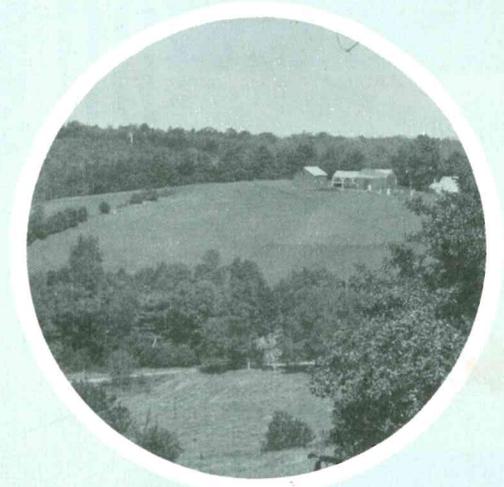


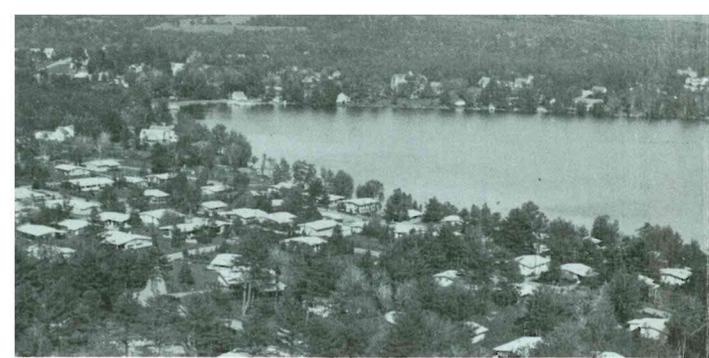
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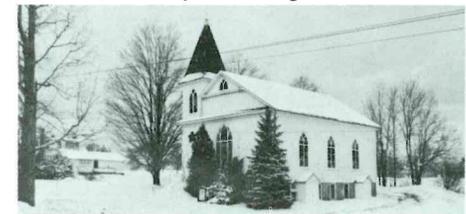
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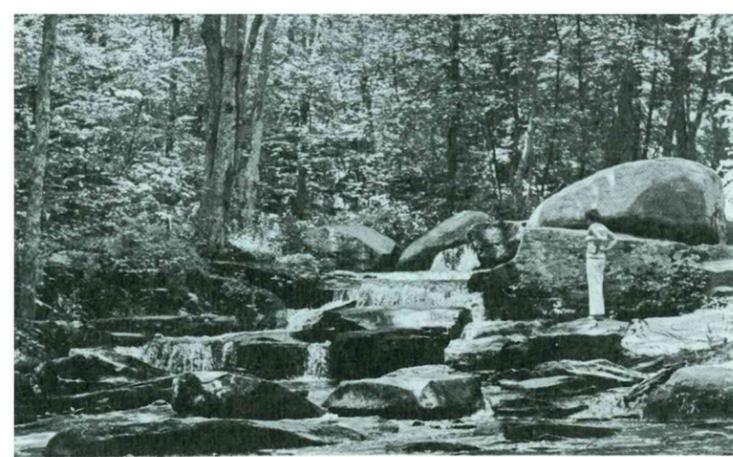
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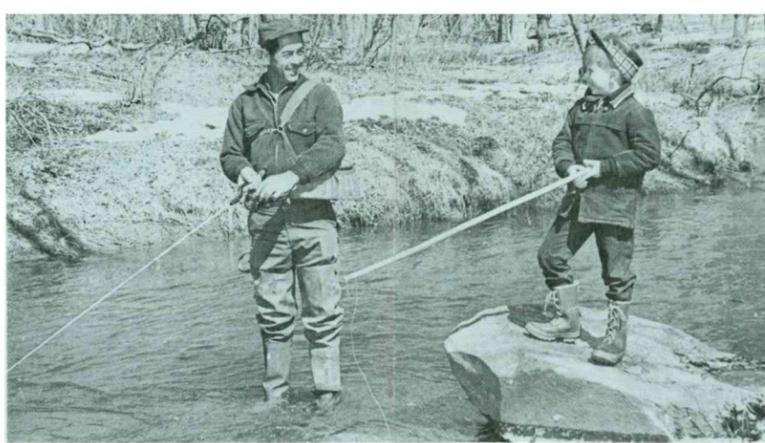
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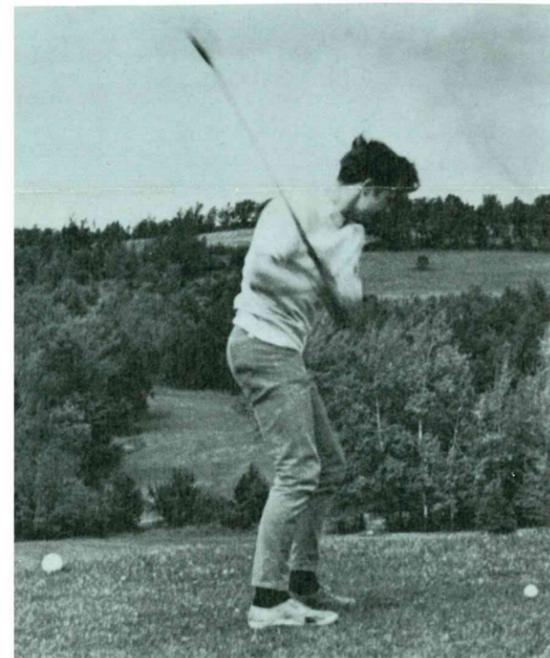
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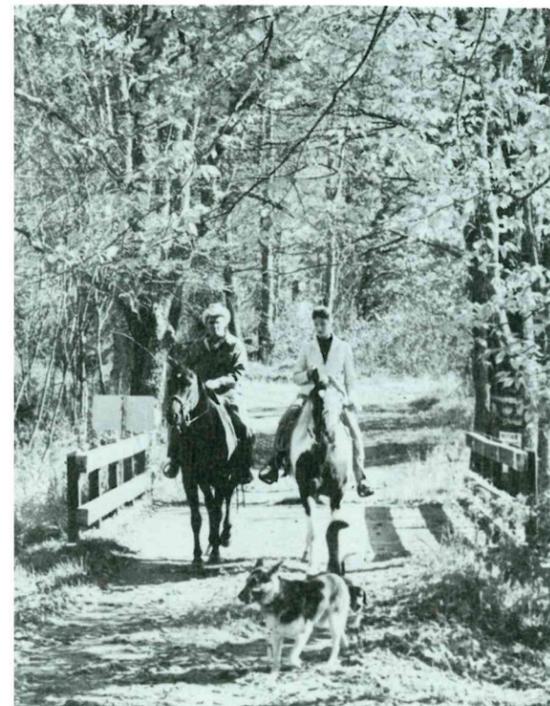
For the fisherman it is a paradise boasting lakes and streams, brimming with fighting trout. The New York State Conservation Department stocks the waters with fingerling and yearling trout. The area's sparkling streams and lakes abound with Bass, Pickerel, Wall-eye, Shad, perch and panfish.



For your winter sports Bethel has planned trails and marked highways for your snowmobiles and skis.



Golfing is hardly a novelty in Bethel.



Wooded trails for horseback riding. When fall paints the leaves with its palette of rich colors, there is no more enjoyable pastime than a ride through the woods or a long ride over the many meandering trails.

A Brief History of the Township of Bethel

When the first settlers came to Bethel they found the Leni-Lenape Indians consisting of three tribes, namely the UNANI, UNALACTGO and MIMSI who were the leaders of about 40 smaller tribes which mainly lived on fishing and hunting. Then the early settlers came, they were squatters and fur traders, some of whom were the PINTLERS, HURDS, BROWNS, GILLESPIES, JUDSONS, CRIST, and CONKLINS.

The name "White Lake" is descriptive of its white, sandy shores and "Kauneonga Lake" so aptly describes the shape of the lake which somewhat resembles the outstretched wings of a bird. It is the deepest lake in the county, measuring 70 to 80 feet deep and it is stocked with trout and pike weighing up to 6 pounds.

The Town of Bethel was erected from the territory of Lumberland by an act of the legislature on March 27, 1809. By the law, the town was bounded to the North by Liberty, to the south by the Town of Thompson and the Mongaup River, to the west by the Delaware river, and to the North East by Liberty, which now comprises the settlements of BETHEL — BRISCOE — BUSHVILLE — FERNDALE — HARRIS — KAUNEONGA LAKE — MONGAUP — SMALLWOOD — SWAN LAKE and WHITE LAKE with a population of 737 people and assessed value of \$210,911. Today, that valuation has risen to \$9,147,801.

1798 — The Pintlers migrated from New Jersey and built the first home in Bethel and in 1809 the first white settler died and was buried in what is known as the Pintler cemetery in Bethel.

1805 — Dr. Gillespie arrived and practiced medicine for 65 years in Bethel.

1805 — Dr. James Lindsay was the first medical practitioner in Bethel.

1807-1808 — The first school opened in Hurd Settlement held in back of Pintler's residence. Teacher: Joseph Smith.

1808 — Dr. Thadeus Judson and Dr. Copeland started teaching in Mongaup Valley.

1808 — Dr. Thomas Greer, first Presbyterian minister to preach in Town of Bethel.

1810 — The first town meeting was held and John Conklin was named Supervisor.

1811 — William Gillespie opened a store in White Lake.

1820 — William Gillespie elected to the assembly and in 1835 became County Judge.

1832 — Dr. John Lindsay opened the first health center.

1834 — First U.S. Post Office opened in Bethel.

1846 — David B. Kinne opened the first hotel called the Mansion House.

1848 — The First Methodist Church opened in Mongaup Valley.

1848 — Dr. James H. Wells and Isaac Purdy started practicing medicine in Mongaup.

1848 — Tanneries and homes opened in Mongaup and the area became a haven for fishing.

1848 — United States P. O. opened in Mongaup Valley.

1858 — Father Danny Mugan founded St. Josephs church in Mongaup.

1858 — Tanneries were opened at Black Lake which soon became prominent for its fishing — including Lake Superior.

1870 — John Cross opens store in Bethel.

1900 — At the turn of the century White Lake and Kauneonga Lake became a thriving popular resort area and soon the following hotels came to the shores: MANSION HOUSE — WEST SHORE — KENSINGTON — FULTON — KENMORE — and SYLVAN HOUSE and became the homes of the following famous actors:

Frederick Warde, Paul Whiteman, Russ Colombo, Joe E. Brown, Sam Levinson and many newspaper and magazine writers.

1923 — Temple Beth El founded with Rabbi Resnick officiating.

1928 — Smallwood started a successful development featuring summer and winter homes and now has several lakes, hunting fishing, boating, swimming, golf courses and a community center.

1930 — Orange and Rockland Utilities dammed Mongaup River for water shed.

1960 — White Lake Homes started at Kauneonga Lake.

1963 — Planning and zoning started in Bethel.

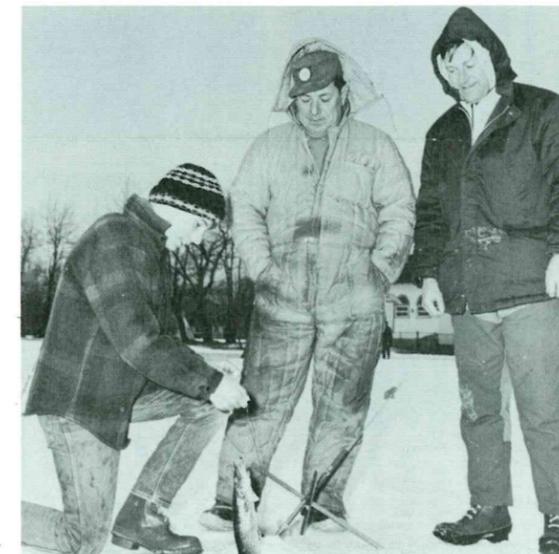
1969 — Orange and Rockland opened their grounds in Smallwood for hunting and fishing.

1969 — Bethel becomes equivalent to the 3rd largest city in New York State overnight by the Woodstock Festival.

1969 — Bethel adopts Town Law No. 1 placing restrictions on large gatherings over 10,000

1970 — Snowmobile races at Monticello Race Track.

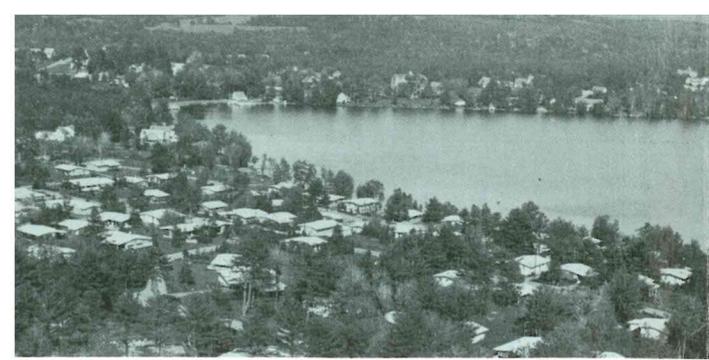
1970 — Businessmen's Association sponsor's Ice Fishing contest and snowmobile races on White Lake, Kauneonga Lake, Lake Superior and Smallwood Lake.



Our yearly ICE FISHING contest. The lakes are stocked with tagged fish and prizes are awarded for the heaviest fish caught in White, Kauneonga, Superior and Smallwood Lakes.



The town of Bethel provides 10,000 acres of public hunting grounds, plus vast acreage tracts that are maintained by private hunting camps. The area's game population includes rabbits, squirrels, pheasants, partridge, duck, racoon, woodchuck, and bear. The abundance of deer has made hunting with bows and arrows an increasingly popular fall sport in the Bethel area.



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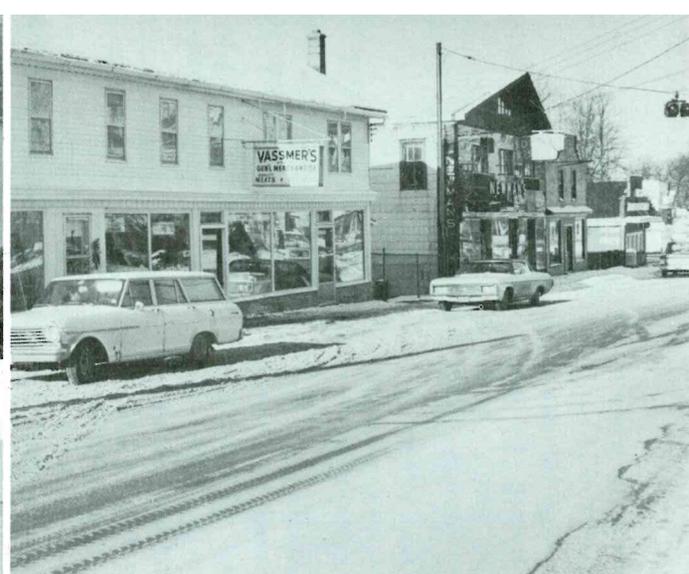
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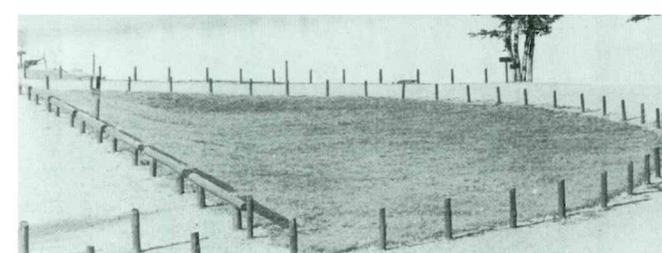


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