

Memories Booklet



Hervida 4-H Camp, Inc. Waterford, OH

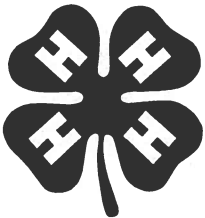


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History

THE DREAM CONTINUES

By Alpha Ralston

Camp Hervida, the summer retreat for Washington County's 4-H members, will celebrate its 75th Anniversary this summer (1997). The camp is located on 202 acres of land about four miles south of Waterford at the intersection of Township Roads 107, 108 and 172.

Author Alpha Ralston was a 4-H camper in the late 1920s and 1930s. Her children were campers in the 50s, 60s and 70s, and her grandchildren enjoyed Camp Hervida in the 1980s and 90s. Mrs. Ralston has also attended Women's Camp for a number of years. She credits the Washington County Extension Office for making this article possible by giving her access to former histories and the minutes of the Camp Hervida Board.

To "Make the Best Better" is our motto, and nowhere has it been shown more successfully than in the camp we have today in Washington County, a pioneer in the field of 4-H camps.

Camp Hervida is the culmination of the dream of John D. Hervey, County Agent. In 1921, he suggested a 4-H Club camp, believing that boys and girls needed training in leadership and recreation, as well as project work. The plan of a program for both boys and girls was unique in Washington County and in the state of Ohio. The first camp was held near Waterford Grange Hall where the girls slept. The boys slept in a nearby barn. Activities such as campfire, vespers and meals were held between the two sites.

In 1922, a site was leased on the muddy fork of Wolf Creek and this was the beginning of the first permanent 4-H camp in Ohio. Tents were used for cooking, sleeping, and the dining hall. A committee of campers (Mrs. F.C. McGill, Ruth Thomas, Mrs. C.E. Lawton, and Dean Ellis) discussed a permanent name for our camp. While they peeled potatoes, husked corn and washed dishes, appropriate names were discussed. They decided upon "Hervida", a contraction of the name Hervey and Ida, for Mrs. Ida Hervey. It was felt this name would honor the Herveys and always remind the people of Washington County of the inspiration and help Mr. and Mrs. Hervey had given so many young people.

The kitchen was built in 1923 and a lodge was



built in 1924 for sleeping quarters. The latter was named "Louvida" for "Grandma" and Mrs. Ida Hervey. In 1924, Women's Camp was established with an attendance of 124. Except for the war years, women have enjoyed planning programs, learning crafts, meeting old friends and making new ones, and living together for a weekend each summer.

The early history of Camp Hervida is very scarce. Some information is in histories of the camp as written in 1971 and perhaps earlier. Mainly it is in the hearts of former campers. Until 1940 when the Camp was incorporated the best record is found in a note book which lists campers for most years from 1925 to 1979. It also gives an indication of the size and different camps held.

The first camp at the present site was held in 1922. This camp was on 13 acres rented from a Mr. Sheldon. Swimming took place in Wolf Creek down stream from the camp. A dam was built across the creek, the deeper pool above the dam being for swimmers and the one below it for waders. The life-guard stayed on the dam and blew a whistle so we could get with our buddies. Then he counted everyone and told us to go back to the water.

Sleeping was in tents and most of the early campers slept on straw ticks. Campers brought their ticks from home and stuffed them with straw provided at camp. (The straw usually held its share of chiggers.) Water for the camp came from a well. It was heated in five gallon lard cans over an outdoor fire. Each camper brought his own wash pan to carry water back of his tent to wash.

Cooking was done in a small kitchen located about where the present kitchen is located. The dining hall was an open shed with a tin roof. Campers washed their dishes in hot water carried from the lard cans.

Vespers was near where the bird blind now is. This was a natural site which lent itself to an effective program. NO TALKING was the rule as we went to vespers. Campfire was held near where the current flagpole stands. Campfire programs were a fun time with singing, stunts, and small comedies.

Club advisors usually accompanied their members to camp and thus provided the counselors. Different tents were assigned to duties each day. Everything from campfire, vespers, dish washing, helping the cooks, and camp cleanup was included. The camp program was varied with lectures, crafts and fun and games included each day. The Hervida Herald was printed each day to help us learn more about our fellow campers.

In 1940, the camp was incorporated and the original thirteen acres was purchased. There were twenty-seven members on the camp board, with a five-member board of directors. At that time the permanent buildings were kitchen, dining hall, lodge and toilets.

The first 4-H camp was held in 1922. Women's camp began in 1924,

and Men's camp in 1942. In 1944 an older youth camp was held. Junior Camp was first listed in 1950 and in 1960 a second week of Junior Camp was held. In 1964 Intermediate camp was listed instead of the second week of Junior Camp. Morgan County has been a part of Camp Hervida since 1929, sometimes included with Washington County's camp and later with their own week of camping.

Since 1949, the camp site has been rented to other counties, church groups, outdoor education camps, band camps, Easter Seals, scouts, YMCA, family reunions, business outings and school reunions. It is in use from early May until October.

Land purchases over the years are interesting. The original 13 acres was purchased in 1940 for \$300; 28.5 acres were purchased for \$1,300 in 1948; 41.2 acres were purchased for \$800 in 1955; 2.39 acres were purchased for \$60 in 1962; and in 1989 two plots were purchased -- 10.56 acres for \$8500 and 107 acres for \$27,000.

In 1942 plans were made for a swimming pool in the creek known as Humphrey Run that flows through camp. This was constructed for \$600. The pool was unsuccessful due to its location (no sun) and because of flooding after hard rains.

In 1945, REA Electric was available at the camp. The first cabin was built in 1947. By 1949 there was a total of nine cabins and today there are twenty-one cabins plus a nature center and an activities building. The craft hall was built in 1952. In 1956 a swimming pool was built, and in 1977 a recreation hall was completed. Most of the labor and cost of construction materials were donated by individuals and business firms. The present dining hall was dedicated June 4, 1967 and named in memory of Lloyd S. Stacy.

In 1985, two Youth Conservation Corps Camp buildings were given to the camp by Wayne National Forest. One building is now used as an activities building and the other as a nature center. In 1987, a covered deck addition was added to expand the use of the nature center. Again volunteer labor from Washington County residents and donations of materials from businesses made the completion of these buildings possible.

By 1994, new boys' and girls' rest rooms had been completed with flush toilets and showers. Most of the buildings are handicap accessible.

A personal note -- the present-day Camp Hervida has the same name as it had in the 1920s and 1930s when I was a camper, and the gate is in the same place but those are about the only things that are the same.

Where are the tents, the outside fire for heating water in five gallon lard cans (both for washing dishes and washing campers)? The water used to be pumped by hand from a well. In back of each tent was a washstand, or shelf, to hold the wash pan filled with water carried from the center of the camp.

Where is the tent full of straw that was located out near the flag pole? We filled our bed ticks with straw; yes, straw ticks (with chiggers) on slats was the kind of beds we had. Later many of us had camp cots. A lantern was hung near the front of each tent for light.

The kitchen in those days was small and the dining hall open on all sides. Swimming was in Wolf Creek, down near where the lagoon is now.

Every morning after the trumpet played reveille, we did exercises with Mr. VanderPoel. Then came flag raising and breakfast. The camp program varied; C.C. Lang from the Ohio State University Extension often came to camp to speak to the older youth while the younger campers had stories with an advisor. Circle games, crafts and swimming completed the day. One year Bruce Tom from O.S.U. taught crafts and recreation.

Vespers took place near where the duck blind is today. It was a natural area where the audience faced downward toward those who were presenting the program. A quiet time was observed from the time we left the camping area until we returned. Campfire was in the area near the flag pole. Each day a different group of campers was in charge of vespers and campfire.

Today there are cabins, a swimming pool, recreation building, crafts hall, and nature center. The kitchen has a gas stove, cooler and dishwasher. The dining hall is screened and the rest rooms have flush toilets and showers.

Camp Hervida continues to be an important asset to Washington County and a source of many happy memories for its campers.

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Deceased March 26, 1999

Obituary: Alpha Belle Doak Ralston

Alpha Belle Doak Ralston, 81, of Marietta, died Fri. (Mar 26, 1999) at Marietta Center for Health and Rehabilitation.

She was born Aug. 26, 1917, in Doddridge County, WV, to Ira C. and Pearl B. Gaskins Doak. She was a graduate of Marietta High School and Ohio University. She was a member of Harmar Hill Church of Christ, where she taught Bible class for several years. She was a teacher in Washington County and retired from Marietta City Schools in 1977. She was a 4-H advisor for 41 years with the Oak Grove 4-Fold 4-H Club. She was also a member of Oak Grove Missionary Society, Homemakers Club, Retired Teachers Association, Washington County Historical Society, where she served as secretary for a number of years, and the Grange.

She is survived by four sons, Lester Ralston and his wife, Betty, of Nashville, TN., Richard Ralston and his wife, Marie, of Marietta, Alan Ralston and his wife, Pat, of Marietta and Carl Ralston and his wife, Monica, of Shoreview, MN.; two daughters, Adeline Bailey and her husband, Mike, of Walkersville, MD., and Margaret Webster and her husband, Tom, of Belpre: 11 grandchildren, Doug and Kathy Bailey, Lara, Timothy, John, Ann, Lance and Seth Ralston, Andrea Adkins and her husband, Jeff and Andrew and Martha Webster; one great-granddaughter, Kelsey Adkins; one brother, Robert Doak and his wife, Phoebe; two sisters-in-law, Twila Doak and Hazel Lockhart; and one aunt, Lola Raines. She was preceded in death by her husband, Chester A. Ralston, who died Jan. 26, 1992. They were married June 10, 1943. Also preceding her in death were her parents and one brother, Howard Doak.



1977

Alpha Ralston sits in the canteen registering attendees at Hervida Homecoming on June 14, 1997

Services are at 2:30 p.m. Monday at McClure-Schafer Funeral Home in Marietta with Evangelist Bob Vincent officiating. Burial is in Putnam Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 p.m. Sunday until time of services.

The family will be present from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday and for one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Camp Hervida Board, 206 Davis Ave., Marietta Ohio 45750 or to Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department, Oak Grove Lane, Marietta, Ohio 45750.

LETTER FROM J. D. HERVEY TO CLUB MEMBERS

July 22, 1921

Dear Club Member:

As you may already know plans are being made to hold a five day camp of the club members in the county, starting Monday, August 8th and closing Friday, August 12th. The girls' camp will be in the Waterford Grange Hall on Wolf Creek about one and one half miles west of Waterford and will be in charge of Mrs. Frank McGill, Mrs. Chas. Lawton, Miss Alice Malster and Mrs. J.H. Laflin. The boys will camp in tents about one half mile down Wolf Creek in pasture owned by Mr. Danford, and will be in charge of Rev. Harvey of Vincent. A program of sports and games, swimming, hikes, lectures, studies of nature, some agricultural, home making and health discussions and the evening camp fire will take up the time. Prof. O.C. Croy of O.S.U. will spend part of the time with us and others will assist. The work of the camps will be carried on by squads. At the boy's camp Mr. J.H. Place, leader of the Decatur Pig Club has agreed to have charge of the cooking and assist Rev. Harvey as leader.

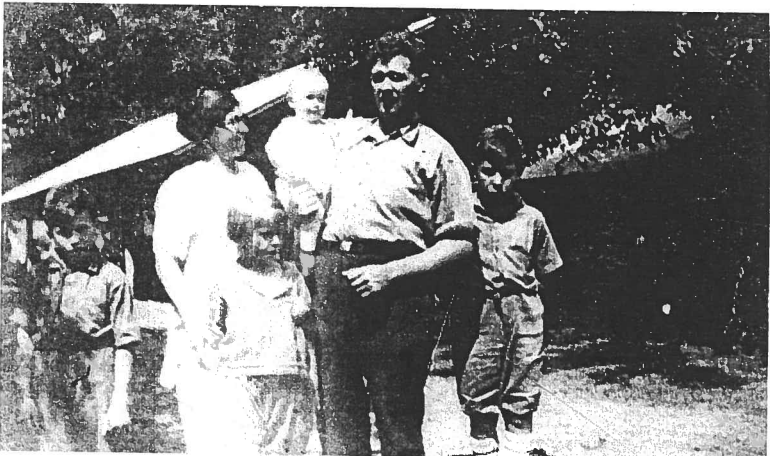
All club members in good standing in their club are eligible to attend these camps. Each should bring blankets or comforts and pillows for sleeping, and a plate, drinking cup, oat meal dish, knife, fork and spoon, towel, soap, tooth brush, and durable clothing. Girls should wear either bloomers and middies or waists and dark skirts. Boys should wear kaiki or other serviceable clothing and a heavy pair of shoes. Bring bats, balls, gloves, cameras and etc. The minimum cost will be \$1.00 per day. Each should bring a deposit of \$5.00 to help pay for the provisions as they are bought. If any care to bring provisions from home such as bread, potatoes, corn, fruit, eggs, etc., credit will be given at wholesale prices.

We realize that some perhaps cannot attend these camps because of work or of other arrangements. We are trying however, to have everything as satisfactory as possible. The leaders in charge are most capable and will be looking out for the welfare of all. Good drinking water is available and the swimming pools are safe. Discipline will be maintained or the privilege of the camp forfeited. All in all we think you will be in good company and that you will not only enjoy the time spent but that much of real permanent value will be secured.

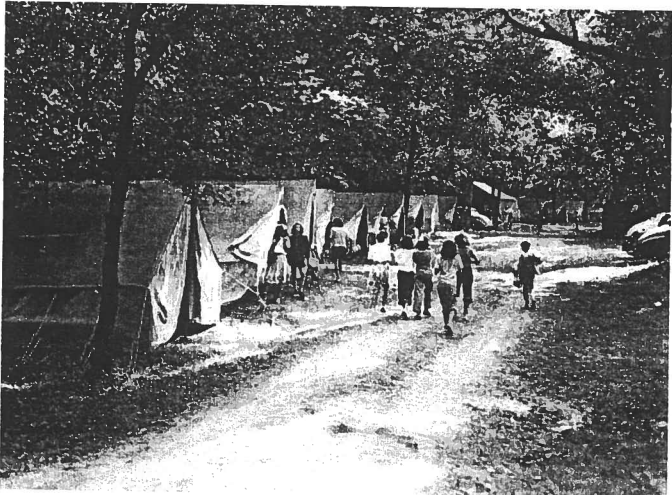
As we must know how many will attend in ample time to complete arrangements, we are requesting those who wish to attend to write me to that effect before August 1st. If any have tents that can be furnished for the boy's camp please inform me also as we have not yet secured a sufficient number.

If you attend the Farm Bureau picnic at Fleming, August 4th, will you meet Mrs. McGill and myself near the entrance of the kiddies playground, at 11:00 o'clock to practice some club songs and yells?

Yours very truly,
J. D. Hervey, County Agricultural Agent



Ida and John Hervey at Camp Hervida with their family. 1925



Until 1947, campers slept in tents along Humphrey's Run. 1946

MARGARET GRAHAM'S DIARY
Entitled: First Camp of Washington County Clubs
August 8 - 12, 1921
Waterford, Ohio

Account of Camp Week at Waterford
August 8th - 12th 1921
Washington County Club Members

Monday, August 8

Left home at 10:30. Arrived at Waterford at 12:00. We ate dinner, washed our dishes, then took a walk down to the boys camp.

Came home and prepared our supper. Ate, washed our dishes, cleaned up and went down to the boys camp and sat around the campfire while we listened to Mr. Hervey talk. We sang several old songs. We came back to the hall and went to bed (but not to sleep) at 9:30.

Tuesday, August 9

Got up at 5:30. Squad 11 prepared breakfast. We washed our dishes. Went out and practiced our getting up exercises directed by Donald Smith.

Later the boys came up and we listened to Mrs. Owen speak. (Her topic was, bad books effect a person just like onions do when you eat them). Then the boys went in swimming in one swimming hole and the girls in another. Mr. Hervey with the girls and Mr. Harvey with the boys.

Squad 1 prepared dinner. We ate, washed our dishes and listened to music on the phonograph in the afternoon. Then before going to campfire we practiced our club songs and yells.

We went to the campfire and listened to Mr. Croy speak. Sang some old songs and then followed the instructions for a stunt which Mr. Croy put on. He divided the girls into 2 squads and the boys into 2 squads. He had each squad follow slips of paper and the first squad (of both girls and boys) back were given a treat. 2 boxes of marshmallows. They toasted them in the coals of the campfire and then treated the crowd. We sang our club songs and gave our different club yells and camp yells.

We started home but before we arrived at the gate 2 boys in sheets came towards us from behind the bushes. We were some frightened but did not run. Came home and listened to music while getting ready for bed. Were in bed at 9:30.

Wednesday, August 10

Got up at 6:00. Squad 2 prepared breakfast. We ate, washed our dishes, practiced our getting up exercises and listened to music while waiting for Mr. Fleming. He did not come so they went in swimming when the regular hour came.

Squad 2 prepared and we (all) ate dinner. We then took a walk over to the boys swimming hole. While we were there we told stories (mostly ghost stories), came back and listened to Mr. Fleming speak. The boys all came up to the hall.

Squad 2 prepared supper. We ate, washed our dishes, then cleaned up to go to the boys camp. Went down there and found that they didn't have their dishes washed. The boys had some fun by throwing straw on us and trying to lasso us. But we all grabbed the rope and had a tug of war against the boys and pulled them down onto the floor, then let go.

We settled down and sang some old songs then gave our stunts. The first squad of girls gave one first. It was "Gathering Nuts". Then one squad of boys. It was "Judging a Horse". Then the second squad of girls. It was "Shepherd of the Hills" and "A Letter From Home". Then the second squad of boys. It was "5 Years In The Future". It told all about the camp we had 5 years ago. Then Mr. Hervey, Mr. Place, Mr. Croy and Mr. Harvey sang two old songs; "Old Black Joe" and "The Church in the Wildwood". We then started home and as we were leaving we sang the new song which the girls made up to the tune of "Good Night Ladies".

Good-night boys,
Good-night boys,
Good-night boys,
We're sorry to leave you now.

Merrily we climb along,
Climb along,
Climb along,
Merrily we climb along,
Across the hills to camp.

As we were coming home we met the ghosts again. Came on home and listened to music while getting ready for bed. Were in bed by 9:30.

Thursday, August 11

Got up at 6:00. Squad 3 prepared breakfast. We ate, washed our dishes and then practiced our getting up exercises. Each morning we learned some new stunts. The girls from Vincent took a walk to Beverly and while they were there we girls played a game of baseball against the boys. "We won."

We went back to camp and the boys took 3 machines and took all of the girls out for a ride. We went about a mile and one half down the road. We ate 3 big melons, came back home and squad 3 prepared dinner. (We were surely ready for it.) We ate, washed our dishes, and then we listened to Mr. Croy's last speech. When he finished his speech he presented to us the silver cup which Washington County won at the Ohio State Fair. We then listened to Mr. B.O. Skinner speak.

They went in swimming at the regular hour. We straightened up the camp and as soon as we had the work done up we went down to see the boys.

It rained all evening but we had a fine time. We listened to Mrs. M.S. Kinnan tell stories. Then had a treat of ice cream. We sat on a large canvas under the big tent most of the evening. Then before going home we all gathered around the campfire and sang all the club songs and gave all the club yells that we knew. Went back to camp and was in bed by 9:30.

Friday, August 12

Got up at 6:00. Squad 4 (my squad) prepared breakfast. We ate and washed our dishes.

The boys all came up and we had our last meeting. The girls had the "getting up exercises" and then we took pictures.

Squad 4 prepared dinner. We ate and washed the dishes. Then we broke camp. Some of the boys and girls started leaving right after dinner and some of them were there by 5:00.

THE CAMP YELL

1. Well! Well! Well!
We have no yell!
But when we yell,
We yell like - !
Yip - si - ki - yi
Wa - ho - wa
Laughing Waters Camp
Rah! Rah! Rah!

2. Rolyboly! Rolyboly!
 Rah! Rah! Rah!
 Laughing Waters
 Laughing Waters
 Hah! Hah! Hah!

WASHINGTON COUNTY YELL

Who are we? Who are we?
 We're progressive club members see.
 1-2-3-4-3-2-1-4, who for?
 What for? What do we stand for?
 Head, Hands, Heart, Health.
 That's what we work for.

OHIO CLUB SONG

We're Ohio sons and daughters.
 Club members gather here.
 Let us welcome one another,
 With a mighty cheer.
 Rah! Rah! Rah!

We can can the beans and the fruit,
 Raise the calves and piggies to boot.
 Hail, Hail! the clubs are here.
 We're in for a fine time now.

Chorus
 O - Ohio; O - Ohio
 Wahoo, Wahoo, for Ohio.
 (Repeat the song)

OUR GREETINGS YELL

Leader> What's the matter of Mr. _____
 He's all right.
 L> Who's all right
 Mr. _____
 L> Who said so?
 We did.
 L> Who are we?
 Washington County Club members.

Followed by Greetings Song

OUR GREETINGS SONG

How do you do Mr. _____
How do you do?
Is there anything that we can do for you?
We'll do the best we can.
We'll stand by you like a man.
How do you do Mr. _____
How do you do.



1961

Road sign made by Wolf Creek Farmers 4-H Club as a community service project.

Memories

“LETTERS” FROM CAMPERS

During the 75th year, campers were asked to share their memories of Camp Hervida.

JUANITA BECKER ULLMANN

1102 Colegate Drive

Marietta, OH 45750

Year of Memory: 1920's

My memories of Camp Hervida:

I can't recall the first year I attended camp but I do remember my dad (Alf Becker) and Pearl Thomas helped build the first kitchen.

Along with our advisor Anne Thomas at earliest took off for camp that year. We slept in tents - they had wooden platforms and we filled ticks with straw for our beds. Took our own wash basins and eating utensils. We got water from the stream for our bathing, can't recall where we got the drinking water. Hung lines from tree to tree to dry our towels and bathing suits.

We took our turn husking corn, cleaning beans - try to help the cook. It was a wood burning stove.

Mr. Hervey took us up to Wolf Creek where we took our swim, by the time we finished the water was muddy.

I enjoyed the campfire every evening. One night we had a bad storm and the water came gushing down the hill through our tents and our suitcases with our clothes were swimming in water. By the light of a lantern hanging on a pole we tried to salvage our possessions. I suppose we finally got dried out.

I remember we made many friends from other clubs. I wrote to many of them during the year.

We have a long history of attending Camp Hervida. First I went, then when he was old enough Philip attended. He had a wonderful time, came home with a dry tooth brush. Then Carolyn went for years and then her daughter Lynn, the summer they were here from Venezuela she joined a club and got to go to camp.

I remember one year Mr. and Mrs. Hervey had a baby during our time at camp. Name and sex I don't recall.

I am enclosing some old pictures, as usual no dates or names.

Written in October 1991 at the request of Mary Jane (DeLano) McInturf



RUTH (HELDMAN) KUNTZ
4216 21st Street NW
Canton, OH 44708
Years of Memory: 1928 or 1929

As I recall, I first went to Camp Hervida about 1928 or 1929. We went to Beverly on the street car and were met there by a car from the camp.

1. slept in the bunk house - double deck beds
2. had a "slop jar" handy for nighttime emergencies - long walk "up the hollow" to the toilets
3. lights were lanterns and flashlights
4. slept on ticks from home filled with straw at the camp
5. washed with cold water in the mornings
6. helped prepare food - peel potatoes etc., helped wash dishes
7. prunes, applesauce, and milk every meal - or so it seemed
8. worked on crafts - laced leather for billfolds
9. went swimming in Wolf Creek (I think)
10. vesper site was "up the hollow" - always an inspirational time - remember singing "Day is Dying in the West" at sundown
11. sang and enjoyed "camper talent" entertainment around campfire
12. after the first year, slept in tents - even more fun - sound of "Taps" signaled "lights out and quiet" - but we still whispered and giggled as much as could get by with
13. snacks were a "No, No" - but usually a few candy bars hidden for "bedtime enjoyment"

We had "penny suppers", ice cream socials, and plays during the summer to help pay our "camping fees". Sometimes we had enough money for three days and sometimes we were lucky enough to be able to stay a full week. It was great!

Written in October 1991 at the request of Mary Jane (DeLano) McInturf



Leo M. Baker
158 Seneca Dr.
Marietta, OH 45750
10/25/1996

I do appreciate your thinking of me and remembering my relationship with Camp Hervida. I have many happy memories of the days I was active with helping to build the program. I enjoyed helping Van (Herb VanderPoel) build cabins, raising funds for the water-sewage system, and the swimming pool.

It was always a fun time for me when I called square dances for the folks at camp. I really enjoyed working with the Junior Leadership. They were top-notch individuals.

I run into older folks every now and then who will smile and say, "Remember the great times we all had at Camp Hervida Activities?" It covered a period of 25 years or more. Camp Hervida is great for Washington and all surrounding counties.

I am 84 years old. They have been good years to me. The years have somewhat changed the activities of my life. I still hope for many more good years for me and my family. But, I am aware that I should limit myself and I do.

It seems best for all concerned that I thank you all for thinking of me. I wish the best for the faithful workers that have made possible the Camp Hervida organization.

Another letter of 6/3/1997:

This is in reply to your request for a letter of experience as an alumni of Camp Hervida. I first attended Camp Hervida about 40 years ago. My father went with me. Remember quite well the day and one night I spent there. We were instructed what bedding, clothing, and camp necessities to bring.

After arriving at camp I got into softball and horse shoe pitching until supper time. We had a good appetite and a real good supper. Eating out in the woods was great! After supper I was busy getting a program for church service that was before breakfast.

It was time then for me to hit the sack. When I got to the cabin down in the valley, it was quite cool when the sun went down. I had pajamas, blankets, etc. I decided to slip out of my shorts and "T" shirt and put on my pajamas. It seemed rather chilly to peel off in the night air. I decided to slip the pajamas over the underwear for warmth. I got into bed and covered up with my blankets. About midnight I began to

feel a little cool. I hopped out of bed and put my trousers and heavy jacket over everything else I had on. That was a wise move. Back in bed I slept snug as a bug in a rug! For many years later when I went to camp I took about all the clothes I had to be sure I always slept well.

This was in the days of Herb VanderPoel, Clarence Wilking, Bob Brown, John Duncan, and Glen Weber. All are gone from the land except Glen Weber and myself. This made me think of the following lines I read this past year.

"We are only together for a little while but we must remember the pleasures and give thanks for the passage."

I have many fond memories of Camp Hervida and the many square dances I called for different camps. I enjoyed helping to build several of the cabins under the help of Herb VanderPoel and fellows from Kiwanis Club. Calling square dances and folk dances for the youth was the greatest hobby I ever had. I surely have many friends now grown up that I worked with at camp. I bump into them often.

Sincerely,
Leo M. Baker

P.S. The first 4-H camp I ever attended was in 1922. I was ten years old. It was held at the Athens County Club just north of Athens. Even though it was 75 years ago, I remember it well. It rained a lot and I got home sick! I still had a good time. We lived in Athens Co. then. Tom Johnson was our County Agent. He was really a nice fellow.

Deceased 1998.



VISIT WITH ELOISE TULLIS

Notes taken by David Byers on 3/9/1997

Eloise was a camper in the 1920's at Camp Hervida. She slept in tents and on straw. She enjoyed swimming in Wolf Creek. One of the activities Eloise did was singing. She has memories of fellow camper Margaret Graham. Her best memory of camp was learning to swim.



DWAIN AND NORMA HULTBERG

241 Peacock Ln.

Follansbee, WV 26037-1043

6/30/1997

Hello to all,

Many thanks for your invitation to attend the meeting at Camp Hervida last June 14. Illness kept us from attending

Kindly send us the date of the yearly 4-H camp at Camp Hervida and we may be able to visit the encampment.

My first attendance was 1929 when John D. Hervey was Washington County extension agent. My mother became a 4-H leader in February, 1923. Her last year was 1948. Her life span was 1866-1950.

Sincerely,
Dwain and Norma Hultberg



Prior to 1945

Open air dining in the early days.

RUTH (GRIBBLE) VARNER
4595 Meredith Road
Yellow Springs, OH 45387
3/17/1997

I first attended Camp Hervida in 1929, did not in 1930, but was there most years until probably 1938 and 1939 when I attended Summer School at Ohio University. Then the last year in 1940. Guy and I were married November 1, 1940. He led the Watertown Boys in 1941.

In 1942 we moved so he could work at Patterson Field near Dayton, Ohio.

In the 1950's when our girls were ready for 4-H, I became an advisor again in Greene County. Completed 25 years as an advisor. Some of the last years were advising two clubs. My husband and I, with three other couples organized the first two 4-H saddle clubs in Greene County in 1960. Guy completed ten years as an advisor.

4-H has always been a very good organization for boys and girls. Glad you are getting "memories".

Another letter of 3/13/1997:

Years of Memory: 1929 thru 1940

Going to camp was the highlight of our year. My sister, Mary Gribble Yost, and I first attended Camp Hervida in 1929. It was our first year in 4-H. We joined the Layman Girls' Club led by Nellie Goddard. The meetings were all held at the home of Mrs. Eva (Clauson) Waggoner. There were twenty girls in the club from ten years old to several who had already finished high school.

The project was Salads and Sandwiches. At each meeting two girls gave demonstrations. one made a salad, the other sandwiches. These were then served as refreshments. Mrs. Waggoner usually served lemonade. My salad was made from my old rooster. Mary made tomato stuffed with homemade cottage cheese.

The exhibit at Barlow Fair was a project book, a poster and a plate of sandwiches. Ours were ground up raisins and peanut butter on brown bread.

When it came time for camp, Mary and I were the only girls to go. We went the second half of the week, staying in the Bartlett Club tent. Two of their girls went home at the middle of the week. Lucy Steele McKain was their advisor.

We had already known Sara Hervey who was our age and soon became acquainted with many others. Two things impressed me were the buddy

system at the swimming hole in Wolf Creek and one of the Vesper services when a group of girls dressed in white and portrayed the parable of The Ten Virgins. Campfire was fun also.

At that time everyone filled his or her straw tick from the big pile of straw up the hill beyond the big iron kettles where water was heated over an open fire. Hot water was reserved for the use of the cook and dish washing. Campers used cold water to wash in.

I believe Joe Place from Cutler was the cook at that time. He was a pleasant man and a good cook. All campers helped with meals in one way or another, washing dishes, setting tables, helping the cook.

Each camper took plate, bowl, cup, silverware and some food such as potatoes and cabbage. Later years the camp supplied these things.

Each county agent and family had a tent. There was a library tent with books. There was a nurses tent. The girls' tents were close to the fence along the little stream. The driveway was in front of these tents. The girls' toilet was upstream and the Vesper site still farther upstream. Boys' tents were on the hill, up from the campfire.

One year a friend and I were taken to camp by her bachelor uncle. There had been a heavy rain so the small streams were running high. In those days there were no bridges over some of the back roads, so cars drove right through the water, fording the creek. At each ford Kathryn and I got out, took off our shoes and socks and pulled up our dress skirts to see how high the water was. I believe it was the third road we tried before the water was low enough to cross. Uncle Dennis had a good time watching us wade.

The last year I attended Camp Hervida was 1940. I went as an adult that year. I had already taught the Primary room at the Barlow Grade School for two years. Some of my past students were now old enough for 4-H. They asked me to chaperon their tent. One of the two 14 year olds in our Layman Club also went. We had a great time.

By 1940 most campers were bringing canvas cots to sleep on, although the straw pile was still there. So were the iron kettles to heat water. The lodge had been built and that was where some of the staff slept. It was a hot week and I felt so sticky and dirty. Ruth Whittington, music teacher and song leader for camp, invited me to come to her room for a bath. I certainly took advantage of the offer, filled my wash pan with warm water and thoroughly enjoyed a good sponge bath.

Perhaps some do not know that Camp Hervida was named for County Agent, John D. Hervey and his wife, Ida. They visited the camp in 1940 while I was there. Arthur H. Smith and Eva M. Kinsey came after Mr. Hervey.

I don't know the date of the first Woman's Camp, but my mother Alma Gribble first attended in 1925, taking our one year old brother, James, with her. They had a great time.

Sincerely,
Ruth G. Varner



VISIT WITH ROBERT DOAK

118 Hanson Drive
Marietta, OH 45750

Notes taken by David Byers on 3/9/1997

Robert Doak was a camper the year of 1932. "We slept in tents on straw beds. Dishes were done in big metal pots. The campers enjoyed swimming in the creek. Our campfire program was held on the hill. One thing we did at the campfire was playing of games. The vesper program in 1932 was held in the area past the dam. Some other activities I enjoyed were nature and crafts. Some of my fellow campers were Charles Ingram, T. Smith, and Bob Musgrave. My favorite camp memory is the fun I had."



RUSSELL & JOAN (SMITH) HUGUS

1900 Old Rushville Rd.
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6/1/1997

Dear Bob Doak and other Camp Hervida Campers:

Thanks for sending the announcement of the Camp Hervida Homecoming. I do regret that previous family plans with relatives from Minnesota will prevent us from attending and reminiscing.

I have such great memories of August days spent at camp with my family and friends. When we first came to camp with our parents, my brother, Dick, and I were too young to participate with the other campers. We had a lot of fun playing in the creek that flowed behind the tents, and hanging out around the kitchen (probably being a nuisance) with that great cook and her son, "Tor". I think he also supervised our daily trips to the swimming hole. I remember him helping me walk through a field of corn stubbles on the way. We were fascinated with the in-ground ice box system.

I recall the delight when the first gas powered refrigerator was delivered. We probably did some crafts in the dining room area. I mostly remember the wooden board games inspired by Bruce Tom. My children and grandchildren have enjoyed versions of these. Another experience that is lost in today's camping was filling the straw ticks for our cots!

Several years ago my brother Jay Birney and I (with our spouses) drove down to reminisce at Camp Hervida. We walked up the path to where we thought vesper services had been held; those services under Eva Kinsey's direction were a special time. I never hear a whip-poor-will call but what I think of evenings at camp and ending the day with skits and singing around the campfire. (We noticed your real swimming pool!) Of course, in time I was participating in these events as a camper, living in a tent with other campers; I think Jay always got to stay on the hill with the other boys.

I'm sure my early good experiences at Camp Hervida led me to doing summer camp counseling jobs and eventually into professional Girl Scouting--before I became a farmer's wife. Oh yes, the final special memory is of Women's Camp. It surely acquainted us with lovely, caring women. I can look at it now from an adult perspective, what a great respite from the farm work that was for those ladies!

Russ and I and our two sons and families have an orchard in Fairfield County east of Lancaster. Thanks for thinking of including the family of Arthur and Virginia Smith in your homecoming.

Sincerely,
Joan (Smith) Hugus



BETTY (O'LINN) POTTMEYER

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Waterford, OH 45786

Years of Memory: 1942 - 1997

My Memory Is...Camping By The Creek. My first experience at Camp Hervida was with three of my friends. We were supposed to be sleeping when someone came along with their flashlight and said we could finish our conversation in the morning.

Later I was an advisor for 20 or so years and attended camp with our children and others for camp clean up, picnics, etc. Our eleven children were all campers at Camp Hervida and also they went to Fort Frye Band Camp several years there.

I loved driving early in the morning to camp when I was a camp cook for several years. It was so quiet and peaceful with a few campers rising early to take a chilly dip at the pool.

One of my favorite memories was cooking for Ohio Valley Kids Stuff - seeing these parents there with their children doing crafts, sharing, caring and praying together. So many children in the world never have an experience like that.

Oh! I can't forget working and enjoying all the dinners we prepared by Camp Board and the many good friends I've met through Camp Hervida.



VISIT WITH DONNA (BERG) BETTS

Route 1 Box 173

Whipple, OH 45788

Notes taken by Teresa Stone on 3/6/1997

Donna first attended Women's Camp with her mother, Icyl (Rowland) Berg when she was less than one year old and still being nursed. Icyl was in a Bartlett Area Club. Icyl was born in 1909 and adding 16 years to that Donna came up with 1925 as the year when Icyl might have first started going to Women's Camp.

Donna has pictures of camping days in the 1920's that were her mother's (Icyl). One picture contains John and Ida Hervey with their four children.

1942 was Donna's first year at camp as a 4-H'er. Bob Glass was the 4-H agent when she camped. She recalled the cooks in the 1940's as being Mrs. Garrett, Rosie Wepler, and Beulah Moyers.

Also, the caretaker in the 1940's was Mr. Green. He was followed by Robert Gribble and then Kenneth Dailey. Donna can remember a black man

coming to camp in his 1930 pick-up truck to get garbage to feed pigs.

Donna helped raise money to build the dam on Humphrey's Run to create a swimming hole. There was a controversy about this location because it conflicted with the Vesper's location. The total amount to be raised was \$500. The dam did not hold water its first year!

Donna was a lifeguard at the Hervida pool in 1968.



RICHARD E. (DICK) McVAY

136 Midland Ave.

Findlay, OH 45840

5/31/1997

It is with very, very deep regrets I must miss the events surrounding the 75th Anniversary of Camp Hervida--the 4-H camp named for John Hervey and his wife, Ida. My wife and I leave June 1, driving to Alaska for approximately two months. Otherwise, we would be there. I shall miss seeing many dear friends made thru 4-H and, especially, Camp Hervida.

It is the 4-H programs and camping experience that I give credit for changing me from a shy and bashful person to one who has grown to enjoy meeting people and establishing many lasting friendships thru the years. Oh, how I enjoy those memories.

Here are a few of my fond memories of Camp Hervida:

- singing around the campfire and the accompanying skits
- going to vespers up the hollow
- the Indian tribes arranged for week long competition
- camp site inspection each day
- the "ole swimming hole" over in Wolf Creek
- that delicious french toast prepared by Stella Garrett & Esther Cornell
- helping to build the first cabins
- the crafts & rope making by Mr. Overholt
- Junior Leadership
- etc, etc.

Many, many thanks to my first advisor, Chuck Ingraham, and all the others, too numerous to mention, who gave me the many opportunities. God bless them all.

Congratulations on this wonderful occasion and, as Bob Hope says, "Thanks for the memories."

I would be very appreciative if you could save me a copy of the program for the festivities along with any commemorative coin, pin, or

whatever. I will stop by the Extension Office sometime in August or September to pick it up and pay for it.

Very Sincerely,
Richard E. (Dick) McVay

Songs for the day:

Tell Me Why

Witchcraft

Beautiful Ohio

Sarasponda

Do Lord, Oh Do Lord (I still sing these occasionally)



ISABEL (LAWTON) BROWN
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Newport, OH 45768
Years of Memory: 1943-'44-'45

This is the thing that 4-H members had to go to if possible. I remember the cold, damp "early mornings", getting some warm water to wash face, etc. After a hot breakfast we were ready to go. One thing not to forget-- "The old swimming hole--Muddy, Muddy, Muddy." I learned what was expected of you in camp and what wasn't. I remember the vespers, campfire, and cleaning up the mess hall especially if any of the boys had to bend so low. Also the chance of flooding in the night! I made many friends - a lot of lasting friendships and some not to be heard from again.

My mother would say to me upon returning from camp, "When you get caught up on sleep, then I'll ask questions."



JANICE (McVICAR) McGREGOR

P. O. Box 166

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4/22/1997

Years of Memory: 1944-1951

My memory is the first time to go away from home for a whole week. We were in tents on cots. We swam in Wolf Creek. All we washed in was a pan. When I got home and washed my hair the water was Wolf Creek mud color! I attended camp until 1951. In 1949 and 1951 I was in Jr. Leadership and was counselor at Camp Hervida. I learned to knit mittens--no less from Mrs. VanderPoel. We all made scarves the first year. Painting on glass was another of my favorite crafts. A friend of mine (Adeline Smith Anderson) always took her clothes in a small dresser, all the comforts of home. I am looking forward to the 75th celebration!



SHIRLEY (LAWTON) ORMISTON

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Years of Memory: 1945-1951

My memories of 4-H Camp are pleasant ones. Raised on a farm, girls had many jobs they were expected to help with so the one week planned for 4-H Camp was really special. Deciding what clothes and personal items to pack and of course airing out the army cot that we used in the tents. The excitement of driving to camp on Rt. 76 (now 339) and turning into the camp grounds through the familiar gate with the wooden sign Camp Hervida and registering with the camp secretary, Eloise Weinheimer and getting our busy schedule for the week. Fond memories of all the fun things we did, such as crafts, camp songs, games, contests, swimming hole, square dancing, campfire, but I especially remember the Vesper services held on a shaded hillside. Walking to the vesper site, after passing a certain tree, we were to be quiet until after the service and walking back past the tree--very impressive. I made many lasting friends. I'm extremely proud that my mother, Janet Lawton, was a counselor at the first girls camp at Waterford Grange Hall. She also was on the committee to name the camp after Mr. Hervey, the extension agent at the time and his wife, Ida, thus Camp Hervida.

MARILYN (WILKING) ORTT

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Years of Memory: 1945-1953

6/7/1997

I camped at Hervida from 1945 to about 1953. My first year was in a tent with cots. One evening there was a very heavy rain and we were instructed to put our suitcases on the tops of our cots (whether to keep our clothes dry or hold down the cots) and assemble in the dining hall which was all quite exciting. Cabins were being built during my camp career but there were years in very large army tents with steel bunk beds where the upper girls' cabins are now.

A day at camp started with dawn dip. Our numbers may have been few but it was a point of pride not to miss it. The most effective way to really wake up was putting on a wet bathing suit (usually the case since nothing ever seemed to dry all week) and walking down the trail with teeth chattering through the tall dew-drenched grasses to Wolf Creek. Pairing off in the buddy system was less complicated than the afternoon swim since there were usually fewer than 10 of us. Nonetheless, the water would become almost as muddy and if we didn't get all the mud out with the cold-water shower, our hair would be stiff all day.

We would be back to camp by the time the bugler played reveille so would join the rest of the campers for flag raising. Breakfast was always heartier than we usually had at home but was also looked forward to because of Harriet Gibson's enthusiastic, everyone-can-sing song leading. After a few songs, everyone was awake and felt only good things could happen all day.

Crafts and classes may have been scheduled for morning but many of us worked on making plastic bracelets from narrow strips of plastic all day long. They would only be worn the first few days after camp but the process did not require thought and kept our hands busy. What Camp Director realized what a good idea that was?

Work on gathering information from the Tribal Scribes and getting out the Hervida Herald was scattered throughout the day. Its distribution was an occasion to compare notes and figure out the initials or What camper was seen.....section. Tribal points were given for participation and for winning sporting events and other recognition was given to whomever helped shuck corn for dinner or made some other extra effort.

Lunch and more singing were followed by quiet time in our bunks. We could converse quietly within the cabin but writing postcards, reading or actually resting was encouraged.

Tribal meetings followed by recreation--softball, volleyball, tetherball (practicing for the tournament toward the end of camp) and swimming--filled the afternoons. The tribal meetings were planning times for flag ceremonies, vespers and campfire skits.

Dinner with more singing afterward was a chance to practice the new song we had learned at lunch with Mrs. Gibson's camp songbook. Dish-washing time, with each table doing their own, was an opportunity to get to know other (not in your cabin or tribe) campers better and was fairly competitive among tables. The keen eye of the dining hall supervisor for those tables working too quickly protected our health.

Taps played by the bugler at flag-lowering was a change of pace and perhaps put us in the mood for Vespers. Vespers were impressive and others have written of the magic of passing the Quiet Tree, assembling on the hillside while a few readings (not necessarily scriptural but always appropriate) were done, perhaps a poem and a hymn or two--all planned and executed by the campers under the guidance of the Vespers counselor. It was a special Hervida event which included evening birdsong as a backdrop. More values may have been formed there than can ever be known.

Recreation was usually square-dancing with a schottische or polka thrown in. We usually danced to records but Thursday was special because Hervida's good friend Leo Baker would call live square-dances.

Campfire consisted of challenges and skits and usually included some sly joke about the camp director or a staff member which we thought was really living on the edge. Campfire could be exciting but the choice of songs for the end always ending with "Sing Your Way Home" put us in the mood to return to our cabins. Cabin and kitchen raids were talked about more often than carried out but became part of camp lore.

Camp Hervida was either deep shade or the incredibly hot ballfield, a schedule that kept us moving, stern looks (very effective) by camp staff if you were straying out of line (but I only remember Betty Fonner with a smile), excellent food 'from scratch' thanks to Stella Barrett and Esther Cornell, the excitement of seeing 4-Her's you may not have seen since fair time, and a schedule of activities unlike anything you ever did at home. As soon as camp was over for one year, we began looking forward to the next year.

We made do with cold showers, latrines and no swimming pool but I would not trade my camping period for any other.

SARAH STOUT
8915 Montgomery Ave.
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4/25/1997

The first year I went to Camp Hervida the tents and cots were canvas surplus. When it rained if you touched the canvas, a stream of water would come in right on the bed or whatever was under it.

The swimming pool was made with an earth dam. It had quite a lot of water after a rain but was thick mud most of the time. I did learn to swim at Camp Hervida.

I thought the campfires were hilarious. The shadow plays by Ralph Stacy and Dean Bartmess were my idea of high art at that time.

I, also, remember the end of World War II in August 1945 by the campfire by Leo Goffin. It was very quiet and thoughtful! At the same time we could hear loud celebration even out in the country. I was ten years old.



SARAH (SCHRAMM) & HENRY TATE
3000 16th St. NE
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5/24/1997

Dear Marilyn,

What do I remember about Camp Hervida? That's not a difficult question. Those memories are certainly among my very best. There was a certain smell when you got near the camp that was never duplicated anywhere else. Camp was the high point of the year for me in many ways and those friendships are among my most cherished. You and I go back to both camp and high school so that makes it double. I remember the square dancing, the tents back before the cabins, the old swimming hole before the new pool, the icy cold water before we got the showers with hot water, planning and participating in the camp fire programs the wonderful singing with Harriet Gibson.

But the thing I think of most may surprise you. It's the vesper service. Walking to that beautiful spot with no talking after a certain place in the path so that all that you heard after that point was occasional giggles but mostly the sounds of nature. Sitting in that beautiful spot still quiet except for the readings and the music. And the most special thing of all when the small group would hide across from the group behind foliage and provide an

echo during the songs sung by the larger group. I loved being at those services and I loved participating in them and helping plan them.

I certainly hope that Camp Hervida's Reunion is a big success. I can't imagine that it would be otherwise.

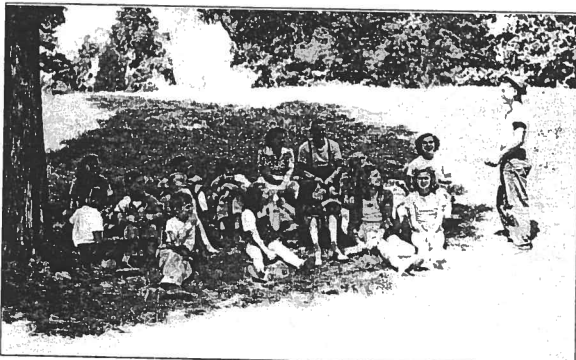
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NORMAN BRAGUE
524 Highland Avenue
Wadsworth, Ohio 44281
June 15, 1997

Enclosed is my check payable to the Washington County Historical Society for the publication about Camp Hervida. I would also be interested in any other information that may be available about the camp. I still remember very well being there as a boy in 1956 or 1957 and would be interested in seeing it again to see how it now compares with my memory of it.

Sincerely yours,
Norman E. Brague



1946

Many campers developed leadership and public speaking skills during tribal meetings like this one in 1946.

BOB AND JANET DAVIS
1718 Acreview Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45240-3400
June 8, 1997

Janet and I regret that we'll be unable to join you for the 75th Anniversary Homecoming of Camp Hervida. A schedule conflict prevents our attending.

I have many fond memories of Camp Hervida. As Extension Agent, 4-H in Washington County, April, 1957-August, 1962, I spent many days helping 4-H'ers develop into mature adults, and lots of those days were at camp. During that time, camp attendance reached a level that required three weeks of 4-H camp (2 Jr. & 1 Sr.). Senior Camp was a joint camp with Morgan County.

Also, during that time, Washington County camped one of the state's highest proportions of its total membership. That demanded increased effort to provide sound programming, but with help from outstanding junior leaders and advisors we were up to the task.

I remember also the many hours of physical work to maintain the camp. Soon after I arrived in the county, the pool (only 1 or 2 years old) needed major repairs on the underground water lines. The lines were under the temporary board walks at that time. The board walks were replaced in a few years with concrete.

I remember sleeping in large navy supply tents erected on concrete slabs. The tents were later replaced by new cabins. And, of course, who could forget a shower with solar-heated water!

I finished my Extension career in January 1988 with nearly 31 years as agent. The last 19 years were served as Agent in Agriculture and Chair in Hamilton County. Since retirement, we've done a little traveling. We attempt to attend each Annual Meeting of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents which is held in various parts of the country. Our biggest project at present is construction and development of a bed & breakfast in the Hocking Hills. Hopefully we'll open later this year.

We'll be thinking of you and Camp Hervida, and the vast number of 4-H'ers and others who have experienced camp at Hervida. Best wishes for many more celebrations.

Sincerely, Bob Davis



LEORA GRIFFIN
728 ½ Third Street
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3/19/1997

On Friday, July 21, 1967 Icyl Berg brought me to Womens Camp, my first trip. I thought it was great.

I think I didn't make it one year, we were on vacation.

Mabel Stacy, a camper and dear friend of mine, gave me her song book when she couldn't make it any more.

I have always stayed in cabin 4. Sometimes it is full and sometimes it is just me. We had a good camp last year. Hope better this year.

Sincerely,
Leora Griffin



VISIT WITH C.J. CUNNINGHAM, JR.

202 Wyoming Road

Marietta, OH 45750

Notes taken by Teresa Stone on 8/14/1997

Significant Happenings at Camp Hervida:

1. Opportunities were created for real leadership development with counselors. Counselors taught campers using tree finder books (beginner, intermediate and advanced) and taught stream life classes.
2. Each school in the county sent two students to County Summer Camp which happened between 1968 and 1971. Ohio State University professors came to camp and taught animal science classes. Livestock was butchered and students examined the innards and discussed forage and the food chain. This was an Extension Service program that did not last long because some parents saw discrimination in who could attend (only 2 from a school).
3. Birth of school science camps with special emphasis on environmental education. This concept grew out of the above County Summer Camp.

A memory about Lee Walp...

A hiker with a nap sack came walking through camp and was hunting ginseng. CJ took a ginseng root to Lee Walp's class and Lee did not know what it was.

A highlight of camp for kids attending science camp was the falling buckeyes on the tin roofs. They sounded like firecrackers!

At one time, a student organization at Ohio State University had an idea to sell buckeye novelty items at football games. A lot of feed sacks full of buckeyes from Camp Hervida went to Columbus!



JODI (ORTT) BARRETT
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Years of Memory: 1972-1980

My memory is ... Looking forward to renewing friendships with camp friends; wondering if I'd get the bunkmate and class assignments I requested; standing in the long registration line at the old recreation hall (now the craft hall) checking my pockets for my health card and canteen money.

It was always chilly when it was time to "Rise and Shine". We would hang our towels over the cabin door the night before with the good intention of going to "Dawn Dip". When the lifeguard would knock on the door it was all we could do to poke our heads out of our sleeping bags to decide maybe tomorrow morning would be warmer. The first step onto the cold wooden floor of Cabin 4 was enough of a shock to wake me up and dress at warp speed. After we cleaned the cabin (and opened the windows!) we headed out toward the canteen hoping to create some body warmth. I remember waiting to be dismissed from Flag Raising hoping that it would be warmer in the dining hall. At least the hot chocolate was warm! And Kangaroo Court was always entertaining.

Once a week during each camp the dining hall table counselors would take us on a cookout in the woods. We were to cook hamburgers over a fire we had built. One year the matches didn't light. The Hershey bars for the s'mores had been eaten and the sun was setting when another counselor showed up to light our fire. A camper lost a tooth eating one of the scorched hamburgers. We had ample opportunity all the way back to camp to tease the counselor about his cooking skills. We always had leftover carrot and celery sticks.

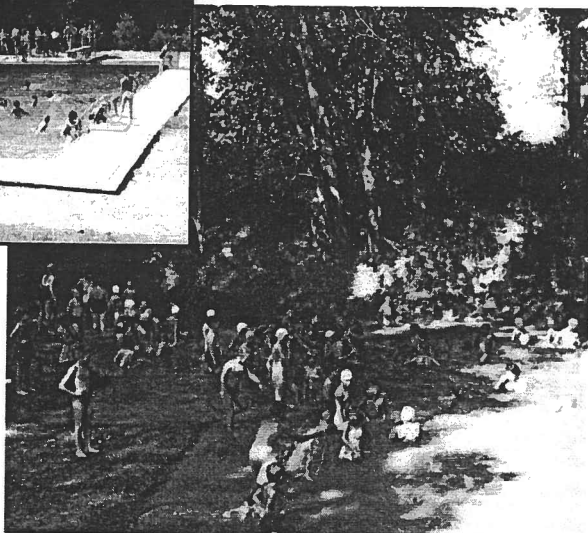
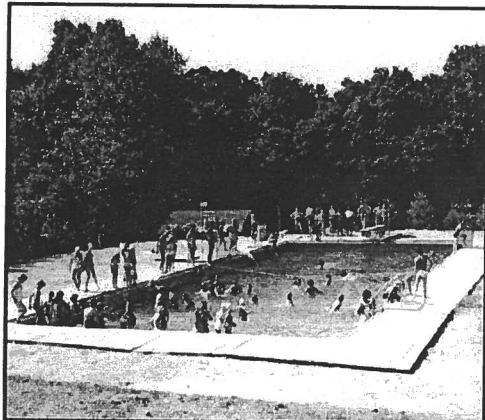
It was rare for the week to pass without rain. It rained enough one night that we were awakened to evacuate to the new recreation hall on the hill. The bridge across the creek had not been built yet and counselors were carrying campers across as the water was rising quickly. We eventually made it back down to our cabins.

After lunch on Friday it was time for "Final Camp Cleanup". There never seemed time enough to say good-bye to everyone during the pandemonium. Hopefully I'd see them at project judging or the county fair. If not, it was almost guaranteed I'd catch up with them at camp next year.



Undated

The swimming pool, named in honor of Herbert VanderPoel, was built in 1956 and is still used in 1998.



Undated

Wolf Creek provided the swimming hole for Camp Hervida prior to 1956.

TIDBITS FROM HERVIDA HERALDS

From 1935's First Issue

Hervida Herald Staff:

Ethel May Beare
Pauline Ingraham
Alpha Doak

Evelyn Foster
Sam Plumer
Clifford Fleming

From 1938's Fifth Issue

What did you think of the Hopi campfire program last night We thought it was pretty good. They really went to town especially in the cow scene. The rest of the tribe showed great talent in both acting and singing.

From 1939's First Issue

A group of 47 showed up for leather work this morning as their handicraft. 31 in Group "A" selected their patterns and 16 in Group "B". Alpha Doak says it looks as if there should be some nice things made this week.

From 1939's Fourth Issue

Tent No. 10 wishes to say that if one of the so-called tent inspectors wasn't always sitting down there, the tent wouldn't be subject to comment on its disorder, and if he hadn't been eating a candy bar with a white wrapper on it we would have believed that we had overlooked it. (Turn about is fair play).

From 1941's Third Issue

Mrs. Cogswell and her committee closed the campfire with the candle lighting ceremony which was an inspiration and challenge to us all. Those who were on the hill-side felt that it was very impressive as the campers went to their tents with their lighted candles.

From 1942

There have been rumors that tent No. 3 had K.P. for talking last night after "lights out". T'aint so! Did it out of the depths of their hearts for good old Camp Hervida.

From 1942

Cherokee Tribe -

At the secret meeting of the Cherokee Tribe, Bob Doak was elected Chief Blow Hard in honor of his earnest bugling efforts. Other officers elected were Mary Reichardt Squaw and Eve DeLano news reporter.

From 1945's Issue I

The Wolves had charge of vespers last evening. They were really at a disadvantage because they had so little time to get ready for it. But in spite of the lack of time, they gave a very effective program. I was very much impressed with the reverence shown to and from vespers.

From 1945's Issue II, 8/15/45

Kangaroos had charge of the vesper service and gave a very well-planned program. President Truman made his announcement that the war was over with Japan while we were at vesper services. And, of course, that gives our vesper service something that the other groups can't have.

From 1948's Issue II

We wonder –

Why Mr. VanderPoel didn't wake the Bugler, did he want to sleep longer too?

Who is going to win the Olympics?

Where does Mrs. Eppley get all her jokes?

Who is putting boards in the beds?

Who hired the jury for campfire last night?

What was Neil doing in the girls tents? He says he was moving beds.

From 1948's Issue IV

All campers leave Camp Hervida with a bushel of happy memories this year. Everyone has worked together to make this the best ever. We hope that you have all had a good time and – see you next year.

From 1949

That was quite a bird hike the other morning. Six staff members and one camper showed up. What's the matter – don't you like "boids"?

From 1951's Issue III Sr. Camp

Well – don't anyone forget the big party tonight!! Everyone wear their best clothes – and their very best manners!! The eats are really going to be extra special. Some of it has been donated by the following girls: Sara Stout, Sadie Schramm, Pat Seamon, Betty Reese, Shirley Lawton, Janice McVicar, Harriett Gibson, and Marilyn Wilking. Come on fellows, let's give with the rest of the watermelon and pop.

From 1954's Jr. Camp

Don't forget tonight we start practicing the laws of campfire. All campers must obey the laws or be subject to Severe Punishment.

The laws are:

No light except the Great Light.

No gum.

No hats.

No talking except by Chiefs.

Proper signal to address Chief.

If you obey these laws, our campfires will be better, smoother and more entertaining. We have a good campfire planned for tonight so please be good and make our work seem useful.

From 1954's Senior Camp

What If??

Nancy was a "Duck" instead of a Doak?

Gary was an "East" instead of a West?

Barbara was a "Hershey" instead of a Clark?

Ronnie was a "Hatfield" instead of a McCoy?

Betty was a "Fawn" instead of a Fonner?

David was a "Cook" instead of a Baker?

From 1955's Sr. Camp

Cabin 4 sure rates – we have a light switch inside the door.

From 1956's Jr. Camp

Campfire last night presented a big surprise? A new Indian tribe was organized – the staff and counselors called Big Feet. Doubtlessly it is the most appropriate name anyone could find. Bus Felker was elected Chief. Upon his election he says, "The only person in camp who has bigger feet than I is Ken Ackerman and he wasn't running for the office."

From 1956's Jr. Camp

Have you seen the trail improvement projects? Tuesday the Senecas put erosion control slopes in the trail between the dining hall and the boy's cabins. Today the conservation group began work on the trail to the campfire site.

From 1959's Issue II Jr. Camp

Tent 8 thinks it was unfair that they were not introduced at dinner today. As you know, they received first place in cabin inspection. They had a perfect score. What do you think of that?

From 1960's Sr. Camp

Cabin inspection -

Girls, somebody goofed. The highest score was only 70 – cabins 10, 4, and 1 received this. The old and experienced campers in cabin 16 received 80. Weren't they lucky?

From 1963's Volume I, Jr. Camp

Infirmiry News

Mosquito bites -- 9:00 a.m.

Splinters -- 9:30 a.m.

Athlete's Foot -- 10:00 a.m.

Sunburn -- 11:00 a.m.

From 1988's Jr. Camp

Classified Ads

Needed: The quietest tribe to gain tribal points.

Two messy cabins to clean the bathrooms.

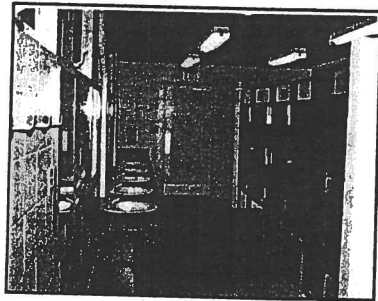
Three dishwashers to run the dishwashers after each meal.

Very quiet cabins after lights out.

Lysol for bathroom cleaners.

Undated

The old Girl's Restroom consisted of pit privies.



1994

The modern restroom and shower facility was built in 1993.

Growth

TIMELINE OF MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

First 25 Years • 1922-1947

- 1922 Site Leased for first camp, 125 campers
Campers slept in tents
Swimming in Wolf Creek
- 1923 First Kitchen
- 1924 Louvida Lodge for staff
Small Tool House
First Women's Camp, 124 campers
- 1927 Dining Hall, open-air with metal roof
- 1937 Dining Hall Remodeled, cement floor
& wooden sides with screens
- 1940 Office/Canteen
Site Bought & Camp Incorporated

Second 25 Years • 1947-1972

- 1947 First Cabin
- 1965 16 more cabins built
- 1949 First Men's Camp
First year to rent to non-Extension groups
- 1952 Craft Hall
- 1954 Kitchen Rebuilt
- 1956 Swimming Pool
- 1962 Girls Shower Facility
- 1972 Boys Toilet & Shower Facility

Third 25 Years • 1972-1997

- 1977 Recreation Hall
- 1982 Staff Cabin (#1)
- 1985 Activities Building
Nature Center
- 1986 Animal Display in Craft Hall
Blacktop Pathways
- 1987 Nature Center Deck
- 1989 Purchase of 107 Acres for total of 202
- 1993 Cabins 11, 20, 21
Sewage Treatment Facility
Girls/Boys Restroom/Shower Facility
- 1994 Boys Toilet & Shower Facility modernized
Pool Restroom modernized
- 1995 Stone Quarry dump cleaned up
- 1996 Public Water

Reflections of the 75th Year _____

HAPPENINGS

October 1996	First meeting of the 75 th Anniversary Committee
November 1996	Kick off at Building Fund Drawing
March 1997	Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser and Debut of Afghan (made by June Rose) Raffle and Fenton Bell (designed by Kelly Brightbill) Fund Raisers
May 1997	Hervida Chicken Barbeque
June 1997	Hervida Homecoming (birthday cake decorated with replica of cabin area made by Frances Tornes)
July 1997	Senior and Junior 4-H Camps - "75 and Still Alive!"
September 1997	Homecoming Booth at County Fair Sternwheel Lemonade Shake Stand
November 1997	Building Fund Drawing Virginia Henthorne wins afghan raffle.

AGENDA

Hervida Homecoming 75th Anniversary Celebration Saturday, June 14, 1997

1 to 5 pm	Walking Tours & Swimming
5:30	Pot Luck Dinner, Camp Songs and Program... Welcome - Tom Webster Introductions - C.J. Cunningham, Jr. Camp History - Teresa Stone Announcements - Ethel May Noland
7:00	Flag Lowering - Tom Webster and David Byers
7:15	Vespers - "Set Free", Contemporary Christian Music
7:30	Evening Recreation, Camp Dances - Maggie Webster
8:30	Campfire - Denny Easterling
9:30	Safe Trip Home

75TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

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Mary Jane McInturf
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Ed & Oleta Lawton
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HERVIDA AWARD RECIPIENTS

Awarded to those for extraordinary service to Camp Hervida.

Bob Bules
June Rose
Bob Doak
Margaret Bules
Marietta Shrine Club

Sam Lipscomb
Worthy Husk
Joe Huck, posthumously
Rosemary Lang, posthumously
Roy "Chip" Wetz, Jr.

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OBITUARIES

From the National Grange Monthly
National Deputy Dies

John D. Hervey, 67, Deputy for the National Master, passed away at Albany Hospital, Albany, NY, on June 13, 1955, as the result of a blood clot following minor surgery.

Becoming associated with the National Grange in 1948, Mr. Hervey's duties had consisted of representing National Master Newsom in the 37 Grange states, and in Grange Extension work. As a result, he was nationally known and extremely popular among Grange members.

Born in Bloomingdale, Ohio, he was educated in the rural schools of Jefferson County, Scio College, and the College of Agriculture, Ohio State University. For a time he taught school in his native state. As a farm owner from 1910-1923, he operated a dairy and a registered Jersey cattle breeding enterprise on his 105-acre farm.

In later life he was with the USDA in several capacities, specializing in farm labor. His first USDA affiliation was in Ohio, then Kentucky, and finally to Washington, DC, in 1946, when he became Assistant Chief of Recruitment and Placement Division, Farm Labor Program, USDA. He remained in this position until he became national Deputy Master in 1948.

Mr. and Mrs. Hervey made their home, prior to his death, in Falls Church, VA. Funeral services were held in Alexandria, VA, on June 16, followed by cremation.

Surviving are his wife, Ida Cole Hervey, and four children: Cameron E. Hervey of Chicago, Lawrence, of Alexandria, Mrs. Sara Hervey Watt, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Philip R. Johnston, Albany, NY.



Mrs. John Hervey

Mrs. Ida Cole Hervey, 79, of Delmar, NY, a former resident of Marietta, died yesterday (October 9, 1966) at her home. Her husband, John Douglas Hervey, who was Washington County Agricultural Agent from 1918 to 1930, died in June of 1955. 4-H Camp Hervida was named in honor of both Mr. and Mrs. Hervey.

She is survived by two sons and two daughters, Cameron E. Hervey of Birchrunville, PA; Lawrence D. Hervey of Brandywine, MD; Mrs. William P. Watts of Radnor, PA and Mrs. Philip R. Johnston of Delmar, NY. There are 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild surviving. One son, Dr. Marshall C. Hervey, died in 1953.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. tomorrow in First Methodist Church at Delmar, NY.

Friends are asked to make donations to Ida Cole Hervey Memorial Fund for the benefit of First Methodist Church at Delmar in lieu of flowers.



Harriett L. Gibson

New Hartford, NY - Harriett L. Gibson, 91, a long time resident of Marietta died Wednesday (Sept. 17, 1997) at the home of her son at 14 Woodberry Road in New Hartford, with whom she has resided for the past seven years.

She was born Sept. 21, 1905, in Mannington, WV, to Camby M. and Minnie Stout Lowther. She was a graduate of Mannington High School and received her degree in music from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and Ohio University.

She held numerous teaching positions in music, both vocal and instrumental, in Washington, Warren and Noble Counties. She was a gifted violinist and pianist, but her pride and joy was her high stepping marching bands that she organized, especially at Salem Liberty High School in Lower Salem.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Marietta.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Richard "Hoot" and Molly Gibson of New Hartford; one granddaughter, Pamela Gibson of New Hartford; and one grandson, Mark Gibson of New Hartford.

On May 29, 1931, she married C. Richard Gibson in Parkersburg. He died March 14, 1962. Also preceding her in death are her parents; one grandson, Richard C. Gibson Jr.; one sister, Marialyce Keen of Parkersburg; and two brothers.

Memorial services are at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23 at Christ United Methodist Church, 301 Wooster St., Marietta.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice in her name.

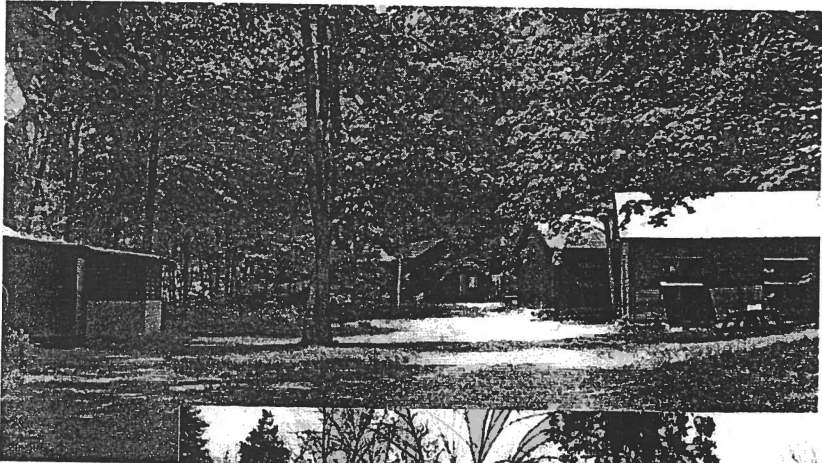
Friedel, Williams, Coriale & Edmunds Funeral Home in New Hartford are handling the arrangements.

Harriett was the song leader at Camp Hervida in the 1940's and 1950's.



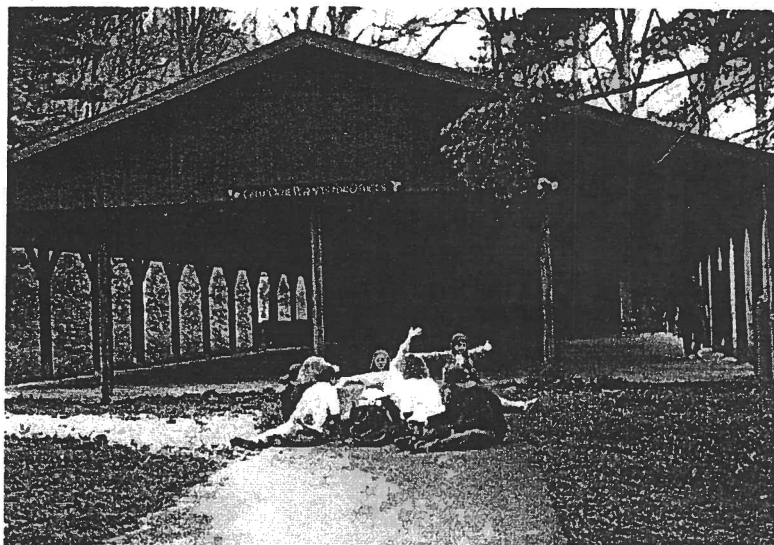
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A look up the hollow in the girl's cabin area was taken between 1975 and 1985.



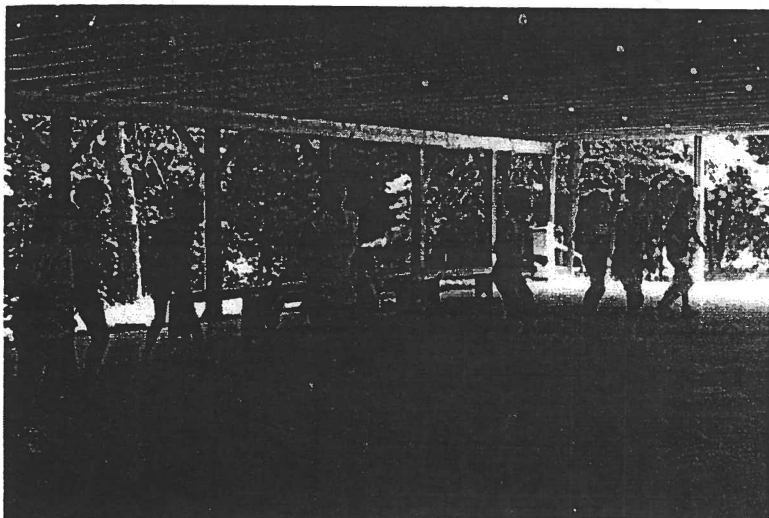
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In 1998, the boy's cabin area has 8 sleeping cabins.



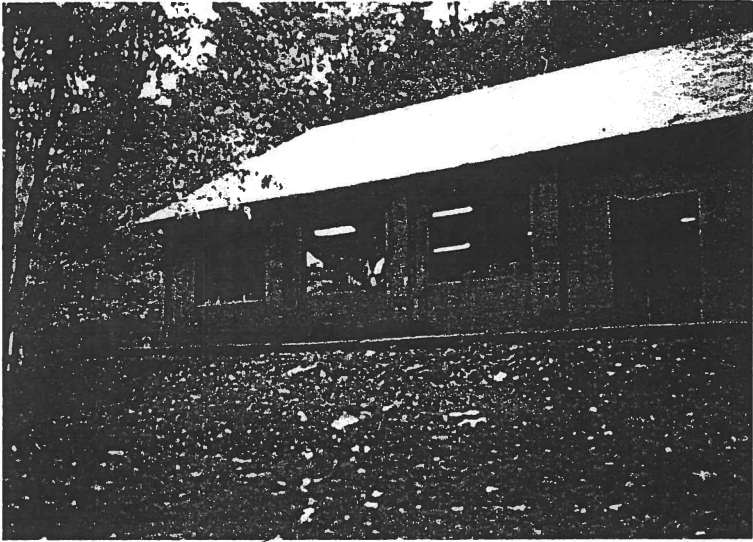
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The Recreation Hall was built in 1977 on the hill above Humphrey's Run in the area of the swimming pool.



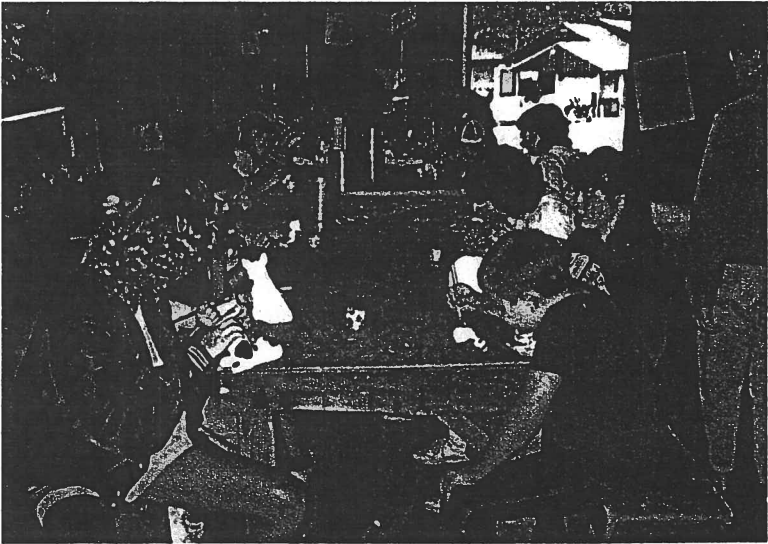
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Campers learn the steps to camp dances inside the Recreation Hall.



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Built in 1952, the present day Craft Hall was originally called the Recreation Hall.



1988

Painting ceramics inside the Craft Hall is still a popular craft in 1998.

CAMP FACILITY TODAY

The two hundred and two (202) acre site and program facilities make possible a wide variety of educational and recreational programs for youth and adults in a residential camp setting.

Hervida 4-H Camp, Inc.
Route 2, Waterford, Ohio 45786
(740)984-2267

Hervida 4-H Camp is located four (4) miles south of Waterford, Ohio at the intersection of Watertown Township Roads 107 and 108.

Access to the camp from State Route 339 is best at County Road 6 then Township Road 108 when traveling from Waterford, and Township 172 then Township Road 108 when traveling from Watertown. Directional signs are posted in both directions for your convenience.

Cabins: All 21 cabins have double bunks with a total capacity of 232 campers. All bedding must be provided. Cabins are not wired for hair dryers, heaters or other electrical equipment.

For large groups - Cabins 1 and 21 are best located for staff or nurse's quarters. Cabins 2 through 11 are best located for girls' cabins. Cabins 12 and 13 could be used by boys or girls. Cabins 14 through 20 are best located for boys' cabins.

For small groups - The girls restroom facility can accommodate both boys and girls. It has two separate entrances with one side containing urinals. Cabins 1 through 5 would best accommodate boys with cabins 6 through 11 accommodating girls.

Dining Hall And Kitchen: Sixteen tables accommodating up to sixteen people each are available. A commercial dishwasher handles tableware. All cooking and serving utensils and tableware are provided, as well as adequate cooler and freezer storage. Renting groups must provide

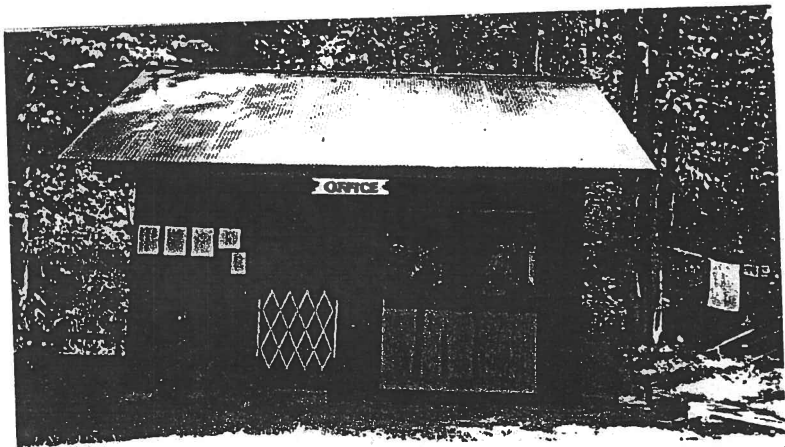
cooks, all food, soap and cleaning supplies, wash and dish towels, hot pad holders, people to operate the dishwasher, and camper help in setting and cleaning tables. A visit to camp by the cooks prior to moving in is recommended for smooth operation. Groups can contract with Camp Hervida for food service.

Crafts Hall: A 30' x 60' building has a fireplace and stage. Work tables and bench seating for 180 is available. An animal diorama is located on the stage in this building.

Recreation Hall: This structure is 40' x 112' providing adequate space for games and dancing for large camps. Bench seating is available for meetings and some recreation equipment is provided such as 2 shuffle board courts, and a 4-square court.

Pool: A 30' x 60' pool is available from June 1 through August 31. Groups are expected to furnish their own lifeguards. The pool is not equipped for swimming after dark.

Office & Canteen: A 8' x 10' office and canteen is provided with a small freezer. A P.A. system is available in this building.



Undated

In its early days, the canteen was known as the office.

Restrooms: Restrooms are located in the boys' cabin area, girls' cabin area and recreation hall area. Hot and cold showers are available in the boys' and girls' cabin area restrooms.

Activities Building: Six folding tables and folding chairs are available in the 20' x 40' building. A map of the camp and soils diagram are on the outside of the building.

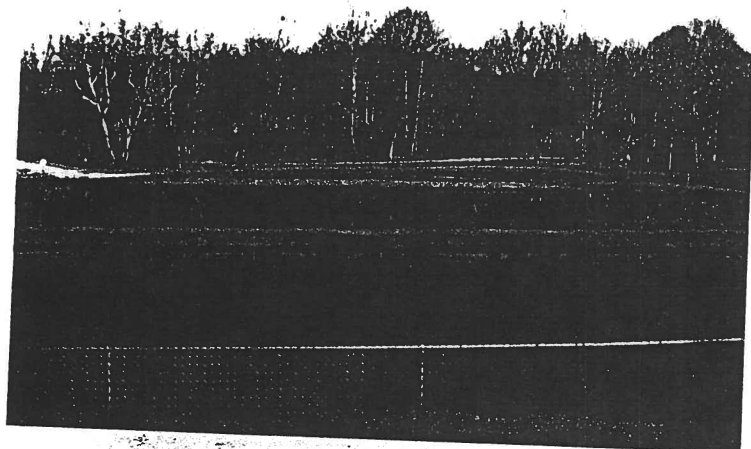
Nature Center: A 20' x 40' building with a 16' x 20' wooden deck houses nature displays, work tables and bench seating. Limited equipment is available upon request.

Trails: The White Oak Loop Trail is approximately a half mile long on the ridge above the recreation hall. A detailed guide is developed and available for loan.

The Long Trail is 1.5 miles long covering a diversity of terrain. Caution should be taken on the steep inclines.

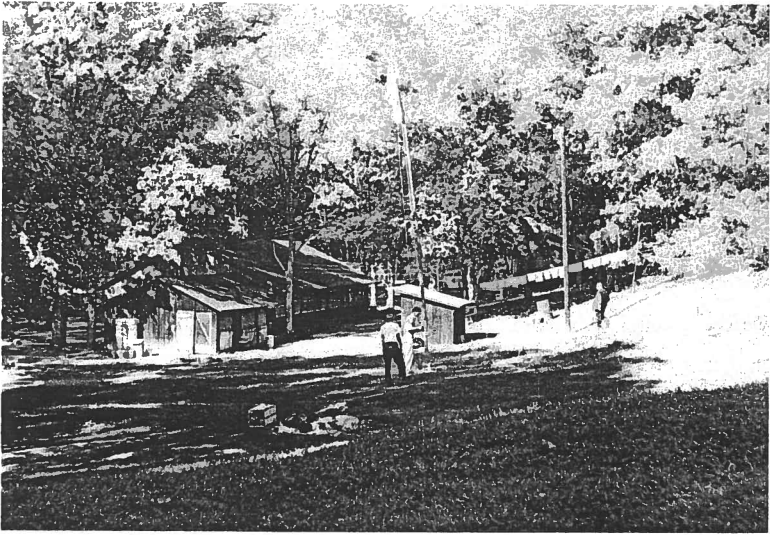
Pond: A pond is available depending upon adequate rainfall. Water studies also can be performed in the South Branch of Wolf Creek.

Recreation Facilities: The camp has a large grass area for baseball, soccer, etc. Also provided is a lighted volleyball court. No equipment is provided. Picnic tables are located throughout the camp facility.



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The first constructed wetlands permitted by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for the treatment of human waste was built at Camp Hervida in 1993.



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Early days of the kitchen, dining hall, flag pole and Louvida Lodge.

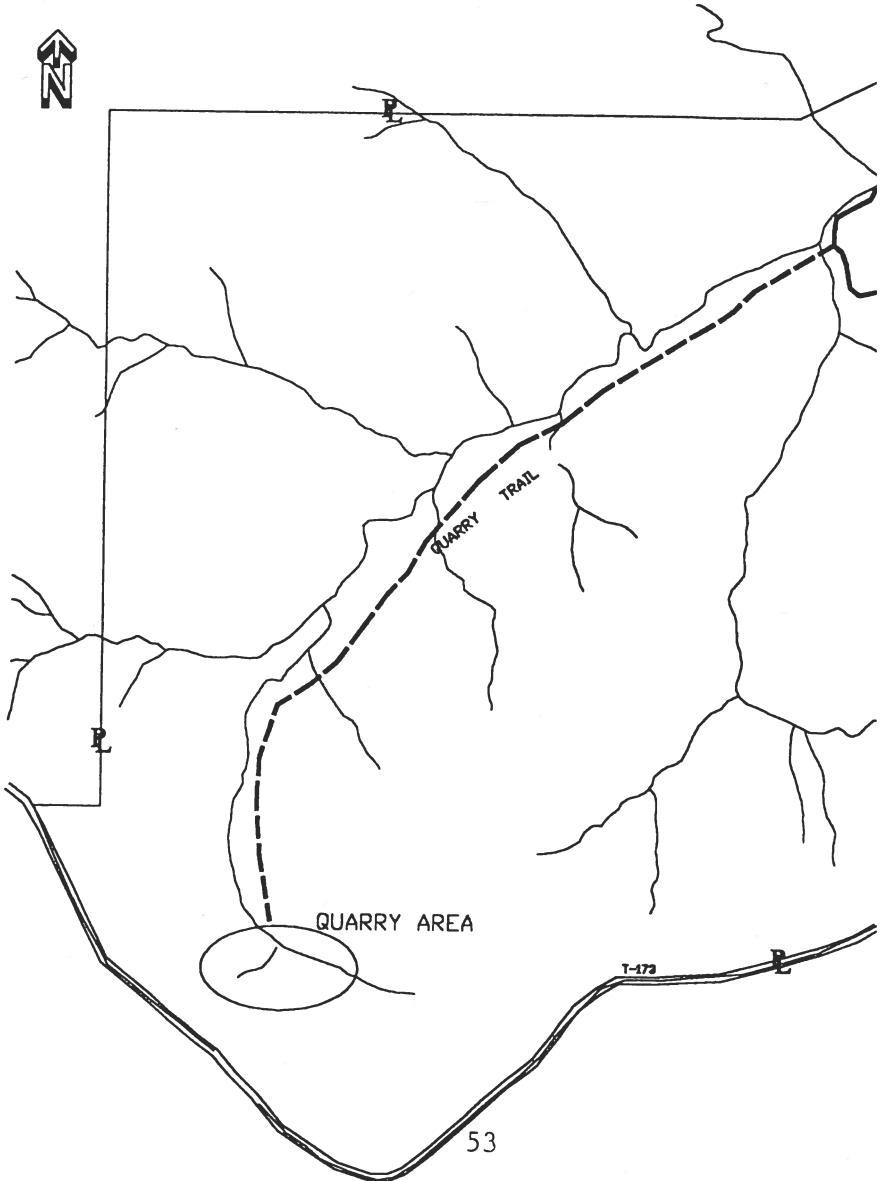


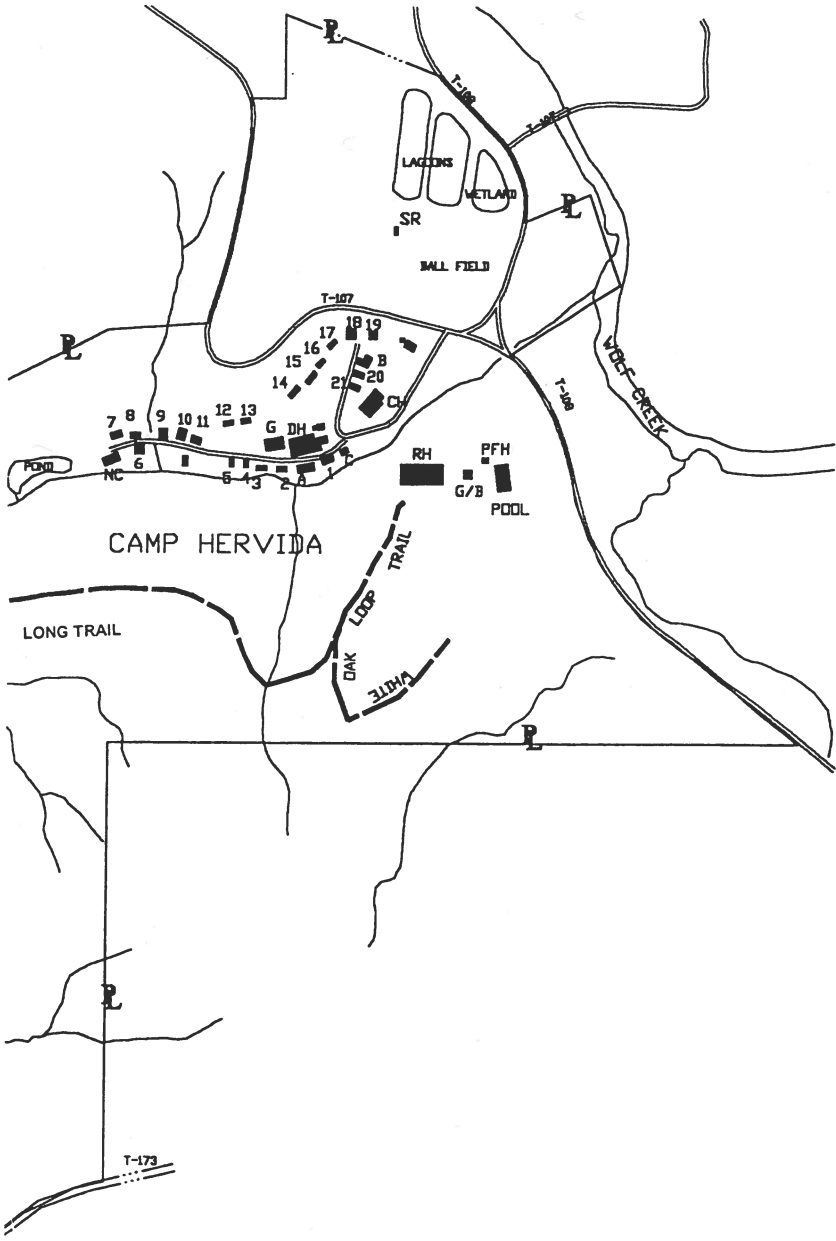
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Remember when every table washed their own dishes? Note the dish pans on the ends of the tables.

LEGEND

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| CABINS2-20 | CRAFT HALL.....CH |
| STAFF CABINS ...1 & 21 | DINING HALL.....DH |
| GIRLS BATHROOMS...G | NATURE CENTER.....NC |
| BOYS BATHROOMS...B | POOL FILTER HOUSE..PFH |
| ACTIVITY CENTER...A | RECREATION HALL...RH |
| SHOOTING RANGE SHELTER...SR | TRAILS |
| CANTEEN/OFFICE....C | PROPERTY LINE..... P |





HERVIDA 4-H CAMP, INC.
WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO
 April 22, 1999

DESCRIPTION OF QUARRY AT CAMP HERVIDA

By Brad Bond, March 13, 1997

If you follow the orange, sometimes pink or blue, tape upstream from Camp Hervida, you will reach a grindstone quarry that was abandoned with many apparently useful stones left behind. The trail shortcuts the longer route following the streambed. The stream circles 180° in about four-fifths of a mile flowing east at camp and west at the upper end where the quarry is.

You first see the quarry rubble pile from across the stream walking through the same sandstone exposure that attracted the Constitution Stone Company some fifty years ago. The quarry waste rises about 50 feet above the stream bed. The path continues upstream to an easy crossing and then rises to the level of the loading area where discarded stones are stacked on the right and a water-filled pit opens to your left.

The pit was the last operating area. Arcs were left in the outcrop by the ditching machine used to cut the stones round. This steam-powered machine was invented and patented by Michael J. O'Connor, founder of the Constitution Stone Company which operated the quarry. The machine cut a channel more than an inch wide by pounding the stone to powder. A scraper removed the powder. Three drill bits of decreasing size were used to reach a depth of 2-3 feet to minimize binding in the hole.

An air-powered jackhammer was then used to drill a hole two-thirds of the way across the base of the stone and a charge of black powder with a fuse packed into the hole. When this was set off, the stone broke free from the bedrock and could be hoisted out of the pit by a derrick. The derrick probably stood on one of the two-stone towers at the top lip of the quarry. Stones deemed acceptable for shipment to the mill would be placed on the flat ground above the pit where a dresser with a pick would smooth off the lumps. Then the derrick would place the stone on a truck which would climb up the road out of the quarry to the southwest and up to what is now Palmer Township 72 and on to the mill at Constitution south of Marietta on Ohio Route 7.

On the flat ground there are six stones about seven feet in diameter and 2-3 feet thick with a calculated weight of 5 tons each. Another seven are scattered about above on the edge of the quarry. Why were they left? The final steps in preparing large grindstones for edge tool manufacturers, carried out at the mill, were sawing them to the thickness the customer ordered and smoothing them to the final dimensions on a lathe. Stones from this quarry were found unacceptable, probably because of poor uniformity revealed on the lathe, and the quarry was abandoned after one season's operation. The quarried stones ready for the mill were left there.

The large mound of stones on the edge of the creek were recognized at the quarry to be unacceptable, perhaps because they broke when blasted

loose from the quarry or had defects obvious to the quarrymen. Stones placed on the cull pile would not show the pick marks of the dresser. Some of the shapes there resemble dough left by a cookie cutter.

The shallow, square hole in the center of the stones is where the center post of the ditching machine was seated when it cut the stone. Small one-inch deep pits on opposite sides of the stone were picked out for stone tongs to catch there and lift the stone out of the pit. The groove on the flat of the stone is the trace left of the hole used to blast the stone loose. Finally a close look at the curved face of the stone will show where drill bits were changed.

The quarry probably began on the edge opposite the water-filled pit, and, as quarrying moved towards the pit, the older pit was filled in with the overburden removed for the next series of cuts. You can see six levels of quarrying, quarrymen called them lifts, in the most recent pit and there are probably more under water.

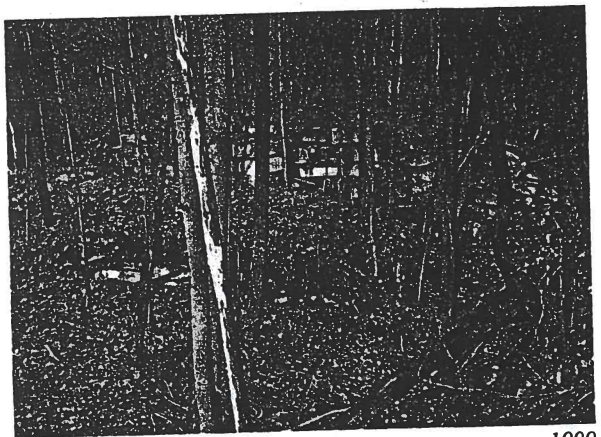
The derrick probably stood 40 or 50 feet high and was guyed upright by steel cables attached to trees or stones. Sometimes stones with cables were buried underground. The large stone next to Palmer Township 72 may have been one of the cable supports.

Until recently the quarry had been used as a dump. Although it was cleaned up a few years ago, some signs of this remain. The track to the quarry from Township 72 is now marked by wooden posts and closed off with a cable and padlock.

Constitution leased the right to quarry from Ralph Toler and A. T. Williamson in 1942 and canceled the lease the following year.

Prepared for Hervida 4-H Camp, Inc. by Brad Bond, author of Grindstone County and Grindstone Country - 2nd Edition.

The quarry was included in the 1989 land purchase.



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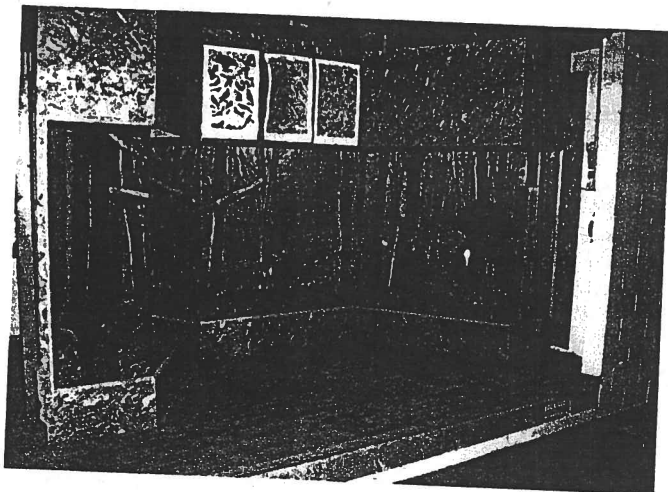
Grindstone quarry at Camp Hervida.

... continues to be an important part of the programs at Camp Hervida.



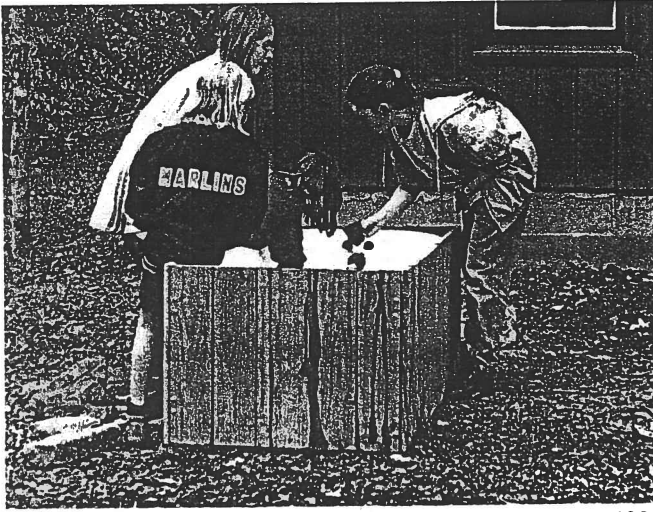
1965 to 1970

Janet Lawton, Charles Lawton, Jean Gribble and Alma Gribble identify trees.



1990

The animal diorama in the Craft Hall was built in 1986 thanks to the wildlife education efforts of Emerson Henthorne.



1995

4-H'ers study their catches in the critter tank.



1995

4-H'ers observe pond life during camp clean up day in the spring.

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1958

What Was Camp?

We might all say that camp was a place.

We all loved the green woods, the swimmin' pool, the ball diamond and the quiet sunsets. But camp was more than just a place.

We might say that camp was a plan.

Each day was filled with adventure. We enjoyed the informal fun of recreation, the picnic, and the party. Yet camp was still more than a plan.

CAMP WAS WHAT HAPPENED INSIDE THE CAMPER – what you take home with you in your new memories, in new purposes, in improved skills and lasting friendships.

Camp was noise and silence with a thrill in it.

It was laughter and a chance to learn the joy of play, of fellowship, and of a good time. Camp was habits, ideals, and ways of living.

Camp was all of this and more.

The theme for the week was “Your Decisions for Happiness”. We hope that camp experience will in some way help you to make them in the right way.

From 1962's Sr. Camp Hervida Herald, Author Unknown.