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Hi Folks!

Well this has been some winter hasn't it! Word is this has been the worst one in history, and no one was spared.

There isn't a whole lot to report on but I do imagine most of you were contacted regarding the new proposal made to the First Nations regarding the land claim. Both the Federal and Provincial Government felt it was a good deal, however the people concerned do not think so. The new agreement is 40,000 acres of crown land north of Blind River and \$13,000,000 dollars. This new proposal will still effect our lake, and there are 7 cottages that will be in the proposed boundary.

The Algoma Action Committee has retained a law firm in Sault Ste. Marie, without the benefit of Government funding, to represent people who still are effected. The intent of this case is to redress the iniquities this case has caused by the tentative agreement and to stop the settlement until its validity can be proven in court.

The general consensus of most citizens is that they are not adequately represented by either Government Representatives, and therefore there should be funding for the court case.

It is with regret we announce the passing of Dick Scott on 10 April 1994. The sympathy of all the Association members is extended to the Scott family.

I also received a letter from James Burling advising me his Mother had died on the 1st. of November at the age of 94. She was the oldest cottager on our lake, She and her husband started coming to the lake in 1936. Our sympathy is extended to her family as well.

At the annual meeting in July we discussed the possibility of forming a water Management Committee and would like to advise one was formed, and Frank Lee, Fred Fitch, and Ted Thiel consented to be a part of it. Mr Lee has done a study over the winter months and a letter has been sent to the Ministry requesting a meeting in May.

The annual meeting of the Association will be held on 17 **July 1994** at Roy's Northland and hope to see everyone there. Remember dues were raised to \$ 35.00 last year.

The docks have been subject to alot of abuse this winter, and I am sure when the ice goes out there will be major repairs that will have to be completed. I contacted the Ministry to see if we could stop the truck traffic on the lake, but were advised because this is a public launch we could nothing about it.

