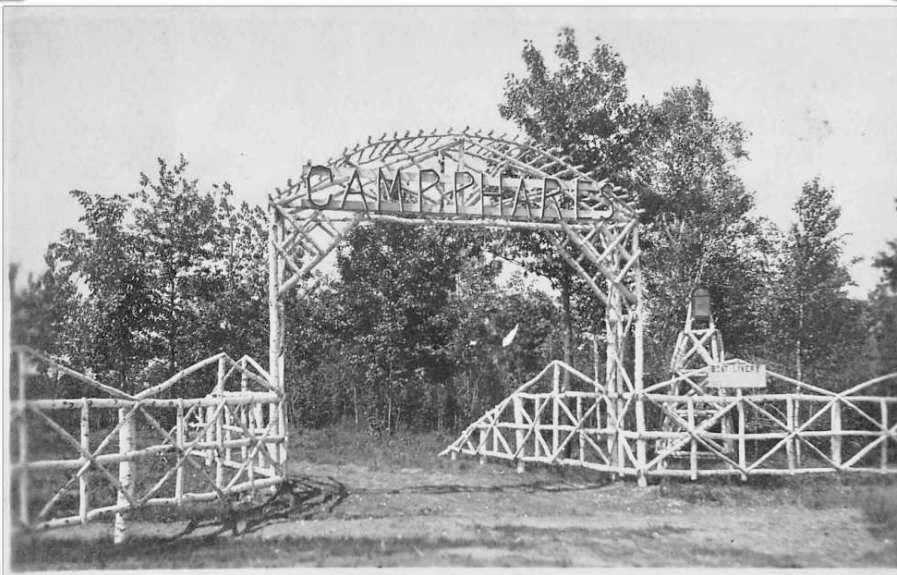




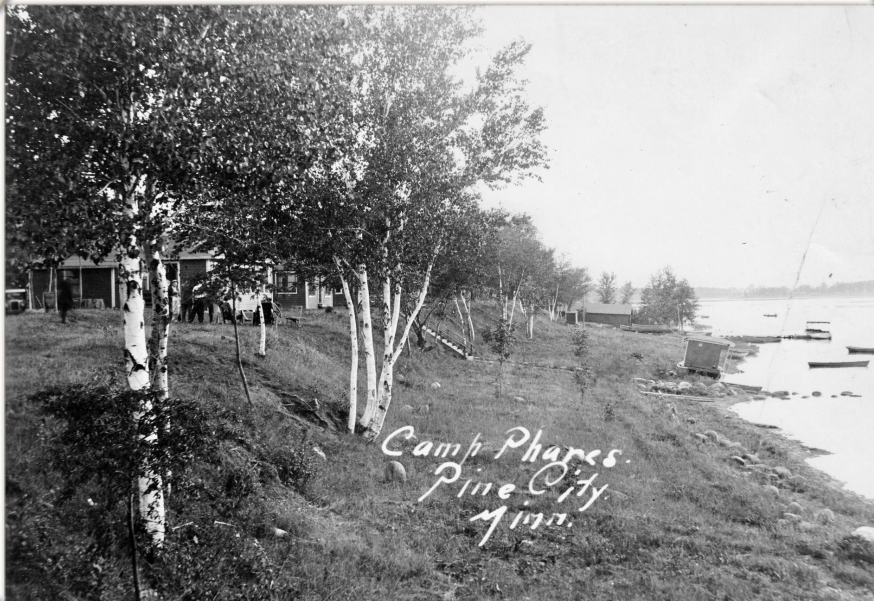
FROM OUR FILES: Camp Phares



BIRCH GATE CONSTRUCTED BY ELMER POGUE

Photo from PCAHA Collection

George Washington Phares moved to Pine City believing that Cross Lake was destined to be a resort spot. He built four cottages on the east side of Cross Lake near the Chengwatana Dam.



*Camp Phares
Pine City
Minn.*

Photo courtesy of Dorothy Glasow

PHARES HAS IDEAL PLACE

That George Phares believes that Cross Lake has a future as a summer resort is evidenced by the fact that he has constructed 4 cottages on the east side of the lake, near the Chengwatana Dam.

The cottages are all electric lighted and furnished complete and each has a large glazed and screened porch. Ice and service is also furnished to the renters.

Mr. Phares plans to operate first class summer resort. His tenants will be families from the Twin cities or other points who wish for a nice, quiet, congenial place to spend the summer. No roudyism of any kind will be tolerated.

He has purchased 2 launches 4 rowboats from Al Ausmus and has added 7 more boats and plans on having 30 all told. The boats are for the use of the general public and will be rented at 25c per hour or \$1.50 per day. Cottages are for rent at \$20 and \$25 per week including boat. Mr. Phares has also rented the Killgore house.

Cross Lake is well stocked with the following fish which are waiting to be caught: silver bass, large mouth black bass, small mouth bass, rock bass, pike, perch, pickerel, channel cat, bull heads, sunfish, crappies and sturgeon. Those wishing fly casting can find plenty of small mouth bass in the snake river below the dam, walking distance from the cottages.

The artistic birch fence and arch in front of the cottages and the building of same sets off the new summer resort. Credit for this work goes to Elmer Pogue who has charge of the building.

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George Phares outfitted the place with a variety of boats. They were available for the general public to rent at 25¢ an hour or \$1.50 a day. The cottages included a boat and rented for \$20 and \$25 dollars a week.

At the end of the 1929 season there was a action sale at Camp Phares.



Photo courtesy of Jim Blanchard

Public Sale!

The following Personal Property will be sold at Public Auction at

CAMP PHARES

2 miles east of Pine City, on Cross Lake, commencing at 10 a. m. sharp on

Saturday, October 19th

HOTEL FURNITURE AND FIXTURES

30 Bed Springs and Mattresses
50 Chairs, Leather and Upholstered
25 Rockers
15 Settees
5 Morris Chairs
18 Hotel 44x44 White Oak Tables
72 Dining Chairs, Oak
5 Coal Ranges
5 Kerosene Ranges, practically new
Kitchen Cook, 3-burner, gasoline
6 Ice Boxes
4 Wood Heating Stoves
2 Coal Heating Stoves
40 Pair Pillows
35 Comforters
3 Pair Wool Blankets
20 Pair Cotton Blankets
Sheets

Pillow Cases
Bed Spreads
45 Small Rugs
10 Large Rugs
Emerson Piano (Orchestration)
Victrola and Records
4 Piano Lamp Standards
Two-Tub Electric Washer
Thor Electric Mangle
New Fairbanks-Morse Water System—
Electric
3 Library Tables
Ivory Twin Bed Room Set—2 Beds, Dresser, Tables, Chairs
Dressers Washstands
Window Shades and Curtains
All Kinds of Dishes and Cooking Utensils
200 Knives, Forks and Spoons

And a number of other articles too numerous to mention

Boats and Tackle

2 Extra Good Outboard Row Boats
14 Clinker Row Boats
1 Caille Outboard Motor
Poles Minnow Pails

Miscellaneous Items

1 1-2 h. p. Monarch Engine and Jack
1 Platform Scale
1 Grindstone and frame

FREE LUNCH SERVED AT NOON

TERMS: All sums of \$10 and under Cash. On sums over \$10, time will be given to June 1, 1930, on approved notes, at 7 per cent interest. No property to be removed until settled for. Everything sold "As is."

GRACE PHARES WILSON, Owner

W. A. DUNBAR AND SAM OLSON, Auctioneers

N. PERKINS, Clerk

The auction sale was so large it had to be continued the following week.

Camp Phares Auction Sale!

To Be Continued on

Saturday, Oct. 26

COMMENCING AT 1 O'CLOCK P. M. SHARP

Owing to the large amount of property to be sold, it was impossible for the auctioneers to reach it all at the sale last Saturday, and there are **HUNDREDS OF OTHER ARTICLES** yet to be offered for sale, including Dishes, Cooking Utensils, Chairs, Tables and a lot of other Furniture

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Then George Phares leased the Bede house on the west side of Cross Lake. He made plans to open it as a summer resort. He apparently also called this location Camp Phares.

In 1932 he had another large auction. This time he got out of the resort business for good.

**GEORGE PHARES
 RENTS BEDE HOUSE**

George Phares, who has operated the Camp Phares summer resort on Cross lake the past few years, has leased the J. Adam Bede home in Pine City on the west shore of the lake and has already taken possession.

Mr. Phares plans on operating a summer resort at his new location. He plans on residing in St. Paul during the winter but will spend part of his time here getting ready for opening next spring.

PINE POKER
 OCTOBER 31, 1929

Private Sale!

COMMENCING

Thursday, April 14
 The Entire Contents of Camp Phares

LOCATED ON J. ADAM BEDE PLACE
Discontinuing Summer-Resort Business

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| 10 Clinker Row Boats | Twin Bed Room Suite |
| 1 Large Heater | 4 pc. Mahogany Bed Room Suits |
| 16-ft. Launch | 9 pc. Dining Room Set |
| Hot Water Heater and Range Boiler | 94 in. Oak Dining Table, 8 Chairs Dishes |
| 6-hole Electric Range | Glassware Silverware |
| 4-hole gasoline pressure Stove | Kitchen Utensils |
| Regular Baking Oven, 3x3, 5 ft high | 2 Parlor Suites |
| Electric Mangle | 2 Pianos, good shape & sound |
| Hot Point Vacuum Cleaner | 80 good pillows |
| 2 Electric Fans | A Lot of Dining Chairs |
| 15 Card Tables | A Great Many Other Articles |
| 2 Tub Electric Washers | Too Numerous to Mention. |

GRACE PHARES WILSON

OWNER

PINE POKER
 APRIL 14, 1932

**BIG SALE NOW ON
 Contents of Camp Phares**

LOCATED AT PINE CITY
 ON J. ADAM BEDE PLACE

- Boats, Bedding, Dishes, Silverware, Glassware
 Parlor, Bed Room and Dining Room Furniture
 Electric Range, Mangle and Washer
 2 Extra Good Pianos, Cheap
 Large Lot of Good Feather Pillows
 Odd Lot Dining Chairs
 Great Many Articles Too Numerous to Mention

GRACE PHARES WILSON

OWNER

PINE POKER
 APRIL 21, 1932



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H. H. Silsbee operated the original Camp Phares as Pine Camp. In 1931 he added a dance pavilion to the location.

NEW PAVILION TO OPEN AT PINE CAMP

Mr. H. H. Silsbee, proprietor of Pine camp on the east shore of Cross lake, has just completed extensive repairs to the Camp and added new equipment.

The newest addition to the Camp is a fine pavilion which will be open on July 4th, when a grand opening dance will be held. It has a fine hardwood floor, with private booths on the sides for refreshments and lunches. The booths are equipped with marble topped tables and furnished with the latest styles in booth furnishings. Dances will be given throughout the summer months and also during the winter. A Minneapolis orchestra has been obtained for the opening dance and the best of music will be had for all dances.

It is the aim of Mr. Silsbee to make the Camp the Amusement Park for Pine City and vicinity and he invites everyone to come and visit and inspect the camp. Pine Camp was formerly called Camp Phares and many will remember it by that name.

PINE POKER
JUNE 25, 1931

OPENS SUMMER RESORT AT FORMER BEDE PLACE

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Reed, who have taken a five year lease on the J. Adam Bede property on Cross lake, moved their household goods up from the Twin cities Sunday and are busy getting settled this week. They plan on operating an up-to-date summer resort and will make considerable improvements to the property. The bathing beach will be put in first class shape and the grounds will be beautified. They will cater to lodge and other organization parties, social gatherings and card parties. Meals will be served and they will specialize on Sunday chicken dinners. The resort will be known as "Len Haven."

Mr. Reed is an ex-serviceman and is a member of the American Legion and the Forty & Eight. He is a past adjutant of Bearcat Post No. 504 of Minneapolis and a past state president of the Rainbow Division Veterans. Mrs. Reed is a daughter of Mrs. Harder of Pine City.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed were accompanied to Pine City by Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Gadbois, who will be associated with them at the summer resort.

Mr. and Mrs. George Phares, who have operated the Bede property the past two or three years as Camp Phares, are undecided as to future plans but may open a place along the highway.

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MAY 5, 1932

Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Reed took over the second Camp Phares location, operating a resort called Len Haven.

And George Phares moved to Sturgeon Lake where he ran a restaurant and was postmaster.

George Phares Called to Rest

George W. Phares, former Pine City resident and postmaster at Sturgeon Lake since 1936, passed away at the Moose Lake hospital last Saturday, after a short illness. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Sturgeon Lake village hall, Rev. David S. McGuire officiating.

Mr. Phares first came to Pine City about 20 years ago, when he established and built up Pine Camp on the east side of Cross lake. He later moved to Sturgeon Lake, where they operated a restaurant until 1936, when he was appointed postmaster.

Surviving are his widow, one daughter, Mrs. T. H. Wilson, St. Paul; one son, Lt. George W. Phares, Jr., Cheyenne, Wyoming, and two grandchildren.

PINE POKER PIONEER
MARCH 15, 1945



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