



*The*  
MEDFORD LAKES  
STORY



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*To my dear wife  
Mrs. Fred and  
the pupkins  
many thanks for  
everything and  
future wishes,  
I love you  
Edgar*

to

LEON EDGAR TODD

PIONEER . . . FOUNDER . . . LEADER . . . DEVELOPER

is dedicated this symbol  
of a quarter-century of gracious living



We who love Medford Lakes acknowledge with gratitude our debt to our great friend whose vision, energy, spirit and creative genius made Medford Lakes possible



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
TRENTON

ALFRED E. DRISCOLL  
GOVERNOR

June 9, 1952



Dear Leon:

Congratulations upon the Silver Anniversary  
of the founding of Medford Lakes.

The transformation of this once undeveloped  
woodland into one of our finest year-round resort communities  
is a tribute to your initiative, vision and perseverance.

As a friend, as well as Governor of the State,  
I am pleased to have this opportunity to wish you good health  
and good luck as you continue the activities that have  
contributed so greatly to the growth of a community that has  
always been near and dear to your heart. In these activities  
and many others, you have, as a good citizen, made a very  
important contribution to the welfare of the citizens of our  
great State of New Jersey.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

*Alfred E. Driscoll*  
Governor.

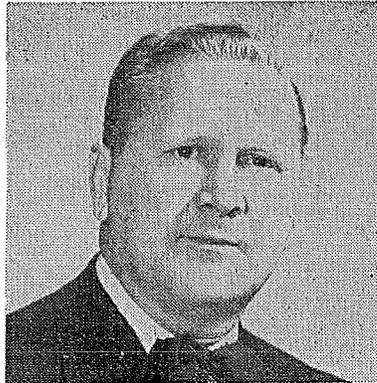
Honorable Leon E. Todd  
Mayor - Developer  
Medford Lakes, New Jersey

# THE MEDFORD LAKES STORY

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*Regards  
for the  
committee*



*"It has been a pleasure to serve as chairman of The Medford Lakes Story. The Committee has worked hard to produce a brochure truly representative of our community's first quarter century of progress. I want to express my appreciation to the advertisers and all others who have cooperated to make this permanent record of our anniversary celebration possible. Our efforts will be amply repaid if every Colonist will keep and cherish a copy. It should be pointed out that all proceeds realized from this publication will be used to aid in financing our children's camp."* — PAUL J. SCHNEIDER.

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# 1927--

## Birth Of A Haven

Deep in South-Central Jersey's pine belt along a highway connecting Trenton and Atlantic City lay 1,300 acres of wild, primeval wilderness, trees and underbrush matted in a forbidding jungle produced by centuries of neglect. Brackish streams wended their way sluggishly through the tangled, swampy mass.

That was Medford Lakes only a quarter-century ago.

A more unprepossessing place one never saw. Few are they who could have seen it then and pictured it as the lovely sylvan haven it is today, 25 short years later.

One of those few was Leon Edgar Todd, a young real estate operator in East Camden, but already a veteran of 10 years in the business.

It is said of the typical realtor that he looks upon barren fields and sees not turf and hillock but communities of homes and stores, churches and schools.

Leon Todd was more than a typical realtor—he was a leader among those men of vision and enterprise, already nationally known in real estate circles. The Medford Lakes of today is a monument to his vision, to his sagacity and perception, his energy, perseverance and personality. For Leon Todd saw in that desolate tract of pineland, assessed at the magnificent figure of \$4,500—some \$3 an acre—and yielding the munificent sum of \$180 in taxes annually to Medford Township, a

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### The First Minutes

A preliminary meeting of the Medford Lakes Colony Group was held at the Walt Whitman Hotel, in Camden, on the 12th day of November, 1927, for the purpose of perfecting the organization of the Medford Lakes Colony Club.

Leon E. Todd presided at the meeting.

A set of By-laws was read by Furman A. DeMaris, Jr., then, as now, counsel for the organization, and unanimously adopted.

The meeting unanimously voted to recommend to the charter members that Mr. Vaughan be elected President of the Club.

The plans for the future development of the Colony were then presented by Mr. Todd, who also unveiled an illuminated map of the Medford Lakes tract, showing future development plans of the community.

After a very pleasant social evening, the meeting adjourned.

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potential multi-million dollar development that would rise as a model of gracious living.

### Capitalist Chose Todd

The Camden realtor had been commissioned by the late Captain Clyde A. Barbour, the lamp black king from Houston, Tex., to find a likely spot for development in

which he could invest some of his fabulous fortune. The first absentee promoter soon lost interest, but his new dynamic young partner never let up the least bit on his enthusiasm or confidence. Through depression adversity and one obstacle after another that seemed well-nigh insurmountable—and would have proven so to most people—Todd worked toward realization of his dream of a pleasant community for nice folks seeking surcease from the strains and stress of city life.

The way all barriers were overcome, all problems met and conquered, is a story in itself, a saga of pluck and courage. Suffice it to say for the purpose of this narrative that Leon Todd stayed with his dream project all the way through. He literally lived Medford Lakes; for 25 years it has been his heart and soul and life, its fame spread far and wide because of the amazingly large number of contacts he enjoys around the country.

For this was no cold-blooded promotion in the fashion of so many developments by professionals who come in, do a job, reap a financial harvest and go their way, no longer connected with or interested in their "baby."

Leon Todd never has ceased to be the center and core of Medford Lakes. He lives there, he works there, he is the Mayor of the town, he is the key to its progress, the guide to its every move. With such devoted, attentive care, so different from most promotions, Medford Lakes cannot help being what it is today.

## The First Officers

(Elected Nov. 19, 1927)

President: Charles Z. Vaughan  
Vice-president: William G. Oaks  
Vice-president: Charles Schuck  
Vice-president: Harry Taylor  
Recording Secretary: Charles J. Ottenthal  
Financial Secretary: Clifford J. Shemeley  
Treasurer: Dr. William C. Smith

## Original Chairmen Of Standing Committees

(Appointed Dec. 11, 1927)

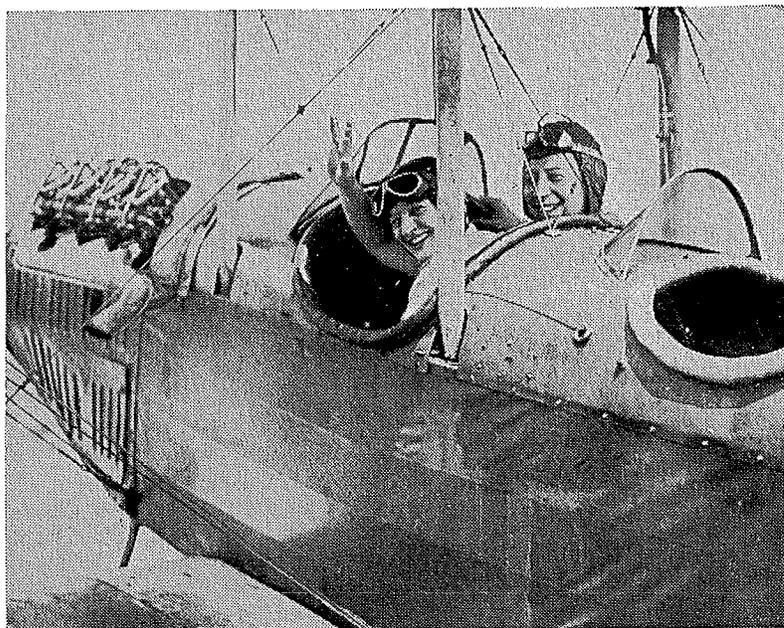
Athletics: Thomas R. Allen  
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Entertainment: F. A. Sulzer  
Finance: J. C. Middleton  
Fire: A. J. Bartlett  
Kiddies Club: Mrs. K. E. Crossman  
Lakes: Joseph F. McConaghy  
Membership: William G. Oaks  
New Building: Leon E. Todd  
Property: A. H. Uueckert  
Sanitation: Dr. A. H. Martin  
Shade Tree: Arthur B. Gill  
Skating: William X. Huber  
Trap Shooting: Albert D. Stiles  
Water Sports: John A. Small  
Woman's: Mrs. C. Z. Vaughan

## Medford Lakes Iron Mill Helped Defeat Redcoats

Medford Lakes made a vital contribution to the Revolutionary War through the manufacture of cannon balls and other war material at Etna Furnace.

Charles Read established the furnace about 1766, and it later came into possession of the famous Richards family. It was one of the first iron manufacturing centers in the country, and the ore came from bogs in the area. Located on what is now the garage of the Todd cabin, it was the place where the first square-head nails in America were made.

Also a part of the industrial life of what now is Medford Lakes



Leon and Helen Todd are shown with the single-motor open craft that made them a pioneer in aerial appraisal of real estate. This photo was taken after a flight from Camden which circled the Lakes area just prior to Todd taking over Medford Lakes in 1927. The pilot ran out of gas but managed to glide to a forced landing, narrowly escaping a crash. Had the fates been less kind that eventful day in 1927 there might be no Medford Lakes colony today. From that start inspection of land from the air has become commonplace, more particularly as to engineering and community planning.

was the saw and grist mill erected by John Haines. The power was supplied by the creek that bears his name.

## The Lenni-Lenape

According to Jersey Waggon Jaunts by Alfred Heston, the first settlers in the new Medford Lakes area were Lenni-Lenape Indians. Stokes Road which goes on to connect with the White Horse Pike at Hammonton was originally an old Indian trail. A 200-year-old oak between the Todd and Palese cabins was the point where tribes from Indian Mills separated on their way to different sect meeting places. Indian Mills was the first reservation in the country.

## Ugh! Heap Mouthful

Not the least intriguing of Medford Lakes' many features is the array of fascinating names

given to lakes and trails that conjure up visions of the aborigines who inhabited the area. Roll these around on your tongue:

*Mudjekeewis, Shingowack, Chickagami, Mishe Mokwa, Wauwauskaske, Mushkodasa.*

They're all here, they and many equally unpronounceable. No wonder the Indians grunted so much!

Most of the names are better known, made famous by writers like Longfellow and Cooper or recorded in the turbulent early history of our country. All the tribes and great chieftains are represented: Mohawk and Mohave, Pocahontas and Powhatan, Hiawatha and Seneca, Sitting Bull, the Sioux, Cheyenne, Piute, Lenape, Navajo, Iroquois, Cherokee, Cayuga, Apache, Natchez, Minnetonka, and many more.

Mayor Todd himself is an honorary Indian Chief with the name *Bear Talk*, bestowed on him at ceremonies incidental to the 1950 water pageant.

# 1952--

## 25 Years After

Medford Lakes today, a quarter-century after its creation, is the delight of its residents, the envy of visitors, the admiration of all who see it.

Developing slowly, steadily on a sound, permanent base rather than mushrooming through high-pressure, unstable promotion, the Colony comprises 375 attractive cabins, all faithful to the rustic motif which contributes so much to the community's charm.

A scant half hour from Philadelphia via the Delaware River and Tacony-Palmyra bridges, only 45 minutes from Trenton and Atlantic City, Medford Lakes is ideally situated, easily accessible to millions living in a 30-mile radius.

Over 22 miles of delightful trails wind through the development. There are 21 lakes to delight the eye, many of them dredged and dammed for bathing, boating, fishing.

The Lakes' very location in the health-giving pines makes it attractive from a health standpoint; adding to its desirability in this respect are facilities for physical activity — swimming, canoeing, golf, tennis, horseback riding, trapshooting, sailing, hiking, and in winter ice-skating and sleighing.

### Permanent Homes

For this community, started originally as a seasonal resort, has become a year-around paradise. Many families that bought or built to have a delightful summer place decided it was unwise to maintain another home in the city. Commuting convenience makes Medford Lakes a suburb closer to

central Philadelphia and Camden than some parts of the cities themselves.

Thus more than two-thirds of the 375 cabins are occupied the year around. Incidentally, it should be mentioned that Medford Lakes is almost entirely a community of owner occupants—rarely are cabins rented, and never are they built for speculation.

### Colony Club Key

The life of the Lakes revolves around the Colony Club, which is at once the center of social activity and the means for restricting residence to families meeting the requirements set up by the club. This exclusiveness is accomplished through the device of placing ownership of all public property in the club, and making club membership a requisite for use of the facilities.

Planned recreation is in charge of the club, which provides for every member of the family through activity for men, women, juniors, teen-agers and children. The famed day camp is one of the Lakes' greatest attractions in an active sense, giving valuable, supervised training to youngsters who thus learn early in life how to swim, handle a canoe, handle themselves in the outdoors, make useful objects in the craft shop and all-around become sturdier, healthier boys and girls.

The succeeding pages of this volume are replete with detailed data about the scores of important activities in Medford Lakes. Together they comprise the package that is Medford Lakes, a package of pleasant, relaxing living.

### Selling Living

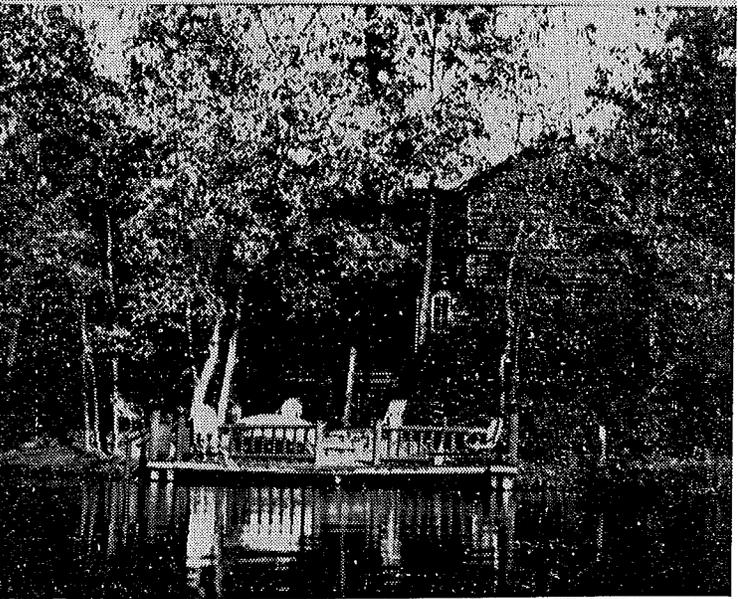
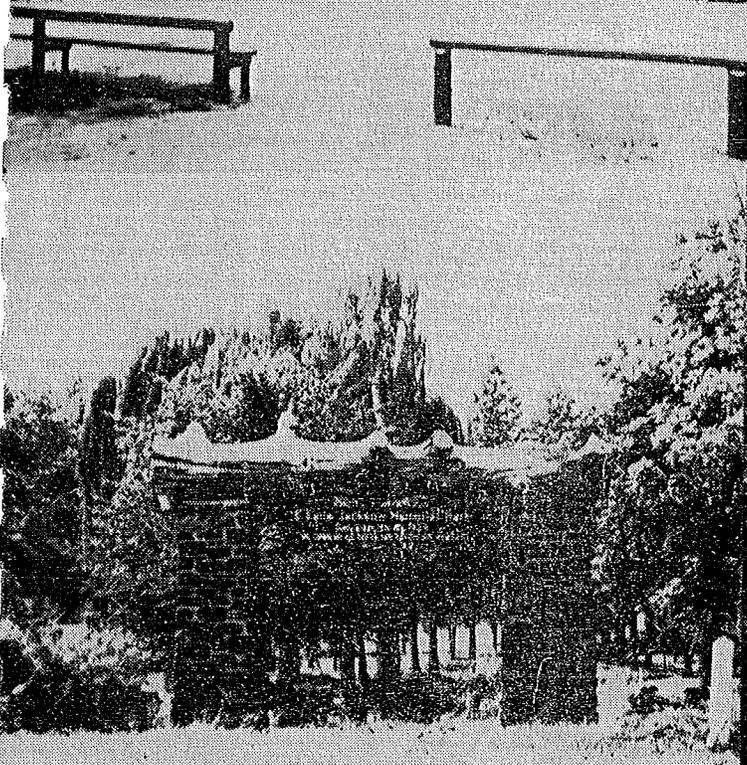
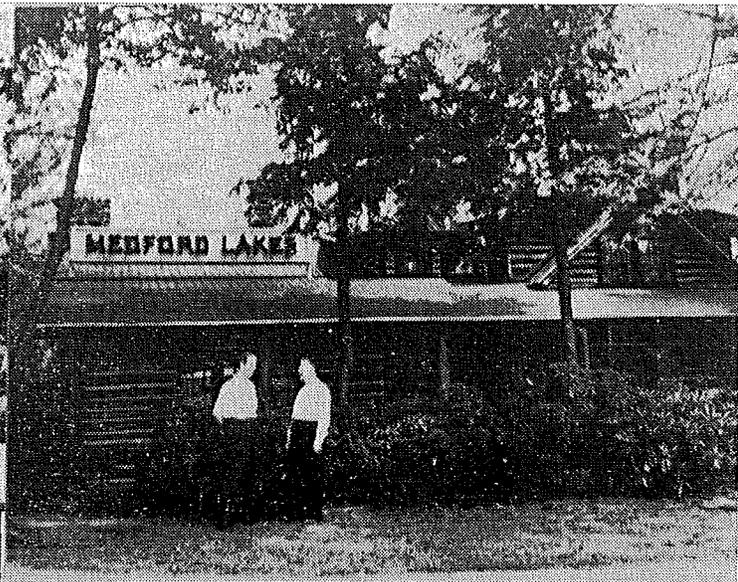
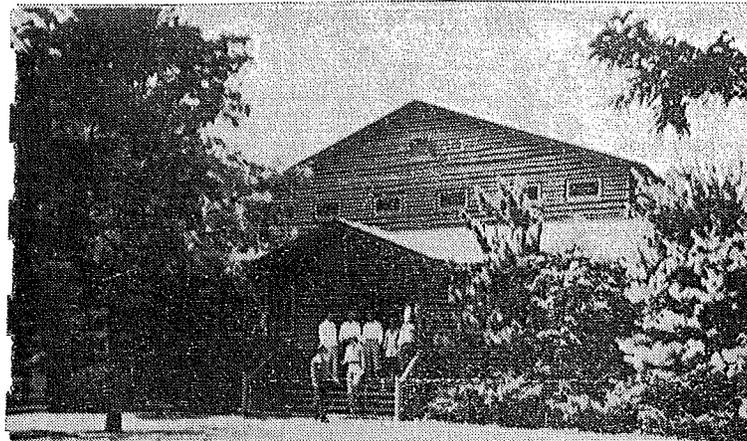
Leon Todd always has contended that a man who has a project of this kind isn't merely selling land and buildings. He is actually selling contentment, health, pleasure, well-being. In order to sell these intangibles he must first create them. And this involves much more than golf courses, tennis courts, lakes for swimming and boating, buildings for social pursuits. It involves careful planning, management and awareness of people's desires, which then must be met by properly organizing the community and seeing that it functions effectively.

And so Medford Lakes today, as it observes the 25th anniversary of its birth, is a popular village of rustic, comfortable, nicely furnished, individually owned cabins, some one-story, some two. Woodland has been cleared to make it neat and hikeable without detracting from its natural charm. Lakes have been dredged and dammed, white-sand sloping beaches have been installed, playgrounds made and equipped.

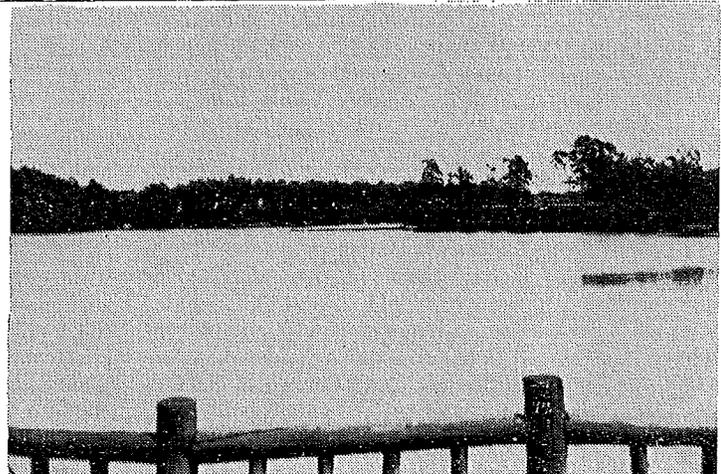
Today's community has its club-hotel, Log Cabin Lodge; its trading post where supplies may be purchased; its community buildings, parks, flower gardens — everything for everyone with a sense of appreciation for the appealing delight of the simpler but finer things of life.

All this in the first quarter-century.

The future of Medford Lakes? That's another story.



Medford Lakes Views: first column, from top, Vaughan Community House, Jackson Memorial Park entrance, Upper Aetna from the dam. Second column: Mayor Todd (right) and Past President Robertson chat before administration building; one of the Lakes' loveliest settings.



# The Years Ahead



## Developer Charts Ambitious Course

There is no such thing as standing still in the makeup of Leon Todd. He is not one for resting on laurels, although the amazing transformation of Medford Lakes from swamp to Shangri-la in 25 years would be satisfaction enough for the ordinary man.

But progress and growth are the watchwords at Medford Lakes, always with a jealous, zealous eye to the tone of the community.

Today, as the achievements of the past are being celebrated, Developer Todd is working on plans for the future. With the two Aetna lakes and 13 others completely developed, desirable new sites will have been readied for use with the opening of the new lake sections.

The overall Todd plan calls for an ultimate population of between 6,000 and 7,000. Capacity will be 1,600 cabins, allowing an average of three lots per cabin. The full potential is in excess of 4,500, since there are that many lots, but there must be plenty of wide open space in Leon's scheme of things.

Even the modest goal of 1,600 leaves plenty of room for expansion, for there are slightly under 400 cabins now, a population of 1,600. Of the 21 lakes, 15 are fully developed, the other six lie in five reservations still to be opened.

Present activity centers around the Sioux, Lenape and Iroquois reservations in the fast-growing new area south of the original project of the Aetnas. New construction is under way in all three reservations.

### The Aboriginal Theme

The remaining two undeveloped reservations, Algonquin and Wyandot, are in the planning stage. It is Leon Todd's great ambition to live long enough to see the whole development completed. He's behind his original timetable, not because Medford Lakes hasn't come up to his expectations—for it has actually surpassed them in popular appeal—but because of such uncontrollable factors as economic depressions and war. It is mute testimony to his integrity and acumen that his Great Venture has survived such trying tests.

Delighted residents are Medford Lakes' best advertisement. They think there's no place on earth like it. It isn't only the cool nights in humid weather, the healthful, majestic beauty of towering pines and cedars, and birches and maples, the wildflowers and waterfalls. Or even the \$50,000 golf course, the baseball diamonds, the tennis courts, athletic fields, playgrounds and bathing beaches, the riding and fishing, nor yet the community houses, center of social

activities, or even the children's camp.

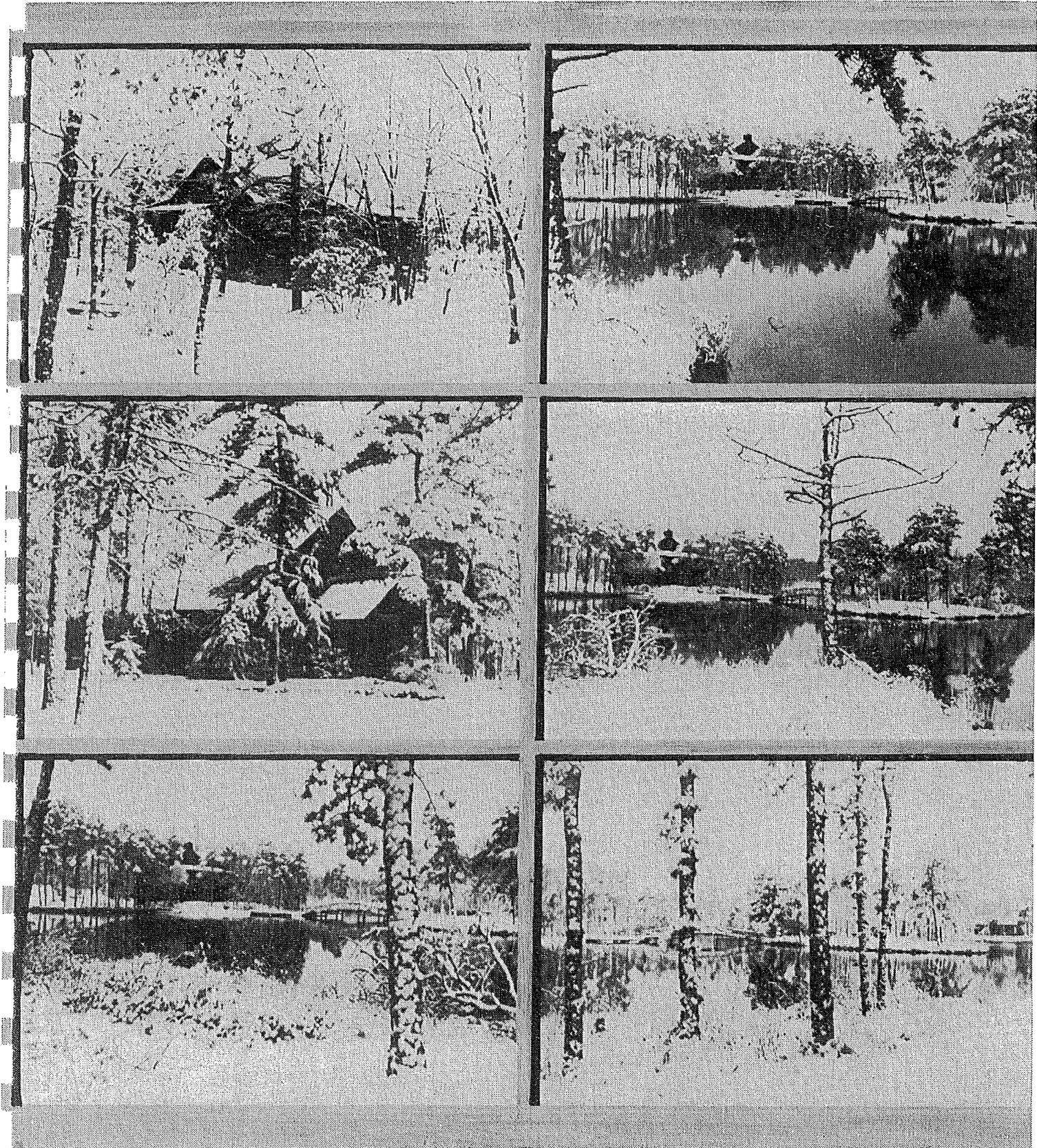
No, there's something else, all-pervasive, above and beyond all these features, an intangible spirit and camaraderie that is difficult to define but whose presence is felt just the same.

Each succeeding year attests to the soundness of the planning which Leon Todd put into the building of Medford Lakes. It is an amazing, almost a unique blending of convenient, even luxurious living with simple, unpretentious surroundings.

Despite its informal, rustic demeanor, its aura of nostalgic simplicity, every possible modern utility is here—transportation, sewers, water, electricity, telephone, every ingredient for comfort and ease.

Those factors assure for Medford Lakes a second quarter-century as productive as the first. How can it miss? Land is here, available for purchase and development. Financing is easy to arrange. Tranquility and peace of mind are here for the taking. There is calm, placid, passive living for those who want it that way; plenty of activity for those who want things going on.

And with all its other advantages, Medford Lakes is worth living in just for the experience of knowing its alter ego, Leon Todd.



Winter in all its grandeur at Medford Lakes

# This Man Todd - - -

Medford Lakes . . . Leon Todd.  
Leon Todd . . . Medford Lakes.

The two are practically synonymous, interchangeable. Mention one and you must think of the other, inevitably.

So much is this so that no complete story of Medford Lakes can be written without the name Todd running through it like a life-motif. For in a very large measure, this exuberant, ebullient realtor has BEEN Medford Lakes.

Not that he has done the job alone, of course. The annals of the Colony Club are replete with names of men and women who have made significant and vital contributions to the growth of the community to its present high plane. Illustrious names like Oaks and Vaughan, Bartlett and Jackson, Maxwell and Daub, Volker and Scott, Garton and Alexander, and many more brighten the pages of Medford Lakes' archives.

But all of them, and many others, and all who have worked with Mayor Todd on the development end: Hannah Behnke and Charlie Draude, Furmin DeMaris and Joe Hettel, would be quick to acknowledge that Leon Todd is and always has been the mainspring that made the works run.

So it is necessary that a special article be devoted to Leon Todd and his background, extending beyond the activity that is known so well to his fellow Lakers.

## Native of Camden

Leon Todd was born Nov. 22, 1893, the son of J. Linwood and Ida Fox Todd, pioneer residents of East Camden who still live in the same home in that thriving section of the city.

Energetic and ambitious from youth, the teen-age Leon followed the pattern of summer vacation and after school work common to

boys of modest circumstances early in the 20th century.

He graduated from Camden High School and Pierce Business School, then obtained employment with a firm of commission merchants on Dock St., Philadelphia. In 1916 he became office manager, then house secretary of the Camden YMCA. The next year he turned to real estate as a salesman for R. D. Clow. By 1923 he had opened his own office for general real estate brokerage, insurance, appraising and mortgage activities.

Once he had decided to make real estate his life's work, Leon plunged into it with zeal and zest. He wanted to learn all about it and become one of the best. He read avidly, studied all the books on real estate he could find, attended all the courses he could learn about.

Real estate brokerage wasn't the highly specialized field it is today, and Leon was instrumental in elevating its standards and raising its stature through the enactment of a license statute which he now helps administer. For the past six years he has served on the State Real Estate Commission, and is currently its president.

Soon after opening his office, Leon became president of the Camden County Real Estate Board, and reelected the next year. He went on to head the New Jersey State Association of Real Estate Boards, and become director and vice-president of the national. He has served as professor of real estate at Rutgers, a federal commissioner in condemnation cases, an appraiser for business and government.

## Key to Turnpike Work

Acquisition of land for the \$250,000,000 turnpike throughout the state revolved around him.

He was the first president of

the Camden Chapter of the Society of Residential Appraisers and director of the national; is active in various institutes and specialist groups in his chosen profession. Real estate organization has been second only to Medford Lakes as the great impersonal love of his life.

To all who know him—and he numbers his friends by the thousands—Leon personifies pioneering initiative. He is the spirit of restless adventure, of trail blazers striking out to new frontiers, always planning, working, creating, promoting, developing, organizing, progressing.

When at 25 he left his Y secretaryship to embark upon the then rather ephemeral and uncertain career of real estate, he courageously chose as his field of operations the sparsely-settled, undeveloped, non-mercantile section of East Camden. He was pioneering, and he plunged into the experiment with zest. He built houses, he laid out developments, he brought in stores, he organized a bank, several building and loans.

For sheer pioneering initiative, though, that enterprise was as nothing compared with the task he set for himself a decade later—the development of a pine wilderness in bucolic Burlington County into the great resort of Medford Lakes.

Once developed, he wanted it a community within itself; he manipulated the erection of Medford Lakes as a separate borough, led it through several changes in governmental form, has been its only Mayor through it all.

It was then he got into politics, and like everything else he gets into, he went all the way, so that today he is recognized as one of the political leaders of Burlington County. He has served the Republican Party as its County Chairman, heads its local and state

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## Indian Interlude

The 25,000 beauty lovers who thrilled to the 1950 edition of the annual water pageant received an added treat through the cooperation of U. S. Senator Robert C. Hendrickson.

The Senator's secretary, Mrs. Mary Thompson, residing on Lower Aetna Lake, transported Chief Thunderbolt and 10 other Montana Indians from Washington to perform on her canoe carnival entry and to present a program of authentic tribal dances and songs at the Community House afterwards.

It was during the latter feature that Chief Thunderbolt bestowed a trophy upon Mayor Todd and made him an honorary chief of the Montanas with the title *Chief Bear Talk*.

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finance committees, is its contact man with the Administration in Trenton.

### Spurs Mosquito Control

It was he who fostered the County Mosquito Commission, served as its president for 10 years, made up its personnel, brought in a full-time executive, prodded it into real accomplishment for the benefit not only of his beloved Medford Lakes but the whole county.

Typical of the way he does things is the story of the Camden County Real Estate Board. When he joined it it was in the doldrums; he reorganized and revitalized it, made it the first board in the state to hold weekly meetings, first to bring in outside speakers, first to distribute a weekly bulletin.

At Leon's side in all his activity, which often takes him out of town—he leaves immediately after the July 4 banquet for Chicago where he is an elected delegate to the Republican National Convention, for example—is his lovely wife, Hel-

# Todd Testimonial - Whole Community Honors Founder July 4; Governor To Speak

The year-long silver anniversary celebration of Medford Lakes reaches one of its climaxes on Independence Day when this woodland-and-water resort community honors its creator.

Medford Lakes will turn out en masse to pay homage to Leon E. Todd, the guiding genius behind the transformation of 1,300 acres of primeval forest laced with brackish swamps into one of the most popular sylvan settings in the country.

Governor Alfred E. Driscoll will be the principal speaker for this testimonial to Developer Todd, the only mayor Medford Lakes ever has had. Arthur W. Lewis, former State Senator, and vice-president of the Colony Club, will serve as toastmaster. With an attendance ceiling placed at 750, the event will be the largest ever held at Log Cabin Lodge. It will begin at 7 p. m. Strict rules limiting purchase of tickets had to be invoked to prevent the throng

from running into the thousands. Friends and admirers of Leon Todd from all over the state—and beyond: public officials, civic leaders, realtors, savings and loan men, Lions, others with whom he has worked closely and assiduously, wanted to join in honoring him. But the committee realized early in the planning stage that considerations of capacity demanded that this be a family affair for Medford Lakes.

All facets of community life are playing a part in the program. The camp children will eat at Vaughan Community House, after which they will march in a body to the Lodge for special exercises. The young matrons will assemble at Oaks Hall for dinner, then proceed to the Lodge.

Preceding the dinner, all Colonists and guests are invited to attend a reception for Governor Driscoll given by Mayor Todd at Log Cabin Lodge. It will begin at 6 p. m. and continue until 7.

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en., one of the most popular and decorative attractions of Medford Lakes. They have been married 37 years. They had three sons. The eldest and youngest, Harrison and Jack, are associated with their father in business, both married, the latter living at the Lakes, both chips off the old block insofar as industry and organizational activity are concerned. Harrison now heads the Camden office while Jack is assuming managership of the Lakes office. Harrison has been president of the county and state realtor groups, is now a national director. Jack is chairman of the state's young realtors.

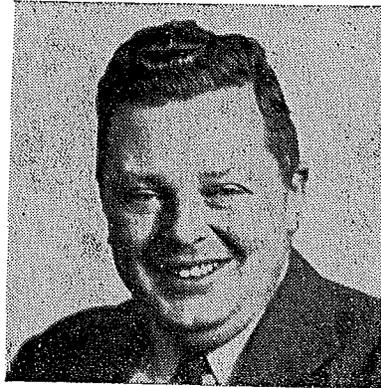
The great tragedy of Leon Todd's full life was the loss of the second son, Leon Edgar, Jr., a

wonderful boy who made the supreme sacrifice for his country. Ensign Todd died in action in an assault on a Pacific atoll which is named for him.

It is symptomatic of Leon Todd that when word of this terrible loss came on the day he was being given a previous testimonial dinner at Medford Lakes, Aug 21, 1943, because it was too late to cancel the affair into which so many folks had put so much effort, he went through with it, despite the crushing burden in his heart.

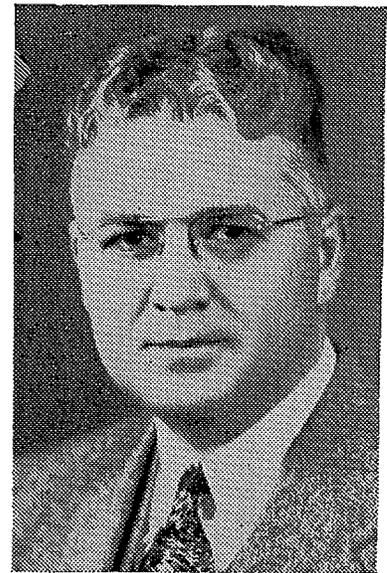
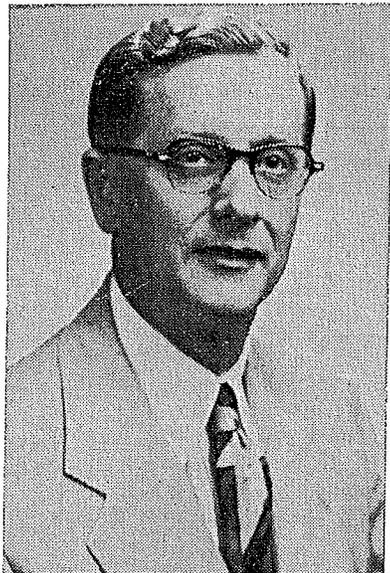
This, then is the story of the man who founded Medford Lakes and built it into the great institution it is. It is both a monument to him and a milestone in the Todd success story.

Below:  
Vice-presidents Hopkins, Meyer



President Wingert

Below:  
Vice-presidents Rauch and Lewis



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AND FRANK DONALDSON  
25th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE - HARRY A. WILLSON, JR.

# WHAT MAKES IT TICK----

## Colony Club Key To Community's Success

The story of Medford Lakes is the story of the Colony Club, the vehicle for implementation of the founders' dream of a permanent, well regulated family resort.

Through this device standards are maintained, exclusiveness is preserved, discipline is possible. It is not enough to own or rent a cabin at Medford Lakes; membership in the Colony Club is necessary to use any of the community's facilities, and without that privilege, any resident would be a virtual hermit.

All public property, including the lakes, dams, parks, community houses, beaches, playgrounds, camp and other features that make Medford Lakes the finest resort community in the world, are owned by the Colony Club, deeded without charge by the Development Company after the club had been in existence a few years and demonstrated its ability to carry on the policies conceived and created by Developer Todd and his associates.

The role of the Colony Club in Medford Lakes was expressed aptly nearly two decades ago by Alfred Volker, Jr., when he was club president. Said Mr. Volker:

"The Colony Club has a definite responsibility to protect the community and the investment of each individual member against many of the devastating influences which may creep in to get a foothold and which eventually may result in a sharp decline in value of the investment.

"This protection is afforded through neighborhood consciousness which has a great deal to do with the neighborhood's permanence. To attract the right class of

colonists, it was not enough merely to provide protection, but attention had to be given to opportunities for entertainment, recreation, and social contact of a high type. Culture in a community is perhaps the most important of all social functions. Certain it is that all people who have children are keenly interested in their cultural environment.

"In a summer colony such as ours, proper facilities for regulated play must be provided for the children, and their safety watched over by trained personnel. In order to hold a community like ours together, there must be a fusion of interest without a feeling of suppression, and a readiness to sacrifice individual preference for the common good, and this is impossible, in my opinion, without a governing agency such as our Medford Lakes Colony Club."

That the club has accepted and effectively met the challenging responsibilities defined with such clarity by Past President Volker is evident from the very success and popularity of Medford Lakes.

In creating the club, Developer Todd knew the importance of wise and unselfish leadership. Throughout the quarter-century of development, he has hovered in the background, keeping an experienced eye on the club's operation, managing by an occasional word of suggestion to make sure it keeps on the right track, faithful to the principles of the community and the vital, indispensable role it must play.

In a broad, general sense the function of the club is two-fold: to maintain Medford Lakes' high tone, and to provide for its continuing program of activities.

In this latter connection, all social, athletic and recreational functions are in direct charge of the club. It operates Vaughan and Oaks halls, the camp and craft shop, the beaches, supervises all swimming, boating, fishing, sponsors all bazaars, card parties, festivals, runs the water pageant—everything, in a word, that concerns Medford Lakes, with certain exceptions.

One is the golf club, run by the Country Club which is a counterpart in a specialized field of the Colony Club; another is the official activity of the municipality, which is in charge of the governing body, board of education, board of health and related units. But even in the case of these "exceptions" the influence of the Colony Club is felt. Through the Advisory Council the club works closely, cooperatively with every single segment of Medford Lakes life, including the Lodge, the Lions Club, the churches and all the rest.

Medford Lakes could not possibly be the delightful community it is today without an active, efficient Colony Club. Great credit is due the club's leaders down through the years for this amazingly successful experiment in friendly, cooperative living.

The adherence to these principles in the future or failure to follow them will be the success or failure of Medford Lakes in the future. To the degree that the Colony Club provides inspirational leadership and wins the wholehearted support of the Colonists, to that extent will Medford Lakes grow and prosper and remain without a peer as a community of friendly people, a family resort providing the best things in life.

# THE DISTAFF SIDE – Auxiliary Provides Organized Activity For Women Of Community

Like all communities, the role of the fair sex in Medford Lakes activity is a dynamic one, well organized to provide the maximum in service and enjoyment.

The Women's Auxiliary to the Medford Lakes Colony Club was formed 10 years ago for the avowed purpose, as set forth in its by-laws, of promoting benevolence and welfare, mental improvement, year round sociability, providing a central meeting place, and permitting close cooperation with the Colony Club.

Originally membership was open to all women 21 years or older who were Colonists, but the growth of the community led to the setting off of younger members into a Junior Section which functions in close coordination with the senior group. The age division is 35.

The current program of the Auxiliary typifies its continuing activity. Already held have been dinner parties and luncheons, bridge parties, flower shows, with a bazaar, Christmas party, fashion show, cards and parcel post parties scheduled.

Many special events are held on various subjects. The agenda down through the years has included antique shows, musicales, skating and swimming parties, teas, book reviews, bowling and badminton, beach parties. The Auxiliary provides custodians for the Community House kitchens and hostesses for Oaks Hall dancing.

On the service side, the Auxiliary has sponsored many worthwhile projects and cooperated in many others. Countless hours have been spent in the Red Cross workroom and USO at Fort Dix. Contributions have been made to all worthy causes: cancer fund, polio drive, Salvation Army, CARE, among others. They work with the Girl Scouts, with Tilton

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## The Officers

President—Mrs. John Carothers.

Vice-president—Mrs. George Robertson.

Treasurer—Mrs. John Zink.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Carl Williams.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Calvin Neiswender.

Directors—Mrs. Edward Barbour, Mrs. A. E. Horst, Mrs. Carl Kumpf.

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Hospital, with the Children's Home at Mt. Holly, with the Indian missions. Baskets are distributed to needy families. Gifts, including a television, have been given to the county welfare home. Silver, plateware and other equipment have been donated to the community facilities, including an electrical stove, hot water burner and coffee urn for Oaks Hall.

Dues for current operations are nominal. Large sums are raised for charitable and welfare work, and a substantial reserve is invested for future use. Meetings are held on the third Friday of each month, at which time refreshments are served and entertainment is provided. The executive board, consisting of the officers and committee chairmen, meets on the second Friday. Organized in 1942 by 20 women, the membership now comprises 175. The Auxiliary has achieved an indispensable position in the program of Medford Lakes.

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## Past Presidents

1942-43—Mrs. R. Haines Barr.

1944—Mrs. B. Hallworth Otterstatter.

1945—Mrs. John Burdan.

1946—Mrs. Walter Wolfkiel.

1947—Mrs. George Morgan.

1948—Mrs. Norman Thomas.

1949—Mrs. Emil Hory.

1950—Mrs. Howard German.

1951—Mrs. Louis Loesche.

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## The Club's Purposes

The importance of the Colony Club in Medford Lakes' scheme of things is evidenced by the purpose for which it was formed, as set forth in the by-laws. On the assumption that even few club members have read the section, it is reproduced here:

"To provide for the care and maintenance of the roads, parks, dams, beaches, lakes, and waters, and streams connected therewith; docks, piers, pavilions, club houses, buildings, and other structures, tennis courts and other grounds; to supervise recreation and sports, boating, bathing, fishing, hunting, trap shooting, which may be engaged in within the boundaries of a tract of land known as Medford Lakes - in - the - Pines, Burlington County, New Jersey; to supervise the use of all public and semi-public property within the boundaries of the said Colony; to formulate rules and regulations for the use of the properties enumerated above; to perpetuate the standard and tone of the community; to provide and maintain adequate systems and administration, fire protection, policing, garbage and sewerage disposal for the property enumerated above and also for the properties of the member of the Club; to promote health, welfare, morals, pleasures, recreation, indoor and outdoor sports, entertainments, athletic contests and to provide suitable trophies and prizes for contestants and to promote sociability and good fellowship for the members thereof."



**DISTINGUISHED GALLERY**—Presidents of the Medford Lakes Colony Club down through the years. At the top is William G. Oaks, great leader of the formative years, flanked by the two honorary presidents, Leon E. Todd (left) and Frank J. Young. In the second row, left to right, are Charles Z. Vaughan, first president whose memory is honored by the community house; A. J. Bartlett, who served in 1931; Harry B. Maxwell, 1932; George Daub, 1933; E. Earle Jackson, 1934; Alfred Volker, Jr., 1935, and Louis W. Scott, 1936. Third row, from left: Frank A. Eger, 1937; A. J. Morgan, 1938; J. C. Alexander, 1939-40; Dr. Howard E. Bricker, 1941; Horace M. Garton, 1942-43; Dr. Charles F. Kutteroff, 1944; James W. Willard, 1945. Bottom row: John S. Charles, 1946; Harry A. Willson, 1947; A. E. Horst, 1948; E. Albert Hibbert, 1949; Thomas M. Marshall, 1950; Clarence B. Wingert, present president, and George B. M. Robertson, immediate past president.

## The Junior Section

Medford Lakes' continuous growth and the influx of young people made it apparent several years ago that the Colony Club Auxiliary might seriously consider setting up a junior section, for young matrons from 18 to 35.

Accordingly, the section was formed in July, 1950, with 53 charter members. Mrs. George Morgan, who conceived the idea, was the first senior adviser, and the first officers were: president, Mrs. George Merkh; vice-president, Mrs. Amory Lynch; recording secretary, Mrs. Harry Riddle; treasurer, Mrs. Robert Gladfelter.

Activities that first year included sponsorship of a Brownie troop and dancing class, card party and fashion show, Valentine dance, New Year's Eve party, contribution to such worthwhile causes as CARE and other drives.

Later the Teen-age Club—at

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## Jackson Park

A restful haven for nature lovers is Jackson Memorial Park, created on land donated by the development company to honor the memory of E. Earle Jackson, first of the Colony Club's leaders who died.

Two brooks wend their ways through the acreage, and children delight in fishing in them. The rustic nature of the scenery has been preserved, with wildflowers and birdlife predominating.

The park was dedicated July 4, 1939, with Mayor Todd unveiling the tableau. William G. Oaks accepted the deed for the Colony from Robert Y. Garrett of Camden Trust Co., then president of the company, and Dr. Muste made the memorial address.

Oaks Hall was sponsored with such signal success. Proceeds of the affair were used to buy china for Oaks Hall. Mrs. William Palese is the 1952 president, with Mrs. Norman Frazer as vice-president, Mrs. George Mann, recording secretary, Mrs. John McGrogan, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Robert Gladfelter, treasurer.

Between the Auxiliary and its Junior Section there is something to interest all the women of the Lakes all the time.

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## Treat For Teen-Agers

What to do for the year-around teen-agers in off season always has been a question that perplexed leaders of Medford Lakes.

Summer is no problem; there is always plenty going on to intrigue the youthful.

Determined to meet the winter problem the Colony Club Auxiliary developed a program this past winter. Each Friday about 40 youngsters met in Oaks Hall

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## A Private Resort

The privacy so necessary for a high type resort community is achieved through the Medford Lakes Colony Club.

The lakes, beaches and all other recreational facilities are owned by the Colony Club, gifts of the Development Company. The Club restricts their use strictly to members and guests of members. Bathing tags are issued to Colonists for their use and use of their guests only. Fishing also is confined to the Colony; as is the golf course and other facilities.

to dance to recorded music, play ping pong and cards, and enjoy an organized social hour, with members of the junior division conducting the activities and serving as chaperons.

Although in the experimental stage, the program has worked so successfully with boys and girls from 13 to 18 enjoying it so hugely that it is expected to become a regular winter activity.

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## Rod and Reel

Disciples of Izaak Walton find Medford Lakes' many lakes provide splendid opportunities for leisurely fishing in the midst of relaxing surroundings.

The Colony Club's Rod and Reel Committee under the chairmanship of A. J. Ramsey has undertaken an ambitious program that includes institution of an experimental fish breeding and rearing program.

Lake of the Elk has been adjusted chemically and stocked with bass and bluegills, and Partridge and Great Bear with breeders. The fish hatched last year have

shown excellent growth.

The Ramsey committee is working on a program this summer that includes a fishing contest and fish fry for children, instruction in fishing and casting, fly tying and lure making, and wildlife conservation.

While all the lakes are privately owned, by the Colony Club, nevertheless fishermen must be licensed by the State, as in all fresh water fishing. Residents of other states must have non-resident licenses, and colonists are urged to make sure their guests are properly licensed.

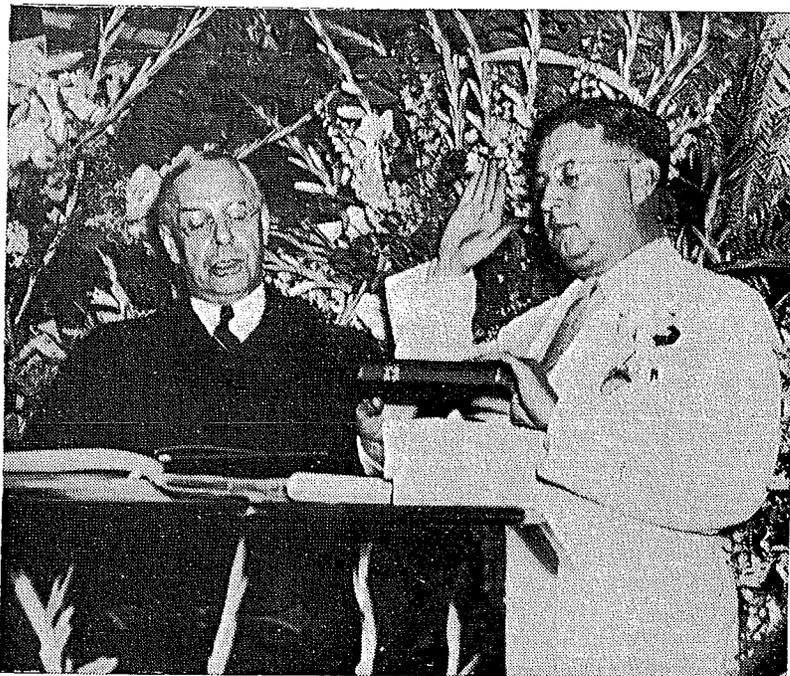
# Medford Lakes The Municipality

Medford Lakes became a municipality in its own right in 1939 when a bill sponsored by Assemblyman S. Emlen Stokes setting it off from Medford Township was passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor A. Harry Moore as Chapter 60 of the laws of 1939. Senator Clifford R. Powell supported the bill in the upper house. Also helpful were Camden County legislators Harry A. Willson, a Colonist, and Alfred E. Driscoll, now Governor.

A special election to implement the act was held June 27. Leon E. Todd, developer and father of Medford Lakes, was unanimously chosen mayor. Elected to Borough Council were Pierson A. Anderson, Kenneth R. Fay, Dr. Howard E. Bricker, George T. Morgan, Thomas J. Bethel and W. Glenn Pearce. Walter F. Wolfkiel was named tax collector and Harold K. Remington assessor.

On Aug. 12, 1941, at a special election the form of government was changed to a 3-member commission. The subsequent election Sept. 16 named Leon E. Todd, George T. Morgan and Frank A. Eger commissioners. At the organization meeting Todd was designated Mayor.

In May of 1946 the final change was made to the form of government actually sought at the start but unobtainable at the time—Municipal Manager. Through all the changes Todd carried on as Mayor, and does to this day. He alone among the original governing officials still serves. Horace M. Garton was elected to succeed Eger at the 1952 election, and upon the recent death of George Morgan, Calvin A. Walters was named to fill the vacancy. The terms of the three present rulers end in May, 1954.



An historic moment in the Medford Lakes Story: Mayor Todd receives the first oath of office from Supreme Court Justice Ralph W. E. Donges.

## Education, But Low School Costs

Medford Lakes is one community that has escaped high maintenance and operating costs for education, while providing facilities for children of year-around residents.

School buses provide free transportation to schools in the area. Many Lakes youngsters attend private and parochial schools. The Borough pays tuition for those who desire public school education and attend the elementary grades at Medford or secondary grades at Rancocas Regional High at Mt. Holly.

A private kindergarten at the Lakes prepares those of pre-school age who desire preliminary instruction.

Mrs. Clarence B. Wingert is

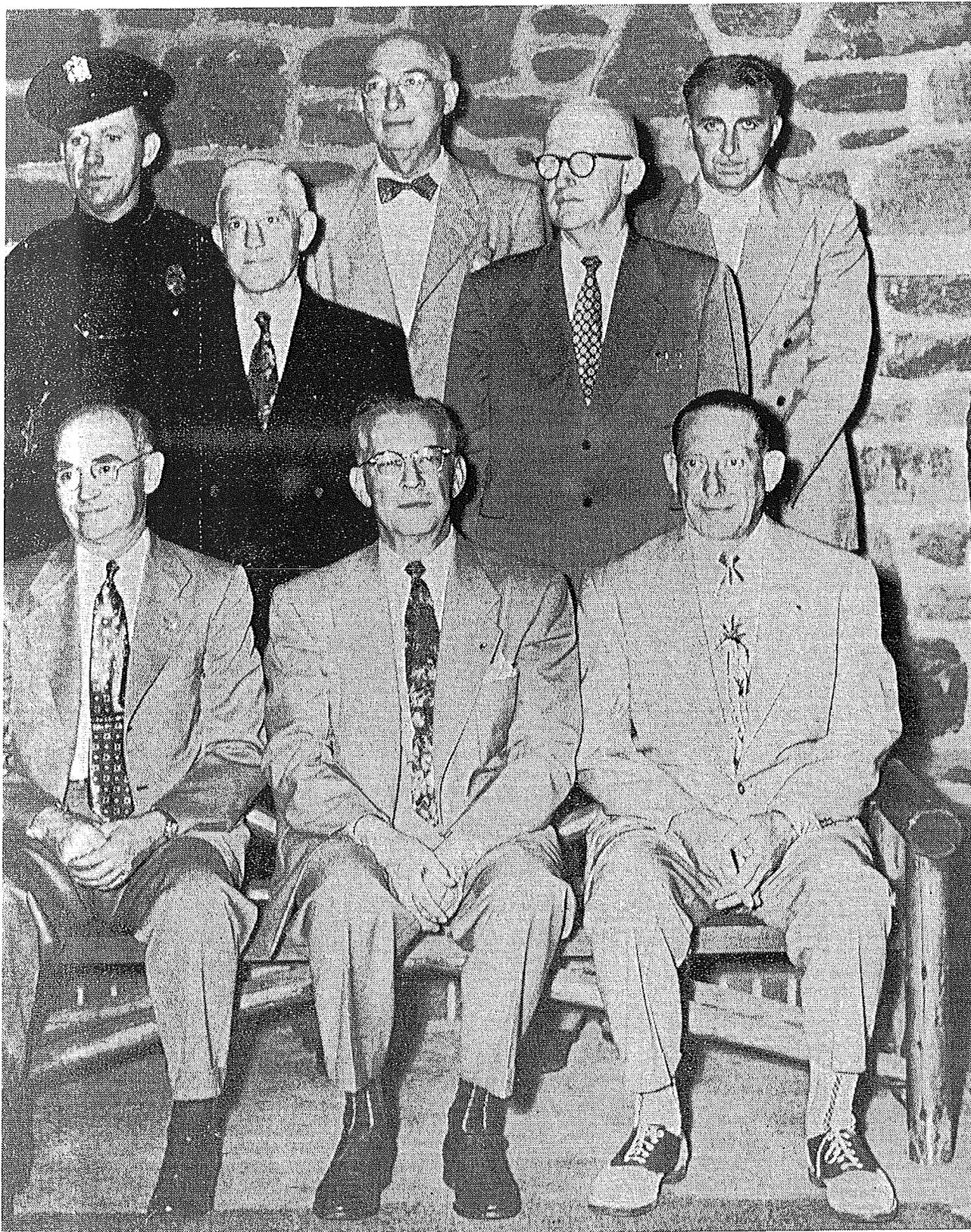
president of the Board of Education, Mrs. John K. Rauch is clerk, and Dr. Howard E. Bricker, Calvin A. Walters and Anthony DeMarco, members.

## Reserves For Future

Few municipalities enjoy the financial strength of the Borough of Medford Lakes.

Tax collections approximate 100 percent, budgets are sound and business-like, a substantial balance is provided each year to meet any exigencies and create a fund for future improvements. This reserve balance as of Dec. 31, 1951 was \$18,088, compared to \$14,550 the year before.

The 1951 budget was \$56,677, including county and school taxes, statutory requirements and debt service charges.



Borough management is in charge of this group of dignitaries. Seated in the center is Mayor Leon E. Todd. Flanking him are the Councilmen, Horace M. Garton (left) and Calvin A. Walters. Standing, left to right, are Police Chief Leon E. Gager, Municipal Manager O. M. Hopkins, Assessor and Building Inspector J. C. Alexander, Solicitor Furman A. DeMaris and Superintendent of Property Paul Shaffer.

# THE ADVISORY COUNCIL

A setup that is the envy of much larger municipalities is the Medford Lakes Advisory Council which provides continual service to residents.

The Council is a cooperative venture that integrates all phases of community administration into a central whole. The various units—Colony Club, Country Club, Borough, Development Company, Board of Education, Church, Lions Club, Sewerage Corp., Savings and Loan—all designate a representative to it and contribute financially to its support.

Through this system all facilities are concentrated in the administration building for the convenience of the populace, and the office is open every day in the week, including Sunday. No other municipality, even the largest of cities, offers such complete service.

The Council for 1952 is headed by Mayor Leon E. Todd, company representative. J. S. Charles, who with Clarence B. Wingert represents the Colony Club, is vice-president; O. M. Hopkins, executive manager of the Borough, is secretary and treasurer.

Other Council members, Frank Eger, Earl P. Bardon, Horace M. Garton, George B. M. Robertson and Dr. Howard E. Bricker.

The recent deaths of A. E. Horst and Councilman George T. Morgan created vacancies in the Council as representatives of the Sewerage Corporation and Borough. Their places have not yet been filled, and will be difficult to fill. Both made outstanding contributions to the community down through the years, and are sorely missed.

The origin of the Advisory Council goes back to 1942, when Mayor-Developer Todd suffered a severe heart attack. While he was hospitalized it was realized how much everything at Medford Lakes revolved around him and how hamstrung operations were in

his absence. The advisory group proved an ideal answer; it has permitted decentralization of work and responsibility, relieving Mr. Todd of much of the burden and bringing into existence a well organized, smoothly functioning group of representative leaders who work together for the common interest. The machinery provides a continuing method of supervision that is not dependent on any one individual, even "Mr. Medford Lakes" himself.

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## The Girl In The Office

"Miss Medford Lakes" to many Colonists long has been and always will be Hannah Behnke.

Secretary to Leon Todd before the development of Medford Lakes began, it was she who dispatched all details in the development of the community. Until the municipal manager plan started in 1946, she handled all the executive work in connection with the affairs of the Colony Club and other community units.

She still is secretary-treasurer of the Medford Lakes Development Co.

While the new setup has been less demanding on her and she now spends more time in the Todd Camden office, she appears at the Lakes often enough to be considered still an integral part of all Medford Lakes, to the delight of the Colonists.

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## Borough Garage

The Borough has its own garage for storage of equipment and rolling stock, including fire-fighting apparatus, trucks and other vehicles. Their housing in a common garage has been a wise investment in prolonging life of equipment and facilitating its use.

## Fire Fighting Facilities

Towering 110 feet skyward off Stokes road a scant mile from Medford Lakes is a steel structure providing continual fire-watching service. Located there through the activity of Mayor Todd, it is fully equipped for radio and telephone communications, and doubles in brass as a weather station.

The lookout tower is only part of a fine system of fire protection that has worked so well Medford Lakes enjoys a surprisingly low insurance rate. Most blazes are handled by the Borough's own small but fully equipped auxiliary apparatus stored in the borough garage, which serves as an assistant pumper to the Medford company. In addition to service from Medford Township, a supplemental standby service is available at all times from other towns.

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## Modern Police Service

Around-the-clock police service is given Medford Lakes citizenry and property by the police department headed by Chief Leon Gager.

A patrol signal nite service provides a scientifically alert method of checking. Signals must be pulled in proper sequence at specific intervals, and if one is missed, an alarm goes off at headquarters in the administration building.

Protection is supplemented in summer by auxiliary day service from Mt. Holly's reserve police. In addition, special officers are assigned for the beaches on weekends and holidays.

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## High In Mortgage Mart

Medford Lakes enjoys a high rating among financing institutions, both conventional and governmental. Mortgage loans are in demand. The community is approved for FHA and GI financing, and savings and loans are eager to participate in Lakes financing.

# CATHEDRAL OF THE WOODS

From its very inception, the Medford Lakes Colony Club has considered the religious activity of its members a vital part in the structure of a progressive community, and during its entire period of existence a Religious Committee has always functioned.

Early in the summer of 1928, immediately after the building of the original Colony Club Pavilion (the forerunner of the Vaughan Community House), religious services became a regular part of the weekly program at Medford Lakes. Formal church services followed closely the formation of a Sunday School, which was undertaken largely through the efforts of Mrs. Stanley Geipel and Miss Ethel I. Tappen.

Under the auspices of the Colony Club Religious Committee religious services continued regularly throughout each summer season in the Colony Club Pavilion where Church Services were held for the members of the Protestant Denominations and also for the members of the Roman Catholic Faith.

At the close of the 1930 summer season the Protestant services had so increased in importance that the Religious Committee of the Colony Club determined to build a Church structure in keeping with the Log Cabin architecture of the surrounding community. Financing of this undertaking was planned through numerous events and liberal contributions.

The first Board of Trustees consisted of T. R. Allen, A. J. Bartlett, J. C. Middleton, C. B. Muste, William G. Oaks, L. W. Scott, L. E. Todd, C. Z. Vaughan and Anna Geipel. The first meeting of the Board was held in Mr. Todd's Camden office on May 7, 1931 at which time a charter was adopted, and six lots were accepted as a gift from the Medford Lakes Corporation, and a contract between the Medford Lakes Con-

struction Company, builder, and The Protestant Community Church of Medford Lakes, owner, was ratified for the construction of the Church building. After this the By-Laws of the Church were adopted and the first officers were elected. They were as follows: President J. C. Middleton, Vice President L. W. Scott, Secretary-Treasurer F. A. DeMaris. The original cost of the building was \$4,084.50, the lots were valued at \$1,250, and the value of the furnishings was \$997.61.

The formal dedication took place on Sunday, June 21, 1931, when Rev. F. A. DeMaris, D.D., preached the opening sermon and formally dedicated the edifice which was presented for dedication by the Board of Trustees.

Rev. Cornelius B. Muste, A.M., D.D., was the first summer pastor. He filled the pulpit in all but the dedicatory service and one other service the first season.

In 1940 the Board of Trustees installed an air conditioning system, making this Church one of the pioneers in offering comfortable conditions for mid-summer services.

In 1942 the Board of Trustees agreed to a recommendation to install an air raid siren on the rear roof of the Church to serve the people of Medford Lakes. This later developed into our fire alarm system.

The first of the Memorial Windows was installed in 1945. The roof was insulated and a heating system was installed in 1945.

The Church building having been adapted to year-round use, the Congregation expanded its original summer service plans to include winter activities, and held its first full year's services during the 1946-47 season. With its new plan Communion Services were held on a quarterly basis.

## Leaders Of The Church

By resolution adopted Sept. 2, 1947, Leon E. Todd was unanimously elected to the permanent position of Honorary President of the Board of Trustees of the Cathedral of the Woods. Other officers are:

President—A. Harold Hopkins.  
Vice-President in charge of operations—George B. M. Robertson.

Vice-President—Dr. Ernest F. Purcell.

Secretary—Mrs. Grace Carothers.

Treasurer—August J. Heusser.  
Assistant Treasurer—Mrs. Ester Wingert.

Financial Secretary—Russell C. Henderson.

Superintendent Sunday School—John Rauch.

Trustees—J. C. Alexander, E. A. Hibbert, O. M. Hopkins, C. Kumpf, Mrs. Alberta Lewis, Mrs. Irma Schnieder, Dr. G. W. Tapper, C. Walters, H. A. Willson.

The rear portion of the Church had been excavated to provide for winter facilities. Advantage was taken of this and a knotty pine panelled room was installed in the basement to accommodate the growing Sunday School Classes.

Through donations a reed organ was purchased and installed during the latter part of 1947, replacing the former use of a piano. About the same time a member donated the electronic carillon which is heard every Sunday morning.

With the expanding activities, and largely through the efforts of Mrs. Ester Wingert, the "Cathedral Guild," a women's organization, was founded in 1949. This group of women helped to bind the Congregation into a more vital factor in the Community. They took as their active responsibility the care of the altar, the furnishing of flowers for each service, and the preparation of the elements of

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## Cathedral of the Woods



## St. Mary of the Lakes