

## YACHT CLUB MEMBERS RAISE FUND FOR DREDGING CHANNEL AT ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Drowning the doleful sounds of the foghorn at Charlotte with song and laughter and dispelling with merriment the gloom of a fog that hung low over the lake shore, 250 members of the Rochester Yacht Club, from its oldest charter member, Captain Egbert Delano, to the greenest landlubber on the roll of the club, put over the largest and liveliest clambake in its history last night to celebrate the first anniversary of the dedication of its new clubhouse at Summerville.

Merriment reigned throughout the evening, but in the midst of it a big stroke of business was put over by Commodore Harry Stephens who raised a fund of more than \$1,000 with which to dredge a channel from the river into the club's basin. In his address Commodore Stephens spoke of the growth of yachting here which has reached impetus during the past season through the acquisition of several large new boats, among them William Barrows's "Discoverer," Dr. Thomas Parsons's "Harpoon" and C. H. Occumpaugh's "Celeritas," and by the participation of Rochester yachts in the races conducted this summer by the Royal Canadian Yacht Club.

He said that the club here is making every effort to bring the meet of the Lake Yacht Racing Association to Sodus Bay next year, told of the advantages the meet would bring to the Rochester Club

as hosts to the visiting yachtsmen, and then pointed out the need for a deeper channel here, one which would be at least ten feet deep. The government dredge "Sodus" already is at work on the new channel which will cost about \$1,000 and no sooner were contributions asked for to pay for the dredging than several offers were made.

Captain Delano pledged \$1,000, Thomas W. Finnegan gave \$100, Herman Occumpaugh and the crew of the Iroquois gave \$50, and A. H. Dalzell, not a member of the club, gave \$25. Contributions came thick and fast and the amount was over-subscribed.

The committee in charge of the bake, Elmer G. Knapp and Herbert E. Meier, did its work well. A feast of clams, clam chowder, lobster, chicken, sweet corn, sweet potatoes and other good food was served. Charles Hawkins was in charge of the singing. Bill Erdle was soloist of the evening.

Commodore Stephens sat at a separate table with Vice-Commander Walter Todd, William Barrows, George Morgan, Clifford Morgan, of Brockport; William P. Morgan, of Buffalo; Dr. Parsons, Todd Parsons, George Pettingill, John Pike and John Spears.

The party lasted long into the night and broke up with a determination to bring the regatta to Sodus next year.