

The Regional Municipality of Sudbury
La Municipalité Régionale de Sudbury



Message

from

Mayor Frank Mazzuca

Message from the Chairman

On behalf of Regional Council, may I offer my best wishes to the merchants and residents of Capreol for publishing this promotional book about their town.

The job of promoting the Sudbury Region and all its communities is one which we must all pursue constantly and I am pleased that Capreol is joining this effort. You have much to be proud of in Capreol. This book will tell the world about it.

Yours sincerely,
George Lund,
Chairman.

On behalf of the Town of Capreol, I wish to say welcome to our community. We hold a great deal of pride in our town and its origins, and think it is a beautiful and unique place to live.

We have been graced with a diversified population and business community who realize the pleasures of living and working in a place where you can know your neighbour and get involved in community events.

Our location is ideal. Capreol is within easy reach of large employment centres while offering a residential area beyond compare in the Sudbury District. Outdoor recreation, associated with northern Ontario regions, can be a stones throw from your front door. We hope to attract new families and have, within our town limits, every convenience of modern society.

We have come a long way, and owe our success to the citizens who have all played a part in making Capreol what it is today.

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To the Editor, one who has chosen northern Ontario as an adopted homeland, their effort brings to life all the reasons that went behind that decision. Life is especially rewarding when common goals are sought.

We salute Capreol and its people.

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Origin of the name

Frederick Chase Capreol, born in 1856, was a Civil Engineer. During his remarkable career, he was responsible for designing the Canadian Northern Railway (CNR) and the Huron-Ontario Ship Canal. When the townsite was laid out in 1913 by C.T. Young of Toronto, its name was suggested by Sir William MacKenzie and Sir Donald Mann, who were both builders of the CNR.

Capreol (actually pronounced "CAP", not "CAPE") was greatly admired for his public spirit and many unselfish contributions to the ideals of community living. As if by the hands of fate, the present day citizens of Capreol have added to the honour of his name by being noted for their community pride and involvement.

The Town of Capreol is situated in a valley along the Vermillion River. Evidence of the glacial action of the ice-age is clearly evident in the landscape of the Laurentian Highlands which surround it. Lush vegetation and magnificent natural forests are little more



Capreol's first house was a log structure erected by Frank Dennie in 1911. Dennie and the famous prospector, Henry Ranger, were the first two to cross the Vermillion River in search of pacer gold in 1910.

than a stone's throw from the downtown urban area. Countless picture book lakes and fast moving water-courses are to be found to the east, west and north. The valley of the Sudbury basin sweeps to the south offering rich farmlands as one of the area's diversifications.

Exploration of the Capreol area was encouraged by the discovery of large mineral deposits to the south and north. When it was first decided that there would be a pressing need to lay track for the CNR, Capreol became even more attractive. The first records tell of the arrival of Mack and Frank Dennie. Frank had bought the Harmer Hotel in that community, six miles to the south. He heard about the possibility of the

rail line which would join Montreal and Toronto with a junction near Hamner. A survey engineer told him the junction was to be at a "location post" and Frank spent days along the right-of-way until he found it. He lost no time in securing the land. With his brother, the two erected the first pine log building about fifty feet from the river near what is now 95 Young St.

Soon afterward, Frank Dennie was summoned to Toronto by Sir Donald Mann who sternly asked Dennie what he meant by buying the land needed as a divisional point. An agreement was reached that would give the CNR the land they required. In turn, Mann promised to make Capreol a permanent divisional point with shops, round-house and other railroad buildings.

Capreol was off to a good start

Parks & Recreation

The Town of Capreol has a highly active Parks and Recreation Department with a full-time director. Two citizen's advisory committees, the Community Centre Board and the Recreation Commission, also play a vital



A large, well planned park greets everyone who enters Capreol. All of this abuts a picturesque subdivision.

part in management and programming. It is safe to say that Capreol has an active recreation program comparable to any area municipality in northern Ontario.

There are four organized community playgrounds; a large athletic field which includes baseball and soccer fields, a quarter-mile track, a little league field, bleachers, benches, equipment storage and concession stand. The C.B. O'Leary Memorial Courts provide excellent tennis court facilities. There is a beautiful curling rink supported by an active club group. A downhill ski course is available, complete with tow.

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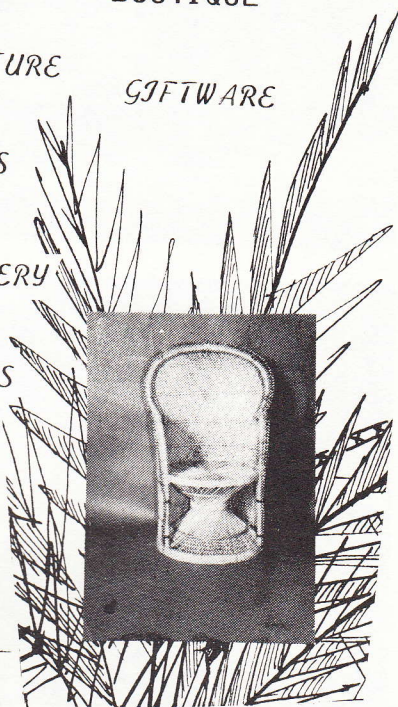
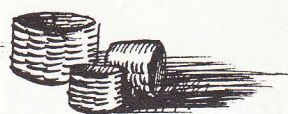
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Although it was built by the railroad, mining and logging industries, Capreol has successfully made the transition to a modern metropolitan town. There is a wide range of stores and service oriented businesses. However, the people of Capreol are proud to point out the vast differences between the type of enjoyable living one can experience in a place where individuals are still important, and that of the faster paced, and often polluted, large urban areas.

Of course there will always be those who choose to live in cities, but more and more people are turning



Well maintained grounds signify Capreol's pride. Every type of home and building lot is available. their backs on this way of life each year. "Getting back to basics" has been a phrase coined by many in this later part of the twentieth century—Capreol is the answer.

The residents' pride in their homes is reflected in the neatly landscaped lots and backyard gardens. As a result, entire streets take on the appearance of



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sculptured beauty which has been aided by sound town planning. In many instances, as a result of planning, the old has mingled well with the new. Older homes are of sound construction and well located on wide paved streets. New homes and subdivisions have been designed to fulfill every demand of modern urban living, but have been situated so that they blend in well with the beauties of nature. Bulldozers were not recklessly turned loose to quickly clear land. Tall pines, birches, and other natural foliage were untouched leaving an



The old blends in well with the new, as this winter scene shows. These streets are wide, well treed and neat as a pin. Capreol had a major growth period during W.W. II as rail transportation became vital. Shortly after that, Capreol was chosen the northern Ontario centre for rail communications.

air of grace to homesites.

Something for every lifestyle, taste and budget is readily available. The residents that are already there, and the municipal government officials, are anxious to make you and your family welcome. Established homes or building lots, many already completely serviced with water and sewer, are ridiculously low in price and property tax when compared to other areas. Municipal services such as garbage collection, road maintenance, snow plowing and fire protection are excellent.

Regardless of which style or type of home you choose, all are easily accessible to organized recreation, public air, rail and highway transportation, every level of public and separate school facility, and medical services.

Most importantly, all of these "city" advantages, are closely interrelated with nature. A busy executive can enjoy an evening of fishing, hunting or hockey. A mother can spend her afternoon on nature trails or at one of the wide variety of community activities. Children can hurry home from school to play in equipped parks, swim at supervised beaches, or cross-country ski right in their own back yards.

There is a wonderful health-filled life waiting for your family in Capreol.

The Merchants

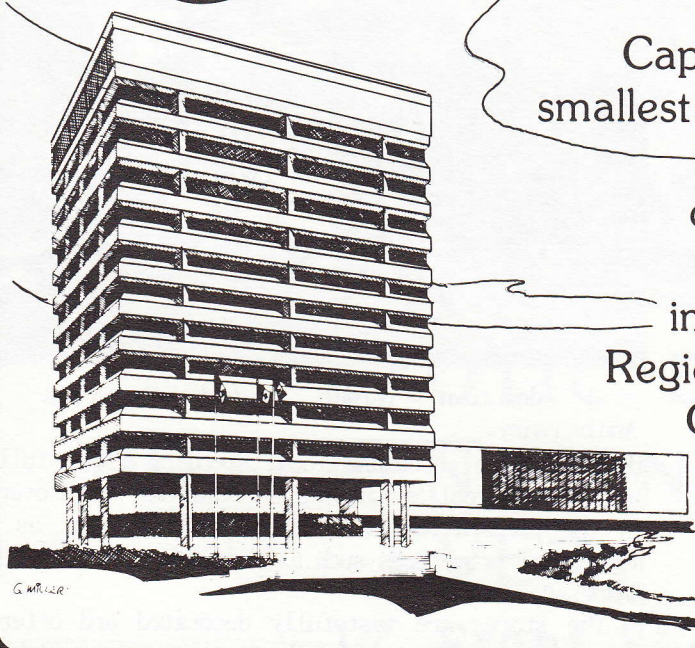
The following is an alphabetical list of the Capreol Merchants:

Arts Barber Shop
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 Capreol Pro Hardware
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Capreol is the Sudbury Region's smallest town. But Capreol is one of the Region's most vibrant communities. As a centre for transportation, Capreol is an important part of the Sudbury Region. The town's people make Capreol a proud, community oriented part of the Region.

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Capreol has been blessed with a thriving business community. Its main street is lined with stores and services of every nature. Customers find it a pleasure to shop where they—and the shop owners—are quite often called by name.



A Summer Sidewalk Sale, put on by the Merchant's Association, is always a success.

Because the competition is heavy within any field of business today, and because the large shopping centres located in the City of Sudbury try to entice the consumer with the advantages of large volume buying,



A downtown parade marked Capreol's 75th Anniversary.

the effort to encourage local spending is in full swing. The Capreol Merchant's Association works overtime in the preparation of every day attractions as well as special promotions such as Sidewalk Sales, "Midnight Madness", etc.

The stores are tastefully decorated and offer the same complete lines of products that are available in the large centres. Several have opted the "boutique"



care about keeping your business and strive to make sure their customers are happy with their purchases. After all, they hope to see you everyday—they live in the same town, their children go to school with yours, and they share many social experiences with you.

The following is an alphabetical list of the stores and their owners and/or managers.



The downtown core of Capreol is lined with stores of every variety. Ample parking makes all of the stores and services easily accessible. The local merchants are a very friendly crew.

theme and many little treasures can be found. Many of the merchants take pride in their selection of items and go on regular buying trips to Toronto and Montreal to make sure their stock is the best and in keeping with the latest fashions.

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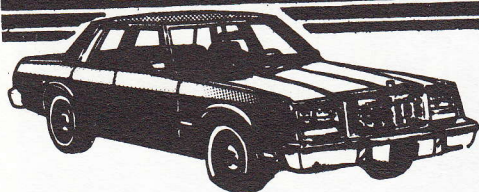


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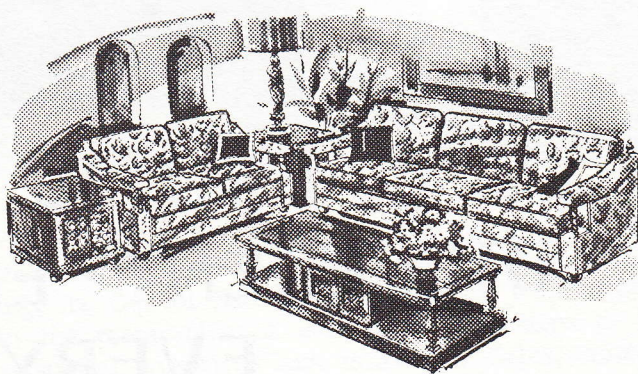
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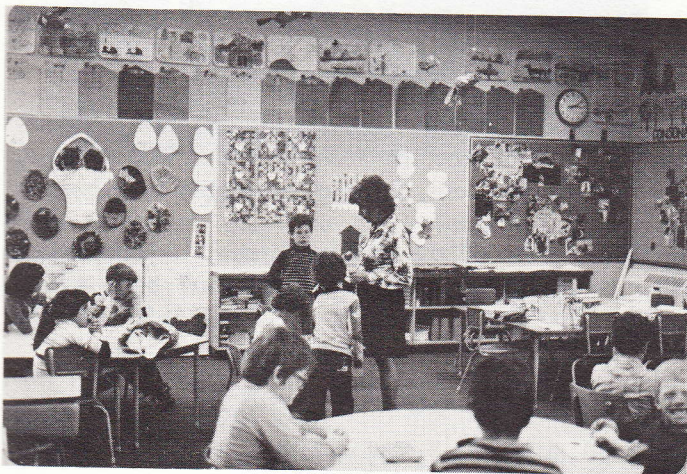
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Schools

Since Capreol is proud to be known as a family town, of course the education of its young people is foremost.

The schools themselves, without exception, are equally proud of one feature they have in common—accessibility. This term is used not only in the school's physical location, in relation to the student's home, but also in terms of the communication maintained among the pupil, the parents and the teachers.

The teachers have historically played vital roles in community activities, and in many instances, share out of the classroom experiences with family members. This has created a good relationship between home and school that makes it easier to communicate on all occasions.

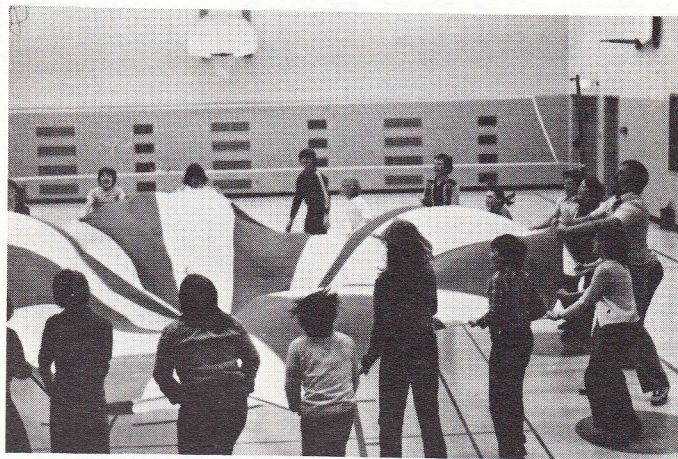


A vibrant classroom at C.R. Judd Public School shows the close contact between students and teacher.

The schools have made every effort to keep an open door policy that has removed the starch and mystery which often led to bad experiences in dealing with crisis situations. To back this up, extra-curricular activities have been broadened to include night courses that draw people, from every walk of life, back into the school system.

Capreol High School, which first brought secondary education to the town in 1926, has a great deal to offer the student. With a small number of pupils (250 in 1981), individualism is emphasized. The student finds he can get the extra help he needs in a poor subject, and also enjoy added information and time at the subject he likes best.

The school runs on the "semester system" with extended class periods and a concentration on (eg) four subjects for a five month semester. When that is completed in January, the student then switches his attention to four different topics for the second five month semester. Statistics have proven this is a reliable method

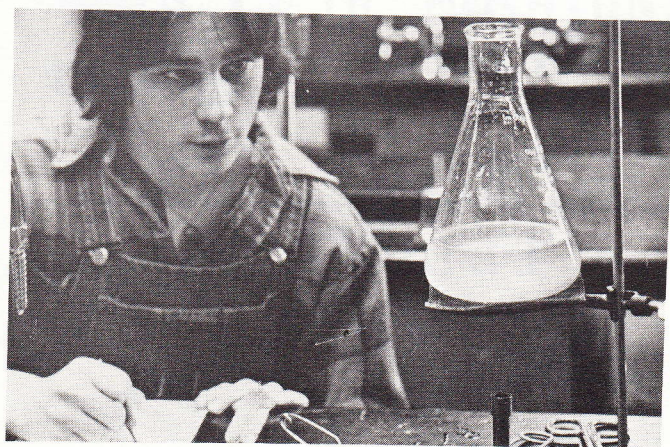


This gym class gets its exercise with a parachute. The object is to keep the ball in the air.

that enables teacher and student alike, the time to get more out of classes and make better grades. In addition, everyone agrees that going to a school where you are a "name" and not just another "number" is more rewarding for all concerned. Although the school is small, the most up-to-date equipment is available.

C.R. Judd Public School, believes in this principle as well. Here there has been considerable practice of "the open concept" of teaching. A visit, which is welcomed at any time, quickly assures parents that there are serious learning experiences taking place here, and that the children are enjoying it. There is an excellent rapport between home and school that would be envied anywhere.

St. Mary School is an elementary separate school which offers a bilingual education to Roman Catholic



High school students have a better chance because the teacher/student ratio is low. The semester system helps them zero in on subjects.

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well planned town property. The two schools and the church abutt the arena and a large park property which have allowed several services to be joined in one area.



An excellent Public Library supports the Capreol school system. Students are encouraged to discover its books - and its very patient Librarian.

The park has track and field, baseball and soccer facilities while the arena boasts two full-sized ice surfaces and a large meeting lounge on the second floor. The schools, therefore, have ready access to all sport services.

Within minutes of the Town of Capreol is Hammer Secondary School which offers a continuing high school education for french speaking children. A full busing system is available.

Also within minutes is Cambrian College and Laurentian University. Both are full-credit schools, providing degrees in practically every subject available in Canada today.

Industry ... a brief history

Several authors have become world famous through their elaborate descriptions of North America's romantic railway systems. It is not hoped that a full recounting of the CNR's arrival in Capreol can be given justice in this small space, for the history of Capreol is largely dependant on the history of the railroad. Everyone is urged to investigate this subject as it aptly describes the reasons for the town's evolution into its present closely knit, friendly existence.

Briefly, in 1902 surveyors mapped the route of the CNR as far as Gogama. The original route crossed the rapids near Orwatin Lake, traversed the virgin forests, wound back across the river and continued westward. Endless work and hardship were the order of the day for anyone laying the line. The men constantly battled their two old enemies—insects and isolation. But, they

were a hardy lot and eventually a small station dubbed "Orefield" was built a short distance west of the old Orwatin dam.

In early 1911, the CNR decided to establish a trans-continental service which required a divisional point every 120 miles. The Orefield station was chosen as the most the most convenient centre, and after a brief time was officially named Capreol.



Capreol became a beehive of activity when it was announced that the track would be joined from Montreal to Toronto in 1911. The First World War hurried its completion so that troupes and supplies could be moved.

The spot became a beehive of activity as the tracks were moved to their present location along the left bank of the river. The trunk line from North Bay was constructed to meet the Toronto branch at the Capreol site.

The First World War, which hurried the completion of the lines and greatly increased the need for rail service, was quickly followed by a depression that necessitated drastic economies to the system. In 1931 the superintendent and most of the staff was moved to North Bay and the general payroll was reduced 50 per cent. However, with the onset of WW II the office staff and employees were again at full strength.

Those initial thirty years saw an entire town and settlement spring up in the midst of a wilderness. Between 1959 and 1919 alone, the station was built and enlarged to include a telegraph office, general and executive offices, ticket office and cafeteria. A round house containing eight pits was built and expanded to boast a total of fifteen. This incredible growth required long hours of toil and personal sacrifice.

As rail service was expanded and modernized, so was Capreol, until it is now the northern Ontario area headquarters. The CNR's roots are deeply entrenched in the Town of Capreol and the citizenry can be caught with a gleam of nostalgia in their eyes as they describe their origins.

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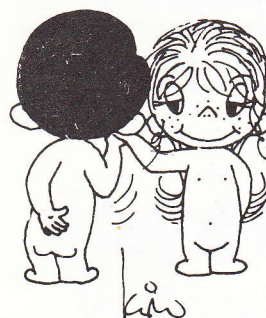


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The Great Outdoors

Many of the citizens of Capreol are relative new comers. Their reasons for choosing the town as a home for their families are numerous and varied. However, they seem to share one aspect in common—they all "got tired of living in the city". Anyone who has had to travel our major roadways on the weekend or during a holiday, knows only too well that most of the cars, buses and campers are pointed north. Thousands of vacationers who love fresh air, sunnyside and the northern atmosphere, grew weary of trying to "beat the traffic" out of the city every Friday afternoon, scrambling to get to the place where they really enjoyed themselves and relaxed for a few brief days until it was time to join the convoy south for work Monday morning. They sought employment, and found their expertise was badly needed; they sought homes for their families, and discovered they could have a palace for the same price as the mortgage payment on their small bungalows. With the home, at no extra charge, was sparkling clean air that smelled like pine and juniper; miles of un-



Peaceful fishing trips are not an unheard of after work activity. Who could resist?

fenced countryside to roam; blueberries, warm from the sun and free for the picking; wild animals, birds and fish wriggling into the skillet; and a society that enjoyed these things year 'round. Bronchial coughs disappeared, wives became less grumpy, and the children imagined they were with Samuel de Champlain marking unexplored trails through the woods.

Summer fun

The seasons are beautiful in Capreol. As in most northern climates, each one seems to happen overnight. When summer "happens", it is amazing. Just when you feel you've really forgotten what the trees look like

with leaves on, or that special sense of warmth that bright olive green moss gives to the rocks it adorns, at that precise moment when you've given up the hope of ever seeing a patch of ground without snow or gleaming ice, some hand of nature mysteriously clicks summer into gear. Even the untrained eye can see buds jumping into a riot of profusion, turning the hills into pillows of shaded green, and little flowers popping up through the last remnants of snow. It is truly remarkable.



Supervised beaches provide hours of swimming pleasure.

The outdoor fun, awaiting every age group, is limitless. Canoeing, back-packing, berry picking, hunting with rod and gun or camera, sailing, biking, swimming, anything you want. And, it's all in your backyard; there is no need to join long lines of traffic.

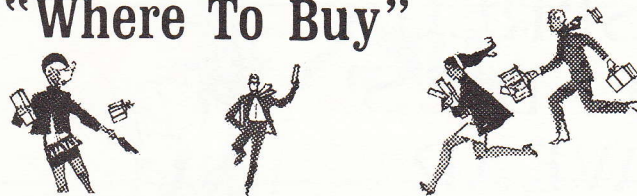
All of these things, and so many more are free for the taking, and are available as either organized or individual activities. There is a club or municipally organized facility for a wealth of out-of-doors adventures.

Team sports are also very popular. Each municipality



This picture shows a typical scene of outdoor tranquility.

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in the Sudbury Basin has a wide variety of amateur teams ready to defend their prowess in baseball, soccer, football, tennis, track, etc. The Capreol Parks and Recreation Department has a full time Director and staff to plan, organize and maintain programs for all ages.



Hours of winter fun are in store for those who realize the sparkling beauties of ice-tipped forests.

Winter fun

Skate blades flash, snow machines roar, and skis swoosh through the sun sparkled snows of winter. Our climate never lets down our winter loving friends.

The skating season offers organized fun as the Capreol arena has two large ice surgaces to its citizens for either team sport, figure skating, or family ice time.

There are hockey clubs for every age group, and regular play or tournaments are equally exciting. A game called "ringette" is also very popular with the girls and has won our northern teams top national honours. In addition, the Capreol, Valley East and Sudbury figure skating clubs have never failed to produce a yearly national competition or two.

Snow machining won its popularity through its more practical applications, but is now recognized as a full participation sport.

Practically every household takes full benefit of the enjoyment of ice fishing, as cozy huts pop up on the lakes.

Skiing, both cross-country and down hill are readily available. Again, almost every household has at least one skier, but more often the entire family participates.

For those that shiver at the first hint of zero degrees celcius, there are indoor activities that take them to warm firesides. There is a full line of craft oriented community courses in such things as painting, wood carving, embroidery, knitting, crocheting, pottery, etc. There is also a very adequate library facility for those who prefer to curl up with a good book.