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<b>Abstract</b>	Billie Smith of Shaker Lakes Nature Center describes her involvement with the Center, providing details on the history of the Center, recreation and public events, staff development, and educational programming. Smith also discusses the "Red Raider" campground (near Chagrin Falls, Ohio), which was started by her husband Ralston Fox Smith in 1933 as part of a teaching program at Shaker Heights' Malvern School. Actor Paul Newman, a Shaker Heights native, is also mentioned for having attended the camp and later becoming a supporter of the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes.

**minutes:**

- intro and biographical information: Doan Brook recreation (skating, horseback riding),
- 0 changes at Doan Brook (became "dangerous")
- early interest in outdoor activity derived from love of riding horses (mention of "107th
- 1 Cavalry" riding club)
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- 3 Bedford Reservation - "Red Raider" camp: history (incl. mention of Paul Newman)
- 4 \_\_\_\_employment, activities during WWII
- 5 \_\_\_\_biographical information, details on camp
- 6 \_\_\_\_horseback riding classes, camping and outdoor recreation
- 7 Growing up in Shaker Heights
- 8 Shaker Lakes Nature Center: first impressions, early involvement
- 9 \_\_\_\_volunteer duties, program development, Steve Crest (ornithologist, Cornell Univ.)
- 10 \_\_\_\_work as board member
- 11 \_\_\_\_Fireside Dinners (event)
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- 13 \_\_\_\_Party in the Park (event)
- \_\_\_\_work on Doan Brook Committee, attitudes toward Doan Brook ("it wasn't very
- 14 important to our lives at all")
- 15 Shaker Freeway Fight
- 16 Shaker Lakes Nature Center: changes over time (growth of staff, growth of building/facilities)
- 17 \_\_\_\_docent training program
- 18 \_\_\_\_Stearns Trail ("i'm hoping some day they'll put learning signs along the trail")
- 19 \_\_\_\_wildlife diversity, adding new varieties of fish to lake
- 20 \_\_\_\_West Woods ("it really was a wilderness... so it became really special")
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- 22 biographical information
- 23 Shaker Lakes Nature Center: early administration was "disappointing"
- 24 \_\_\_\_attraction to the nature center, hopes for future of Nature Center
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- 26 \_\_\_\_Squirell's Nest, Paul Newman philanthropy to benefit Nature Center
- 27 \_\_\_\_Friends of Shaker Lakes
- 28 \_\_\_\_horseback riding at the Lakes (accident involving horse and car)
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- 30 \_\_\_\_leadership and organizational management; mission of the Center
- 31 \_\_\_\_Outdoor Educational Programming at Cleveland Heights School District
- 32 \_\_\_\_other educational and recreational programs for children
- 33 \_\_\_\_keeping a sense of a intimacy within the organization
- 34 small talk
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