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This past month Raymond Featherstone contacted me about some old postcards that he recently discovered for Paradise Springs. Some of the postcards were dated 1916 and were part of his Aunt Louise Bodevin's estate. Over the years Mr. Featherstone and other members of his family have very graciously provided the State Forest with other old photographs of Paradise Springs. The Bodevin family, consisting of John and Francis Bodevin, (Ray's grandparents), John, (Ray's uncle), Louise (Ray's aunt) and Margaret (Ray's mother) lived there from 1916 to 1925, when it was known as Minnihaha Springs.

Ray's mother, Margaret Bodevin Featherstone, explained that the Paradise Springs property was inherited by her father's cousin (L. D. Nichols). The family lived there when L. D. Nichols and Louis J. Petit owned the property, and they worked as groundskeeper/farmer and housekeeper. Later, when Mr. Nichols borrowed money from her parents (John & Francis Bodevin), he could not repay the loan, so they then acquired the mortgage and later they sold the property to Mr. Pettit.

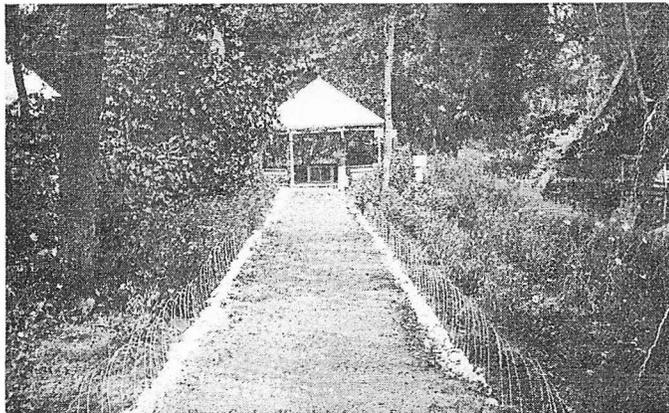
The postcards were printed by Mr. J. J. Lorge, the Eagle Pharmacist at that time, and he sold them at his Drug Store. The other photographs, which are not postcards, were taken by family members using a small Brownie camera. Only a select number of the Bodevin Family photographs were used in this issue of the Scuppernong Journal.

I also had in my files a letter written to me in 1982 by John Bodevin, who stated that Native Americans did use this area as a campsite in the early days of settlement. A few years ago this was proven beyond doubt when a 6" copper celt was discovered near the site of the gazebo.

Bodevin Family Photo Collection

Paradise Springs

1916 to 1925



Springhouse built over a flowing spring



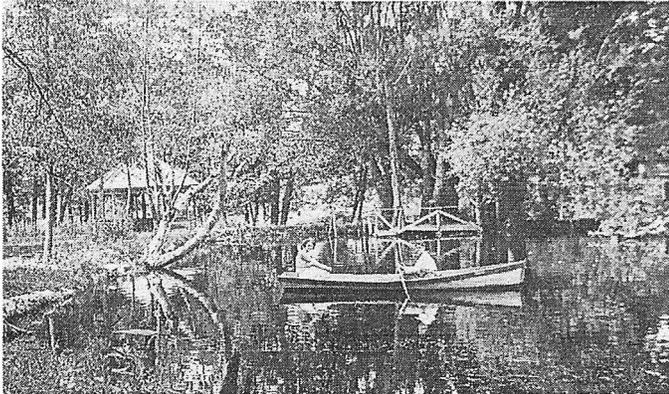
Turbine Building

Note: people are standing on top of this structure.

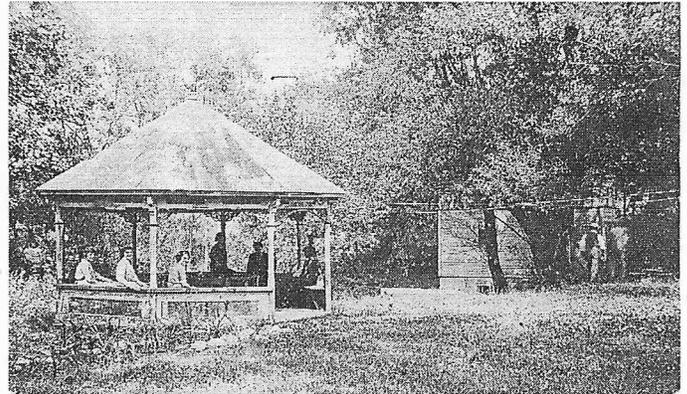


Pier and front of Turbine Building

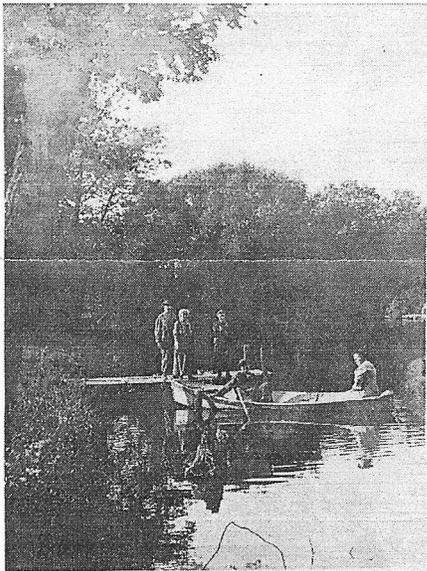
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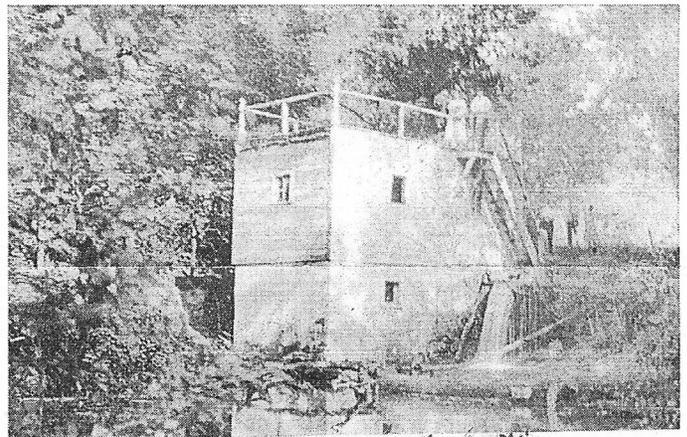
Margaret Bodevin Featherstone and her brother,
John Bodevin



Springhouse. Margaret is on the right and
her sister Louise is to her left



John and Francis Bodevin at the pier with friends.
John is in the boat.

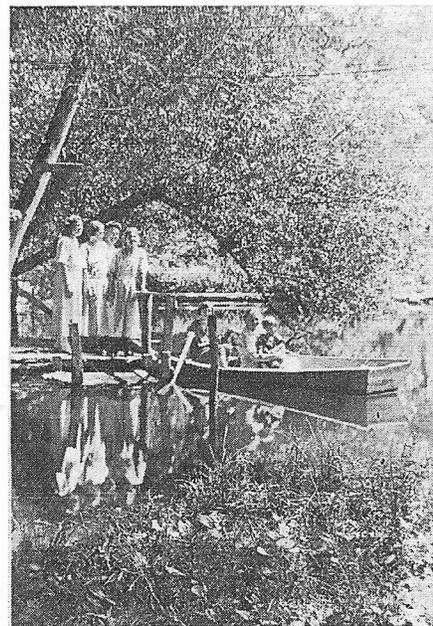


Minnehaha Shrine. Eagle XIV.

Turbine Building

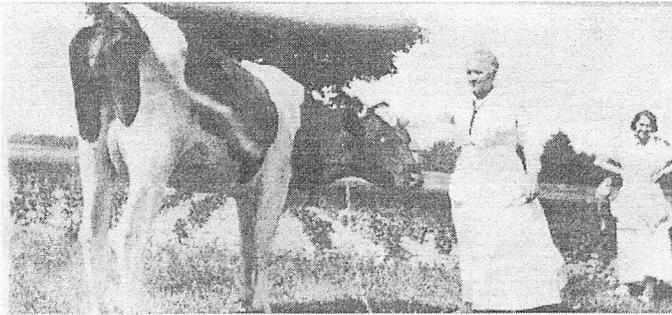


Bodevin Family (left to right) Francis, Margaret, John,
Louise, and John (uncle)

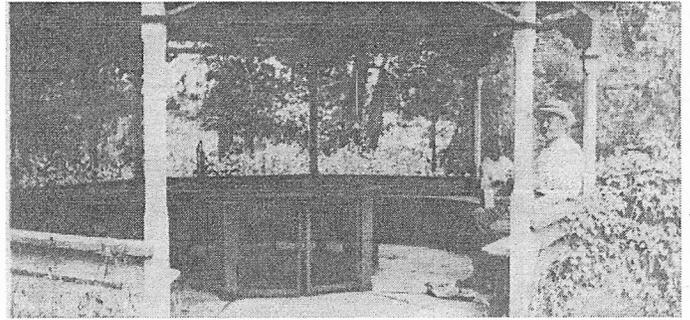


Francis Bodevin seated in boat; her friends are on the pier

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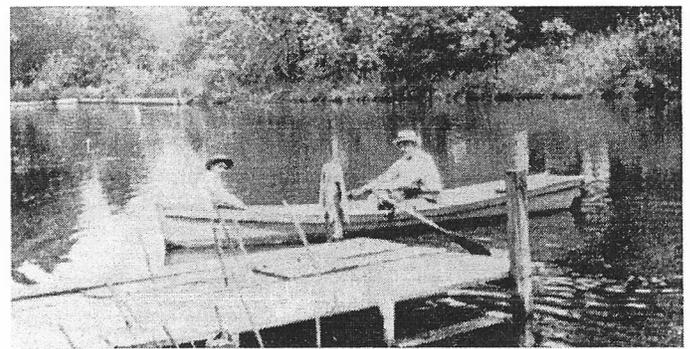
Francis and Margaret



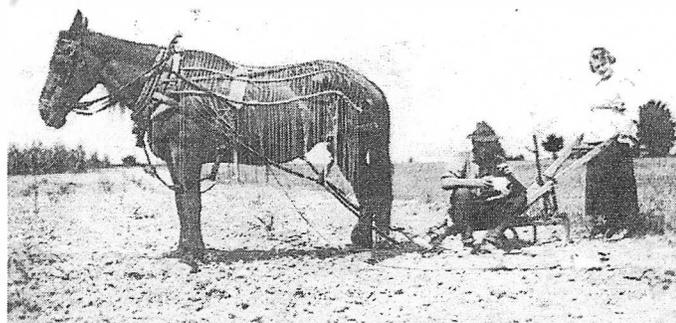
John and son in springhouse



Margaret standing on hay rake



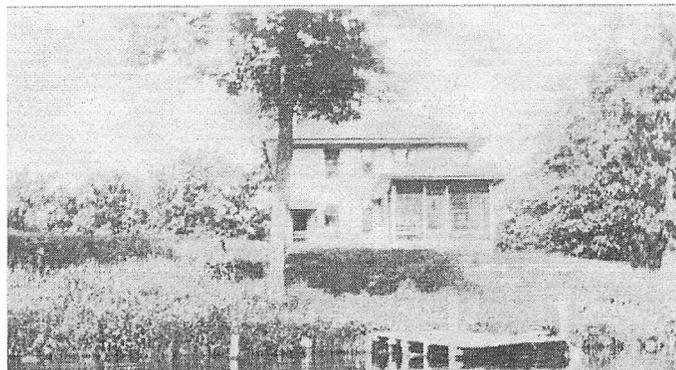
John and son in row boat



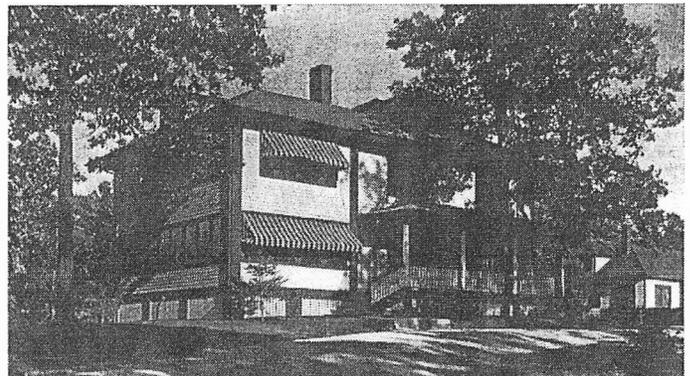
Margaret with plow



Margaret resting on hay pile



"Big" House

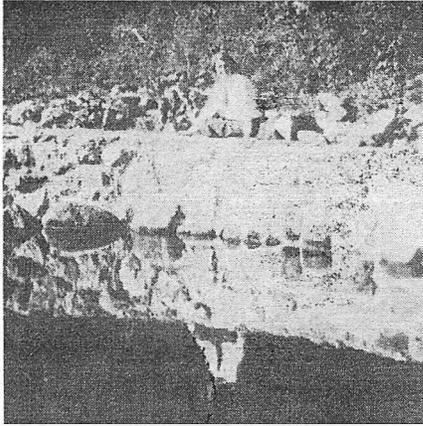


Remodeled "Big" House

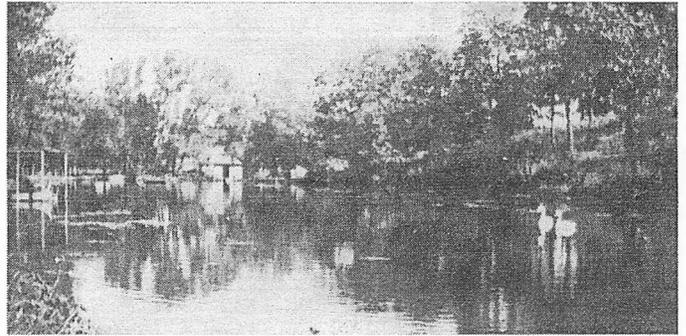
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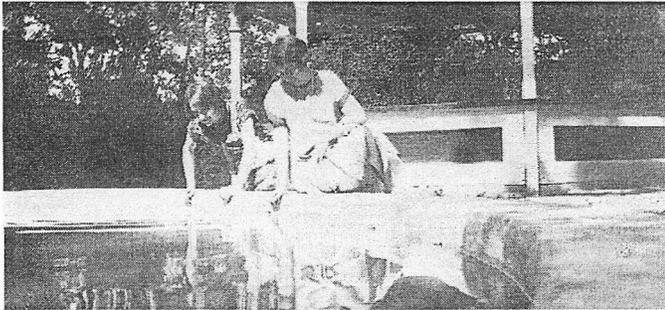
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Margaret at the edge of the Big Spring



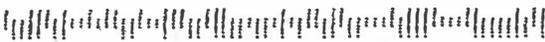
Trout Pond (looking north)



Margaret and friend looking at the reflecting pool



L. D. Nichols (former owner)



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