

Dear Friends:

Hello from Lake of the Woods and New Moon Lodge. Our sincerest wishes go out to all of you nice people for a very wonderful, healthy and happy 1981. May the good Lord bless each one of you in a very special way this year. Our twenty-fourth year coming up, my, where has the time gone? But as we look back over our lives and think of the many nice people we have met and enjoyed having with us at New Moon Lodge, we count our many blessings and thank each one of you for your friendship and love, that has made our business and lives a success.

This morning it was twenty below zero, and sunny, such a beautiful winter wonderland. The lake is frozen over and covered with snow. Most of you never see it like that, but we love it. When I stand at the window and look out I think of another season when the skies are clear, the breeze warm and soft, sunshine, green trees, birds singing overhead and a boat with two people and a guide fishing and absorbing all that beauty to take home to a much different and busy life. It's good to get away and relax and enjoy this kind of vacation, and we are so very happy that you do, and we look forward to having you with us again this summer.

#### EVENTS FROM 1980

It was a busy year for us. We moved out to the island about April 29, and went to work on the cabins, did a lot of renovating, and just kept busy right up to the arrival of the first guest on May 14th. The low water caused problems, seems that it kept Lloyd and the boys building and rebuilding docks. Then there are always those things you plan to do and they have to wait another year, but we'll get there.

#### SPORTSMAN AWARD

Mr. Clifford Karl of Free Port, Ill., won the free vacation for two when he landed a 33# Muskie on July 17th, with guide Larry Brusven. Congratulations Cliff, it's our pleasure to award this gift to you. It was, without a doubt, an exciting vacation for this group of six fellows, (Jack Harish as their leader) as they caught four Muskies, three in one day and one the following day, ranging in sizes - 15#, 19# and 26#. Other Muskies caught were Gene Sari - 23#, Jerry Smith - 24# and Dr. Royce - 12#. And there were others caught too, which we did not keep track of as we had already had that size on the board.

#### NEWS FOR 1981

This season the sportsman award will go to the one catching the largest Northern Pike.

Our plans for this year are for some new boats, and hopefully we will get the work done in my kitchen that we had hoped to do last year, but time ran out, and we felt that the cabins needed it more. There is always lots to do and we just continue to do as much as we can to keep the place the way we like to have it for you.

#### OUR FAMILY

Our children are fast growing up, and we are most grateful for each day we have them with us, and we don't know what we would do without the boys helping so much.

Dwight and Dee are living in their new home, and happiness for them was Christmas 1980 to have hot and cold water. Lloyd and the boys worked hard and long when Lloyd discovered a new well that now supplies both our homes.

Donna worked away from home last summer, trying out her wings. This winter she is between our house and her fiance's home. Who knows where next?

Rocky is in his last year of school and plans to spend the summer back at the island, guiding and helping out wherever needed. He and his friend took a trip last summer to Banff, Alberta, had a great time! They drove Rocky's truck and fixed up the back with a place to camp in.

Lloyd is busy this winter. He plans to put his plane in the shop and completely recover it and paint it all up, plus many other things I have planned for him to do, ha, ha.

#### TIME TO CLOSE

We say goodbye to 1980 with many fond memories of a great year, and truly count our blessings and wonderful times we spent with you nice people. We look forward to 1981 with a positive attitude and are overjoyed with the reservations that we already have. It's going to be a great season. As I go over our reservation book and see the names, I think of the fun it will be knowing you plan to be with us this summer. We still have a few openings, so give us a call, we love to hear from you. Thanks again for joining us at New Moon Lodge. Our Family and Staff join us in welcoming you back again.

The Moens

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