

# August 2010

**Upcoming Breakfast:  
September 5th**



## **Breakfast News**

This summer's July breakfast was a big success! We are so fortunate that so many people in our community support us by coming to eat breakfast! Thank you!

There were some questions as to the dates of the three scheduled breakfasts. At the beginning of the season, we deliver fliers to most of the houses in the area as well as post signs in the campgrounds, but we still had people who didn't know the dates. So we have decided to put up an additional sign in the front of the center that will list the dates of the 3 breakfasts.

Last year, the griddle that Bobby Young had let us borrow for many years finally broke. The Center purchased a second hand griddle which we used last summer, but it started to act up. Three days before this July breakfast, it had to be rushed down to a place in Schenectady. The shop was kind enough to fix it in such short notice so now our griddle works perfectly!

We had four old refrigerators in the Center. It wasn't a very efficient system, so we sold three of them and replaced them with a large commercial refrigerator that we bought from Taggart's Store.

The money that we make from our breakfasts has made these improvements possible. So, again, thank you for being hungry and joining us for breakfast!

## **Bottle Drive**

The bottle drive will continue right through Labor Day weekend.



Please consider bringing us your empty cans and bottles. Just drop them off behind the Center.

All the money we raise with the bottle drive will go to help pay for our new roof!

Thank you for your donations!

## **Center Improvements**

Now that we have a new green roof, we will be painting the trim a matching green!



## **T Shirts & Sweatshirts For Sale**

Don't wait until Labor Day to buy your Fish House shirts and sweatshirts. They are being sold right here at the front door at every breakfast!

## **Boat Safety Classes**

Check the sign in front of the Center for the next boat safety class!



## Then and Now

Percy Orton was the son of Dr. Darius Orton. He was born in Fish House in 1871 and was raised in the house up on Shew Hill, where the Newton's now live. Percy worked at General Electric, but he was very involved in this community. He was the town historian and was also on the Broadalbin School Board. The Presbyterian Church ( the brick church just up Fish



**The store in the 1930's**

House Rd on the right) closed its doors in 1917. Percy and his wife, Margaret (Rhodes) bought the church's parsonage (which is the white building to the right of the church) several years later and lived in it. They then built a small building next to it on the corner of Fish House Rd and CR 110 and turned it into a small store.

They sold gas and bait and rented out boats. They also sold refreshments and candy.

Percy would organize large fishing parties out of NYC. His fishing guide, Stubb Mussen would take them out onto the lake. Stubb caught a huge northern pike one year and Percy had



**The bay, in front of the store. Notice all the row boats**

it stuffed and it hung on the wall of the store. It was reported to be the largest one ever caught.

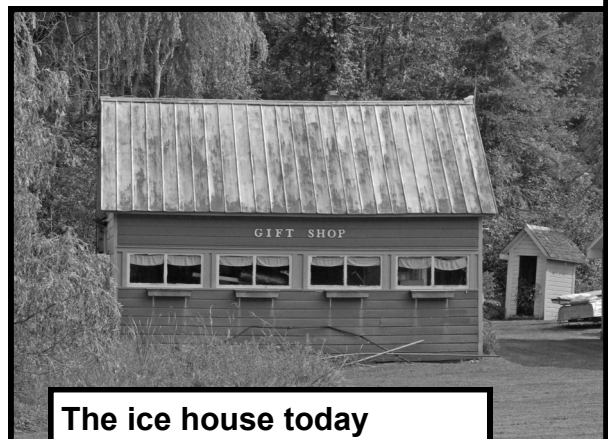
Today the store ( now used as a work shop) is owned by Dr. Detweiler and his and his wife Arden. They live across the street in the brick house. This summer, their son, Sam, is busy scrapping off the old paint and painting it.



**The store today**

Percy Orton would sell ice (that he cut out of the lake) in his store. He would store the ice in his ice house which is located just south of the corner of Fish House Rd and CR 110.

Percy Orton died in 1949.



**The ice house today**