



Kelleys Island

Home Town News



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IN MY OPINION_____

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in My
Kitchen

BY CORADINE MYERS

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with her masterpieces! One was a very good likeness of "Big Red" as we called Joe's dog, and another good one of Jim Seeholzer's dock and his boat riding high. Spent the rest of the evening at the Vets Club, where the intense fog had kept a goodly number of guests from flying over. Too bad, as they missed a good time, good food, and individual bottle of champagne, no less!

FLORIDA HOT LINE.....1. To date, Jan. 9th..the Don Williams are still waiting delivery of their new mobile home. 2. The Earl Bowman's are well, thank you. 3. Franklin Clark has a beautiful tan, but Theo has discovered that Florida is not kind to arthritis. 4. Jakie Martin has been setting out crab traps daily and so he and Jessie have been eating crab meat "till it's been running out of your ears!"

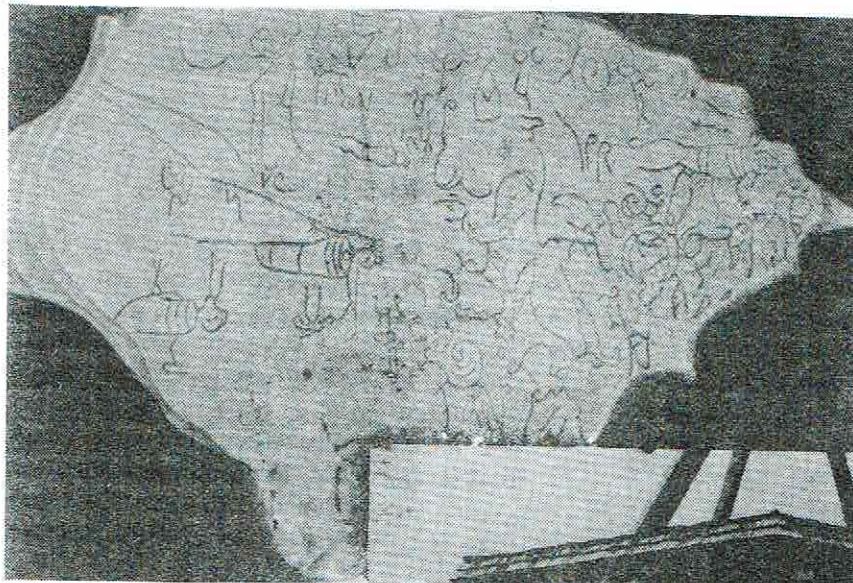
Being such a small, close-knit community, death on Kelleys always hits hard, and that of Floyd Erne was no exception, and Lee just walked in to tell me Vi Haig had died while visiting in Florida. We are losing too many of our "oldsters", and it is a very great pity that there is nothing on the island to hold our "youngsters" here. I feel that is something that should be of the utmost concern to all of us, and that we should give it more than just a passing thought.

AS WE GO TO PRESS.....

O. Hugh Lange, Island counterpart to "Grisley Adams" reports that he made his initial trip to Kelleys from Marblehead across the ice on Tuesday, January 16. Driving the distance, Lange said he returned the same day and repeated the procedure on Friday. Accompanying him were Joe LaLonde and Fred Walcott. The trip was accomplished without problems, he reported. However, on a subsequent trip to Middle Bass and Put-In-Bay,

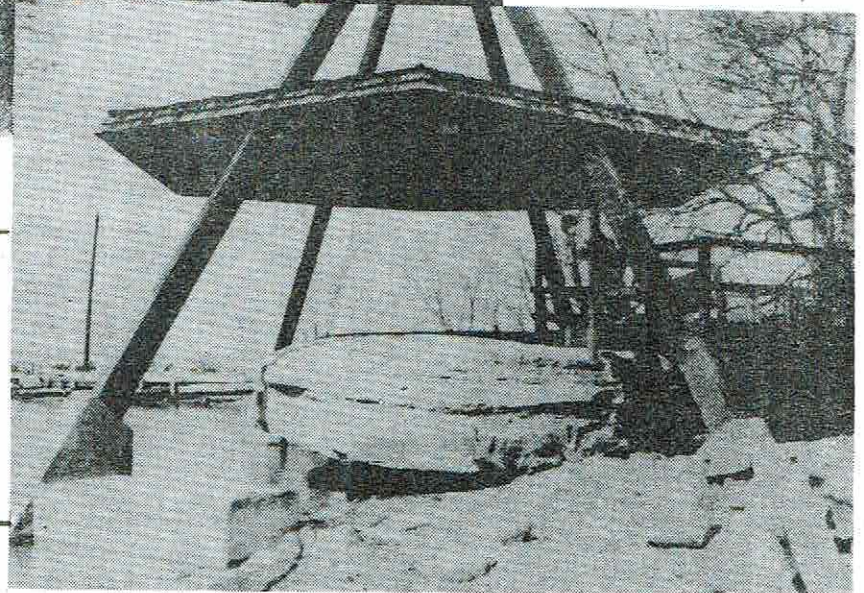
the trio reported headaches when awaking the following AM. Probably due to all that fresh air.....

John Kilko and a party of quarry workers is reported to have walked across the lake from Kelleys to Marblehead. The day they picked for their sojourn began clear, but thick ground fog set in as they neared shore. Luckily, the men carried a compass and calls for assistance to the shore were answered from Shrock's Marina, where the party came ashore.



Graphics carved by early indian tribes which once inhabited Kelleys Isle. Weather worn, they appear only faintly now. Still the rock continues to draw thousands of visitors each year impressed with the secrets within historic past.

The following poem, written by Josephine Krizek (Pohorence) demonstrates her strong feelings for the landmark of her birthplace...K.I.



INDIAN INSCRIPTION ROCK

Cornerstone of Indian Lore
Immutable, inscrutable forever-more
Brother of Plymouth; Long neglected,
Left to the weather; to vandals
subjected.

Sentinel of our southern shore,
Stateley relic; historic store.
Finally marked for prudent care,
Somewhat late, but brought to bear,

A canopy now protects your face.

To preserve the writings of an
Indian race,
And a cat-walk skirts your craggy
sides,
Hundreds come to view your scribes.
Inscription Rock! Let none defile!
You, Historic jewel of Kelleys Isle.

Josephine Krizek
(nee Pohorence)

RECENT ISLAND LAND TRANSFERS

Robert G. Bird to Wallace B. Murphy, lot 9, William H. Over-casher, subdivision

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Burton K. Miller to Peter J. Byrne, SL 25, Forest Lane subdivi-sion 2, Kellys Island.

Elizabeth J. Buck to William O. Conkle, lot 332 Block F.

Michael P. McCune to James M. Cor-coran, SL 119 and 120, Water Street

Mary M. Kraft to Donald E. Haas, p-lt. 8, par. 6, Woodford Rd

Midtown Sportsmen Assoc. to Ray-mond H. Pileski, SL 10, Kaempfes subdivision

DO YOU REMEMBER???? ISLANDERS AND THEIR NICK-NAMES

John Feyedelem....Tinky
Lois Holbrook.....Tootie
Lena Dandron.....Beans
Don Beatty.....Beans

Clyde Beatty.....Zip
Karl Beatty.....Tubby
Mike Sabo.....Spug
Walter Bickley....Spike
Christina Weller..Teeney
Florence Martin...Peggy
Quinton Heckel....Lefty
John Kilko.....Duke
Roger Kurtz.....Ike
Florian Erne.....Tuffy
Elizabeth Feyedelem Lizzie
Eliz. Lange.....Lizzie
Virginia Lange....Ginny
Mike Durket.....Finn
Lynn Brown.....Tiny
Florence Betzenheimer
Sis
Florence Pohorence

Flossie
Frank Hamilton....Cap
Marshall Bokerman.Bro
Carl Yoscovits....Buddy
George Lenyo.....Coxey
Michael Mazur.....Jug
Lena Mueller.....Minnie
Patrica Dwelle....Patsy
Lewis Brown.....Jake
Lewis Duigman....Hog
Lewis Lange.....Days
Lillian Kokas.....Coke
Dorethea Blatt....Do
Orla Beatty.....Orly
Morris McKillips..Fuzzy
Florence Block....Flossie
Andrew Semanson...Sam
Wm. McKillips Sr. Boss

ISLAND PRIEST WRITES CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

A CHRISTMAS SPECIAL, written by the Rev. John C. Sherbno, pastor of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Kelleys Island was aired at 11PM on Christmas Eve and at 11 AM Christmas Day on radio station WGTE, FM 91.3, Toledo.

This was to be the first in a series of plays written by the pastor in conjunction with Kenneth Holland, Toledo, who provided the music. The men were nominated for the 1978 Fine Arts Award in Page 5.

Toledo for the play, which was first presented in the city in 1977.

Holland is retired from the Toledo Public School System, where he for years conducted the Toledo Youth Symphony and directed its gifted music students program. He was instrumental in founding the Music Camp at Put-In-Bay.

He and Father Sherbno met at Mary Manse College, Toledo, in 1950 and have been friends ever since.

HAVE You Heard? ...

INTERESTING STATISTICS

Winter island residents number
between 114-127.
Winter Homes Occupied... 56
Winter Residents Over age 65...54
Students in Estes School 13
Two students in EHOVE (area vo-
cational school)
Registered Voters.....180
Property Owners.....725
Vacant Homes..... 14

Trailors, Mobile Homes.....72
Summer Homes.....391
Winter Homes..... 56
Alumni Estes School 1978..405

**You're
not getting
older.**

**You're getting
better!**
♥♥

Happy Belated Birthday to;
Marian Goldner, January 17 and
Kate Boker January 31.....

A BRIDGE TO THE PAST

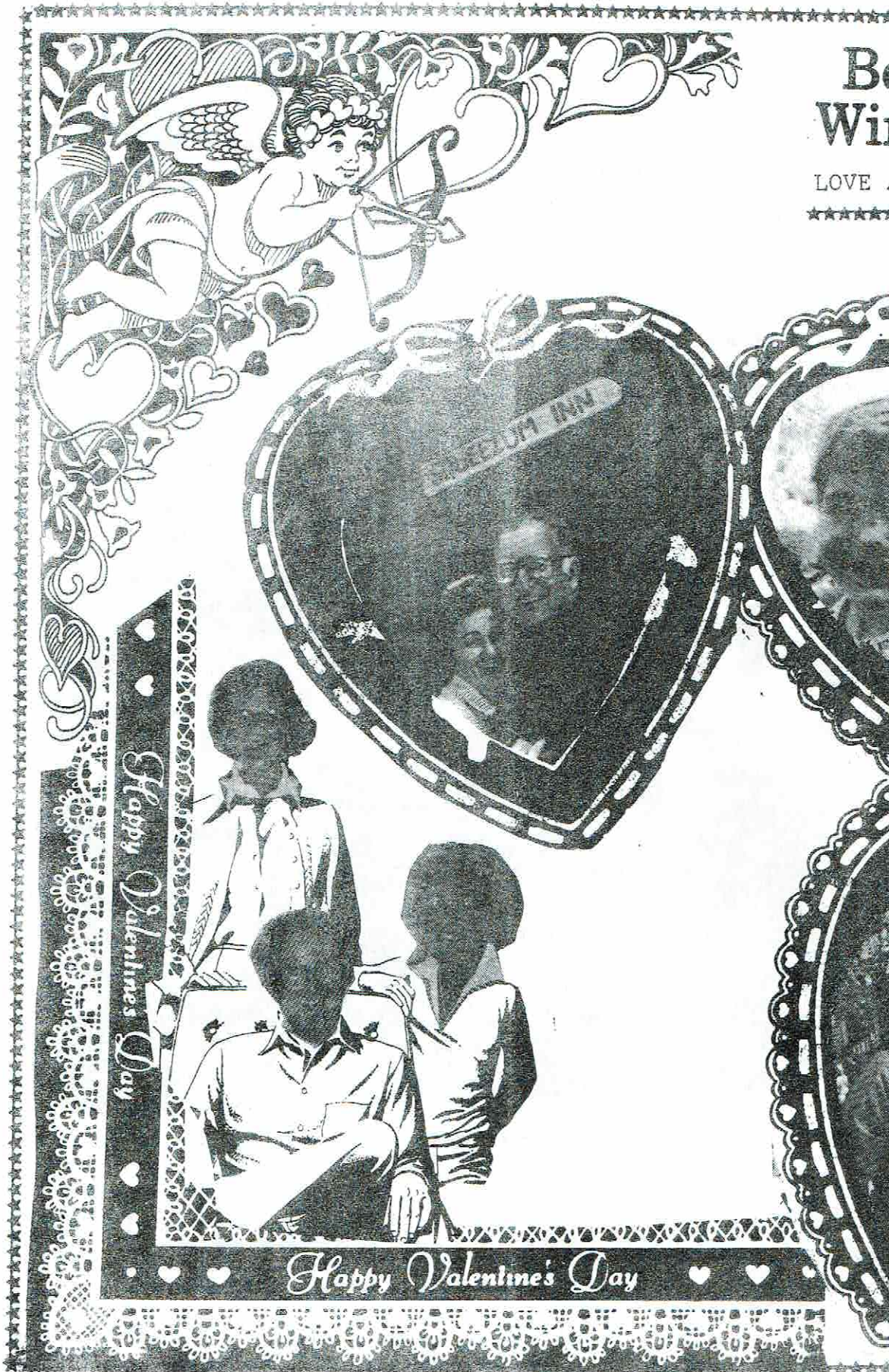


THE NORTH SIDE GANG AS THEY APPEARED ABOUT 20 YEARS AGO

Left to right: (Back Row) Bob Schwartz, Pixie Schwartz, Cathy Schwartz, Florence and Hal Block, Ed and Rita Violand, Carolyn Colby. (Middle row) Bruce Colby, Digger Schwartz, Bob Colby, Jim, Greg Violand, Nancy Colby, (Front row) Patty Schwartz, Peter Schwartz...hound dog beloved by all was "Drummer"

Bo
Win

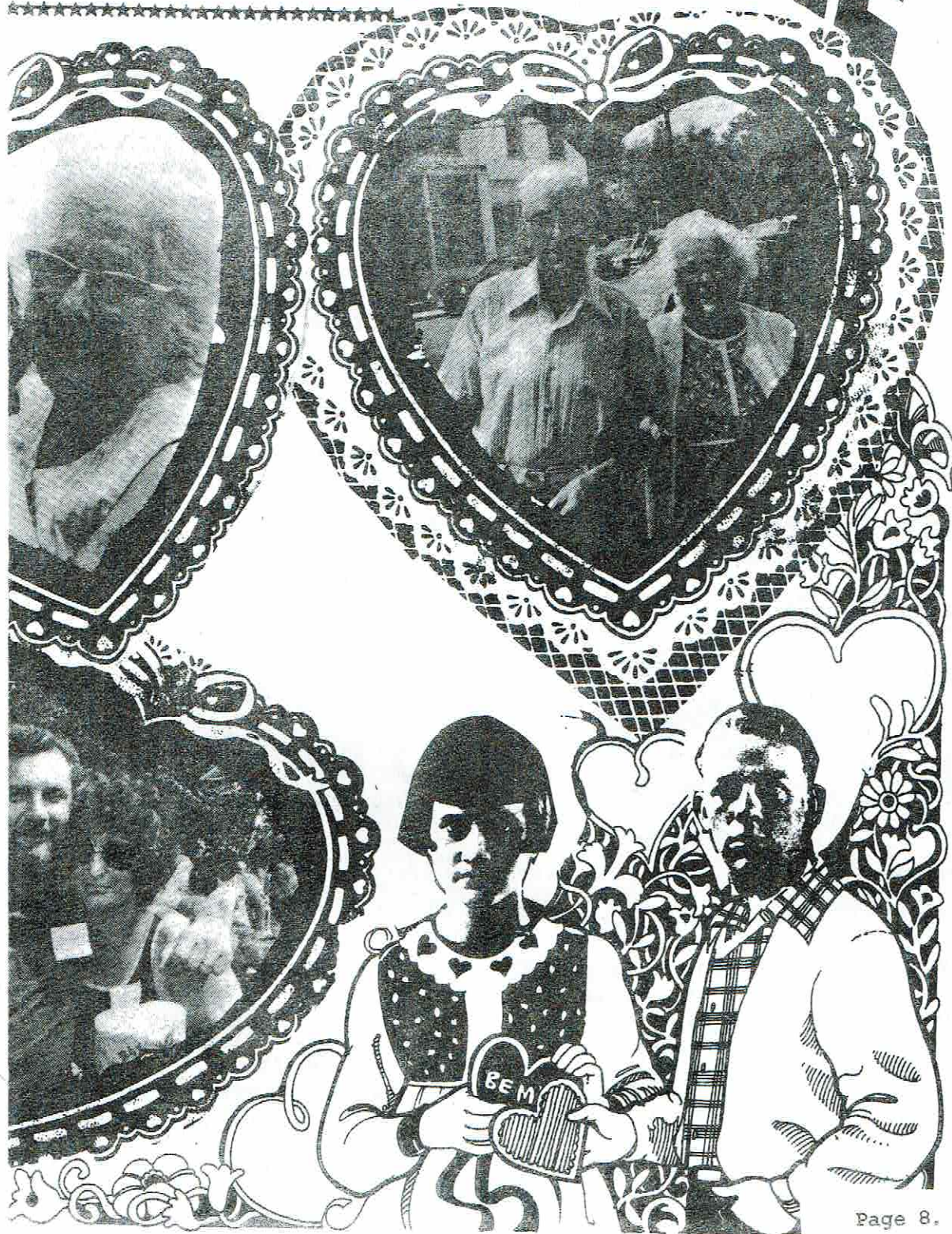
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r Blahs

LANDER TODAY....

VALENTINE'S





Beat Those Winter Blahs

LOVE AN ISLANDER TODAY....

VA



our readers write



I am enclosing my check for the paper and if you have one copy of the first one around I would love to see it. Have been with the Schwartz's many times (seeing how their daughter is married to my son, Dave), but always forget to ask to see this edition.

I am enclosing some pictures that I think you can use. The one of Violands and Goldners and me was taken at a housewarming...or rather the "Bathroom" Warming at Violands. (cottage on north side island once belonged to McKillips family). First time we ever went to one of those. The Violands had just finished their new bathroom. Fun time!

It is such fun for Eddy and myself to be with the lively people on Kelleys. Not only did we 'marry' into it via Mary Jo Schwartz and Dave's marriage, but with Jack and Helen Winnen being members of the family...wellll we are all set! Next summer we are going to rent Florence Block's cottage with our son-in-law Chuck Besenfelder and daughter Suzie...so we are confirmed Kelley goers!!!

Ellen Gerrasch
Cleveland

I sent the first two copies of your "Home Town News" to my sister, Josephine, in California, because I felt she would just love it.

She not only loved it, but she
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was immediately inspired to write poem about Inscription Rock. I'm submitting it to you in the event you do an article on the "rock", you might want to enter this piece in your paper. Keep up the good work, it's truly a great paper.

Florence (Pohorence) Chittend

Please enter our subscription to KI News. It was so good to hear news of our summer friends and neighbors. Winters are so long, cold, and sometimes dreary... but with our fond memories of our years on Kelleys...Can Spring be far away?

Many evenings are spent figuring what our next projects will be in trying to complete our "funny house on stilts on the East Shore. We look forward to our first trip over in the spring!

We wish a Happy Healthy and Wonderful New Year to you all!!!
Thanks, (Mrs. John) Nadine Mack
Rochester, Mich

START THE YEAR OFF RIGHT

If you have not received the January issue of Home Town News perhaps you have over-looked your \$5.00 subscription cost. We are unable to mail monthly papers unless this money has been sent to help alleviate printing and mailing expenses. Won't you take a moment today, and send your subscription information so you won't miss a single exciting issue...!!!

We enjoyed the Home Town News very much. Thank you for sending it to us before we sent in our subscription. We are now in Florida for the winter months. But, already I'm looking forward to April when we will be coming back home. The island is our home, and as long as I live, I hope it will always be.

If our health permitted it, we would be there now. Florida is fine, I'm happy to be where I can walk out and set down. But Kelleys Island is a piece of "God's Country, where I feel more safe and happy.

I miss all our lovely friends and also our church and people there. We are looking forward to our next issue of the news.

We wish our friends back there a very Merry Christmas and a year of happiness and good health. I'm praying we will all remember to love one another at this time of the year, and sharing a gift you can't buy, "love".

Betty and Earl Bowman

Being that you "two gals" are my "niece's"...I hesitate to comment on how good I think your little K.I. Newspaper is...

But what the hell!! Good is good.. right? In fact, I think it's great. With Love,

Aunt Eileen (Martin)
Cleveland

Greetings from Australia! We enjoyed our discussions with you last fall at the hayride and I think your dedication to the Island's future is great.

The K.I. HOME Town News is a terrific idea, with due credit also to J.M.

Kennedy (Julie) who will be opening this card. Am sending a 6 mo. subscription to my brother, Mike, who also enjoys the Island, and has done a lot to keep our house intact while we are overseas. Next year, we'll probably send a subscription to all of our regular summer tenants.

I hope to be able to send you a photo soon of Australian New Year's on the beach...with a couple of our Aussie friends in K.I. Tee-shirts! Please convey our greetings to Sonny and Tootie Elfers the next time you talk to them. Best Regards, Regards,

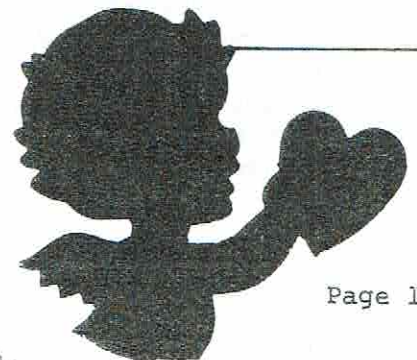
Toby and Nora Zettler
Sydney, Australia

(Zettlers recently bought lake-front house once homestead of Elfers family, south side island.)

Really appreciate having this new source of reports of "home". Thank you for getting it together literally. Am looking forward to future issues during reluctant absence.

George and Jeannette Cleary
(great grand daughter of Addison Kelley) of Highland Park, Mich. will celebrate their 50 wedding anniversary March 2, 1979 at Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills, Mich. Two daughters, Anne Sennish and Caroline DeBoard and nine grand children will help to make the celebration something special.

With thanks, Caroline DeBoard



Islanders busy



Kelleys Island Land Owners Association met recently. The following members were elected to the steering committee; Marshall Bokerman, Catherine Boker, John Kennedy, Edward Violand and Jack Winnen. Any additional volunteers or recommendations for membership to the steering committee will be seriously considered.

It was announced that a annual meeting is planned for the third Saturday in July. Anyone wishing to obtain information on joining this organization may contact any committee member for facts.

Recently, the perimeter erosion project along the island lake shore was completed. Fifteen hundred feet of road on the SE shore has been protected with island stone.

The island water tower has been renovated. Cost approximately \$12,000. The Village Hall has also been repainted outside. Two additions have been made to the island waterline; at the Hunter-Cruse allotment on the east side and the Sunset allotment behind Navorskas.

Seen recently enjoying his snowmobile on the ice of Sandusky Bay...John Neuman and family... Now that the ice has formed, reports are that several snowmobiles have made the trip from Put-in-Bay to Kelleys successfully.

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Hank Knapp is reported to have been experiencing difficulty with his eyes. He is presently under a doctor's care for partial loss of sight in one eye. We are all hoping for your speedy recovery, Hank.



JEROME YOSCOVITS

PFC. Jerome Yoscovits, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Yoscovits of Wyandotte, Michigan, recently paid a visit to his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Yoscovits, Kelleys I. on Dec. 21. Jerry is currently on leave from Marine Boot Camp in San Diego, Cal. While there, he received a Meritorious Promotion to Pri. First Class and an Expert Badge in Rifle Shooting. Needless to say, his visit to the Island was much too short! Jerry is only the second Yoscovits to wear the uniform of the US Marines. His father was the first.



TIPS FROM THE TACKLE BOX OF Glen Tetzloff

Some of the best ice fishing reports I have heard of in a long time are being talked about by just about everyone. If you haven't heard of some I'll fill you in. A well known walleye fisherman, who sishes to remain anonymous reported taking over 30 walleye through the ice near Put-In-Bay. He also said some of these prized beauties weighed in at over 8-9 lbs, now that's the kind of fish story I enjoy hearing about.

Whites Landing has also been reported as a hot spot lately. Located on Sandusky Bay's far west end, a warm spring runs nearby that has been producing some fine catches of bullhead and crappie. Anglers are reporting five gal. pails of both crappie and bullhead, using both minnows or worms, fished near the bottom. Yellow perch are also being taken throughout the lake area and at Sandusky Bay. Perch averaging around 7-8 inches are being taken around Bay Bridge, Catawba State Park and Mouse Island. THE ICE IS BETWEEN 12-15 INCHES THICK, HOWEVER ANGLERS ARE ADVISED TO BE CAREFUL OF LAKE ERIE ICE, AS IT IS SOMEWHAT ERRATIC. The perch are being caught just off the bottom using shiners for bait.

A week ago, I took a trek to Resthaven Wildlife Area, near Castalia for tipup fishing for northern pike. We fished until nightfall, and our catch consisted of 11 northernns, 18 crappies, and one largemouth bass. This was one of the SLOW days. We were using some pretty large minnows, fished just underneath the ice. Creek chubs and sucker minnows also proved to be good bait. Some of the best ice fishing usually occurs during the first few hours of daylight, and just before sunset. Anglers are cautioned to use extreme care while participating in this hearty sport.

The following table on ice support capabilities applies to clear, blue ice only. If ice is soft or slushy, it must be twice as thick to hold the weight; Less than 2 in. stay off! 2 in....one person on foot, 3 in. .. group in single file, 4 in...groups together, 5 in...small ice boats, 7½ in. ...2 T cars or trucks, 8 in...2½ T truck, 10 in...3½ T truck. Beware of flowing water of streams or where currents are present in lakes as the ice will be thin and treacherous.

"Timely Tidbits"

SHE'S ENGAGED.....

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Matso, 1422 Mills St., Sandusky, are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Lee, to Eugene M. Riedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene (Skip) N. Riedy, 1406 Pearl St., Sandusky.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Sandusky High School and is employed by Spencer Gifts, Sandusky Mall.

Her fiance is a graduate of Sandusky High School and is associated with Skip Riedy and Son Building and Remodeling.

The couple plans to wed June 9.

St. Michael's Church will sponsor a booth of homemade bazaar items at the 1979 annual Land Owners Home Coming in August. Friends and members of the parish are being asked to donate items to be sold at this time. For further information contact Geraldine Betzenheimer box no. 388 K.I. Ohio 43438.

Charles E. Martin (Chuck) son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Martin Jr. Kelleys Island, received a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Tri-State U. Angola, Ind. During mid year commencement ceremonies. He is a graduate of Norwalk, Ohio High School.

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HAPPY 93rd BIRTHDAY TO:
ART LANGE



Born on the island Feb. 19, 1886, Art has seen many transformations take place there.

Year-round population was near 2,200, with school children attending a series of buildings beginning with a Primary school (located where Estes School stands) a high school on the same property, Primary school and Grammar school in home of Mrs. Mike Riedy (library) and Primary school on airport road.

He once worked weighing stone at the West dock for \$1.00 per day. After graduation, he worked as a shipping clerk at the Kelleys I. Wine Co. for 3 years.

Michigan is now his home, but he can sometimes be seen at his island residence during the summer.

MORE ISLAND NICK-NAMES.....

Andrew Tomko.....Moon
 Paul Mueller.....Horney
 Charles Martin.....Red or Chod
 Alfred Martin.....Alfie
 George Kikelik.....Farina
 Helmut Boker.....Smutz
 Walter Brown.....Brownie
 Sylvester Dwelle....Sonny
 Lawrence Betzenheimer
 Bardo
 Albert Baumler.....Smiley
 John PerkinsonBud
 Aaron Erne.....Bud
 William Blatt.....Bud
 Fred Baumler.....Butch
 Albert Blatt.....Butch
 Alphonse Erne.....Phoney
 John Bugel.....Barney
 George Durket.....Nuts
 George Yoscovits....Slim
 Laura Jean Seeholzer
 Pee-Wee
 Wm. Perruchon.....Hops
 Wm. Becker.....Snapper
 Francis Erne.....Cappy
 Allie McKillips....Speedy
 Floyd Erne.....Hickory
 Roy Elfers.....Dutch
 William McKillips...Boy
 Peter Kekelik.....Pit
 Alfred McKillips....Scoop
 Gilbert Riedy.....Mike
 Charles Martin Jr...Jake
 Henry Beatty.....Henny
 Oliver Schlesselman
 Ollie
 Melbourne McKillips.Puddy
 Norbert McKillips.....Spotsie
 Donald McKillips.....Scratchie
 Claude McKellips.....Wire
 Allen McKillips.....Peachy
 Carl Seeholzer.....Kibe
 Hugo Seeholzer.....Hooks
 Carl Lange.....Collie
 Fred Martin.....Fritz
 Fred Moeck.....Fritz
 Amanda Martin.....Tootser
 Mary Martin.....Tootie
 Walter Elfers.....Sonny
 Rosemarie Elfers.....Tucky
 Dorothy Jean Elfers....Titter
 Joan Elfers.....Tony
 Leland J. Greek.....L.J.

OBITUARIES

FLOYD ERNE

Floyd G. Erne, 62, of Kelleys Island, died at the home of his sister, Ruth Stafford, Boynton Beach, Fla., after a lengthy illness. He retired in 1975 as a self-employed trucker on Kelleys Island and was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Kelleys Island. Surviving are three sisters, Joyce Erne, with whom he had been making his home, and Mrs. Carl (Lena) Friedman, Sandusky, and Mrs. Elmer (Anna) Parkas, Sarasota, Fla. and three brothers, Roy, Kelleys Island; Donald, Bay View, and Andrew, Sandusky.

VIOLA HAIG

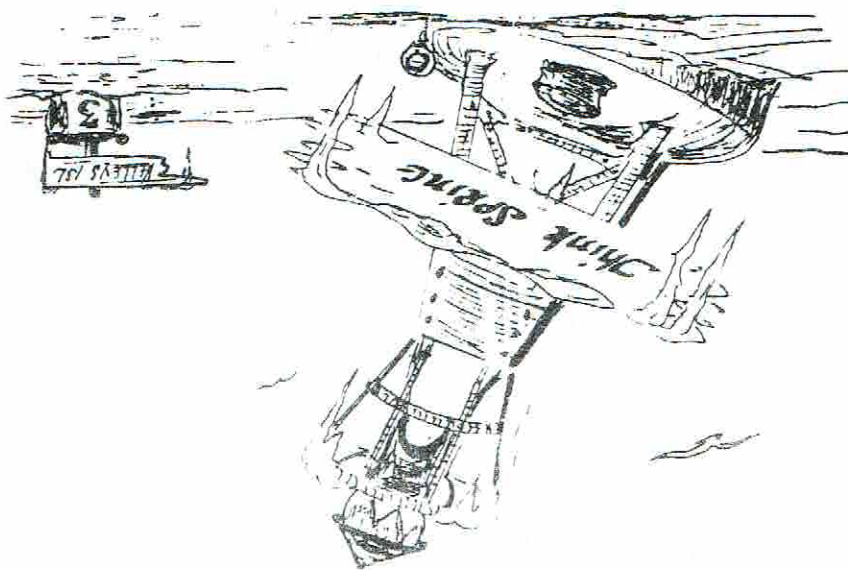
KELLEYS ISLAND — Viola (Elfers) Haig, 73, Lakeshore Road, Kelleys Island, died at the home of her sister, Ruth Stafford, Boynton Beach, Fla., after a lengthy illness.

For 25 years she was the owner and operator of Viola's Restaurant on Kelleys Island. She later operated VI's Bike Rental on the island.

She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Kelleys Island.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Carol) Swanson, Sandusky; three sons, Donald, Anderson, Ind.; Kenneth, Kelleys Island, and Ned, Fairview Park, Ohio; 17 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Henry (Rosella) Beatty, Kelleys Island, Mrs. Stafford, and Mrs. Casper (Madeline) Russell, Sandusky; a stepsister, Catherine Martin, Sandusky, and a brother, Walter Elfers, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank, in 1978; a brother, Roy, and her parents, Walter and Rose Elfers.



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SANDUSKY, OHIO 44870
/O J.M. Kennedy

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News Why,
*that's like leanin' on your fence
talkin' to your neighbor.*

