommodations in Nestledown, Gate Lodge, Social Hall, Brown or White Cottage or in private cottage rental rooms!

INFORMATION

Extra days beyond the weekly reservation are pro rated.

No allowance can be made for any meals missed by guest.

American Plan.

Guests departing are requested to vacate rooms by 2:30 o'clock.

Guests wishing to extend their stay will please consult management for arrangement.

Rooms reserved will be held until 5:30 P. M., unless the management is advised otherwise.

Paradise Falls Lutheran Association
Paradise Falls, Pa.
Monroe County

PARADISE FALLS RESORT

PARADISE FALLS, PA.

10 miles north of Stroudsburg, Route 90

RATE SCHEDULE

Including meals—Hot and cold running water
Double rooms have twin beds

Weekly Rate per Person

May 1 to June 30—\$16.00 per week

Sept. 2 to Sept. 21—\$16.00 per week

Week ends \$3.00 per day

Children under 12 years—\$10.00 weekly
when occupying room with adults

JULY and AUGUST

Single Room, \$22.00—Double Room, \$19.50
Three in a room \$19.00

A discount of 5% allowed on 5 weeks
and 10% on 10 weeks stay
in Association Buildings

Daily Rate

July \$3.50—week ends \$3.75

August \$3.50—week ends \$4.00

Daily rate applies for less than seven days stay
Operated on American Plan

MOST EARLY COTTAGES
WERE BUILT SOUTH OF
SOCIAL HALL ON BOTH
SIDES OF ROAD. THESE
ATHLETES USED OUR
EARLY FIELD WITH THE
BROWN, WHITE, AND
THE HAYS COTTAGES
PLAINLY VISIBLE.



Dick Hoag

Sam Kidd

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10 Reasons WHY

membership in

PARADISE FALLS

The United Lutheran Church Vacationland in the Poconos Is A Good Investment

1. IT IS A LUTHERAN ENTERPRISE. Fostered, owned and operated exclusively by Lutherans, it includes features for all making it the ideal place for the entire family, thereby attracting and entertaining hundreds of our own people and making a congenial and wholesome atmosphere.
2. IT IS GROWING RAPIDLY. Every year since its inception our reservations have overcrowded our facilities making it imperative that each year large additions be made to care for increase. Over sixteen thousand persons visit the beauty spot "Paradise Falls" each year, while hundreds of others are sojourning guests.
3. GROUNDS ACCESSIBLE TO LARGE CLIENTELE. Within one hundred miles radius of Paradise Falls we find over a half million Lutherans. While our project is primarily for Lutherans any person of good character may secure accommodations on the grounds.
4. MEMBERSHIP RECEIPTS USED FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT. Laying of water lines, building new roads, enlarging buildings, promoting programs of activities, all help enhance the value of the development and are financed by membership receipts and profits.
5. OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE COTTAGE UNDER EXCELLENT CONDITIONS. Many members build cottages on our development. A place where they can have their family, or entertain friends during the hot summer months. Many families spend their summers here while the men folks commute over the week ends. Churches and church societies can have a fellowship center by holding membership and erecting cottage.
6. MEMBERSHIP CAN BECOME A MONEY MAKER FOR THE HOLDER. Aside from the increase coming to the membership because of development of the property, to those persons who build cottages, making several rooms available for lodgers, a very substantial income can be realized.
7. INCREASE OF VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP PRACTICALLY GUARANTEED. By action of the Board of Directors from time to time, as developments are made upon the property, the membership price is set to a higher figure.
8. MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES PRIVILEGES. Voting and holding office are, of course, features of membership. Charges are made for certain privileges and activities for visitors to the grounds. These in most cases are free to the membership. Also a discount is allowed to members for boarding during their stay on the grounds.
9. MEMBERSHIP IS TRANSFERABLE TO OTHERS. Membership may be sold or given to other Lutherans in good standing upon approval of the Board of Directors.
10. THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS IS LIMITED. Just as the price of membership is controlled by the members of the Association themselves so the total number of available memberships is controlled by the action of the same group.

What is Membership?

Membership in Paradise Falls Lutheran Association bestows the right to a perpetual lease on a plot of ground of your own choosing, upon which, if desired, a cottage may be constructed. These plots are approximately 100 feet by 125 feet in size, located within the boundaries of the tract owned and operated by the Association. Various other privileges and rights are extended to the member and his immediate family.

Plan of Purchase

If you desire to take advantage of a cash discount of 6%, an initial payment of Ten Dollars can be made upon application with the balance payable within thirty days. The partial payment plan allows an initial payment of Ten Dollars and payments monthly of Fifteen Dollars each until balance is paid. Each membership carries with it a charge of Five Dollars for a Survey fee. Annual dues are Ten Dollars.

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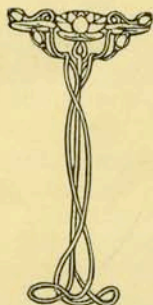
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RULES AND REGULATIONS

Governing Members of
*Paradise Falls Lutheran
Association*



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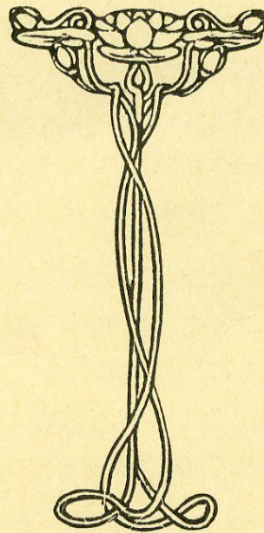


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RULES AND REGULATIONS
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Paradise Falls Lutheran
Association



1. Membership in the Association entitles the member and his or her immediate family to the free use of the grove at the Falls and free hunting and fishing, boating and bathing privileges on the grounds. All guests must pay the established fees for such privileges.

2. Members who leave the Lutheran Church must either sell their membership or surrender it to the Association for sale, according to the method of transfer of membership established by the Association. See Section 3, Article XIII, of the By-Laws.

3. Membership in the Association may be transferred by the owner thereof, according to Section 2, Article XIII, of the By-Laws.

4. If the owner of a membership finds a purchaser for his membership, a fee of five dollars \$5.00 shall be charged by the Association for making such transfer on the books and for issuing a new certificate.

5. If the Association affects the sale of a membership for the owner thereof, a charge of ten per cent. 10% of the sale price shall be charged for the service of affecting the sale and for the issuing of a new certificate.

6. Members are entitled to make selection of a lot after making the initial payment on their membership. But no member may build upon the lot until his membership fee has been paid in full and a membership certificate, bearing the number of the lot, has been issued to him.

If a member does not choose a lot within one month after his application for membership has been accepted, those following him on the membership list may make their choice.

7. The member shall submit to the Building Committee a sketch showing front and side elevation of the building he plans to erect, together with the size of such building and the character of the materials to be used and the outside finish thereof.

8. The Building Committee passes upon the general appearance and fitness of the proposed structure. This is to maintain the character of our development.

9. Construction of any buildings by members may be started only after the Building Committee accepts the plans submitted and the location of the building on the lot has been determined by the owner and accepted by the Building Committee.

No additions or alterations may be made to buildings on the grounds by members without the permission of the Building Committee.

10. Dwellings must be set back twenty-five (25) feet from the front line of the lot and twenty-five (25) feet from either side line of the lot. Garages must be set at least ten feet from either side line and rear line of the lot and at the rear of the dwelling.

Only one dwelling and one garage may be erected on a lot. No business places may be erected or conducted by the members on the grounds.

11. Each member is entitled to a voice and vote at all meetings of the Association. Guardians or Trustees will exercise this right for minors. Those unable to be present at the meetings will have the privilege of voting by proxy

12. Annual membership dues established at the annual meeting become due on the first day of the following June. If such dues are not paid within two months after said first day of June, a penalty of twenty-five cents per month or fraction of a month will be added, beginning at the end of the two months' period.

13. Upon default by the member in the payment of his annual dues for a period of three years, his membership shall lapse and all rights and privileges given thereunder, including the right to use and enjoy the lot therein named, shall cease, and his membership certificate shall be void.

14. Members who are paying the membership fee by the deferred payment plan, who do not complete the payments within twelve months, will be charged any increase in the membership fee which becomes effective during the time between their first and final payments.

15. No games or sports of any kind are permitted within the grounds of the Association on the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday See Section 3, Article II, of the By-Laws.

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Are you interested in the development of a splendid Lutheran Resort?

Membership is a good investment for yourself and for the Church

It was my privilege recently to visit the property of the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association for the purpose of locating a bungalow there. It is magnificent, and offers opportunity to all Lutherans for a healthful place of rest and recreation. Its development as a center of delightful fellowship and conference seems inevitable. It is to be hoped that our people will quickly make this development possible by their cooperation.

F. H. KNUBEL,

President of The United Lutheran Church in America.

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The Origin of Paradise Falls



SOME years ago, one of our Lutheran laymen, Mr. A. Raymond Raff, of Philadelphia, went to Henryville, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, broken in health. In a short time the invigorating atmosphere of the Poconos and the charming beauty of Paradise Valley (which inspired Joseph Jefferson to dramatize Rip Van Winkle) restored his health.

As he travelled about he fell in love with this wonderful region and finally purchased several tracts in Paradise Valley which he named Abend Ruhe Farms. For years Abend Ruhe proved a delightful retreat, until the thought came to Mr. Raff, that as other Church groups had resorts in the Poconos it would be splendid if the Lutherans had such a place. He decided to offer his grounds for such a purpose out of gratitude to God for the restoration of his health.

So in May 1922 The Lutheran carried in an editorial the offer of Abend Ruhe Farms for the establishment of a Lutheran Resort. Several became interested in the offer and gathered a group of Lutherans from New York and Philadelphia and Easton who met with Mr. and Mrs. Raff at the bungalow on the farm on October 17, 1922. The Paradise Valley Lutheran Association was then organized.

This Association having received a gift of ground from Mr. Raff purchased three more tracts adjoining. Later another tract of one hundred acres was purchased. This gave the Association three hundred acres situated along the Henryville State Highway with the Cranberry Creek flowing through it in a narrow valley which offered an excellent site for an artificial lake.

Early in 1925 the farm, including over a half mile of the Paradise Creek and the renowned Paradise Falls, one of the region's beauty spots, within its area, was purchased. At this time the name of the Association was changed to the Paradise Falls

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Getting together is helpful Paradise Falls provides a get-to- gether place for Lutherans

Every visit I make to Paradise Falls confirms my conviction that the Lutheran Church has done wisely in selecting this mountain spot and begun developing a Lutheran religious and social community. The vast area of mountain-tops stretches away in all directions. One feels so far removed from ordinary business centers and pleasure resorts. The air and water are the best. The scenery is magnificent. The Falls are enchanting. To hold a membership in the Lutheran Assembly and to live in one's own bungalow on the mountains is indeed to be in an Earthly Paradise.

A. POHLMAN

Pastor Temple Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Paradise Falls Lutheran Association deserves much credit for having made it possible for Lutherans to spend a purposeful vacation with kindred spirits in a most desirable pre-empted summer resort in mountains that have brought health and happiness to countless dwellers in congested cities and towns.

E. P. PFATTEICHER,

*President of the Evang. Luth. Ministerium
of Penna. and adjacent states.*

I know of no better place, for any one desirous of "getting next to nature" than Paradise Falls in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania.

It is an ideal place for rest or recreation.

A place of wonderful scenic beauty with sufficient altitude to insure rarified, health giving air, in connection with a delightful social environment and the sweet fellowship of kindred spirits of the Lutheran faith.

Fraternally yours,

W. H. STUTTS,

*Pastor of The Lutheran Church of the Epiphany,
Brooklyn, N. Y.*

Memberships will be \$250 or more after the campaign

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Lutheran Association and the association was incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania. The grounds were named Paradise Falls after the beauty spot on the newly acquired ground.

Again in August of 1926 a tract adjoining the property near the falls was purchased. This ground lies on top a high hill and provides excellent site for the reservoir, hotel and many building lots.

At present Paradise Falls is a tract of some 500 acres of rolling country about equally divided from north to south by the State Highway and beautified by the Cranberry Creek whose waters will be impounded to form a lake, and Paradise creek with its lovely rapids and falls. The latter is one of the show places of the region and was visited by more than 13,000 visitors during the 1926 season.

Development of the Tract

The Association's plans called for the division of the grounds into roads and lots. This work was begun in 1924 that several members might be able to build. The survey has been continued so that at present 550 lots and the roads therefore have been staked and permanent cement markers have been placed at intervals. Two sites for the dam have been surveyed and staked, that a choice of location might be made by the Board of Directors.

In order that visitors might have accommodations while looking over the tract and members might be able to be on the grounds while their homes were under construction, a barn on the grounds was thoroughly cleansed and remodeled into a community house, named Nestledown. At first seven bedrooms, two bath rooms, a living room, porch across the front of the building and a large room equipped with several kitchenettes were constructed. Although this work was not completed until the middle of August and the accommodations were very primitive, there were many guests who enjoyed Nestledown until late in September, 1924.

When Nestledown was opened in 1925 there were ten bed rooms with three baths in operation and running water in the kitchenettes. Board was served in the adjoining farm house. Almost half the summer's accommodations had been reserved

There are between 700 and 800 lots available

Whoever attached the name Paradise to the region which the Association has begun to develop had a happy thought. No one can visit this particular spot without being impressed by its picturesque and rugged beauty especially along the streams that flow through the property and above all by the falls from which the Association has derived its name. Add to the natural attractiveness of the whole Pocono region the pure and invigorating air, the many opportunities for outdoor recreation, and the carefree life one can enjoy there, and you have the ideal combination that makes for a healthy body and a sound mind.

Very truly,
J F OHL
Supt. Philadelphia Lutheran City Mission.



The idea to build up a summer colony for Lutherans seems to me a splendid one. I know of no finer and more restful place than Paradise Falls. I visited this "Paradise" for vacationers several times and was so charmed with its beauty that I at once became a member of the Association.

P LEMKE,
*Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church,
Passaic, N J*

250 have been reserved

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in Nestledown before the house opened. We expected from ten to twenty boarders per week, but there were from thirty to fifty-five during the season. A large number of the guests prepared their meals in the kitchenettes. There were more guests than accommodations in Nestledown so the cottagers opened their houses to roomers who ate at the boarding house.

In 1926 Nestledown opened with twenty-one bed rooms, five baths, living room, front and rear porches, a dining room with accommodations for seventy and a well equipped kitchen. Again the over-flow of guests was accommodated in the cottages and yet many could not be received.

The beauties of the grounds, the unusual healthfulness of the air, the friendly fellowship, the pleasant recreations offered, the good, wholesome board and the moderate prices kept the house full throughout the usual summer season and many guests were present until the middle of October

Our plans are to provide dining room accommodations for one hundred or more for 1927. Many of our guests have gradually lengthened their stay, so that now there are a number who come for the season, others reserve their rooms for the next season when leaving, so that all who desire accommodations should make reservations as early as possible. If you are interested in a vacation at Nestledown write for booklet.

The Water System

In order that the Association could have time to study the construction of its water system, Mr Raff permitted us to connect with the reservoir on Abend Ruhe to supply the cottages and Nestledown for two years.

We have found such an abundance of unused water power in Paradise Creek available for pumping water to the reservoir site on top the hill adjoining the stream, that a modern, steel water wheel will be installed which will pump sufficient water for our needs. Water will be supplied from this point by gravity to all parts of the grounds. Construction of the water system will be begun in 1927

Membership can be re-sold to a Lutheran

I am glad to give my heartiest endorsement to the project of the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association for the development of a Lutheran Summer Colony in the midst of the most populous Lutheran Centre in America. I can visualize wonderful advantages to our Lutheran Church growing out of it. Aside from the recreational, social and cultural benefits it affords, the greatest possibility of all, it seems to me, will be the gathering together of Lutherans of different congregations and localities, with differing ideas and customs, of different racial and linguistic conceptions, and affording them an opportunity for mutual acquaintance, which must issue in a better understanding and unification of the Church.

Nature has furnished an ideal setting for such a Colony in Paradise Falls. No more lovely scenic and healthful spot could be found. May the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association speedily realize what it eventually is bound to become—a great Centre of Lutheranism.

Sincerely yours,

ARTHUR S. HARDY

*Pastor of Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity,
Hollis, Long Island, N Y*

DEAR SIRs:

Having spent part of the last two summers at Nestledown, at Paradise Falls, I have found that these were real vacations and periods of rest. I never had a sick day while in this Glorified Camp.

To be up in that elevated mountain country, away from the noise and smell of the city, where the sky is blue and the air is pure, is a real tonic and health restorer.

The delightful friendships made among our Lutheran people, the good fellowship and care free spirit that prevailed, all appealed to me.

The Rhododendron was in full bloom during my stay, and being a lover of nature and the great outdoors, this added a charm that made the name Paradise all the more appropriate.

Looking forward to seeing all the old friends and many more new ones next summer, I am

Sincerely yours,

MILLER C. AMMON,

Reading, Pa.

Who can measure the value of Lake Chautauqua?

The Association lays the water mains. The members lay the connections between the mains and their cottages. An annual water rent sufficient to meet the cost of maintenance of the system, will be charged to cottage owners. The charge for 1926 was \$4.00 per cottage.

Cottages

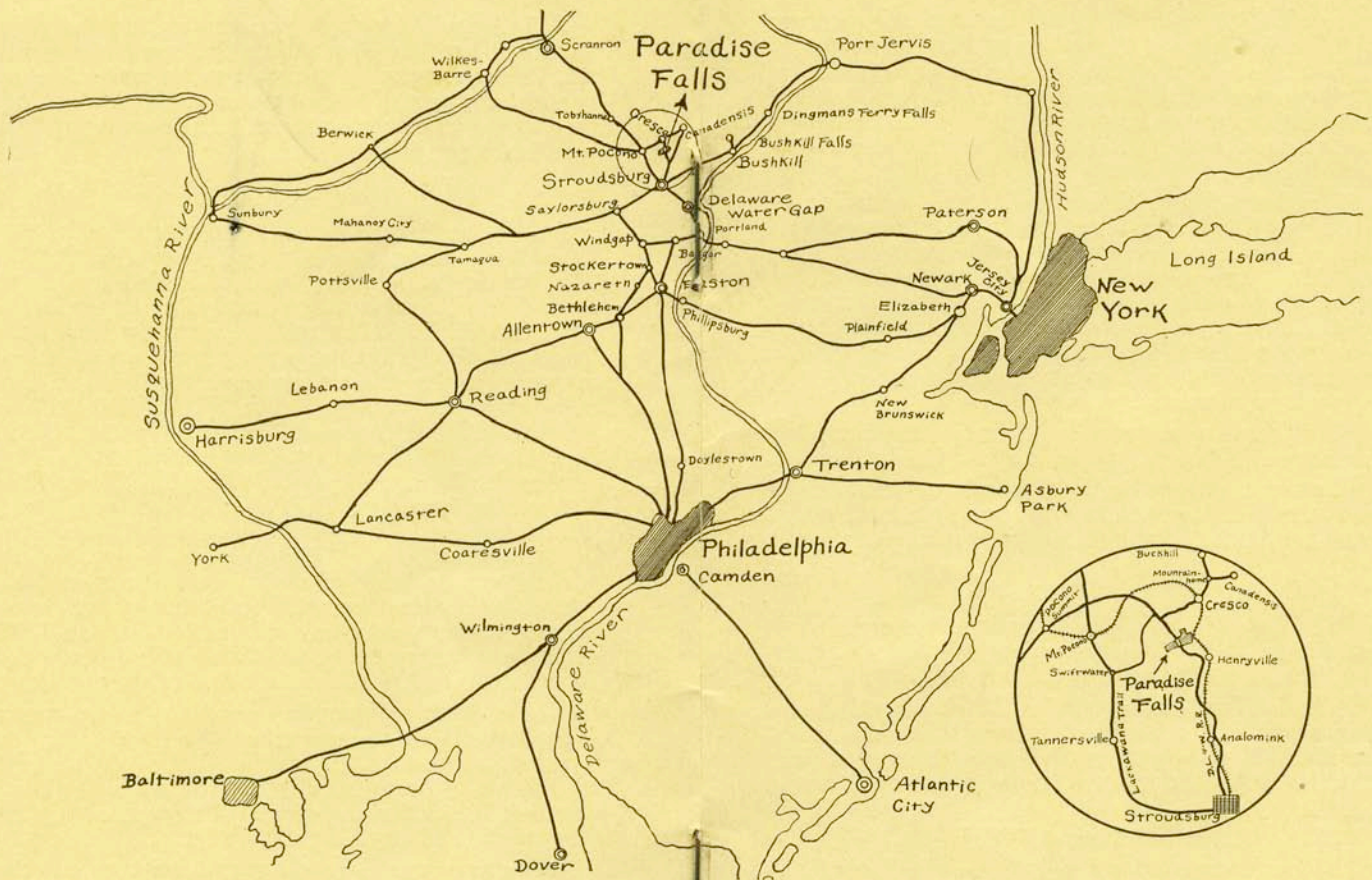
As soon as the survey had been completed in 1924 three members erected cottages, Miss Nora R. Ohl, Mr Frank W Mueller, both of Philadelphia, and Mr Wm. F Buckner, President of the Association, of Hollis, N Y. They were followed by Rev H. S. Kidd, of Souderton, who purchased a small farm house from the Association and remodeled it, then were built the cottages of Mr M. L. Koons, Philadelphia, Miss Florence Z. Logan, Trenton, N J., Mr John R. Lemmert, Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Emma L. Kuntz, Mauch Chunk, Pa., Rev J D. Jaxheimer, Brooklyn, N Y and Miss Marie Roeth, Philadelphia. Mr Wm. H. Jenkins and Mrs. Clara P Rossman, both of Philadelphia, have arranged for the construction of their houses early in 1927, and probably six others will build during the season. These represent an outlay of from \$40,000 to \$50,000 which are not assets of the Association, but which increase the value of the Association's property

The cottage or bungalow need not be expensive. The Association requires that the plan of the exterior together with the specification of the material and finish of the exterior be submitted to the building committee for approval. They guard against the erection of anything unsightly

All houses must be set back at least twenty-five feet from the front line and twenty feet from either side lines of the lot. Garages must be kept ten feet from either side or rear lines and at the rear of the dwellings.

Lots

The Association desires that those who build at Paradise Falls shall have the enjoyment of God's wonderful gifts of air, light and natural beauty. Therefore the lots are 100 by 125 feet and but one dwelling may be built on a lot. One can see what this means by thinking of a city street 400 feet



Paradise Falls is reached by train from New York City and intermediate points via the D. L. & W. R. R. from Hoboken, N. J., from Philadelphia and Trenton and intermediate points via the Pennsylvania R. R. to Henryville Station on both roads.

A new Bus line connecting with the Liberty Bell Interurban Trolley and Railroad stations at Allentown will bring you to Stroudsburg over concrete highways.

Autoists have modern surfaced and concrete highways from all directions to Stroudsburg and Mt. Pocono and thence to Paradise Falls over the Henryville State Highway (see detail map in circle)

Telegrams should be addressed to Paradise Falls Association, Henryville, Pa.

Bell Telephone—call Paradise Falls on Stroudsburg Exchange.

long where there are from ten to twenty-five houses (city congestion) on the one side and but four cottages (Paradise Falls condition) on the other side. There are few places where the character of the people is restricted and so many opportunities and privileges are offered for such a moderate charge as at Paradise Falls.

Members choose their lots in turn according to their position on the membership list. As explained below under membership, one does not buy a lot so that there is no difference in the value of the lots. First come gets first choice. The earlier one comes the larger the opportunity for choice. There is a wide range for choice now. The Association will have between seven and eight hundred lots for the use of members.

Members are not required to make any improvements on their lots nor are they required to build.

Common ground for the use and enjoyment of all is reserved along both streams and around the lake. And an Athletic grounds has been reserved.

Roads

The Association will build and maintain the roads on the grounds. There is an ample supply of stone and shale on the property for our needs.

The 1927 program includes the construction of a large part of the roads. These will be constructed in the sections adjoining the State Highway at first. After that in the other sections as the need arises.

Electric Current

Electric current for lighting and cooking will be supplied by the Pennsylvania Power and Light Co., a large public service corporation with its office in Allentown, Pa. The supply line has been strung and connections can be made. The houses belonging to the Association are being wired as well as the members' cottages. The rates are very reasonable.

Development

Naturally you are interested in the development that has been made on the grounds.

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Nestledown with its twenty-one bed rooms, five baths, and dining quarters provides a unique vacation opportunity to hundreds of guests each season.

Three quarters of a mile of water main has been laid which serves Nestledown and many lots.

A new store where staple groceries and refreshments are offered has been built at the entrance to the Falls, a picnic pavilion accommodating 120 picnickers, and tables has been constructed at the Falls.

The Association's buildings have been repaired, painted and equipped with modern plumbing and lighting. And a great amount of cleaning up has been done.

Two tennis courts have been constructed and croquet grounds have been laid out.

The survey of roads, lots, athletic grounds, lake and hotel sites have been made.

Nestledown and the two dwelling houses have been furnished. Three motor vehicles and a tractor have been purchased together with much other equipment.

On January 1st, 1927 the assets of the Association totaled \$68,000. The members have invested \$40,000 to \$50,000 in their cottages, not included in the Association assets.

Earnings

The Association has in addition to the annual Dues (see under membership) the income from the Entrance Fees to the Falls, profits from the store and Nestledown with which to pay taxes, interest and overhead expenses. The operating profits in 1925 amounted to more than \$2300 and in 1926 to over \$5100. There can be no division of profits according to our charter. This money together with the Dues is used for maintenance and development after the expenses have been met.

Value of Paradise Falls

We want to keep in mind this most important fact—Paradise Falls exists because of one man's gratitude to God and desire that others should enjoy this lovely, healthful country. Those who accepted his offer of ground also adopted his ideal. This development is being made for the physical, social and spiritual benefit of its members and guests.

Hundreds have enjoyed this threefold benefit in the short time Paradise Falls has been operating. They have found that Paradise Falls is different from most other resorts in that it does not exist for financial gain, and the charges are correspondingly low as compared with other places.

This is not a real estate development in which the promoters or stock holders plan to earn dividends. The Association holds a charter as a corporation of the first class. Churches, hospitals, etc., are incorporated under this class of charter. This is a development of the Church, for the Church.

Here our people can learn to know those of their own Church from neighboring districts. These friendships will create that unity which is so desirable. Here our young people can come and enjoy themselves to the full without encountering risks that are met with elsewhere. Here our people will have the opportunity of hearing and knowing our leaders both clerical and lay.

In a word, as Lake Chautauqua and Ocean Grove have wielded an influence in the Church which founded them, so Paradise Falls will become a source of incalculable good to our Church.

Why not lend your help in developing such an institution for the sake of our Church and at the same time make a good investment for yourself.

Membership

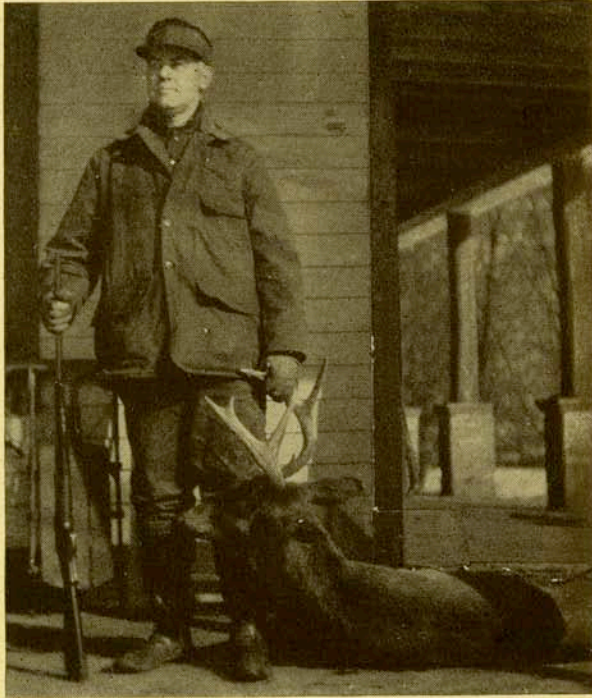
A study of similar resorts conducted by other Church groups was made. This led the Association to adopt two principles (1) to hold the tract intact as a possession of the Association and to sell memberships therein which granted the perpetual use of a lot to each member and (2) to restrict the sale of memberships to members of the Lutheran Church (of any synod) in order to keep the resort loyal to Lutheran life and practice.

As a further precaution to prevent speculation, but one membership is granted to an individual. However, each member of a family, who is a member (baptised as well as confirmed) of the Lutheran Church, may hold a membership. Churches or Church organizations, such as Brotherhoods, Luther Leagues, etc., may hold several memberships in order to enable them to have a larger plot of ground for the use of their groups. There are families which hold as many as six memberships. At present one Church and one Luther League have memberships.

Privileges and Powers of Members

These are many and worthwhile. Besides granting the holder thereof the choice of a lot to be used for the erection of a house, Membership makes one a joint owner of the whole of this beautiful and





A PARADISE VALLEY TROPHY

DEAR SIR: The fortnight which I spent at Paradise Falls last summer I recall with very pleasant recollections.

It would be difficult to describe what appealed to me as the chief attraction, for, aside from the fascinating beauty of the Falls itself, it may have been the magnificent scenery which greets one everywhere,—the invigorating atmosphere,—the picturesque streams and delightful walks and drives, or the life at Nestledown with its restful environment and congenial companionship.

It seems to me that each one of these varied attractions adds its charm in making this an ideal place for pleasure, rest and recuperation. A few days sojourn at Nestledown will convince any visitor of the reality of this statement.

With the plans underway for a vast future development, the attractions will be further enhanced, and brought within the reach of a larger number of visitors by the erection of a modern hotel.

Paradise Falls is bound to become the ideal mountain resort for our Lutheran people.

Very sincerely yours,

REV. J. W. KNAPP, PH.D.,
Buffalo, N. Y.

valuable tract in one of the finest of the resort sections of the East. The Poconos are full of resort colonies, hotels, boarding houses and cottages which are patronized by many thousands who seek the beauty and invigoration of this hill country both in winter and summer. For here one can enjoy not only a great variety of sports and the restfulness of mountain fastnesses, but a large system of modern highways lure the visitors to motor about and enjoy the indescribable scenery which has caused the region to be called the Switzerland of America.

In addition to such ownership the member, together with the members of his family, enjoy the free use of the grounds which offer excellent opportunities for numerous sports such as bathing, hiking, tennis, quoits, croquet, horse-back riding, nature study under capable leadership, fishing, hunting and boating on the lake. We also expect to have a golf course on or adjacent to the grounds. The followers of Isaac Walton find brook trout in our streams and pike, perch and bass in the lakes of the region. The hunter has a wide variety of game to lure him to the field—deer, elk, bear, raccoon, fox (red and gray) pheasant, woodcock, rabbit, hare and squirrels.

The affairs of the Association are managed by a Board of Directors of fifteen members who answer to the annual meeting of the members. The annual meeting instructs the Board for the next year's activities. The annual meeting also levies the dues. Every adult member has equal voice, vote and right to hold office. Guardians exercise these rights for minors. Absent members may be represented by proxies.

Members are also given a 10% discount from the rates at Nestledown, the community boarding house.

Membership may be sold or given to Lutherans with the approval of the Board of Directors in accordance with the method established by the Rules and Regulations of the Association.

The number of members in the Association is limited by the number of available lots.

Cost of Membership

The cost of membership has risen from \$100 in 1924 to \$200 at present. Those who joined the ranks when there was little or no development of the property benefited by the low price.

Now that we are preparing to make extensive improvements this season, such as the construction of roads, installation of the water system, and the building of the dam to flood the lake—**three hundred memberships are offered at two hundred dollars (\$200) each.** This offer is made for a limited time.

After the campaign the price of membership will be increased, for with the expenditure of the income from the sale of the 300 memberships our property will have a value of at least one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00)

During the campaign the following special plan of payment is offered—either payment in full must accompany the application for membership or a payment of \$5 at the time of applying and the payment of \$15 on the first of the thirteen consecutive months thereafter.

Why not apply for one or more memberships?

The campaign may be over tomorrow!

This year's program of development includes:

1. Construction of our reservoir, laying of water mains, installation of large, steel water wheel operating a triplex pump with a capacity of one hundred thousand gallons per day. A small dam will be built across Paradise Creek to direct water to the wheel. Above this dam will be a splendid bathing pool.
2. Construction of roads beginning in the central section along the State Highway
3. The construction of the dam on Cranberry Creek and clearing the ground for the lake.
4. The development of a Social Hall and Men's Dormitory
5. Construction of individual garages for the use of members and guests.
6. The development of an out-of-door amphitheatre below the falls for services, lectures, theatricals, etc.

Who can measure the future value of Paradise Falls to the Lutheran Church?

~~Three~~ years ago membership cost \$100—
300 memberships are offered NOW
at \$200

of Members

The only expenses connected with membership in addition to the membership fee mentioned are:

(1) A survey fee of five dollars (\$5) is charged when the lot is selected. This is paid but once.

(2) Annual dues are levied by the annual meeting. Our plan is to keep the dues within ten dollars (\$10) per year per member. We believe this to be practical because of the amount of money available from the operation of the property during the summer in addition to the sum received from the payment of the annual dues. The dues for 1925-1926 and 1926-1927 (the year is from June to June) have been but five dollars (\$5) per member.

These two charges of Survey fee and annual dues are paid by all members. There are two service charges made against those who build. A water rent is charged to maintain and operate the water system. But as our pumping will be done by water power the charge will be moderate. The water rent for 1926 was \$4 per cottage.

A moderate charge is also made for the removal of rubbish and garbage from the cottages.

Taxes

The taxes are paid by the Association out of the monies received from the annual dues and the returns from operation.

Where can you get so much for so little and at the same time do so much for the good of yourself and your Church? For a membership will be a good investment financially and you will help to develop this Church centre.

Why wait and pay \$300 or more
for a membership.

EARLY P.F. WORSHIP
Daily devotions - 9:30 Social Hall
Weekly - 9:30 - 10:30 am - outside kids Sunday School
10:45 am Worship - Social Hall
7:30 pm Vespers - Hillside Temple *

Donated
rectangle
piano



* Recent find - the stone base of the Vespers altar
located behind Cottage #4

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CHAPTER XXV.

THE PARADISE FALLS LUTHERAN ASSOCIATION

REV. CLIFFORD E. HAYS

The Origin of Paradise Falls

Some years ago, one of our Lutheran laymen, Mr. A. Raymond Raff, of Philadelphia, went to Henryville, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, broken in health. In a short time the invigorating atmosphere of the Poconos and the charming beauty of Paradise Valley (which inspired Joseph Jefferson to dramatize Rip Van Winkle) restored his health.

As he travelled about he fell in love with this wonderful region and finally purchased several tracts in Paradise Valley which he named Abend Ruhe Farms. For years Abend Ruhe proved a delightful retreat, until the thought came to Mr. Raff, that as other Church groups had resorts in the Poconos it would be splendid if the Lutherans had such a place. He decided to offer his grounds for such a purpose out of gratitude to God for the restoration of his health.

So in May, 1922, The Lutheran carried in an editorial the offer of Abend Ruhe Farms for the establishment of a Lutheran Resort. Several became interested in the offer

and gathered a group of Lutherans from New York and Philadelphia and Easton who met with Mr. and Mrs. Raff at the bungalow on the farm, on October 17, 1922. The Paradise Valley Lutheran Association was then organized.

This Association having received a gift of ground from Mr. Raff purchased three more tracts adjoining. Later another tract of one hundred acres was purchased. This gave the Association three hundred acres situated along the Henryville State Highway with the Cranberry Creek flowing through it in a narrow valley which offered an excellent site for an artificial lake.

Early in 1925 the farm, including over a half mile of the Paradise Creek and the renowned Paradise Falls, one of the region's beauty spots, within its area, was purchased. At this time the name of the Association was changed to the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association and the association was incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania. The grounds were named Paradise Falls after the beauty spot on the newly acquired ground.

Again in August of 1926 a tract adjoining the property near the falls was purchased. This ground lies on top of a high hill and provides excellent site for the reservoir, hotel and many building lots.

At present Paradise Falls is a tract of some 500 acres of rolling country about equally divided from north to south by the State Highway and beautified by the Cranberry Creek whose waters will be impounded to form a lake, and Paradise creek with its lovely rapids and falls.

Development of the Tract

The Association's plans called for the division of the grounds into roads and lots. This work was begun in 1924 that several members might be able to build. The survey has been continued so that at present 550 lots and the roads therefore have been staked and permanent cement markers

Cured Mr Raff
donated 23 acres

"Lutheran" magazine advertised
new Pocono Mt Lutheran resort

Cranberry Creek
lake site

1925 - Falls land purchased

1926 - "hotel", reservoir land bought

1922-24 - Surveyors plotted roads and 700 home lots

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have been placed at intervals. There will be between 750 and 800 lots when the survey is completed.

In order that visitors might have accommodations while looking over the tract and members might be able to be on the grounds while their homes were under construction, a barn on the grounds was thoroughly cleansed and remodeled into a community house, named Nestledown, which has twenty-one bed rooms, five baths, living room, front and rear porches, a dining room with accommodations for seventy and a well equipped kitchen. The overflow of guests is accommodated in the cottages.

Cottages

As soon as the survey had been completed in 1924 three members erected cottages, Miss Nora R. Ohl, Mr. Frank W. Mueller, both of Philadelphia, and Mr. Wm. F. Buckner, President of the Association, of Hollis, N. Y. They were followed by Rev. H. S. Kidd, of Souderton, who purchased a small farm house from the Association and remodeled it, then were built the cottages of Mr. M. L. Koons, Philadelphia, Miss Florence Z. Logan, Trenton, N. J., Mr. John R. Lemmert, Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Emma L. Kuntz, Mauch Chunk, Pa., Rev. J. D. Jaxheimer, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Miss Marie Roeth, Philadelphia. Mr. Wm. H. Jenkins and Mrs. Clara P. Rossman, both of Philadelphia, have arranged for the construction of their houses early in 1927.

The cottage or bungalow need not be expensive. The Association requires that the plan of the exterior together with the specification of the material and finish of the exterior, be submitted to the building committee for approval. They guard against the erection of anything unsightly.

The Association plans to erect a modern hotel for which a site has been reserved on one of the hills.

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Lots

The Association desires that those who build at Paradise Falls shall have the enjoyment of God's wonderful gifts of air, light and natural beauty. Therefore the lots are 100 by 125 feet and but one dwelling may be built on a lot.

Members choose their lot in turn according to their position on the membership list. As explained below under membership, one does not buy a lot so that there is no difference in the value of the lots.

Members are not required to make any improvements on their lots nor are they required to build.

Common ground for the use and enjoyment of all is reserved along both streams and around the lake. An Athletic grounds has been reserved.

Roads

The Association will build and maintain the roads on the grounds. There is an ample supply of stone and shale on the property for our needs.

Membership

A study of similar resorts conducted by other Church groups was made. This led the Association to adopt two principles: (1) to hold the tract intact as a possession of the Association and to sell memberships therein which granted the perpetual use of a lot to each member, and (2) to restrict the sale of memberships to members of the Lutheran Church (of any synod) in order to keep the resort loyal to Lutheran life and practice.

As a further precaution to prevent speculation, but one membership is granted to an individual. However, each member of a family, who is a member (baptised as well as confirmed) of the Lutheran Church, may hold a membership. Churches or Church organizations, such as Brother-

Nestledown remodel

Cottage specifications

Lutheran members only

Athletic field

Slate/stone roads

First three cottages built (now Neff #48, Stoyko #63, Stumpf Jr #47)

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hoods, Luther Leagues, etc., may hold several memberships in order to enable them to have a larger plot of ground for the use of their groups. There are families which hold as many as six memberships. At present one Church and one Luther League have memberships.

Privileges and Powers of Members

These are many and worthwhile. Besides granting the holder thereof the choice of a lot to be used for the erection of a house, Membership makes one a joint owner of the whole of this beautiful and valuable tract. In addition to such ownership the member together with the members of his family, enjoy the free use of the grounds which offer excellent opportunities for numerous sports such as bathing, hiking, tennis, quoits, croquet, horse-back riding, nature study under capable leadership, fishing, hunting and boating on the lake. The followers of Isaac Walton find brook trout in our streams. The hunter has a wide variety of game to lure him to the field—deer, elk, bear, raccoon, fox (red and gray) pheasant, woodcock, rabbit, hare and squirrels.

The affairs of the Association are managed by a Board of Directors of fifteen members who answer to the annual meeting of the members. The annual meeting instructs the Board for the next year's activities. The annual meeting also levies the dues. Every adult member has equal voice, vote and right to hold office. Guardians exercise these rights for minors. Absent members may be represented by proxies.

Membership may be sold or given to Lutherans with the approval of the Board of Directors in accordance with the method established by the Rules and Regulations of the Association.

We keep in mind this fact—Paradise Falls exists because of one man's gratitude to God and desire that others

should enjoy this lovely, healthful country. Those who accepted his offer of ground also adopted his ideal. This development is being made for the physical, social and spiritual benefit of its members and guests.

Hundreds have enjoyed this threefold benefit in the short time Paradise Falls has been operating. They have found that Paradise Falls is different from most other resorts in that it does not exist for financial gain, and the charges are correspondingly low as compared with other places.

This is not a real estate development in which the promoters or stock holders plan to earn dividends. The Association holds a charter as a corporation of the first class. Churches, hospitals, etc., are incorporated under this class of charter. This is a development of the Church, for the Church.

Here our people can learn to know those of their own church from neighboring districts. These friendships will create that unity which is so desirable. Here our young people can come and enjoy themselves to the full without encountering risks that are met with elsewhere. Here our people will have the opportunity of hearing and knowing our leaders both clerical and lay.

In a word Paradise Falls will become a source of incalculable good to the Lutheran Church.

Paradise Falls will become a source of incalculable good to the Lutheran Church!

15 member board

lovely, healthy country

PHYSICAL, SOCIAL, SPIRITUAL BENEFITS

Annual dues, meeting

Benevolent non-profit

THIS IS DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHURCH FOR THE CHURCH

Sealed Sanitation

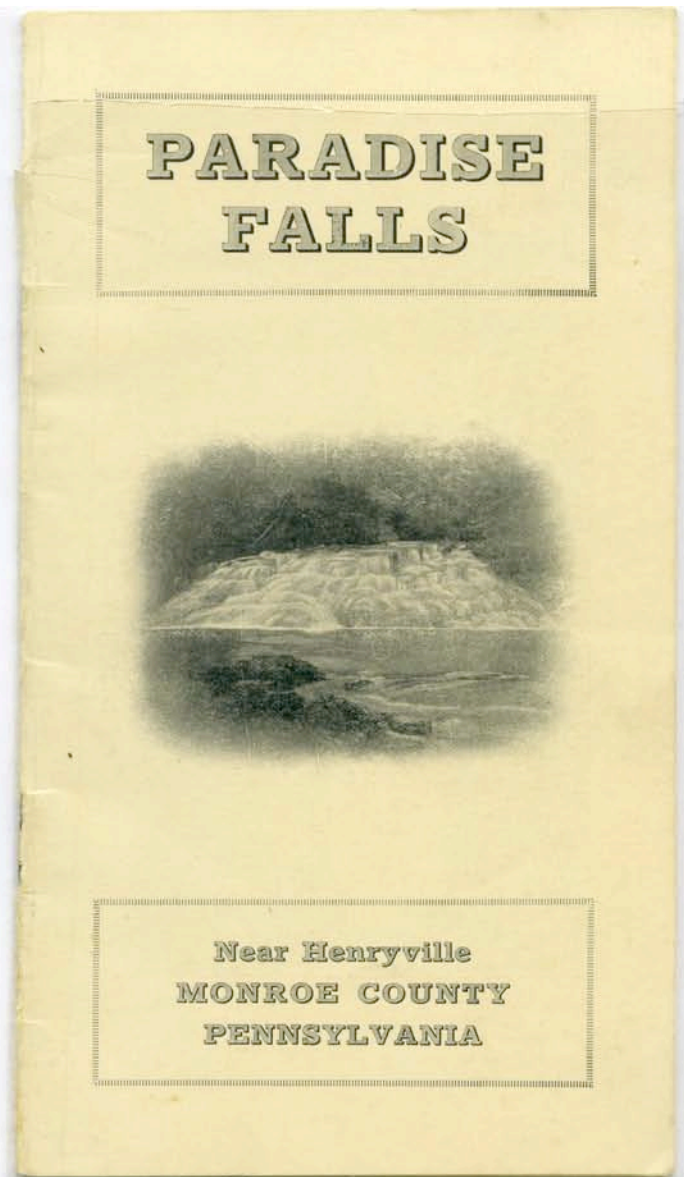
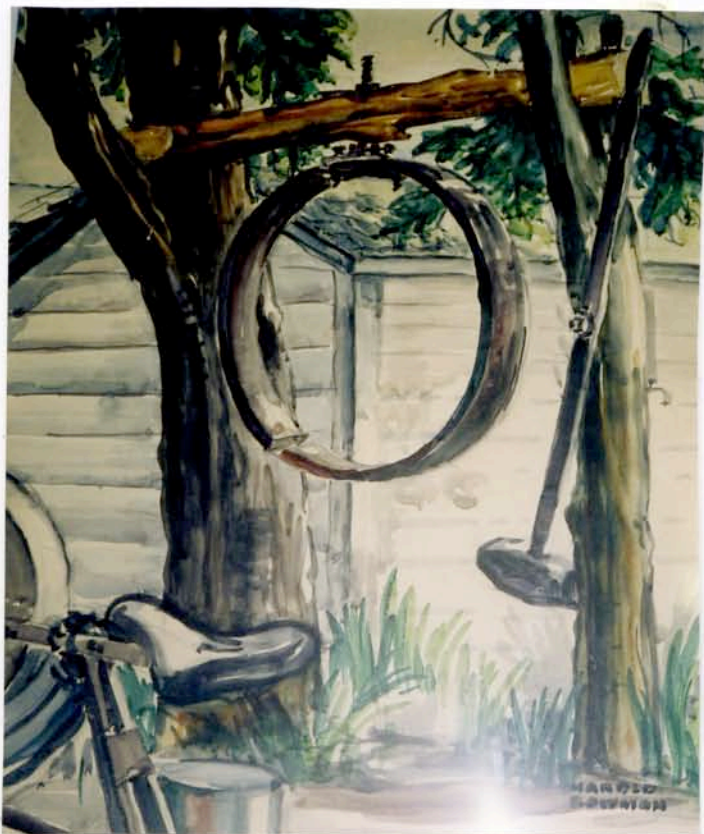
Above-ground water system

Cranberry Creek Lake

Promised electricity by 1926

Lutherans "in good standing"

Avoidance of bad influences!



Owner of Cottage #83 painted this P.F. gong that hung near our central garage. It was used to announce meals and activities prior to the bell being installed in its place at Social Hall

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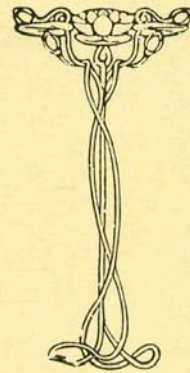
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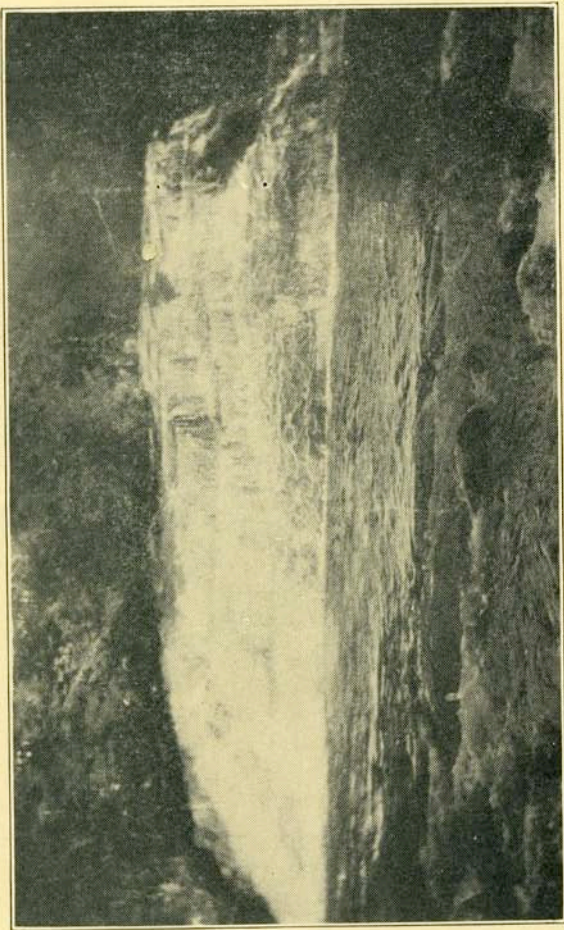
Near Henryville
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Paradise Falls

the resort of the
Paradise Falls Lutheran Association



Beautiful Paradise Falls



NEAR HENRYVILLE, MONROE COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA

POST OFFICE—CRESCO, PA.

RAILROAD STATION—HENRYVILLE

D. L. & W. R. R. and Pennsylvania R. R.



*“Come ye
yourselves
apart —
and rest
awhile.”*

The Poconos



THE Pocono Mountains, far-famed for their invigorating climate, wild scenery, lovely water falls and flowering rhododendron, lie in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Possessed of such characteristics together with their location with respect to the metropolitan populations of New York City and Philadelphia and the rapidly growing industrial centres in New York, Pennsylvania, and northern New Jersey and the ease with which these millions can travel thither by rail or modern cement and surfaced highways, it is natural that the Poconos have become the inland play ground of the East for both summer and winter vacationists.

The slopes and plateaus of the Poconos embrace 300 square miles of wood and stream with their wealth of foliage and brawling waters. From the broad mountain tops the hills slope away to the North, East, South and West, insuring an unsurpassed advantage of breeze from every direction. The purity of the air is proverbial. It is not only pure, but dry, piney and invigorating. The colossal notch of the Delaware Water Gap is plainly visible from a hundred view-points though from fourteen to twenty-five miles away.

The Poconos with their natural beauties of towering heights and leaping brooks not only lure back the same people year after year but their numbers are being steadily augmented by those who each season for the first time become acquainted with the charm and beauty of this region.

*Send me back then to the mountain, for 'tis
there I'd like to be
Where the summer is lazy, and so careless
and so free
Where the wind is in the pine trees, whisper-
ing soft and whispering low,
Come ye back ye weary mortal, come ye
back to Pocono.*

Spring and early summer in the Poconos is a particularly attractive season to the lovers of nature. Here grow in wonderful profusion the trailing arbutus, the mountain laurel, and, late in June, the rhododendron in its glory. Thousands of bushes covered with blossoms, each as it breaks open its pink shaded treasure of bloom forming a perfect bouquet, present a picture worthy of the brush of the most skillful painter.

There is no section of the United States which offers more attractive surroundings to the camper. Here the man who desires to "rough it" may pitch his tent beside some icy spring in the forest and yet still be within easy reach of a hotel and in touch with supplies of all kinds—lack of which often makes a camping trip a labor rather than a pleasure.

Combining as it does all the comforts of civilization with nature at her very best, this section easily enables the head of the family to keep in close touch with city affairs. For it is but little more than a two hours ride from New York City and northern Jersey via the Lackawanna to any elevation from 1200 to 2000 feet above sea level. The Pennsylvania Railroad provides transportation from Eastern Pennsylvania and Central and Southern Jersey.

The motorist of New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania finds a number of cement and other smoothly surfaced roads leading to this delightful section through scenic and historic country.

PARADISE FALLS

The Paradise Falls Lutheran Association, incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania "to offer healthful retreat and recreation," is developing a vacationist's colony called Paradise Falls, on a tract of 430 acres which has hills, dales, open spaces, woodland and two lovely mountain streams. The lovely falls, 100 feet wide and 40 feet high, on the Paradise Creek gives the development its name.

The tract is situated in Paradise township, Monroe County between Henryville and Cresco. It is ten miles north of Stroudsburg on the surfaced

state highway. Two miles north of Paradise Falls this highway joins the Mt. Pocono-Cresco state highway.

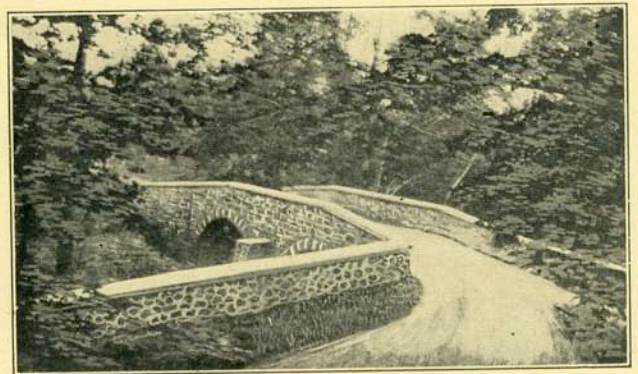
The whole tract is beautiful, but special mention must be made of the beautiful Paradise Falls and the surrounding pine grove with open fireplaces, tables and benches for picnickers. Over 13,000 visitors enjoyed the beauties and coolness of this spot last season. Those summering on the grounds find this spot to be a constant source of delight.

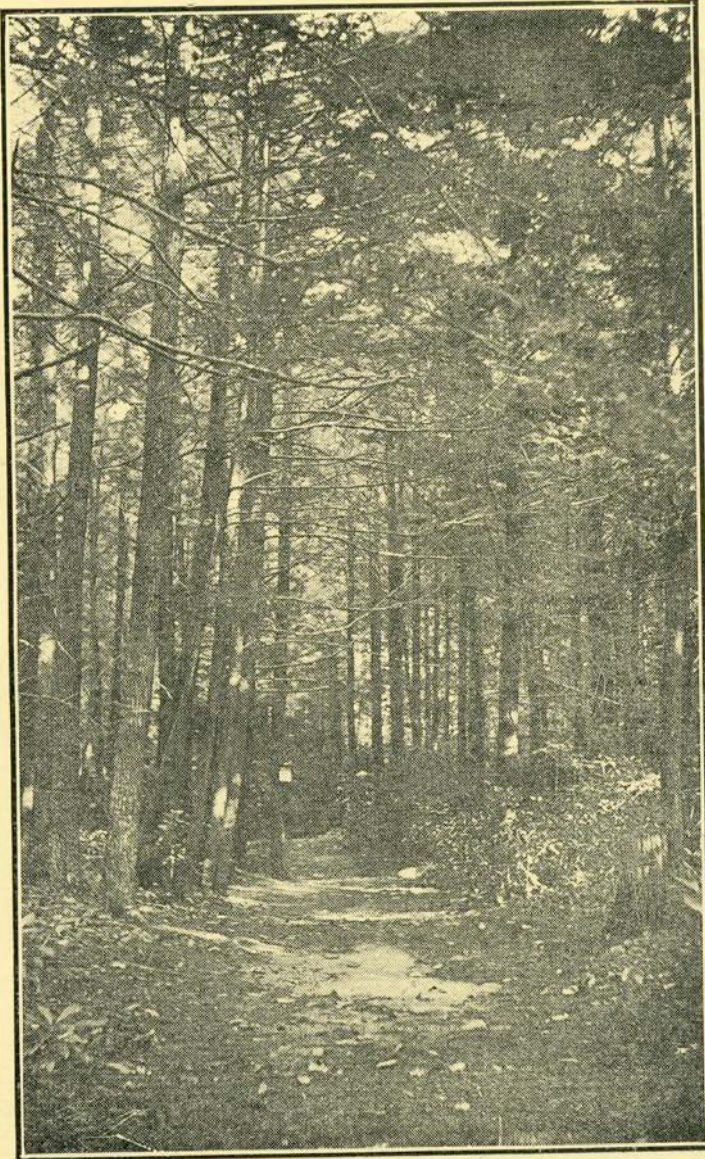
The Falls and surrounding grove are closed to the public on Sundays.

OUR PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT

ROADS—The tract will be divided up into building lots. More than half the tract has been surveyed and roads and lots have been staked out. The remainder of the survey will be made in 1926. There will be between 750 and 800 lots on the tract. The lots are 100x125 feet. Roads will be constructed as rapidly as possible. There are a number of roads made by the farmers and this season's program calls for the construction of roads in the sections along the state highway.

WATER—Reservoirs will be built on high points and pure water from springs and wells will be supplied to cottages and camps. We are drawing from a reservoir on adjoining land at present. One





The Lure of the Woodland Path

half mile of water main has been laid and another half mile is on this season's schedule.

ELECTRICITY—We expect service of electricity for light, heat and power by one of the large public service corporations of eastern Pennsylvania. There is a probability that this service will be inaugurated this season (1926)

SANITATION—Sanitation will be cared for by the installation of sealed tanks by the cottagers. Rain-fall is disposed of by natural drainage.

STREAMS AND LAKES—Two clear mountain streams, Paradise Creek and Cranberry Creek, flow for long distances through the grounds. Each is well stocked with trout. Paths with benches here and there will be made along the creeks for the pleasure of those on the grounds. The larger part of Paradise creek is paralleled by paths.

The Cranberry creek flows between two high hills on our grounds. A dam will be built to impound its water. The resultant lake will afford excellent boating, bathing and fishing. The survey of the lake basin has been made and the flow of the stream has been measured at low water. More than 55,000 gallons of water will be supplied to the lake daily at low water. The hill sides on either side of the lake will offer excellent bungalow and camping sites.

Ground along each stream and around the lake will be reserved for common use so that all may enjoy the pleasure of the waters.

FISHING AND HUNTING—The waters of the Poconos draw thousands annually for the trout season from April 15 to July 31, inclusive. Excellent trout fishing is enjoyed on our grounds. Trout up to fourteen inches in length were caught in Paradise creek last summer. Of course, according to the fishermen, the largest are still there.

Bass, pike and pickerel abound in the waters of the many lakes of the region. We are making arrangements to place a boat for the use of guests and members on one of the best of the lakes so that there will be fishing after the trout season closes.

The region is also noted as a rendezvous for hunters. Bear, deer, elk, fox, coon, pheasant, grouse, squirrel and rabbits offer a wide variety of game. Many of these are found on our grounds, all are found in the valley. Fishing and hunting parties are invited to write for accommodations.

HOTEL—A large area situated atop a high hill, from which one looks over the billowing mountain ranges for miles, has been reserved as a site for a modern hotel. A committee has been appointed to study the question and submit plans.

AUDITORIUM—A site has also been selected for the erection of an auditorium suitable for religious services, lectures, conferences, etc. This will be of the open air variety as far as possible. At present we worship in the Parkside Chapel (a community chapel) where Sunday School and Services of Worship are held in the summer.

A lovely spot near the Paradise Falls, well shaded, and so sloping as to make an excellent outdoor amphitheater for amateur theatricals, will be developed for that purpose.

STORES AND SUPPLIES—A store with refreshments and souvenirs is conducted on the grounds which also supplies staple and green groceries to those doing their own housekeeping. A large section around the entrance to the Falls along the state highway has been reserved for the business centre. Here a gasoline station and various business places will be developed as the need arises. A large barn in this section will be remodelled to garage a number of cars.

Milk is delivered from a nearby farm. The bread man travels the road daily. The meat man comes several times a week. Fruits and fresh vegetables are carried in the store. Prices are kept very reasonable so that those of modest means may enjoy the privileges of this development.

SPORTS—Bathing is one of the popular pastimes. Many enjoy the unlimited variety of hikes along country lanes, up the high hills, through the dense forests, by woodland roads and to the nearby settlements. Tennis courts will be constructed this year

and a large plot has been reserved for baseball, quoits, etc. Croquet grounds will be made near Nestledown for those who enjoy the milder sport. There is hope for the construction of a golf course nearby.

NESTLEDOWN—A large barn on the grounds has been remodeled into a Community House called Nestledown. Here is provided a vacation place for those of simple tastes. There are two large porches, a living room, five baths with hot and cold water, 21 bed rooms, kitchen and dining hall to accommodate sixty or more, and a large room where there are four complete kitchenettes where those who want to keep house may prepare and partake of their food. This feature has been quite pleasing to many.

The rooms are large, light and airy and nicely furnished. The rates are very moderate and one may have room and board or room and the use of a kitchenette. We had to turn away many last year so it is well to make reservations early. Groups from Churches or young peoples' societies or clubs will find Nestledown especially attractive. Write for rates.



Paradise Creek Below the Falls



A Rhododendron Park in the Poconos

OUR PLAN OF OPERATION

MEMBERSHIP—Do you want a lot on the grounds where you can enjoy the wonderful natural glories and the fine fellowship of Christian folk?

We do not sell lots. Membership in the Association is open to Lutherans of all synods. Those holding Memberships own the whole tract and all the buildings except those erected by the Members. The deed is in the name of the Association which is incorporated not for the profit of the Members. Should there be any profit from the various mercantile operations conducted for the convenience and comfort of the guests and members such as the store, Nestledown, etc.) there can be no division of the same to the Members. Such will be applied to maintenance, improvements, etc.

What then does Membership give one? Each Member has the perpetual use of a lot which he chooses from any portion of the grounds. First come, largest choice.

Membership also gives one voice and vote in the business meetings of the Association at which all decisions are made and members of the Board of Directors are elected. There is an Annual Meeting of the Association in October at which the Board of Directors submit a report of the year's activities and plans for the ensuing year. The Association acts on all such reports and also elects one-third of the Board each year from among the Members. Members are notified well in advance of the meetings and those unable to attend may vote by proxy.

Membership also gives to the Member and his or her family free access to the Falls, streams and lake for fishing, boating and bathing as well as free hunting privileges.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Association is obtained by signing an application blank, having the pastor's endorsement as to your membership in good standing in a Lutheran congregation and remitting same with Membership Fee in full or one-tenth of same to the Secretary of the Association.

MEMBERSHIP FEE—The Membership Fee is at present One Hundred and Fifty dollars (\$150.00) which is payable in cash at the time of presenting the application or in ten payments of Fifteen dollars (\$15.00) each to be made in ten consecutive months. New Members are given a place on the Membership List and may choose their lots as soon as their application has been accepted.

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE—A Membership Certificate is issued upon the payment in full of the Membership Fee. They are then entitled to use the lot chosen (the number of which appears on the Certificate) for the erection of a cottage or bungalow. All other membership privileges begin with the initial payment.

DISPOSING OF MEMBERSHIP—Membership may be given or sold to a Lutheran according to the regulations established by the Association. This may be done during the Member's lifetime or after his death, by his administrator.

ADVANCE IN PRICE OF MEMBERSHIP FEE—Above it is said that the Membership Fee is *at present* One Hundred and Fifty dollars. The Association raises the Fee from time to time as improvements are made. The Fee was One Hundred dollars originally and has advanced to the present figure in a little over two years. Every advance in the Fee by the Association increases the value of those sold at the lower figures. It is well to secure Membership immediately.

DUES—An annual Membership Dues is set for the ensuing year by each Annual Meeting of the Association. Out of the fund thus created is paid the taxes and other expenses of operation. The Dues for 1926 amount to but Ten dollars (10.00)

Our purpose is to keep the Dues within the above amount and with the number of Members possible it should be practical to do so. There will be a water rent charged where the mains are tapped.

MEMBERSHIP RESTRICTIONS

No person can hold more than one Membership. Each member of a family, who is eligible to Membership, may hold a Membership thus allowing choice of several lots together if desired.

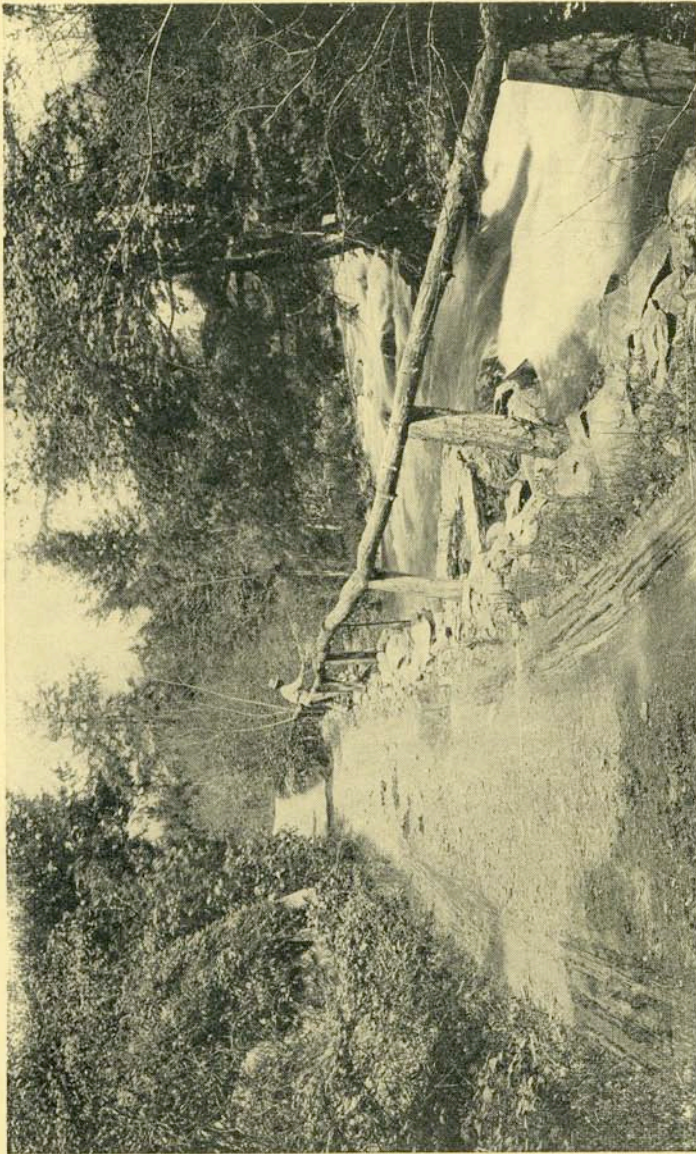
Churches or Church organizations, such as Brotherhoods, Organized Bible Classes, Guilds, Ladies' Aids, Young Men's or Young Women's Clubs, etc., may hold several Memberships. Such organizations may build and have a place to rent to the organizations and families of the Church. This is being done in several instances.

BUILDING RESTRICTIONS

A Member must submit to the proper committee drawings of the exterior of any proposed building before construction is begun. The committee safeguards against the erection of any building which does not have a good architectural appearance. The bungalow or cottage need not be large or costly but it must present a good appearance. The Secretary has many designs from which to choose.

Comfortable summer homes of five rooms with porch and larger can be built for \$1800 and upwards. Stone, lumber, sand, cement, mill work, etc., are available. Several builders offer their services.

If one does not desire to occupy his house all season, there are opportunities to rent it. We have numerous calls for such. Others than Lutherans may rent the cottages, but they must be recommended. Eight bungalows and cottages have been erected by members.



Trout Fishing in the Poconos

VALUE TO THE GENERAL CHURCH

This colony for Lutherans offers not only unusual benefits to the Members, but promises to be of great value to the Lutheran Church at large.

Here members of congregations widely separated will learn to know one another and thus will be developed a fine spirit of comradeship.

Here will be offered opportunity for holding Conferences, Conventions, Assemblies, etc., so that a real Church centre will be developed for Lutherans in the east.

And another service will be rendered to the Church by the Association in that there will be a place where her people, and especially the young, may enjoy the outdoor sports and revitalize their bodies without contact with those things which so often devitalize the moral and spiritual life at the public resorts.

AN INVITATION

You are cordially invited to visit Paradise Falls to see for yourself what is there. The distance by highway from prominent points is as follows: New York, 97 miles; Easton, 36.5 miles; Wilkes-Barre, 46.7 miles; Allentown, 58.7 miles; Philadelphia, 110 miles; Harrisburg, 145.7 miles; Sunbury, 108 miles; Mauch Chunk, 46.7 miles; Scranton, 40 miles; Reading, 104.3 miles; Lancaster, 138.5 miles; Jersey City, 89.2 miles.

Henryville is our railroad station on the D. L. & W. and Pennsylvania roads. Write us at least three days in advance of the day and hour of your arrival. Do not state the noon or evening train, there are several such. Give hour of arrival at Henryville and address us at Cresco, Pa. If accommodations are desired it is best to make engagement of same at least a week in advance, especially during the rush season.

The Secretary is on the grounds from late in May until late in October. Nestledown is open from the latter part of June until the the middle of October.

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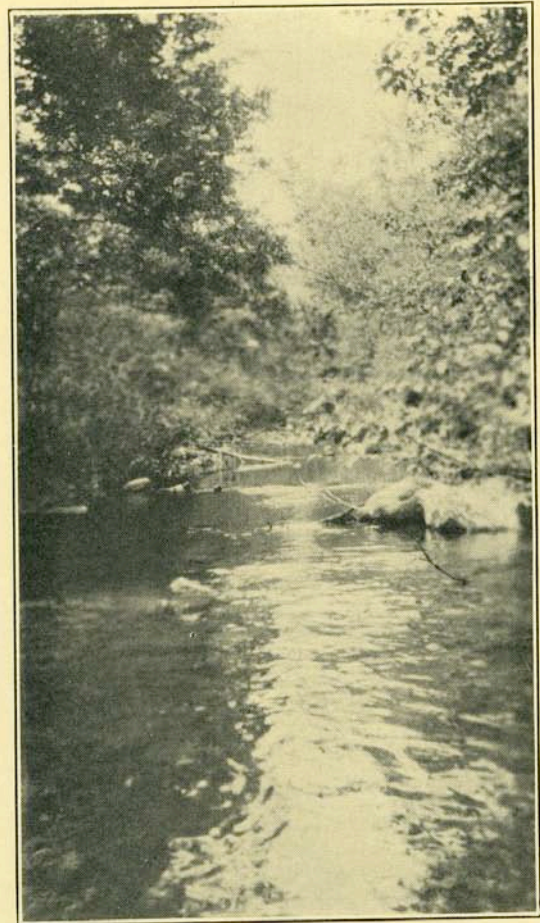
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A Paradise Falls "Catch"

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Official letterhead, casual stationery sold at our store-site post office

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Paradise Falls long-term planners faced
the early 1950's need to shut-down
guest rental operations by
enabling that transition and
tightening cottage rules:

Extra buildings
on lots

Selling unused lots

Pre-fab structures

Sewage

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AT PARADISE FALLS

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MEMBERSHIP - Board - 26 Jan 1945
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a certified copy of the will, if one has been made, be submitted to the Board of Directors for inspection."

MEMBERSHIP - Board - 20 Oct 1945
LOT 76, SECTION 2

"Moved, seconded and carried that Lot # 76, section 2, bordering on the lake, be declared Association property and not be assigned to any member."

PROPERTY - Board - 18 Oct 1947
LAKE CRAWFORD

"Moved, seconded and carried that Lake Crawford is never to be drained or lowered except with the consent and approval of the Board of Directors except in cases of emergencies."

PROPERTY - Board - 12 Feb 1949
PREFABRICATED HOUSES

"The report on the meeting of the Executive Committee held in New York on January 15, 1949 was then presented as follows by the secretary...

"(3) Recommended that proper prefabricated houses be allowed on the Association grounds if they are approved by the Property Committee as being, in their design and appearance, in keeping with the existing type of cottages now on the grounds.'...

"The following actions were taken by the Board on the recommendations:...

"(3) Moved, seconded and carried that this recommendation be approved."

PROPERTY - Legal Agreement - 11 Oct 1949
RESTRICTIONS ON LOTS 7 & 8, SECTION 7

"To whom it may concern:

"Desiring to cooperate with the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association in its effort to prevent any contamination of Lake Crawford and to preserve the natural beauty of the grounds, I, Bertha A. Crawford, accept the following restrictions as to the use of lot 7 Section 7 assigned to membership #220 and lot 8 Section 7 assigned to membership #221 which have been assigned to me:

(1) No building of any type shall be erected on these lots at any time.

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(2) No cesspool, drainage ditches from cesspools or other sewage disposal systems or other excavations affecting the disposal of sewage shall be dug on these lots at any time.

(3) If it is desired at any time to make any topographical changes which will affect the natural drainage into the lake so as to become a contamination hazard, such work will not be undertaken until it has been decided in a conference with the authorities of the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association that it is satisfactory to make the proposed changes and permission has been granted to make the proposed changes.

"It is further agreed that these restrictions shall be in force for the present owner and all future owners of these memberships to which these lots have been or may be assigned, and that a copy of this agreement (one covering lot 7 section 7 and one covering lot 8 section 7 drawn separately but worded as to the above) shall be attached to the proper membership certificates (#220 and #221) as an integral part of those certificates supplementing the regulations controlling the use of lots as stated thereon.

"Signed: Bertha A. Crawford

Harry P. C. Cressman, Secretary
Paradise Falls Lutheran Association

"Dated: October 11, 1949"

MEMBERSHIP - Board - 23 Jun 1950
LOTS RESERVED FOR ASSOCIATION

"Moved, seconded and carried that the following lots as listed in the mailed ballot and the lots suggested by Mr. Meng and others be reserved for exclusive use of the Association and not be assigned to any membership in the future:

Section 1, lots 4, 6, 18
Section 2, lots 29, 33, 37, 38, 42, 43, 79, 87, 17, 18
Section 3, none
Section 4, lots 32, 33, 41
Section 5, lots 44, 53
Section 6, none
Section 7, lots 1, 2, 3

(Note: Owing to the fact that the following lots were in the past assigned to memberships now in good standing they cannot be reserved unless the members voluntarily surrender them or the memberships are cancelled or surrendered - namely:

Lot 33 section 2 - assigned to membership #377, Mary J. Drexel Home
Lot 42 section 2 - assigned to membership #167, formerly

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held by Elizabeth L. Mammen and now held
by Rev. Ernst and Margarete Schmidt
Lot 43 section 2 - assigned to membership #227, Charles L.
Wilbar)"

PROPERTY - Board - 23 Jun 1950
CONVERSION OF GARAGE

"Moved, seconded and carried that the request of Mr. John C. Hoyt that he be permitted to convert his garage into sleeping quarters for guests be denied because it is not in accord with our regulations in that it will create a separate dwelling in that it will be the conversion of a garage into a dwelling providing two dwellings on one lot."

MEMBERSHIP - Board - 21 Oct 1950
NO INSTITUTIONS AS PFLA MEMBERS

"Executive Committee report was as follows: That the Board of Directors reaffirm our former judgment, on the advice of our attorney, that none but a natural person can become a member of our Association and that the secretary be authorized to so notify the parties concerned, namely, the Baltimore Motherhouse of Deaconesses.

"Moved, seconded and carried that the action of the Executive Committee be approved and their recommendation carried out."

1951 ISSUES THAT DOMINATED BOARD MEETINGS

Low guest season
registrations

Cut backs in programs

No money for
needed repairs

Women defrayed \$3525 cost of needed
P.F purchases without any representation
on the Board.

At this time, as a special order of business, Mrs. William Voit, ~~chair~~ president of the Ladies Auxiliary was presented to the members of the Board. In the course of her remarks she pointed out that before 1947 the Auxiliary gave sums of \$ 100 and \$ 200 towards meeting general expenses, ; 1947 gave \$ 84 towards cleaning the lake ; in 1948 gave \$ 457.82 for Dietrich House repairs, \$ 266.69 for the loud speaker or public address system, \$ 846.44 for the purchase of cabinets, stools and bed lamps for guest rooms and \$ 67 for rugs for Westledown ; in 1949 \$ 442.96 for bed spreads on the same ; 1950 \$ 948.46 for chairs for the auditorium in Social Hall and to cover freight charges on the same ; 1951 \$ 210 for two boats and their transportation from Phil'a to Paradise Falls. Have set aside \$ 200 for a boat and lamps for Gate Lodge for the 1952 (also Westledown if necessary) bringing the total to \$ 3525.37. Reported that the activities of the 1951 season netted them \$ 771.48 . Stated they have ordered Lutheran Church ~~roadmarkers~~ roadmarkers to be placed along the highway.

Time-honored traditions
need a fair hearing

Women had no say
in moving Vespers
indoors.



August 30, 1951

At a meeting of the Women's Auxiliary held on August 21st the following suggestions were made which I was instructed to present to the board for their consideration.

1. We regret exceedingly that the board at its recent meeting adopted a ruling that all vesper services are to be held in social Hall. We found the outdoor vesper services stimulating and inspiring. That is the opinion of the greater number of regular attendants at these services. Our guests have repeatedly told us that these outdoor services are a highlight in their memories of their stay at Paradise Falls. We hope that you will rescind this action and leave the matter of the services in the hands of the religious committee who have shown in the past a trustworthy and discriminating judgment.

11:25

1951 ISSUES (CONTINUED)



Would staff housing remain here
or would it become private Cottage #71?



Would Nestledown feed / house
dozens of guests or be Cottage #72?

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
CONTINUING WITH A GUEST BOARDING PROGRAM OR CONVERT TO A CLUB PLAN
TO THE
ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 23, 1951

(a) Discontinue all operations of the Association, and simply operate it as a place for the members who have cottages - this means eliminate Nestledown, Gate Lodge, the Coffee Shop, the store, Social Hall, Brown & White Cottages, or in other words everything that requires the employment of help - other than a Manager to take care of the Association affairs.

(b) Consider the possibility of continuing the Camp as a separate institution. As the Camp has been going down hill very badly, this would be very questionable, and I doubt that it would pay in view of the meals required, and the help necessary to prepare these meals.

(c) Consider the desirability of continuing the Store for the convenience of the Cottages, who otherwise might have difficulty in making small purchases of necessary items.

(d) Consider desirability of restricting the Boarding facilities to Gate Lodge and Social Hall, hoping to keep these limited facilities fully occupied, and operating all help on a reduced scale.

7/28/1951

Actions recommended but not covered by motion are as follows : secretary be instructed to sign the Greyhound bus agency contract , that the illumination of the Falls be continued at the discretion of the manager , that the paying of wages to Mrs. Storm be discontinued until she returns to full time duty and that we approve the action of the manager in having paid her two weeks wages since her injury (the question of negro guests be left on the table until that problem arise);

Happily, PF members inclusively welcomed the black Bradley family as twenty year owners of remodeled Nestledown (#72)

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1951 ISSUES, CONTINUED: P.F. CAMP VIABILITY

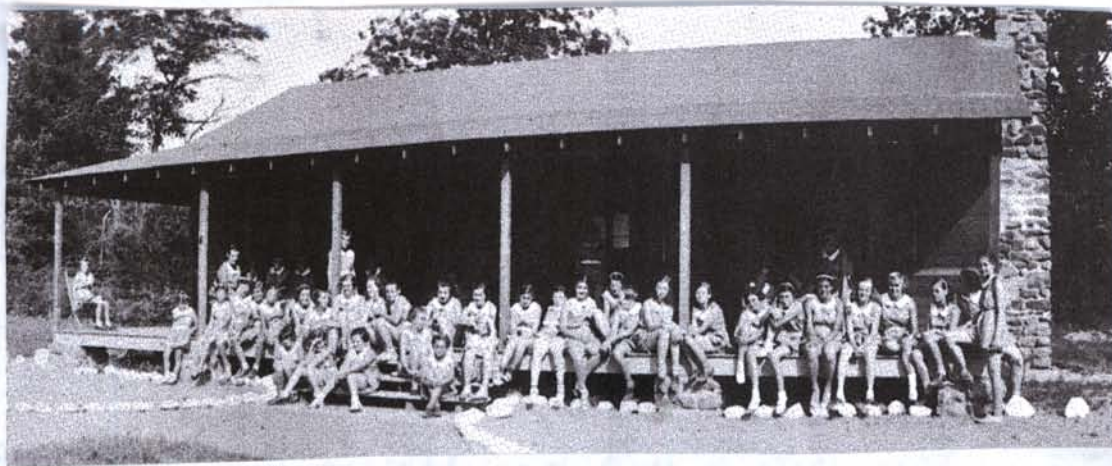
Low enrollment

Teens no longer come

Fees are too high

Everything needs repair

To give the Board members a first hand picture of conditions and factors affecting the progress of the girl's camp, Mrs. Anna Hauber was asked to present information about the camp. Mrs. Hauber in a general discussion of camp conditions pointed out the need for immediate repairs that should be made to the toilets, cabins, lodge, dock and boats, need for trimming grass in the camp area, repairing tennis backstop. She stated that of the 30 campers enrolled for the 1951 season, 22 are repeaters having had 2 to 4 previous years' experience at camp and in several cases had brought their ~~fixx~~ friends with them, that most of them are in the 7,8 and 10 year age brackets and therefore good prospects for several years. In reply to questions she stated that on the basis of letters received (which she had turned over to President Jaxheimer) and personal conferences it seemed that one of the big factors in the decrease in enrollment is a camp fee too high for what is offered and recommended either alowering of the camp fee o r that something more



MICROFILMED MINUTES OCT. 6, 1951

30 years of our three boards' minutes were wisely microfilmed in an Allentown safe deposit box.

We have yet to discover today's location!

Secretary also reported that all the minutes available of meetings of the Board of Directors, Association and Executive Committee have been microfilmed and are in the safe deposit box in the Lehigh Valley Trust Company in Allentown, Pa., and that the executor of the Brozinski Estate has paid all back charges against the memberships but that no action has been taken by the Surrogate Courts as yet as to the disposition of the memberships and the cottage. No further action in the Hoffses camper case.

WELCOME TO PARADISE FALLS

It is our sincere desire that you enjoy yourself thoroughly while at Paradise Falls, and that you and other guests find here the restfulness and helpful recreation which should be yours in this beautiful place.

In order to provide for our many guests we have found it necessary to ask your co-operation in regard to the following:

1. **MEALS** will be served at Nestledown Inn:

Breakfast: 8:00 - 9:00

Luncheon: 12:30 - 1:30

Dinner: 5:30 - 6:30

2. **ALL RATES** are based on the American Plan (which includes meals). Extra days beyond the weekly reservation will be charged for at the daily rate.

No allowance will be made for meals missed where guest is paying weekly or daily rate. Diners are not permitted to wear shorts or bathing attire in the dining room.

Guests retaining their room after 2 P.M. on the day of departure will be charged for an extra day, as rooms must be made ready for incoming guests.

3. **MAIL:** All mail is received at the Store once a day at about 11 A.M. Outgoing mail leaves with the same carrier around 10:30 A.M., but can be deposited in mail box at the store or front of Gate Lodge before that time.

4. **VALUABLES:** The Association is not responsible for the loss of valuables unless checked by the Manager.

7. **RECREATION:** Facilities are provided for tennis, clock golf, croquet, quoits, shuffleboard, badminton, etc. Guests will find Lake Crawford an enjoyable place for boating and bathing. Canoes and boats may be rented by the hour or day by applying at the store.

Bathers are requested to wear beachrobes to and from the beach.

Guests are requested not to indulge in recreational games while in bathing attire.

During the Sunday morning Church service all recreational facilities will be closed.

Many of our guests retire at 11 P.M., and your observance of this fact will be appreciated.

SMOKING - The fire laws prohibit smoking in bed rooms and dining hall.

Pets not allowed in guest rooms.

The Management

PARADISE FALLS ASSOCIATION.

What a deal -
all meals included!

This Entitles The _____ party of _____ adults
and _____ children to meals at
PARADISE FALLS
from _____ to _____

This card is not transferable and shall be presented at each meal.
The waitress will collect it after the last meal.

Beachrobes to, from beach

Recreation facilities
closed during Sunday service

No recreation in bathing attire

A 1¢ post card
confirmed reservations →

Dear _____:

Cresco, Pa.

We are reserving _____ room... in _____
for you from _____ to _____

Please notify us several days in advance of hour of arrival at Henryville
station or approximate hour if coming by auto.

Thank you,

PARADISE FALLS LUTHERAN ASSN.

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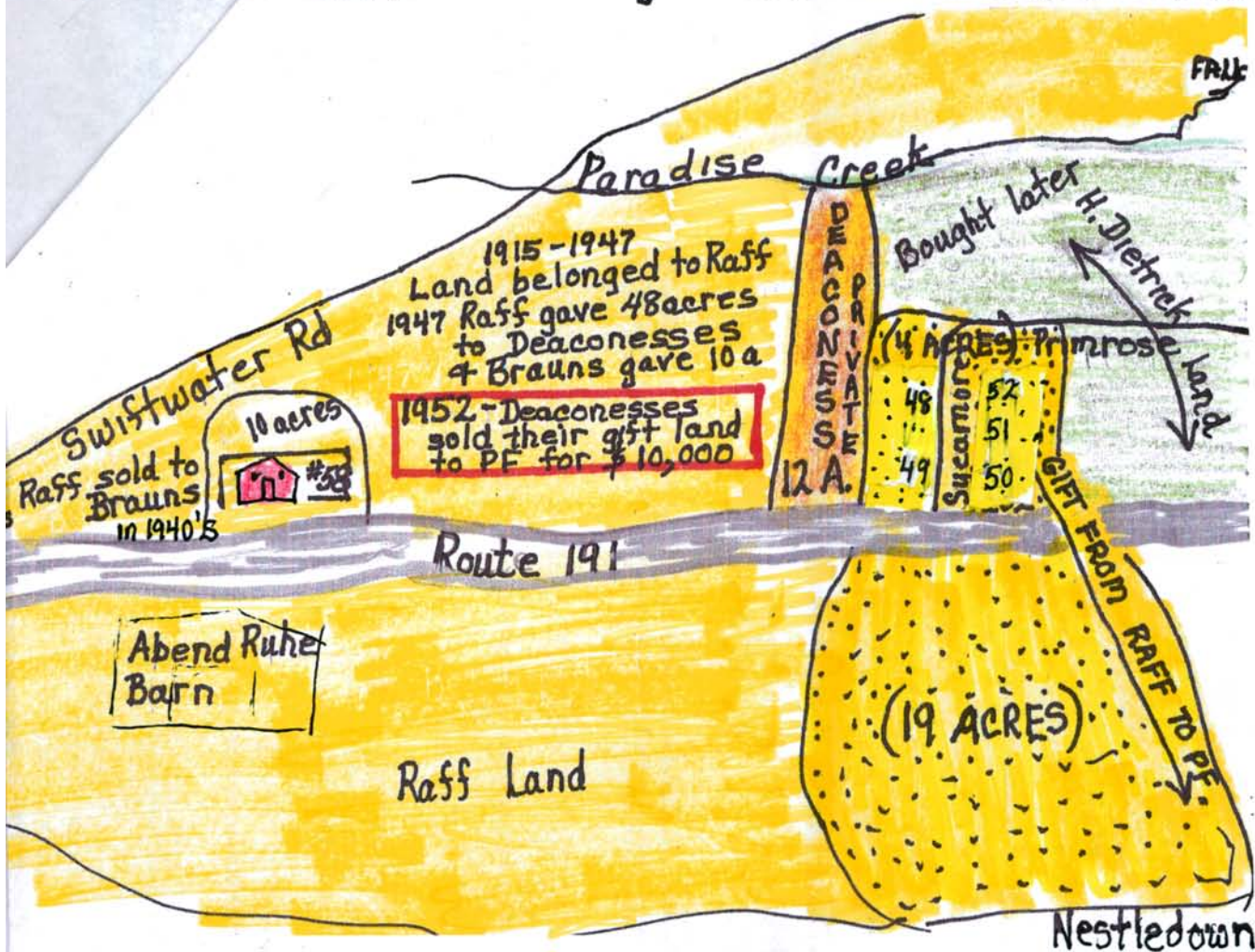
PF bought 65 acres + Abend Ruhe buildings (beyond Deaconess Cottage to Swiftwater Road) for \$10,000 on March 27, 1952.

Partial funding came from selling 90 acres of unused PF land to Harold Heydt for \$5,000.

**HUGE LEAP OF FAITH
IN VERY HARD TIMES!**

Where → the Raff 23 donated acres were = 
 - Deaconess land was located → = 
 the other Raff/Abend Ruhe acres were → = 

1952 - PF finally owned land south of Deaconess Home



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ABEND RUHE LAND PURCHASE, MARCH 27, 1952 KEPT PF BORDERS SECURE



PF didn't own land beyond Deaconess Cottage until 1952. It was bought for:

- 1- Border protection
- 2- Value of house & buildings, barn, shed.
- 3 Barn's use as teen recreation center.

LATER BECAME RENTAL THEN COTTAGE #58

REPORT OF THE ABEND RUHE FARM COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Abend Ruhe Farm Committee with the following members present, held at the Robert Morris Hotel, September 20th at 5:30 P.M., 1951 - following conclusions have been reached concerning the Abend Ruhe Farm.

(1) That we retain the Abend Ruhe Farm in its entirety for three reasons.

1. First, our interest in the purchase of the farm was to protect the interests of Paradise Falls at a very vital spot. To sell the portion on the east side of the road would jeopardize our interests and in part nullify the full protection that we sought in the purchase of the Abend Ruhe Farm. The ^{2.} second reason is that part of the income to help carry the farm comes from the rental of the ^{situated} buildings/on the east side of the road. The ³ third reason is that the barn has possibilities for the kind of a recreation center that we have been looking for and hoping for for our young people at Paradise Falls.

(2) We recommend that we accept the offer of Harold F. Heydt and that the additional money be raised by selling timber from the portion of the east side of the road of the Abend Ruhe Farm, and sell a few lots facing the Swiftwater macadam road and any such other areas that are not so strategically located as is the portion on the east side of the Abend Ruhe Farm.

11:30

1952 WOES

Food Service - in Gate Lodge only

Need to borrow money

single chef

Low Wages

Inexperienced Staff

Moved, seconded, and carried that the President and Treasurer be, and hereby are, authorized and empowered to borrow for a period of six months; an amount not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3000.00) from the bank at six percent interest rate.

Moved, seconded, and carried that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Manager's Report* The manager was not present but the President reported that he has been advised by the manager that the staff for the season has been completed. There will be new personnel in the office. It is planned to operate with one chef this season with the steward taking over such activities as necessary to make this possible. Reservations are reported better at this date than the corresponding date last year. Management is trying to do everything possible to cut expense.

THIS MALE STAFF WAS "LET-GO" MID-SUMMER FOR LACK OF WORK TO DO AND MONEY TO PAY HIM!

Kitchen Boy & related duties.

BE IT FURTHER AGREED that for this service the said Board of Directors of Paradise Falls Lutheran Association will provide free room and board at said Paradise Falls and pay the sum of 40.00 per month Dollars, upon the satisfactory completion of the above stipulated terms of service.

BE IT FURTHER AGREED that gross violation of the Association rules or failure to properly discharge the duties of the assigned position shall be sufficient cause for dismissal, and that no automobile for any personal use be kept at or near Paradise Falls without the written permission of the General Manager.

SIGNED Philip L. Shadle
General Manager

SIGNED David Warburton
Employee

Sign in triplicate and return two copies to the General Manager and retain one.

To be signed and returned on or before 4/22/52 or the position will be offered to another applicant.

1952 PFLA Employment Contract - David Warburton - Kitchen Boy + " for season beginning June 20, 1952. Pay \$40.00/month + room & board.

11:31

1954

YEAR BEFORE FLOOD

THE SPRAY

1954

Paradise Falls Lutheran Association

July 2 - July 8

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Milk, Vegetable, Butcher
Delivery to Cottages

Auto Trips, Hikes

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ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

- Friday, July 2 - 8:00 P.M. Get Acquainted Party -Social Hall. Games, Singing, Dancing, Hot Dog Roast and "Bug Juice". Please buy tickets for the "Doggie Roast" at the Store or Coffee Shoppe--25¢.
- Saturday, July 3 - 9:15 A.M. Hike to Fish Hatchery. Please meet at the lake promptly so we will arrive in time to see the fish fed. This is a short hike--easy walking.
8:30 P.M. Movies at Social Hall
- Sunday, July 4 - 9:30 A.M. Sunday School--Social Hall and Girls Camp.
10:45 A.M. Morning Worship Service
Rev. Dr. Emil E. Fisher--Past President of the Pennsylvania Ministerium.
7:00 P.M. Vespers
8:00 P.M. Independence Day Program at the beach. Sacred and Patriotic Music followed by a watermelon party.
- Monday, July 5 - 9:00 A.M. Auto Trip to the Pocono Wild Animal Farm. CARS WILL BE NEEDED. Please sign up at the Coffee Shoppe. Admission to the Farm is 60¢ for adults and 25¢ for children. Bring your cameras--and a few nickles if you wish to feed the animals. We will be back around Noon.
7:00 P.M. Volley Ball--in back of tennis courts.
8:00 P.M. Shuffleboard Tournament for adults. Sign up at Coffee Shoppe. Teams of two will compete. Entry fee 10¢ a team.
- Tuesday, July 6 -10-11:30 A.M. Crafts and Games for Children 4 through 6 at the Camp.
2:00 P.M. Annual Meeting of the Paradise Falls Ladies Auxiliary.
8:00 P.M. Quiet Game night at Social Hall

Wednesday, July 7 - 10-11:30 A.M. Crafts and Games for children
7 through 9 at the camp.
8:30 P.M. Movies at Social Hall.

Thursday, July 8 - 9:30 A.M. Auto Trip to Bushkill Falls.
CARS WILL BE NEEDED. Sign up in Coffee
Shoppe by Noon Wednesday
7:00 P.M. Kiddie Square Dance -Social Hall
8:00 P.M. Round and Square Dancing at Social
Hall

ACTIVITY NOTES

Crafts We would like to continue the successful crafts program that we had last year. We hope that a number of the cottagers--mothers and fathers, will volunteer to help out for an hour and a half each week. We are thankful to Mrs. Dorothy Bauers, Mrs. Doris Morantz and Miss Nancy Phillips who are our first volunteers.

Swimming Instructions Betty, our beach-girl, will give swimming lessons to beginners during the morning hours. Parents are urged to see Betty and register their children. We hope this program will be underway by next week.

DO YOU HAVE any old games around your cottage? Cards? Checkers? Chess? etc? We would like to make part of Social Hall a place where our guests and cottagers could spend some pleasant hours together, especially on rainy days. We could use more games for "Game Nite" on Tuesday.

Tennis Tennis shoes(sneakers) must be worn at all times when playing tennis. If others are waiting to use the courts finish your set and let others have a chance. Our courts have been resurfaced and new back fences installed. We hope to see lots of tennis played this summer.

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1954, one year before the flood, saw many financial and administrative problems but ---

OBSERVATIONS AND CRITICISMS RECEIVED FROM GUESTS AND MEMBERS

RE - FALLS

Fireplaces not adequate for the kind of thing that guests wish to do. Toilets are much better, but each one should provide for both men and women facilities.

The present system of selling and collecting tickets is not good enuf. There are apparently too many leaks for admissions without paying.

RE - BEACH

Dock is improvement, but is placed wrong with the tree at the end. Floating dock requested in the middle of the lake.

RE - KITCHEN AND DINING ROOM

-GATE LODGE

The kitchen is too hot. This is caused by the small size of the room which has no windows.

The painting and new lights in the dining room make a fine improvement for a Coffee shop, but the place lacks the atmosphere of the rustic quaintness of Nestledown.

While the hostess is agreeable she lacks training and experience for the job. Following close to this is the idea that the waitresses are also nice people, but they lack training and experience. The service is not good.

The Food has always been reported as fine, but much criticism has come because of the lack of choices and variety.

Plastic table cloths and paper napkins may save money in laundry, but they are not associated with the finer dining rooms. Particularly the plastic covers are objectionable.

The cost of the meals are much too high.

The combination of dining room and coffee shop is not satisfactory.

(All of the above indicate that it is most imperative that the present arrangement must be considered as a temporary expedient in our growth. A different arrangement must be in the planning for next year.)

-COTTAGER
KIDS
HAD
GREAT
FUN!



1954 MASQUERADE

11:33

1957-58 - DOZENS OF MEMBER LETTERS SEEKING CONSENSUS:

Yes or no:
— hotel/cottage resort
— cottage colony

Hire outside manager?

Dear Mrs Messner

June 3, 1957

The response to my recent letter and questionnaire has been most gratifying. The Cottagers are showing a tremendous interest. To date I have received replies from over fifty cottagers. No doubt many of the remaining did not answer because of the time element with regard to the Board Meeting. I regret very much the short notice in which I expected a reply, but the circumstances were beyond my control.

If you do not already have your reply and any comments you may wish to make in the mail, would you please fill out the questionnaire and mail it to me at your earliest convenience. I would like to have the poll of all of the cottagers complete for the annual meeting coming up in the near future. Many thanks to you all for your fine cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,
John P. Schaffner, M.D.

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2. We should eliminate the hotel aspect (rooming and boarding), and except for the continued operation of the gift shop, store, and tea room (as a tea room and soda fountain), make Paradise Falls into a cottage colony.

It is extremely important that these two questions be answered as soon as possible. Most of the Board Members have their own definite opinions but what do you think?

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2. Do you wish Paradise Falls to become a Cottage Colony except for the operation of the Gift shop, Tea room, and Store? Yes No

Comments: _____

Your Signature _____

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JOHN P. SCHAFFNER, M D.
1343 E. BARRINGER STREET
PHILADELPHIA 19, PA.

May 15, 1957

Dear *Mrs. Messner,*

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I believe the next Board meeting is to be held at Paradist Falls on Saturday, May ~~15~~ 18 1957. The main purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the employment of Mr. Benallik, of Florida, as manager of the association, with full control over its operation.

I personally think, and that is the main purpose of this letter, that we should find our definitely what the majority of cottagers wish before the board goes ahead and engages this man.

I have purposely avoided giving you my viewpoints, or the viewpoints of any other member. I feel that this answer should be yours. Will you please cut off the bottom of this sheet and mail it to me with your answers and any comments you may wish to make? I have enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope for your convenience. There are 71 cottages at Paradise and I would like to take 71 answers to the next board meeting. Needless to say this problem is too complex for me to include a thorough discussion in this letter, but these two questions are the main basic issue confronting our association and one which should be answered before any further financial commitments are made.

All members of the association are welcome to attend all Board meetings, and if you can make it we would like to have you.

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ROUGH TIMES 1955 - 1972

During the early years of this decade leadership on all levels changed hands rather often, reflecting a growing concern by the cottagers for the way PF was to best serve its constituency. President Samuel E. Kidd predicted the change from a "hotel operation" with its annual deficits, by which PF had grown so rapidly in its early years, to that of a cottage colony.

This decade saw the rise of concern for the cottager. More cottagers needed and used the store than ever before. Rooming and boarding facilities continued to suffer by comparison with other resorts and motels in the Poconos. People now could travel more widely, due to better automobiles and highways. The Women's Auxiliary became more active in raising money to help pay for Association projects and maintenance. The Gift Shop was important in this regard.

On August 18-19, 1955 a disastrous flood hit the eastern seaboard, caused directly by the hurricane "Diane." A great deal of property damage was wrought at PF. The disbanded Girls' Camp was

leveled. The Picnic area, the boat docks, the approach to the auto bridge over Paradise Creek, and the dam were extensively damaged. Debris and mud in Lake Crawford required draining and extensive cleaning. Tons of soil had to be filled in over exposed roots in the Falls' picnic area. A new bridge was built to replace the one washed away by the flood.

As a means of paying off other indebtedness which bore interest and had contractual dates, the Association in 1958 issued non-interest bearing certificates of indebtedness. A total of over \$68,000 worth of a possible \$74,000 aggregate was sold. Each cottager was expected to purchase \$100 each year and to hold \$800 worth of these certificates. (Note: In 1971 a plan to use these certificates toward additional memberships failed to pass at the Annual Meeting.)

Endless hours were spent by study and survey committees seeking ways to deal with the financial and administrative problems of an agency going through the throes of change. Nestledown and Social Hall rooms were both being phased out during this decade. Rooming and boarding facilities were then concentrated in the Brown and White Cottages and Gate Lodge before PF became completely a "cottage colony." An attempt was made to provide for building motel cottages and apartments, but this never occurred. Nestledown and the nearby carriage house were sold and converted to cottages. The Girls' Camp dining porch was removed and reassembled as the Rec Hall on the old Girls' Camp site.

At the end of this decade Rev. Alford R. Naus, who served zealously as President met an untimely death while travelling abroad.

One cannot read the minutes of the board and annual meetings of this decade

without feeling the anguish and the uncertainty at times, when crucial decisions had to be made. There were strongly held views which were hotly debated and finally settled by majority vote.

1955 Flood Damage at Girls' Camp



Free of debt

New visions

Determination

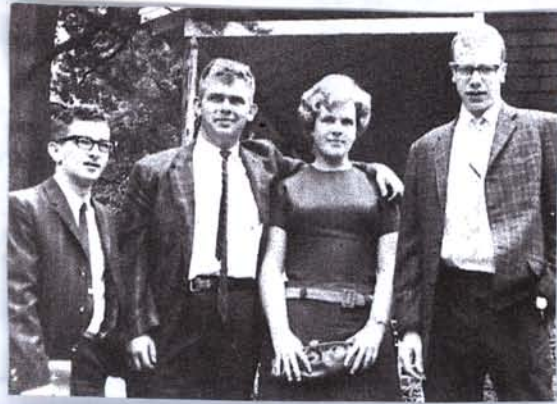
New leadership

SIXTH DECADE 1972-1981

2 per summer
Communion Sundays

"Godspell" in Social Hall

85 cottages



Many adult forums

Home-grown social activities

Kids Sunday School ends

Failing above-ground
water system

Funding for
Lake dredging

Member Trip to Oberammergau

Lake Crawford Bicentennial Fireworks!

New Hymnals

Year-round member
policies, safety

"Lutherans Only" membership issue



1989

Paradise Falls

67 YEARS OF TOGETHERNESS
1922 - 1989

The Spray
26 Aug. 1989

'We cannot tell the precise moment when friendship is formed. As in filling a vessel drop by drop, there is at last one drop which makes it run over. So in a series of kindness ... there is at last one which makes the heart run over...'

J. BOSWELL

Saturday, August 26th

1:00 - 6:00 p.m. Beach open to swimmers

Sunday, August 27th

10:30 a.m. Worship Service in the Social Hall

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Monday, August 28th

9:30 a.m. Bridge in the Tea Room

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Arts n' Crafts; Social Hall Porch; Ages 6 and up

12:30 - 1:00 p.m. Swimming lessons

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7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Trailbl. Meet at the Ages 6 and up

Tuesday, August 29th

***BEACH CLOSED

Wednesday,

10:00 a.m.

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Thursday, August 31st

1:00 - 5:30 p.m. Beach open to swimmers

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Vol. Meet Ages

Friday, September

1:00 - 5:00

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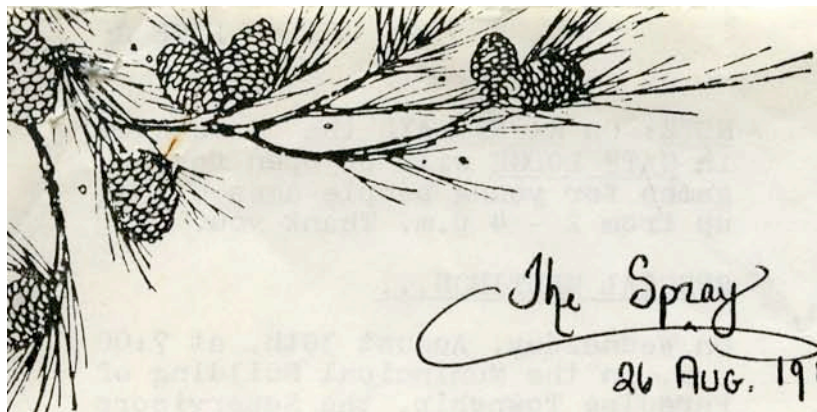
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Last summer for paid 3 year Social Director/

Beach Guard -- Anita Montz.

Rainy afternoon Gate Lodge Games Crafts
Work on Cookbook, Quilt
Bridge in Lounge
TOWNSHIP MEETING:
Information re' Pocono Excavator plans near our border
Scavenger Hunt

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Friday, September 1st

1:00 - 5:30 p.m. Beach open to swimmers

Saturday, September 2nd

1:00 - 6:00 p.m. Beach open to swimmers

Sunday, September 3rd

10:30 a.m. Worship Service in the Social Hall

1:00 - 6:00 p.m. Beach open to swimmers

6:00 p.m. "Farewell to Summer" Covered dish dinner on the lawn of the Ladies' Lounge

7:00 p.m. Hymn-sing at Social Hall followed by closing ceremonies at the Beach

WORSHIP AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES AT PF

'There is a garden of rebirth within you. Find it now.'

The Rev. Albert I. Douglass, Pastor of Reformation Lutheran Church, Media, Pa., will be our guest minister on Sunday, August 27th.

Pastor Douglass has served two prior congregations; St. Luke's in Obelisk, and Little Zion in Telford. He and his wife, Carol, have two children; Sharon, 17, and Katie, 11.

Pastor Douglass will be conducting a Puppet Workshop for all ages, working professional puppets from puppet productions. This will be held either on Monday or Tuesday morning, day and time to be announced.

The Rev. Paul Neff, Pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church, Havertown, Pa., will be our guest pastor on Sunday, Sept. 3rd.

A graduate of Salem College, Salem, West Virginia, and Trinity Seminary, Columbus, Ohio, Pastor Neff was formerly Assistant Pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Glenside, Pa. He and his wife, Janet, have two children; Kristin, 8, and Johnathon, 3.

Let's welcome both the Douglass' and Neff's families to Paradise Falls!

Sunday Worship Service begins at 10:30 a.m., using the Second Setting.

There will be no more Friday morning study programs this season.

If you want to nominate clergy people for next year's worship services, please give the name and addresses of those desired individuals to LeRoy Ness via his PF mailbox.

THANK YOU

A very special thank you is due to all the members of the Religious Activities Committee for the successful worship season here at PF. Guest Pastors and study programs were enjoyed by all. Thank you!!!

NOTE: On RAINY DAYS the Game Room in GATE LODGE will be open for games for young people ages 6 and up from 2 - 4 p.m. Thank you.

SPECIAL MEETINGS...

On Wednesday, August 30th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building of Paradise Township, the Supervisors will hear public testimony with regard to the planned expansion of Pocomo Excavators. This expansion would allow excavation on a larger scale with deeper holes being dug. There are also noise and dust considerations. This is important to us since expansion would bring excavation closer to Paradise Falls Property, in the vicinity of the "Old German Cemetery" which is a nice hike beyond the Flotmeier and Zimmerman cottages. Please do your best to attend this meeting and voice your opinions.

PERSONALS

Dr. and Mrs. Arvids Zeidonis have spent the last three weeks in Eastern Europe travelling and lecturing. Let's welcome the Zeidonis' back after their extensive tour.

Birthday Time...

It's birthday number 80 for George Ammon on September 6th! Congratulations and best wishes for many more summers at Paradise Falls!

WANTED TO BUY...

Anyone interested in selling a row boat, please contact Ken Ditmars at 629-1446.

NEED A HAND?

Brenda Lange and her two children are residents of PF this summer. During their stay, they are available for errands, cleaning, etc. Please call at 629-2796 before 9 a.m. or after 5 p.m.

FAREWELL TO SUMMER

Our annual "Farewell to Summer" will highlight the Labor Day Weekend. On Sunday evening beginning at 6 o'clock there will be a covered dish dinner on the lawn of the Ladies' Lounge. Baked Ham will be provided by the Women of PF. Everyone is asked to bring a favorite salad, vegetable, or dessert. A donation will be received.

At 7:00 p.m. we go to Social Hall for a hymn-sing, old-time songs, and slides. From some recently received archives, we have selected some very old glass slides, some hand-tinted, showing early cottages, fishermen, hunters, surveyors, and flowers. After this, we will process with lighted candles to Lake Crawford, where there will be 200 floating candles and many luminaries. We will sing some more and then return to the Lounge for dessert.

In the event of rain or high winds, the entire candle ceremony will be held in Social Hall. This may be our lucky year... the last two years we were rained out.

HOW ABOUT A GAME OF BRIDGE?

Join the other card sharks in the Tea Room on Monday or on Wednesday for an evening of cards. See Jo Jacobsen for information. Last week's winners were Frances Treisbach on the 21st and Al Niebaum on the 23rd! Congratulations to both of you!

BEACH CLOSED TWO DAYS

Due to a change in plans and my necessary absence from PF on Tuesday and Wednesday of the coming week, the beach is officially closed during the normally scheduled beach hours. Please keep in mind, that if you swim on these two days when there is no lifeguard on duty, you are responsible for yourself and your actions while in the water. Please exercise the utmost in caution and safety next week during my absence. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Anita

WHAT ABOUT THE TEA ROOM?...

How about helping everyone finish up the rest of the ice cream in the Tea Room this week?? In addition to cones, dishes, and sundaes, there are pints to go, too. We don't want any leftover ice cream to go to waste.

SCAVENGER HUNT WINNERS...

The scavenger hunt brought out some friendly competition and fun-for-all last Wednesday evening for all the kids who came out for this event. Congratulations to all our winners for their fine sportsmanship!

1st Place Tie

Amanda Pitt, Penni Meckes, and Jarret Meckes tied with Billy and David Similike

2nd Place

Laura, Ainsley, and Emily Similike

3rd Place Tie

Toby Ripson and Brandon Meckes tied with Danny Seagraves and Shane Harkins

Thanks, kids, for enjoying the fun and for playing fair and square!

THE WOMEN OF PF are planning, among other events, an "Art and Craft Show" next summer. We ask all our hobbyists, crafters, and artists to exhibit their favorite afghan, quilt, sweater, etc. which you created over the winter. We also will have a table of craft items for sale. So, let's all get busy. In addition, there will be a white elephant table, for all those knick-knacks around the house. Remember someone's white elephant, maybe a long-sought treasure for someone else.

We would like to thank all the women who worked on our Paradise Falls quilt and cookbook, in addition to the upcoming covered dish supper. A big thank you from all of us goes to Bobby Matthy who for so many years has sent out cheerful notes to our shut-ins, the sick, and the bereaved ones, a service that is appreciated by all of us.

PF PROPERTY REGULATIONS

1. Normal trash and garbage pickup will be on Mondays and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., except on holidays; then pickup will occur on the following day, at the same time.
2. Please separate trash as follows:
 - a) Newspapers (No glossy fillers or magazines) in paper bags or tied bundles.
 - b) Glass containers minus lids, tabs, and all aluminum containers (i.e. soda/beer cans).
 - c) Garbage and all other trash in plastic bags. Large (30 gallon) bags can be purchased from the caretaker at \$1.25 per dozen.
Please remember; we pay the trash hauler by volume, not by weight.
Please collapse all boxes and make your garbage as small as possible.
3. Dogs are to be kept on a leash at all times and are not allowed on the beach at any time.
4. For fire protection, each cottage should have 100 feet of garden hose in good condition and connected to a hose bib.
5. No large trash item pickup has been planned for this year. Please contact the caretaker when large items are to be discarded and hauled away. Each cottager will be responsible for repayment to the Association for the cost of disposal. The caretaker has a list of costs for individual items, ranging from tires at \$2.00 to water heaters at \$20.00.
6. PFLA water shut-off: 10/16/89
water turn-on: 05/01/90
7. No exterior repairs can be done on any cottage during our season - June 24th through the Labor Day weekend.

Your Home Congregation Can Help Bethel

With the summer at Paradise Falls nearing its end, we want to express our thanks to those who have contributed their used postage stamps to the Bethel Institutions in Bielefeld, West Germany. You can continue to place stamps in the bag at Social Hall and in Gate Lodge at the postal boxes until Sept. 4th. We will then send them to our shipping source in Washington, D.C. For those of you who will soon return to your homes and for those who are full-time residents of Paradise Falls, here is the address in Washington where you may send stamps for Bethel. Perhaps you would like to start your own congregation collecting stamps. We have a few leaflets that describe the work at Bethel and if you will call us at 629-3669, we'll see that you get one.

Address for sending stamps to Bethel - The Rev. Otfried Arndt, Pastor, United Church, 1920 G. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

Joan and Herb Gibney

A big Thank You to all the workers and many willing helpers behind the scene who helped to make this another enjoyable season at PF. Thank you, Anita, for serving your 3rd summer as life-guard and Social Director here, in addition to writing the Spray. As she embarks on her new career in Connecticut, we wish her luck, success, and

satisfaction. Thanks again, and God Bless you.

My thanks to all of you at PF for making my three summers here the most enjoyable of times. Thank you for open doors, friendship, understanding, and for you. I hope we will meet again someday...

Anita

SEVENTH DECADE 1982-1991

Adult and Kid
Lounge Activities

WiFi Café

"So many dam repairs - we
should have just built
a whole new one!"



Fire preparedness

Cottage building
limit-87!

Off-season social events

TOWNSHIP COOPERATION

- QUARRY RE-OPENING
- MARSHLAND AVOIDANCE
- GRID IDENTIFICATION
- FIRE ENGINE READY BRIDGE
- SECURITY PROTOCOLS

On-line Sprays

Aggressive Cottage sales
campaign

Website Communication

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EIGHTH DECADE 1992-2001

Preservation of
P.F.'s historical
archives

DEALING WITH:

- Drought
- Flooding
- Pest infestations

Safer Kids Playground
near the Tea Room



Our LOUNGE - the perfect place for planned or impromptu gatherings!

P.F. FUND start-up

TOWNSHIP COORDINATION

- Lake water quality
- Boundary surveying
- Liability insurance
- Dry fire hydrant
- Naming PF roads
- 911 township addresses
- Quarry issues

Lighted street signs

SINGLE AGENT TO HANDLE ALL COTTAGE SALES

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1997 PHILADELPHIA DEACONESS MOTHERHOUSE ISSUES

Near the time in 1922 when Raymond Raff gave PF 23 acres of land (near now Sycamore Rd), he also gave the Philadelphia sisters a separate and adjacent 12 acre plot for their private use.

This cooperative Motherhouse gratefully enjoyed offered facilities on PF land out of neighborly courtesy up until 1997 when a new administration denied us the opportunity to buy that acreage and house in favor of a sale to private owners!

Below is our decision not to extend similar privileges to any future private owners

As a matter of information to you it was determined we should inform you that this property you have listed is not part of our organization, however, as a courtesy to the Deaconess members we allowed them to use our facilities - beach, tea room, tennis courts, etc. during the summer vacation season. We wish to make known to you that any future owner of this property will not have this courtesy! Our members are assessed dues which maintains our association, but the property you have listed does not, so is only a neighbor, and will not have use of our property or its facilities.

Sincerely,

Mildred MacLean

Mildred MacLean,
Secretary, Board of Directors

P.F.L.A DOES OWN LAND ALL SURROUNDING THIS HOME BUT WAS NEVER ALLOWED TO BID ON ITS PURCHASE!



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DITTMER 1997 PERSPECTIVE

This speech written and read by Luther Dittmer on Friday, July 25, 1997, before the Monroe County Historical Society and members and friends of Paradise Falls. Later Mrs. Elsie Knauis recounted some happenings in the earlier history of Paradise Falls.

Luther Dittmer, author of below speech came to Paradise Falls as a four year old when the family cottage was built in 1931. He spent more than 80 summers vacationing and documenting many memories.

The speech's title, "PFLA - the Years of Manifest Destiny 1922-29" shared his belief that fortunate circumstance of the era led inevitably to the successes of Paradise Falls first decade.

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With the arrival of the American White Man preëminently from Northern Europe in the 18th but mostly in the 19th century, there developed an essentially rural civilization in areas favourable to it. In the Poconos, this resulted as elsewhere in smaller farms that could be maintained by one family, but which would also supply the minimum sustenance to preserve that family. In the larger area of the Poconos, farm houses were built on the land itself and the unit became a self-sufficient unit. In other climes, such as in France, small villages were formed from whence the farmers moved daily to their chosen areas. Not so, here! the farms dotted the landscape.

There were peculiarities to the farms in the Poconos caused by factors of the land. We are here at the southern-most extreme of the last Ice-Age. Moraine rock, still in abundance, shored the land of soil. But here there was little if any igneous rock, so that the land was formed to a greater extent, a bane to the farmers, a boon to the tourists.

Our forest are said to be deciduous, but the pine forests helped develop the soil, which in most places is but a thin veneer over shale rock, more clay than top soil, hostile to the growth of crops. The harvesting of grained crops was essential for the wealth of a farmer, because these were cash crops that could be sold at market, permitting him to partake of outside pleasures. This was marginal farming: animal husbandry, fruit orchards, small vegetable farming for personal use. Life was hard but certainly not monotonous. Weather was predictable and retained a steady constant predictable pattern over the years.

Mills were not needed and seldom constructed, although the many all-year rivers would easily have provided the forces of generation. The absence of mills prevented the rise of the entrepreneurial and therefore richer class of mill owner, that had been the point of stress in many rural communities. This was a class of rugged egalitarianism, proud with its own South-German dialects, closed to the outside world by necessity.

But this idyllic and oppressive landscape was slowly to dissipate itself in the 20th century, as the more well to do persons enjoyed the freedom of simpler means of transportation. The absence of mineral deposits had preserved this area untouched too long. There was not the coal of Scranton, not the Slate of the southern Slate Belt. In was Paradise, but it was Shangri-la, cut off from the main stream of events. It is true that the railroad did penetrate this area at a distance. With the railroad came the annual ritual of forest fires and often it brought more misery than sustenance. It did make the land, however, more evident to outsiders.

Because of its later disintegration, we find it hard to accept that Water Gap had been the centre of a booming tourist industry one hundred years ago. Symbolic of its demise was the fire that destroyed the Kittatinny Hôtel, but the die had been cast. Other centres of activity centered around the borough of the Forks, now called Mt. Pocono. In fact, beginning in 1897, regular tourist trips were organized from the Forks to the Paradise Falls. The tourists had arrived and the Poconos would never be the same.

There were passages of access through this area. Among the famous paths was the Kittatinny Indian trail used in annual migrations of the Lenape and other Indians. There was the Lackawanna Trail, and there was the famous route of Sullivan's March. Secondary routes were only local routes. I was asked recently, why roads were always built to pass in between farm house and barn. I replied that often the cart was placed before the horse; the farms existed and then the roads were formed to join farms and used only

for these purposes. A good example of this is the route to Cresco near the Séguine estate and we have such here also.

Farming in the Poconos gradually fell prey to the viral infection of tourism. This was earlier in Barrett Township because the land was even less hospitable there in the real Poconos. This was bottom land in Paradise Valley, which was a shade more productive. And where in Barrett Township farms became more and more an inappropriate answer to life style, here in the valley, the farms enjoyed a respite of an additional 20 years, one further generation to preserve its way of life. It was under these circumstances that the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association early in the 1920's moved into this area at the outskirts of civilization.

Now the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association was neither unique nor the pathfinder in this development. The Buck Hill Falls Association began in 1901 also on religious premises. There were others along the main line of track such as Lutherland. Alone the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association was able to preserve itself despite itself through sheer fortune of circumstance. But even as I speak, its continuation as we have known it is being threatened from within the organization.

The origins of the Paradise Valley and then Paradise Falls Lutheran Association date back to the year 1922, a year we celebrate this coming week in its 75th year, when a group of Lutheran laymen and Pastors from the big cities accepted a parcel of land of about 14 hectares in size, 12 hectares of which were east of the public highway, and 2 hectares of which were West of it. Please, I find it difficult to measure areas in what I consider to be the antiquated English system of measurement. A Hectare is the approximate equivalence of 70 square rods in your measurement, and 30 1/2 square rods form what you call an acre, which is slightly smaller than our antiquated Morgen of land.

Why was this accepted by a religious organization and not simply by a real-estate developer, as is done increasingly today. This belonged also to the Zeitgeist of the time. What has otherwise been called the roaring twenties, was a time of fervent hope. Today in our resigned hopelessness to conquer the problems of the day, we sometimes forget that there was a time, the good years, when man felt that he had the power as an individual to solve the problems of the day. Such movements included: In our generation, all men will become Christians. Organizations of men and women centred around the Church, and unlike today the Christian Church was marching forward.

But there was dissension in the ranks between those who would accept the land and those who would donate it. The group wishing to develop the land wished for a closed Sunday, Mr. Raff wished an open Sunday. Thus, the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association received only that part of the Abend Ruhe Farms east of the public highway; the remainder was given to the Deaconess Sisters of the Philadelphia Mother House. Later, of course, the Deaconesses gave most of their tract to the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association subject to an agreement on reciprocal privileges. This is now a subject of controversy since the Deaconess Cottage is being offered for sale. To indicate, for example, the degree that human devotion seized the activities of the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association, I note for the record that it was finally on 29th June 1931, that the Falls was opened to be viewed on Sundays.

Thus, we had a series of circumstances during the 1920's that was highly favourable to the development of the Paradise Falls. We had available to us a young and bright and intelligent architect and surveyor, born in Japan, to lay out the land. We had people of means willing to invest sums of money in the development and acquisition of land, and there was a spirit of cooperation unknown in future times. There were those who wished to leave farming and took up the burgeoning industry of the area. Take the Kulp foundry, from a part of my family, as an example of the individual family enterprises. These have lost out in further developments, but we are discussing the 1920's an era of unbridled capitalism, the so-called rugged capitalism, where the enemy of progress was only the environment and not local and federal governments. The new order had arrived, but was rudely to be supplanted by the misery following that of the October 1929 crash of the Stock Market.

Let us dwell on the progress of the 1920's here, for the moment. Land acquisitions were more or less complete by 25th June 1928. The Paradise Falls Lutheran Association had raised first \$40,000 and then \$150,000 in bond issues, that permitted this mercurial development. East of the Highway, which is always listed as Pennsylvania 447, whereas we knew it as Pennsylvania 90, the most significant acquisition was that of the Dimmic Dietrich farm. A picture of that barn is included in the material distributed on the last sheet. Unlike most barns here, this developed in an L shape, rather than a simple rectangle. This was to become the first centre of activity for the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association. I am

L Shape
D. Dietrich

not too sure whether the Bellis Farm had been part and parcel of that rather large and active farm Abend Ruhe, but even today there is a path that goes to that area and there are remnants of the bridge that had once spanned Cranberry Creek. Since with the acquisition of the defunct Hanna Farm in 1927, whose Farm House burned to the ground on 21st September 1925, the Paradise Falls was ready to establish its social centre. A lake was planned fed by Cranberry Creek. Miss Knaus may say something about that project that was wisely abandoned mainly for lack of funds after the Stock-Market crash.

Yet a different area was destined to shift the centre of activities west of the public road; this was the small two hectare area of the defunct Lasher Farm. All who were ready to build in 1925 could build there because the surveyors had completed there their work first. There were two waves of measurements: one in 1925 and one in 1927

The major acquisition of land was that of the Haller Farm that was owned at the time by Mr. Harvey Dietrich, the father of Mr. Dimmic Dietrich. This was a richer farm than most and boasted of a Blacksmith's shop, which was in the garage area behind the place from which I am addressing you. The farm house is to your right, my left, outside of the windows. I have included a picture of that farm house from 1928 which was the state in which the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association had acquired this in good condition. The farm house is alternately known here as the Gate Lodge, the Falls House, the Coffee Shoppe, the Tea Room, and today is the home of the custodian of the grounds. The barn, now called the Social Hall, has a small flat for the use of the visiting clergyman and his family during the summer season.

Access to the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association was difficult. An all-weather road was built through here only beginning in 1929 and finishing on 25th April 1930. Fortunately for the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association, there were sufficient houses built, that the new road bed in only one particular varied markedly from the old tar road. This had the deleterious effect of shortening the dimensions of certain parcels of terrain, but leaving a no-man's land for others who faced right onto the old road. This also had a way of turning houses by 180°. Consider that large farm house on the left side of the main highway, now called 191, if you travel via Paradise Valley. It is the rear of the house that borders on the highway, the front being on the old road.

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To indicate how expensive the purchase of the Haller Farm had been; it cost \$300 a terribly high price for a farm in those days and an indication as to how valuable that land had been. It cost its price in human frustration, because the surveyor and his group lived in the smithy building. While out surveying one bright day, a conflagration was started somehow which consumed the building including the almost finished dissertation of the chief surveyor.

One of the first buildings to be constructed on this new Haller farm was the Ice House. Perhaps many of you will remember the nature of an ice house and perhaps have had such available. I must confess that I had not really understood the function of an ice house in my youth. In the winter, ice was cut from the stream, and an old ice pond was formed. This ice was stored in such a large house with sawdust on the floor and no windows. The ice would last in this condition almost all summer and could be used to store seasonal products such as meat for the more barren months.

Similarly, I had never quite understood why the salt tax had been such a subject of controversy and even war throughout European history. Salt was important in the preservation of meat and its presence or absence could often determine whether a land had feast or famine.

There were other revelations for us in our youth, for example star gazing. I had always wondered why the ancients so avidly followed the stars. Were they just misguided to feel that human disease was caused by the influence of the stars, for example influenza? No the stars indicated orientation and direction, and there was the famous play on words *O Maria, maris stella*, equating St. Mary with the star of the sea. These were times when we were closer to nature.

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The Paradise Falls Lutheran Association did acquire land that had not directly belonged to a farm. This was the entire Falls area purchased early in 1925, and then that area of inhospitable land called then Réservoir Hill. We knew this as the Hôtel Site, for the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association was intent upon building one of those over-stuffed hôtels which began to dot the Poconos: Skytop, Buck Hill Falls Inn, High Point Inn, Pocono Manor Inn. The concept of individual units to house visitors was not yet known. The difficulty of the Hôtel Site for construction was exacerbated by the fact that this marvelous area was not bought by the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association, but just simply annexed for the owners could not be found. The purchase of Réservoir Hill was necessary to ensure a supply of water to the cottages during the summer semester of May through October. Gravitational feed was the only really proper way to service so many cottages. Wells were considered bountiful only if placed close to bodies of water, and thus the old pump house was placed next to the ice pond. This pump was electrified by 7th April 1927

The area of the Falls was built out as a place of beauty when the amphitheatre was constructed in late 1926. Amphitheatre is perhaps a misleading term, for it was merely a picnic shed. The Falls was quite popular with its Fire places for picnics, its fishing wharf, its natural swimming hole, its His-and-Hers discretely placed on opposite sides of the river. These were all appurtenances which today would be denied by Environmental Resources, but which then were the focal point of pleasurable activity. Who said that fun had to cost money?

Rooms for guests were fashioned with the new buildings of the Brown and White cottages in 1929, the remodeling of Nestledown in 1928, and the improvement of the Social Hall, the building in which we are meeting in 1930. We could accommodate 120 visitors with perhaps 3-4 automobiles among them. There was a boom in building from 1925 through 1929 which slowed to a trickle after the 1929 season. Those areas at the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association which had been budgeted by then were continued, as the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association entered the attendant services. Petrol was needed for the new horseless carriages. Richfield petrol was available at the lighthouse in Henryville, destroyed in the 1955 flood, but the Paradise Falls open a station on 20th January 1931 which had six different pumps for four different brands of petrol. It cost then 14¢ for an American gallon, which included 1¢ federal and 2¢ Pennsylvania tax. The Paradise Falls Lutheran Association was open to professional middle-class America, especially those from the Philadelphia area. It was a place for persons of modest means, but especially was attractive to those with longer holidays, school teachers, university professors, theologians, and spinsters.

The Tea room was also opened for business on 24th April 1931. This was intended for the tourist and transient trade reflecting the new mood of the Poconos. We even were soon to acquire a telephone connection.

The practice of religion was the essence of life at the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association. Daily devotions were held at the Social Hall each day at 9 a.m., vesper services were held on Sundays at Hillside Temple, and the main service was held at 10.45 a.m. on Sundays. The waitresses left right after the sermon to be ready to serve the guests. Yes, they earned \$3 per week and their meals, with one free day a week, plus their tips. The concept was to serye, the motto coöperation, not that of amassing wealth, for money had less importance then in ^{the society} society. Yes, there were virtues then that we have lost.

Of the nine farm houses and barns that once had been on the property of the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association, seven farm houses and four barns still exist and are used as houses. There is nothing spectacular or even interesting about their construction. Wood was plentifully available and the standard rock houses south of here were not common. Rocks were used only for the cellars mainly because wood would rot in the earth, and besides cellars were cooler in summer, warmer in winter. You know the usual construction. As you entered there was a stairwell rising to the upper floor. On the ground floor it acted as a room divider, left the sitting room, right the kitchen. Bedrooms were upstairs. The construction was enacted to create an edifice to endure the centuries.

The one condition which the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association had not fulfilled was the construction of a golf course. Certainly the religious nature of the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association made it seem prudent to put the construction of a golf course onto the back burner, but it had solemnly entered into a covenant to build such, which at the time was exclusively a rich man's sport, and it seemed easy to conscience this breach of trust. Before the full thrust of the Great Depression hit the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association, this area had become a viable entity.

Because our subject involves historical buildings, we should end here since no further historical buildings were ever again added to its territory. There is no point therefore to leave the time of Manifest Destiny, for that had been achieved, and to talk of retrenchment. Nevertheless, a few salient facts might just be mentioned.

The purchases of the Russell Henry farm and the Heydt farm were financed by an E. Clarence Miller. I am not sure whether the purchase of the Bush farm was included or whether this suffered the same fate, but as the notes came due, the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association did not have the \$3,000 to complete the payment for the Russell Henry Farm and so it was taken over by a Mr. Roswell, who granted scant servitudes or easements to the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association. Evidently, sufficient funds had become available to pay off the debt of the Heydt purchase, for indeed there were houses constructed on this territory. Thus the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association lost valuable land when things were dirt cheap, and which was later sold in the millions of dollars. Similar territory was lost in the sale for \$5000 of the Hanna and Bells farms in 1953.

But all fate was not turned against the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association. The principle of prior purchase rights ruined the Buck Hill Falls; the construction of the Casino ruined Lutherland. The Paradise Falls Lutheran Association was saved through the foresight of the rural pastor Harvey Kidd, whose classic remark was: "Gentlemen, we have the blessings of poverty. We can not afford it!"

In addition, we did receive the remainder of the Abend Ruhe farm from the Deaconesses and we did purchase some headwater land for the construction of the dam and the building of the lake in 1938/9. Nevertheless, the perimeters of the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association were now 40 full hectares of land shorter than at the perigee. Whether less is more is a moot question.

What of the present. We Lutherans enjoy a bad press for we are unmindful of our fellow Christians. We are placed in heaven in a central position surrounded by a mighty fortress including its ~~rich~~ singing chorales incessantly. I must confess that such a vision is quite palatable to me. There is little in music to match a Lutheran chorale, but this is just an ideal picture painted by critics. Perhaps if we would reform the entire organization, we would let such considerations have full sway. But we are reminded constantly that what we have constructed, for example the lake, would not be permitted today. If we alter our charter it would have to correspond to the exigencies of modern law, a housing development. Yet even as I speak, there are those who would take steps to alter irrevocably this organization, which never had been, but now is unique. I look upon myself as an historian; others look at me as a fuddy-duddy from the pioneer generation. I leave this decision to posterity in what the French called a *Jeu parti*, that is a play in two parts where the decision is left to the auditors. This word was taken over into English as jeopardy. I thank you and am ready to field questions in whichever language you prefer.

This speech written and read by Luther Dittmer
on Friday, July 25, 1997, before the Monroe County
Historical Society and members and friends of
Paradise Falls. Later Mrs. Elsie Kraus recounted
some happenings in the earlier history of
Paradise Falls.

DITTMER 1997 PERSPECTIVE (CONT)

There were passages of access through this area. Among the famous paths was the Kittatiny Indian trail used in annual migrations of the Lenape and other Indians. There was the Lackawanna Trail, and there was the famous route of Sullivan's March.

Route 611 former indian trail delayed early white settlement

Now the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association was neither unique nor the pathfinder in this development. The Buck Hill Falls Association began in 1901 also on religious premises. There were others along the main line of track such as Lutherland. Alone the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association was able to preserve itself despite itself through sheer fortune of circumstance. But even as I speak, its continuation as we have known it is being threatened from within the organization.

The origins of the Paradise Valley and then Paradise Falls Lutheran Association date back to the year 1922, a year we celebrate this coming week in its 75th year, when a group of Lutheran laymen and Pastors from the big cities accepted a parcel of land of about 14 hectares in size, 12 hectares of which were east of the public highway, and 2 hectares of which were West of it. Please, I find it difficult to measure areas in what I consider to be the antiquated English system of measurement. A Hectare is the approximate equivalence of 70 square rods in your measurement, and 30 1/2 square rods form what you call an acre, which is slightly smaller than our antiquated Morgen of land.

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Other religious groups began early religion-based resorts (ie Lutherland) (Buck Hill Falls)

- GRATITUDE: "Roaring 20's" was time of fervent hopefulness
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1929 arrival of electricity and telephone "saved the day"

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Daily devotions, and am/pm Sunday services were mainstays!
Recent find - Hillside Temple site used for earliest Vespers

NINTH DECADE 2002-2011

9-11 INSPIRED PATRIOTISM

- Flag garland at P.F. entrance
- "Let It Ring" memorial program
- First yearly memorial church service
- Memorial Garden at Falls
- Memorial bench for departed member names

"Clean and Green"



Slower-paced, family-oriented fun!

Pastor's apartment remodeling

HOOVER LAND PURCHASE
TO SECURE PF BORDERS

Garage enlargement
for year-round
equipment

2015 Deadline
for cottage wells