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Hi folk dancers:

Greetings from The Land of 10 Thousand Lakes and 10 Zillion Mosquitoes!

As I type this I can look out over a fishing lake which, on this sunny day, is very calm. The view is great and it will be even greater when one more tree in our line of vision comes down. My daughter, Ern, and her children have helped me take down several trees but the next one to come down is a job for a professional. I could fell the tree but a roadway runs close to the tree and that would make it a very difficult job for me. Our property actually runs to the water's edge, but there is an easement across the property for the roadway along the lake.

We live in the small town of Buffalo which has a population of about 10,000 to 12,000, so our house is in an urban area. It is next door to that of our eldest daughter and her three children and that is nice.

Getting into the house was delayed 3½ weeks due to a problem with the lender, but it is now ours - and all that goes with it. The prior owner, Gordon, left it partially furnished so we didn't have to go out and immediately buy a lot of stuff. Reluctantly, Gordon had to move due to failing eyesight and not being able to keep up with the landscaping.

I have kept quite busy and time passes quickly. A lot of the time has been spent on the landscaping but some of it has been helping my daughter with some remodeling in her house where I am doing the electrical work. Her house is quite old, the first section was built in 1886, the second in the 1920s and the last in the 1950s. Being an old house has sometimes made the electrical changes in her house challenging. Our house is about 37 years old.

Erin has a small folk dancing group which meets in a local school every other week, so I do get to do some dancing. This week the Buffalo Community Theater, which Erin and her children have been active in over the years, is putting on "My Fair Lady" and it is a very good production. This year, though, no family member is on stage, but Erin and Eva are in the pit orchestra and Cora and Logan are helping out in other ways. I am simply a spectator but in prior years I had sometimes helped with the productions.

Louise is taking care of our house in Kettering and she is keeping me informed of some of what has and is happening with MVFD and of what is happening in the area.

If you get up this way, stop by and bring your swimming suit. The pool is large enough to have fun in and there is a small diving board.

The best to you all,

Ed Anderson

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