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Good morning everyone from the Red Lake Association. Thanks for coming to our Saturday morning breakfast meeting at Bootleggers. We're happy to see all the bright and shiny faces.

After we got past our very wet spring, we've had an enjoyable summer. I haven't seen the local farmer this year filling his water tank at our boat landing, like I did last summer.

It's always fun to reflect on the past history of our beloved area. About thirty years ago the renowned Minnesota Vikings football coach Bud Grant purchased a significant piece of real estate very close to us here at Red Lake. And infrequently there will be a newspaper article on this revered leader. Interestingly the news articles never give mention to Gordon, Wisconsin. The datelines never say anything more than "Northwest Wisconsin." But there he is, I know because I've watched 40 years of development through the newspaper articles. Bud Grant paid Douglas County '\$umpteen dollars' to close the dirt road on the west side of Simms Lake that now offers him nearly complete isolation along the west shore of the lake that touches County Road "Y".

I've never seen any photos of his estate. Lake water, trees, and a pontoon boat loaded with fishing gear for an afternoon or all day of fishing is the extent of the photography. I, too, wish Bud all the privacy he desires.

I enjoy writing the bits of history that I'm able to compile and bring together. Good-bye for now from (Safford Lake, July '61) Red Lake.

Johnny K.

(I'm working on a new logo and front page for the Wascott News.)

