

Boat squad

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become quite a sacrifice," said Mrs. Kapusinski.

The chapel is open 10 weeks during the

summer. With Masses now on Saturday, the number of trips across the lake to Hague has inflated, but still there have been no problems in getting volunteers to do the job.

"Father John Hogan,

who was pastor at the Hague when we first began the system, was thrilled with it because it saved him a lot of time."

Mrs. Kapusinski pointed out another advantage: it gave the

priests and the families at Huletts Landing an opportunity to become acquainted on a more personal level than just within the circumstances of the Mass.

For more than a decade now, Rev. Stephen O'Connor, pastor of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Hague, and his brother, Rev. John O'Connor, have been skimming over Lake George with volunteers of the "boat squad."

Besides celebrating Mass at their own parish and at Huletts Landing, the two priests also have a mission at St. Theresa's on Brant Lake.

"Now that we cover three parishes and have Mass on Saturdays and Sundays the 'boat squad' is something we really cannot do without," Father John said.

What about its dependability?

According to Father John, in the 20 years that the people of Huletts Landing have been providing the service, only one Mass was delayed. It occurred when a boat broke down in the middle of Lake George and was rescued an hour later by a search team.

That was one problem, they found, that couldn't be solved by walking away from the situation.

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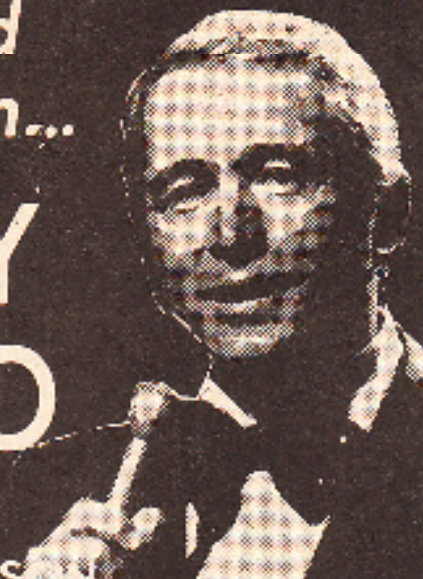
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