

Woman's Club plans tour of homes

Geneva Woman's Club will sponsor a tour of homes Wednesday, followed by tea at the club.

The event is open to the public and tickets may be purchased from club members, or at the homes. Mrs. Robert A. Smith is chairman of tickets.

The homes of Miss Regina Sweeney at 143 William St., Mr. and Mrs. William O. Warder at Snug Harbor on West Lake Rd., Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacNaughton at Nicholas Woods and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gracey on the Canandaigua Rd., will be toured between 1 and 4 p.m. Tea will be served from 2 to 5 p.m.

Mrs. Guy F. Bowles is general chairman of the event. Mrs. James Wethey is chairman of the tea, assisted by hospitality committees from each of the Woman's Club's six departments.

The home of Miss Regina Sweeney stands on the land that was part of the Pulteney-Gorham tract. It was deeded by the Pulteney estate in 1844 to Henry Ramsey. The Greek Revival house which now stands on the lot was probably built in the fourth decade of the 19th century since it reflects the popular architecture of this period.

The capitols on the four columns on the main house and the three smaller pillars on the wing are Greek Doric design.

The house changed hands five times and was deeded to William Vrooman in 1880 and sold in 1890 to Mrs. Honora F. Sweeney, the mother of Miss Regina Sweeney who now lives there.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. William O. Warder is at Snug Harbor on West Lake Rd. It is a new ranch type house on the lake, built for year round living. The house was planned so to have two front doors.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacNaughton is on the property known as Nicholas Woods. The property was purchased in 1961 from the estate of A.G. Lewis. The purchase of the woods was prompted by the desire to create a home directly from the materials at hand. Because of the location, the house needed to be rustic Early American to show strength and soundness as if its foundations sprung from the roots of these massive trees which once stood where the house is now located.

The logs for the house were cut from the property and seasoned for a year. The walls are of white pine, vertical siding is oak, plank floors also are oak, completely hand pegged with walnut pegs. The kitchen cabinets are cherry. The inside doors are white pine.

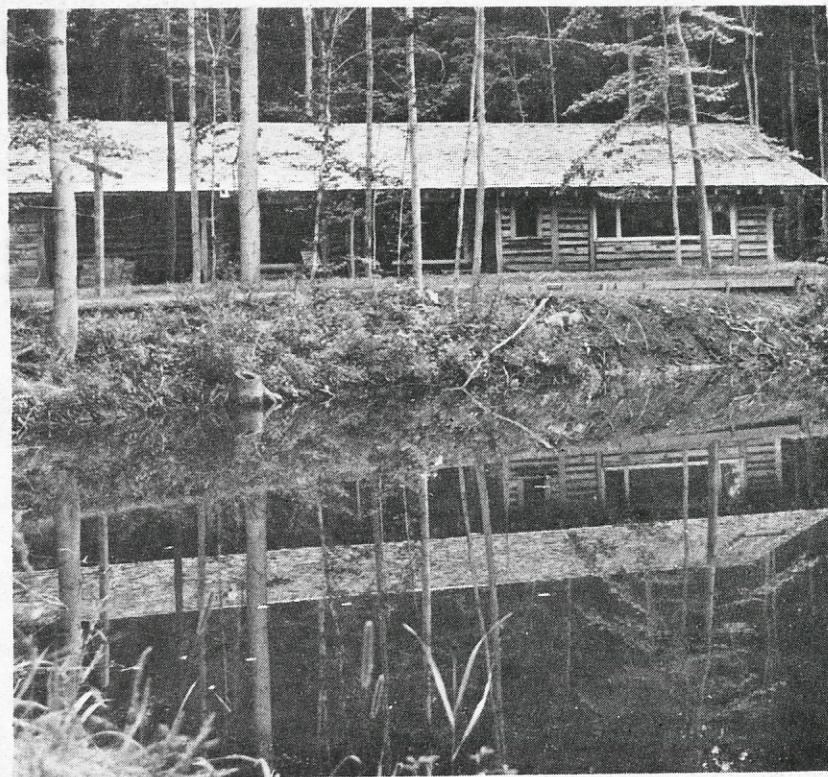
The plans were designed by Mr. MacNaughton and nearly all the work was done by the family.

"The Cobblestones", as the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gracey is called, was built in 1848 by Thomas Barron, well known farmer and orchardist of that time.

The porticoed Greek Revival mansion with its balanced, recessed cumbered wings is one of the finest cobblestone houses in existence. It is preserved in its original state.



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gracey



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacNaughton

The unusually fine cobblestone work of front and sides, consisting of carefully selected red sandstone cobbles gathered from the shores of Lake Ontario, is executed with a precisely moulded round mortar strip between the cobblestone rows. This technique is in perfect accord with the elegant Ionic portico and carved details of doors and windows. The finely chiseled solid stone members are of the best work executed at that time. The portal is framed by an egg and dart moulding. The door fittings are German silver.

The gracious front entrance boasts a

three inch beveled door, flanked on either side by the original glass windows. The woodwork is particularly interesting because of the small cornice erected over each door and window.

Hostesses for the homes are: Sweeney — Mrs. John C. Bell, Mrs. James S. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Warren Skinner.

Warder — Mrs. Robert B. Spencer, Mrs. Francis Caravita and Mrs. Henry Clark.

MacNaughton — Mrs. Joseph Parrish, Mrs. Thomas Baroody, Mrs. Stan H. Chizinski and Mrs. Robert Smith.

Gracey — Mrs. R. James Milne, Mrs. Frank Field and Mrs. Harold Bartlett.