



Kelleys Island

Home Town News

PRESENTS

THE HOLIDAY SPECIAL

To share Christmas
with a friend is to see
twice its beauty
May the memory
of good times and
quiet moments
enrich the joy of
the season.



Editor's diary

By Carol A. Elfers

COTTAGE OWNERS WHO CLOSED UP EARLY ANTICIPATING AN EARLY WINTER... LAMENT!!!! October and the early weeks of November proved flawless in autumn finery. Photographers had a field day taking their cameras into the quarries, where sumac remained a crimson blaze against the brilliant orange and yellow cottonwoods. It was truly an autumn to remember. Many islanders reported picking fresh tomatoes well into November. And two youngsters were seen swimming in the "cut" as late as November 5!!!

Looking back at the season, it was to be remembered for fine weekends on a whole. Storms were minimal during the summer months, with ferrys running on schedule except for several hours of high winds.

New faces abound, and there is much new construction...we will feature a special article on construction in a later issue.

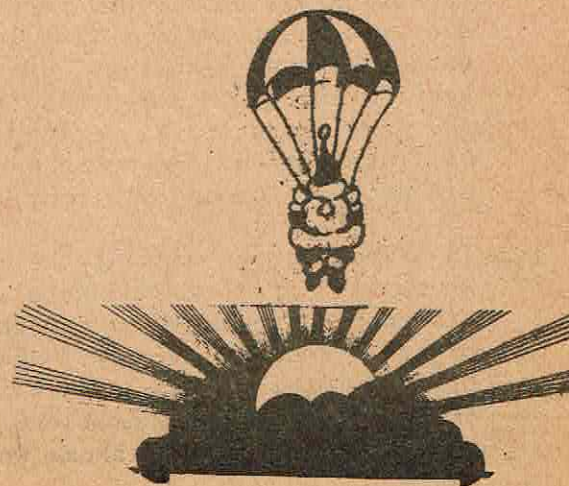
Halloween was celebrated with a large hay ride (two wagons donated by Neuman Boat Line) pulled by a tractor driven first by Ben Elfers and later by several nameless monsters. Traveling the darkened quarry road, the troupe met with various grinning jack-o-lanterns, flying ghosts, and grotesque trolls (Bob Swanson and John Kennedy) who threatened to steal the children away into the night! Passing the cemetery, a green witch (Julie Martin Kennedy), and several ghosts (Hugh Lange, Chuck Pascoe, Joe Lalonde) surrounded the wagons.

The bingo players at the VFW were surprised to see Halloween monsters and witch at their door.

All ended happily with a gigantic bon fire, cider, hot chili and a scavenger candy hunt among the trees at the Elfers. From the appreciative letters received and favorable remarks heard, it could develop into an annual affair.

Fair weather prompted visitors to continue weekend sojourns to the island, and as late as November 5, the early morning crowds found the Marblehead boat dock swarming with people, kids, cars and dogs...all waiting to get to the island.

Police Chief, Norbert McKillips celebrated his birthday with an open house at Matso's on November 4. An inviting buffet was served by Bea Matso and Mayor, Helen Marshky furnished a large birthday cake embossed with an officer's badge in frosting. Also celebrating birthdays that night were; L.J. Greek, and Mary Schock.



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WEDDING VOWS IN THE MIDST OF AN ISLAND SUMMER.....



Bruce and Holly Vash cast a backward glance on their way to the wedding reception at "Taylor's Toehold". Bruce's two daughters and Holly's two daughters were radiantly beautiful as flowergirls.

"Tootie" Elfers, Mr. Joe Ehrbar, and Walter Elfers smile on the steps of St. Michaels Catholic Church, Kelleys I. They renewed their vows after 50 years of marriage.



Mr. and Mrs. Walter Elfers celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with the renewal of their vows at St. Michaels Catholic Church. The occasion was considered very special to the family for another reason...it was the first time in 15 years, that they had all been together...sons, daughters, grand children and great grandchildren. Renting their old homestead from the new owners (Zettlers) along the lake shore drive, Dorothy Jean Elfers Larson and her family from California spent one month on the island. It was a time for renewing old friendships and visiting island locations not seen in many years.

In a wedding ceremony at the Zion Methodist Church, Holly Davis and Bruce Vash of Cleveland were wed in August. The wedding guests were transported to and from the church via means of a tourist tram owned by A.B. Fresch, Sandusky. Reception was held at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Jerry Taylor. Honored guests included the bride's grandfather, and grandmother; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Russell. The newlyweds have moved to Oklahoma where Bruce is a dentist.

WE GET LETTERS...

Response to our new Home Town News has been so great, it is with much satisfaction that we share some of our readers comments with you...

"Good luck, Great Idea"...Del Ehrbar

"Beautiful!! Just couldn't cut up issue number one..." A.L. Ruml
(Al sent this in on a 3 x 5 card, so he didn't have to cut up his paper.)

We want to emphasize our need to HEAR FROM YOU....The paper is only as good as you make it. JOT US A LINE---WHERE ARE YOU?? WHAT'S NEW? WHAT SPECIAL OCCASSION IS UP-COMING IN YOUR LIFE OR THAT OF YOUR LOVED ONES?

People are the main stay of our publication. Everyone is interested in names. Your story may be our next main feature, but we must hear from you first. Our mailing list hit the 300 mark this time. Keep those subscriptions coming!!!

Hurray! to the editors...
What a splendid idea, for we all like to keep in touch. Ward and I are anxiously awaiting spring for we plan on making Kelleys Island our one and only home. Sincerely,
Cleone Bloom (Babe)

Dear Carol, we received our copy of Home Town News down here in Florida (Indian Rock Beach). It gave Franklin and I a lift in spirits badly needed at this time...we would like to thank all our island friends for their concern and prayers for our granddaughter, Susie. After 10 months of pain God decided to take her home. We are planning on being with Mary and Don Williams in Tarpon Springs for Thanksgiving. Take Care islanders, FOR WE CARE. Theo and Franklin Clark

My Dear Julie and John,
What a great idea! Congratulations to your success. Love to All, Teresa Frobieter

Scene from Spring?...

No, a long line of passengers waiting for ferry at Marblehead in late November!!! Recent trend appears to be...squeeze out as much of the season as possible, and to hell with the weather!!



JEANETTE'S CHILDHOOD DREAMS COME TRUE IN ISLAND RETIREMENT

When Anna Siloy first came to Kelleys Island it was the summer of 1923. Little did she realize that five generations of her family would have found their place on the island in the following years.

Her daughter, Jeanette, first came here as a child in 1924. Mrs. Siloy was employed at the villa operated by Fr. Chaloupka, pastor of Nativity BVM, Cleveland. The camp he organized on the island served hundreds of underprivileged children through the years.

Now a grandmother and great-grandmother, Jeanette Kuchar, regards her retirement on Kelleys the best thing that could have happened. "I always said when I could retire, I would love to be able to live on the island. Living here year round is like a special bonus...I love it!" she says.

The mother of four children, all of whom spend time on the island, Jeanette keeps busy with her job at the Village Pump. Son Donald, is a Cleveland Police lieutenant, son, Edward is the president of Plastic Process Equipment Co., Solon, Ohio, and daughter, Betty Ann is married Sgt. Dan Vilt of the Cleveland Police Department. Son Tony is Director of Operations for Kenn Kings Restaurants in the Cleveland area.

For many years, Jeanette was employed as housekeeper to Fr. Haley, residing on the island during the summer months and then driving to Florida for the winters.

Proud of her ethnic background, she makes the world's best Bohemian dumplings and sauerkraut.



Granddaughter, Laura Kuchar, enjoys a private moment on Sand Beach.

SPOTLIGHT ON PEOPLE



Jeanette Kuchar



RECENT KELLEYS ISLAND LAND TRANSFERS

Deno T. Silvani to Gerald T. Alaburda
Annette Asch to James P. Holmes
SL 10 and 11
Annette Asch to George Levine
SL 4 and 5
Annette Asch to Wm. Gorchester
SL 176 and 177
Tony and Stella Palumbo to
Ernest H. Morales SL 16

It's always nice to keep
in touch
with folks you like
so very much
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Left to right; Linda,
Lori, Tony, Josephine
and Jeanette Kuchar.
Jeanette's grandchildren
number 19, her great
grandchildren are four.

May the Kelleys Island SPIRIT of Christmas be with you as it was in this scene approximately 30 years ago. A Christmas Eve party was given by the Les Beattys in the home now belonging to the Knapps on Division Street. Above, Fritz Martin played Santa, while Orly Beatty over-sees spirit consumption....



REJOICE

Sincerely wishing
all the joys and
blessings of the
Christmas
Season.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Merry Christmas



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Best wishes to all;
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from the East side of
the Island.

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No "Winter Doldrums" Suffered On Kelleys Island

What a wonderful idea-The Home Town News! And I shall be quite happy to subscribe to future issues and have enclosed one check for five dollars!

However, I beg to differ with you on your use of the expression "winter doldrums"!

We have been "permanent residents for just 3 years- and having come from a busy city life-we were quite surprised and very happy to find so many things to keep us on our toes--all year!

As you will know, summers are filled with company and more company. Then in winter we have our "pot luck" dinners every Sunday at the VFW Hall and our community Christmas Party early in December and one church has a program the Saturday before Christmas, with a coffee hour afterwards. And for New Year's Eve, you have a choice of 2 parties, one at the VFW Hall and one at Matso's!. Then in February comes the Firemans Ball and soon after that in early March comes the combined service of our two churches with a coffee and social hour.

And for Easter, one church (the United Methodist) has a Sunrise Service with an Easter breakfast afterwards to which the public invited.

By that time, the boats are running again and we are busier than ever with company!!!

Just thought I'd write to tell you how very little "winter doldrums" that Lee and I have experienced in our three years of living on Kelleys!!! And as I remarked in the beginning, we were so very happy about it.

Coradine (Mrs. Lee Myers)

Obituaries

LAURA SEEHOLZER

Laura (Martin) Seeholzer, 81, 20 W. Strub Road, Sandusky, died Wednesday evening in the Erie County Care Facility after a lengthy illness.

A native of Kelleys Island, she was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church there, the Madonna Ladies Auxiliary and the Ladies Guild.

Surviving are two sons, Robert C. and Lyle R., Sandusky; six daughters, Mrs. William (Ruth) Perruchon, Mrs. Peter (Dawn)

Kekelik and Mrs. Frank (Laura Jean) Pohorence, Kelleys Island; Mrs. James (Alice) Olwill, Streetsboro, Ohio; Mrs. Dale (Coleta) Walters, Cleveland, and Mrs. Leo (Shirley) Schreiner, Republic; 25 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. William (Florence) Klingele, Sandusky.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl; two daughters, Mary Betzenheimer and Rita

Betzenheimer; a grandson, Jackie and a great-granddaughter, Annette.

AMANDA ROSFELDER

Amanda (Ott) Rosfelder, 88, 608 W. Monroe St., Sandusky, was dead on arrival Sunday at Good Samaritan Hospital.

She had resided her early years at Kelleys Island, and had recently resided at Classic Care South.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward P., in 1974, her parents, Anthony and Elizabeth (Dahm) Ott, three sisters and two brothers.



T-SHIRT ART PROFITABLE FOR ISLAND SUMMER RESIDENT



Karen also decorated furniture for Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Bokerman, K.I.



Steve McKillips wears art sample



Utilizing her artistic ability, a young Cleveland girl has discovered a unique way to keep her summer spending money coming in. Karen Kazorek, Cobert Avenue on Cleveland's west side, painted T-shirts with original cartoon designs.

Her customers were so delighted with the results, they kept coming back for more. Karen completed the summer with a one-month waiting period to meet the demand.

A summer resident of Kelleys (her family bought the cottage formerly owned by Bob O'Donnel near church) Karen worked as a lifeguard at the state park located on the island's north side. After work, she often went home and began painting on driftwood, one of her favorite mediums.

A friend suggested Karen try a technique using an old T-shirt as a canvas. Applying oil base lacquer to the fabric, Karen was pleased with the results. Orders for special designs began pouring in.

A Cleveland State art major, she explained that her entire family shows unusual art ability. Her father works with wood, carving intricate designs, words, and pictures. Her mother and older sister draw and paint.

Karen plans to enter a career in commercial art.

What's happening

NAMES IN THE NEWS.....

Henny Beatty is home and reported doing just fine after open heart surgery. It is reported that his doctor in the Cleveland Clinic projected a 110 year life span for Henny, and said he would like an invitation to the birthday party on the island!

Dick Navorska, who left the island with his wife, June, and their family have been residents of Casper, Wyoming for many years now. Don't be surprized if you see Dick around the island in the near future, however. The Navorska's oldest son, Mark Anthony (14) and daughter Mary Rosetta (12) have moved to Sandusky for temporary residence with Dick's sister, Mary. The two have enrolled in St. Mary's school there...perhaps the rest of the family will follow.....?

A hearty WELCOME to newcomers, Jerry and Marge Alaburda who recently bought the west-side home of Mr. Silvani. We warned the Alaburdas that "Island fever" was contagious, and sure enough, now they own a piece of the rock. The Alaburdas are Clevelanders who have been making regular island visits for years. Stop in and say hello to them.

Seen at a recent VFW dance in Marblehead, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dolezal (former Mary McKillips) and "Bones". They were a part of a special bus trip from Cleveland sponsored by the ethnic club, Karlin Hall. One wonders where they learned to polka...from the island days or from the Karlin Hall?

Paul Matso has been recuperating from a broken leg. Reportedly, he suffered an accident while riding his motorcycle on the island.

Erie County Humane Society has two island people on their board. Barbara Knapp has been elected to their Board of Directors and Florence Block was re-elected to her position of secretary treasurer.

Florence has decided to wait until spring to complete the reconstruction necessary on her cottage. The house was struck by an auto in October, and the force of impact has completely destroyed a front bedroom. (Her house sits on the curve at the north end of the island just before the Baptist Camp.)

Kim Kreimes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kreimes, Sandusky, has enrolled as a student at Florida Atlantic University.

State Park Manager, Harry Willis has been transferred to East Harbor. The island school lost three children when the Willis family recently left the island.

Mike Seeholzer is home again after suffering from a traffic accident on the island. He had facial surgery at Providence Hosp. in Sandusky.

Monica and Joe Feyedelem were both hospitalized at the same time recently. Joe was investigating his property after dark and was injured in a fall over the bank. Monica is recuperating from recent surgery. Both are reportedly doing well at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Liwosz recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a party given in their honor by daughter Joan and Logan Bickley at St. Peters Hall in Huron. Approximately 100 persons attended the gala affair.



A BRIDGE TO THE PAST

At one time, Rubin, Elise, and daughter, Martha, operated the largest dairy farm on the island. Their herd was housed in the old "Becker Barn" which is located opposite Martins oil storage tanks. And their farm encompassed much property on the east side.

A resident of Midpark, O., Elise continues to practice her "green thumb" by growing nearly all of her food supply. From early spring berries to autumn squash, Mrs. Becker tends her plants and preserves the crop for winter enjoyment.

Recovering from major surgery, Mrs. Peggy Martin will be staying with her daughter, Julie on Columbus Avenue, Sandusky for a few days. Previous to her surgery, Mrs. Martin moved from her former address to an apartment on Perkins Avenue.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Mrs. Elise Becker



TIPS FROM THE TACKLE BOX
OF GLEN TETZLOFF

As water temperatures continue to drop, fishing success continues to improve. Although many anglers have taken their craft out of the water, and are readying for the winter season, many die-hard fishermen are still managing to catch good numbers of perch throughout Lake Erie.

Lake temperature has dropped approximately 52 degrees, according to the Div. of Wildlife. Yellow perch are being taken on shiners around the Marblehead area, near Catawba State Park, and around cedar Point.

Anglers are reporting that the perch are bigger also, averaging eight to ten inches, rather than the smaller ones that were being caught all summer.

The bonanza that was enjoyed last year didn't repeat itself this year, when anglers were able to catch 12 and 14 inch fish in abundance. Wildlife officers said at the time, that the jump perch entered the western basin of the lake because their food source in the eastern end had been depleted. Not the case this year.

Bass anglers still willing to battle with the elements are picking up some good smallmouth bass around the island area. Spottail shiners are the best bait as these scrappers start putting on the fat for their long winter.

Salmon fishermen are having a field-day on the Huron River. The salmon run is expected to continue through December, weather permitting, so get out, breathe some fresh air, and enjoy some of Ohio's wild angling.



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