Chronicle

Camping site

Campingplatz Grafenlehen
Schönau am Königssee
An eerie silence is in the small tent. The light is dim. The bearded man is looking eagerly to the old woman. His last name is Grafenbauer. He is visiting a psychic at the Berchtesgarden fair. Today he wants to know the truth. The “old woman” should give him clarity!

The long spider-like fingers of the psychic embraced the shining crystal ball. She is looking at the round ball for a long long time. For heaven’s sake, when will she finally speak, when will she comment on the future?

The redeeming upward looking eyes of the old woman ended the silence that he was no longer able to bear. With big eyes she looked at Girgl [Georg] Lenz. “You own valuable property..” That’s enough. Grafenbauer does not want to know more. The following details no longer reach his ears. He left the tent in a hurry.

Black gold on Grafenlehen?

Finally he had the confirmation. On his property along the Königssee there is oil! The black spots in the small brook meandering through the meadow are the proof. What now? Set for life? No longer the need to work? A future in luxury?

The euphoria over the unexpected wealth lasted only for a very short period of time. Reality hit. Algae, that’s what the assumed black gold is! Useless stuff! That cannot be converted to money.

The incident occurred before World War II. Our grandfather often talked about it – the grin in his face could not be overlooked.
Additional source of income

The additional source of income was welcomed with open arms. The people along the Königssee were not the wealthiest. They had to work hard for their living.

That is why the farmers rented their grasslands to the so-called “tent-people” after the hay harvest from May to September.

The beginning of the (tent) camping tourism along the Königssee.
In 1953 the camp ground Grafenlehen was established by our grandfather “Girgl” Lenz.

Everything was a lot simpler and easier then of course. The outhouse with a heart in the door was located where the sanitary building is sitting now. Three years later, a small store was built in the area of the “environmental island”. Here the campers were able to buy their necessities.
The current restaurant was built in the early 60’s. It was originally used as a common room. The registration was located in the current kitchen area. In 1963, the sanitary building was erected as the next expansion phase.
From the hilly grasslands to the terraced camp.

In the beginning, the campgrounds were hilly grasslands. In the early 70’s it was terraced and leveled. The brook gurgling happily through the center of the campground was given a new underground bed with embedded pipes in some sections.
Extensive modernizations characterized the year 2000. The sanitary installations were completely renovated.

The restaurant modernized and the small shop was placed next to the registration.
In addition, there was a new playground for the small guests.
The campground Grafenlehen is now managed already by the third generation of the Lenz family. The natural origin has been preserved for the most part – a relaxing source for peace and recuperation.
Family business for three generations

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