

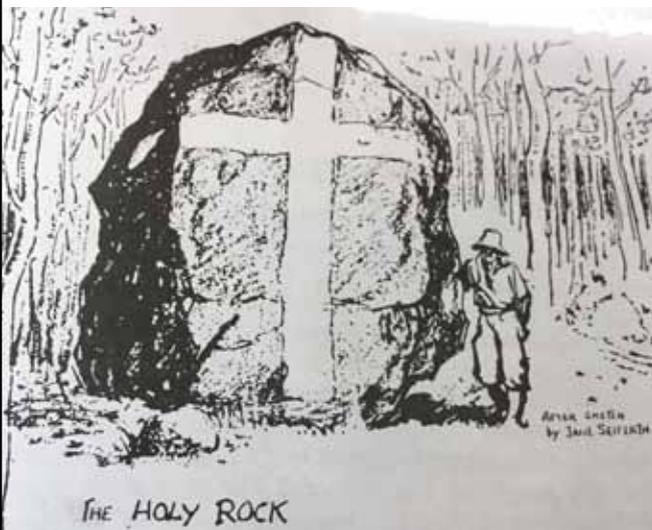


## Did you know? Holy Cross Rock

A point of interest near the south shore of the West Bay in Lake Chandos is the Rock of the Holy Cross, featured by Robert Ripley in his syndicated newspaper sketch "Believe it or Not" in 1932. This ten-foot high granite boulder, clearly marked with a twelve-inch wide vein of quartz running horizontally and perpendicularly across its face to form a perfect cross, was first observed by Thomas Tanner when walking over his property with Professor Michael McKenzie, of Lakefield, who owned land nearby. Mr. Tanner willed the plot of land where the rocks stands -- 100 x 100 feet -- to the Anglican Diocese of Toronto and in 1940 when Harry Tanner had the lake frontage on Lot 6 Concession 7 surveyed for a cottage subdivision, the Holy Cross rock site was excluded.

Many visitors were attracted to this unusual natural formation over the years but the accumulation of moss and lichen was beginning to obliterate the markings when in the mid-1960s the Women's Institute and St. Stephen's church women undertook a major cleanup. The site is still accessible to passers-by, although it was acquired from the Diocese of Toronto by the Lenters family, owners of Camp Ke-Mon-Oya in 1970.

Excerpt from "The Loon Call" by Jean Murray Cole. If you would more information, please contact Bob Burns of the Burleigh Road Historical Society via e-mail: [bobburns12642@yahoo.com](mailto:bobburns12642@yahoo.com).



**Above:** Jane Siefert's drawing of the Holy Rock as shown on page 105 of The Loon Call.



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### My Frozen Birthday ~ Humor

**April 14:** Today I am 85 years old ... now what do you think of that? I never would've believed that I could ever be that old and not feel it.

Today the snow is coming down and once in a while, to give us a little relief, there is wet rain and sleek. Nobody can come and wish me a happy birthday. Boo-hoo!

Several people from the Apsley area phoned to wish me a Happy Birthday which is so wonderful. However, I'm unhappy because the weather is so bad that nobody can come and visit me today. Boo-hoo! It's not funny, not funny at all.

On the topic of what have I accomplished today - well for that matter any day ... does it really really matter if we accomplish anything? For the most part life is really a bowl of cherries when you are an elder.

First off, our wonderful Country of Canada pays us to get out of the way, we're not needed anymore. Boo-hoo!

With the freedom to do as you please ... you do nothing. OK I'm exaggerating. I know I have to bathe and wear clean clothes ... what a nuisance. ☹

Liz Johnston, Loving Life at Chandos

A few years ago, everyone wanted to have a Frozen Party ... maybe it's passe now.