

May trivia:

Week 1

Helen Walters' information of the building of the cottage "came one evening while at the cottage, sitting on the floor at the age of seven, listening to then 80 plus year old Grandma Mary Ahr tell the story of how she and her husband were among those helping with the construction." Helen remembers the story of how the men built the cottage by hand and the women cooked their meals over an open fire.

Week 2

A large fireplace was included in the original construction of the cottage and was, in the early years, the sole source of heat for the building. Many meetings and gatherings were spent in front of that warm and inviting structure over the years. Unfortunately, it has since fallen victim to age and is no longer a functioning part of the cottage.

Week 3

Lake Webster is a fresh water lake located in Kosciusko County, Indiana. Formerly it was known as Boydston Lake. It borders the town of North Webster to the west of the lake. The Webster Lake dam was created at the southwestern point of the lake and a gristmill was built by an Ephriam Muirhead in 1837. This damming created one large lake from as many as seven smaller lakes. In 1842, Thomas Boydston purchased the gristmill. The mill served as a general store and post office in the 19th century.

Week 4

North Webster is home to *Dixie*, Indiana's oldest sternwheel paddleboat. *Dixie* has cruised Webster Lake since 1929, providing tours of the lake to generations of residents and visitors. A number of private owners cared for and operated the boat from 1929 until 2007 when title was transferred to a non-profit called *Dixie Sternwheeler Inc.*, which operates the boat for regular summer cruises from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day and to allow chartered events such as weddings, retirement home outings, and company and community gatherings.

Week 5

In later years the youth attended "Church Camp" for a week every summer. At the end of the week an evening service was held that closed with communion and an alter call. This was followed by a commitment of silence and contemplation for the remainder of the evening. Many youth over the years accepted Christ at that final service and it made all the difference in their lives.