



WHAT IS YOUR NAME? HOW LONG HAVE YOU ATTENDED CENTRAL MANOR CAMP? WHAT ARE THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT BROUGHT YOU HERE?

–My name is Ellie Bucher. I am 88 $\frac{3}{4}$ years old! I was just 18 when I first came to camp. I had just gotten engaged to Bill Bucher (a grandson of I.A. MacDannald.) I love it here! I loved the woods and the walk out to the pump. It was so romantic!

–When I was 19, we came to camp during the second week of our honeymoon. (Related to that, is another memory: One of our groomsmen showed up, stayed all week, and rode home with us!)

–I have come almost every year from California. We saved up our vacations in order to come in the early years. We drove a different way each time and saw much of the US along the way.

COULD YOU SHARE A FEW MEMORIES OF EARLIER TIMES AT CAMP?

–My mother-in-law, Ethel MacDannald Bucher, entertained the speakers on Sunday evening in her cottage since there were no sales permitted at the snack bar on Sundays. So we got to know them well.

–There were always shenanigans by the young people—some of whom were mine!

–The ticket booth has always been a feature of camp.

–The pop-up toilets were unique and scary

–Andy Telford WAS camp for many years.

–Our family has always had a “pie night” although it used to be much smaller than it is currently.

–Going to the Manor Mart was always a treat.

–Ice cream used to be 25 cents.

–There used to be tents along with cottages.

–My husband had a beard one year and it embarrassed his mother!

–During the 100th anniversary there was a re-enactment of what it was like to come to camp in the early years.

–Jerry Marzolf as manager for many years

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE LEGACY AND LONGEVITY OF CAMP?

–There have been truly good speakers that bring us back year after year, ie. Drs. Telford Hubbard, Strauss and Pastor Larson.

–The camp has reached out to the community.

–Everybody brings their kids. It’s a family event that is cheap!

(This interview was conducted at CMC, 2022 by Alice Wallace.)

