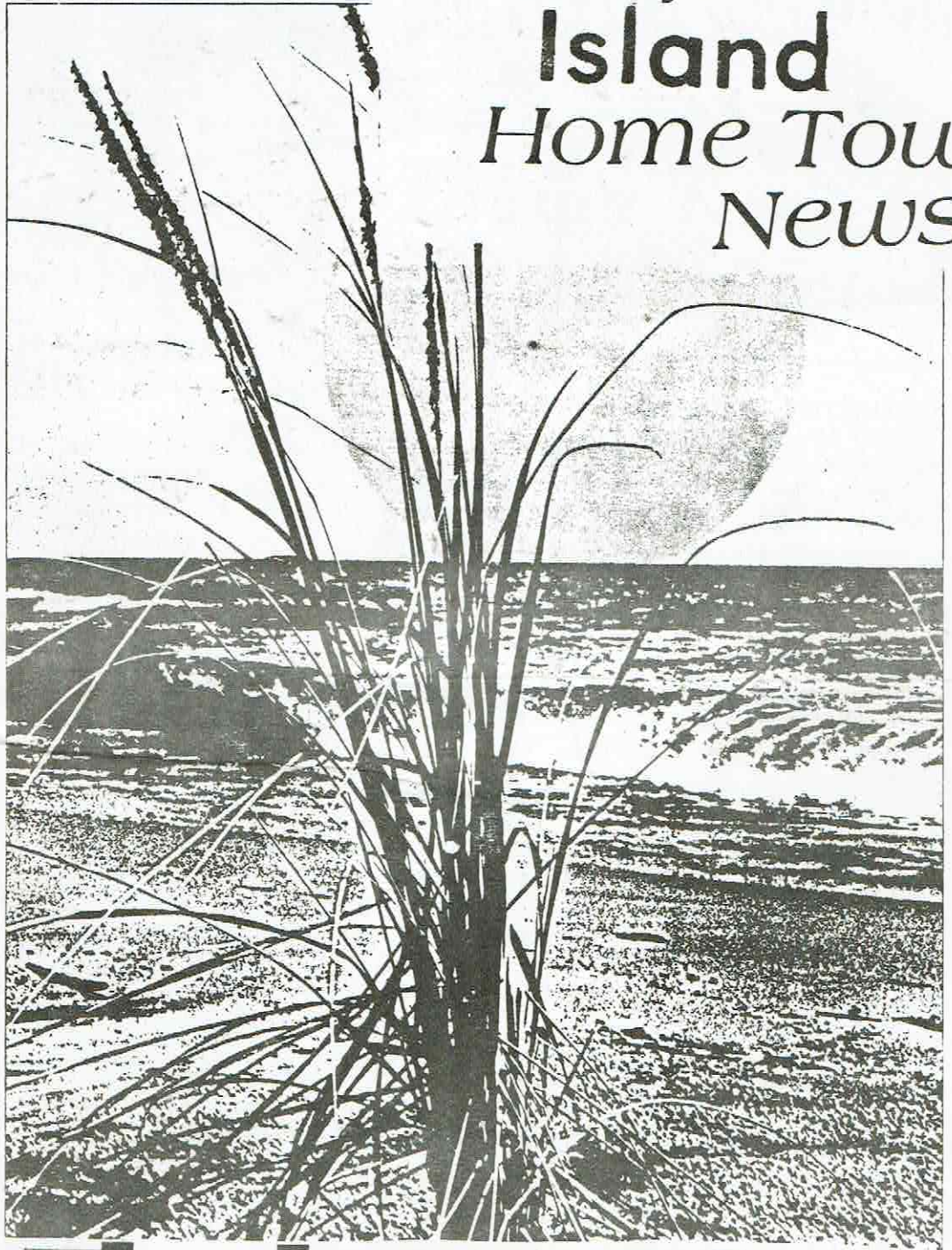


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PERSONAL SLANTS

from the Editor

Carol A. Elfers



CLASSIFIED ADS COMING TO
HOME TOWN NEWS.....

We are planning to feature a CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING page in the next issue of H.T. News. If you desire to let others know of household items for sale, trade, or give-away on the island, please forward your information in the format of a classified ad to: C.A. Elfers Rt 1 Milliman Rd. Norwalk, Ohio 44857. We must have all the ads in by April 26 in order to meet deadlines. Please enclose \$1.00 for each ad.

We feel this is an excellent way to present your information to others. In addition to those receiving papers by subscription, we will be making the paper available on the island for many weekenders who are not yet aware of our new publication. You may include services such as babysitting, cottage cleaning, painting, decorating, lawn mowing, or you may ask for information such as; anyone with a used piano for sale on the island. (Which I am looking for personally.) Let's hear from you!

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NEUMAN BOAT LINE EARLY SPRING
SCHEDULE!!!!!!.....

MARCH 31 thru MAY 24

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LV. KELLEYS ISLAND

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Effective April 22



from the kitchen of CORADINE MYERS

Taking Time To Appreciate Life

Apologies are in order!! I received the wrong impression from my conversation with George Yoscovitz in last month's column; he LIKES TO FLY, but DOES NOT LIKE TO LEAVE THE ISLAND! Quite a horse of another color, so sorry George!

As I take notes for this column, the calendar tells me it is Jan. 26, the anniversary of the 1978 blizzard and at the store, Laura Jean reminded me that it was also their granddaughter's first birthday! She was born during that blizzard and they named her Autumn. What a misnomer...it should have been "Snow Maiden" or "Blizzard" as Frank said!

I can remember all too well how our poor house trembled under the onslaught of 75=100 MPH winds and snow. I thought each blast would be the last of our lovely home. That is the one great disadvantage of a home on the lake front, we do get the brunt of bad weather. However, that disadvantage is greatly offset by the pleasure we derive from our front room view of Lake Erie's many moods. She can be like a kitten, soft and smooth, with nary a ripple so that sailboats gliding by cast a perfect reflection in the water.

Then in a matter of hours, like a temperamental lady, she can become a tigress, venting her fury on our shore and docks, sending 10-12 foot waves crashing against them...and the sunsets...they are breathtakingly and undescribably beautiful and in full view of our windows.

At night, it seems as tho the lake is always so calm when the moon is full so that it casts an unbroken reflection from shore to shore. The lights on the mainland string across the shoreline like a diamond necklace. But the most mind boggling thing about Lake Erie is how we cango to bed at night, the water all open, and get up in the morning to find a solid sheet of ICE.

There has been a rash of birthdays over the past several weeks and the nicest thing about the "Pot Lucks" on Sundays is that we have cake and candles and icecream for the birthday child and where else

but on Kelleys can you have half the town sing "Happy Birthday" for you. We celebrated Bud Yoscovitz, our Ronnie's, Marshall Bockerman and Marie Feyeledams all in that order.

Today is February 10th and the view from our windows makes it seem as tho this were a ski resort, with all the snowmobiles racing by and coming in over the ice and all those outlandish ski outfits. They are here for our Firemans Ball tonight! which turned out to be another GALA AFFAIR. The volunteer firemen worked hard for three days in a row setting up and decorating and they must have hung up 200 balloons from the streamers. We had a goodly and orderly crowd, and good food prepared by our ladies, which however, gave out before the people did!

Talk about women's lib...Mollie Yoscovita has been putting the men to shame with her large catches of perch...but, poor Mary and Godfried Schock just weren't supposed to ice fish this winter. They started out with their shanty on Sunday Feb. 4 but got just a little way out, when they had to turn around and come in. The wind was blowing up a storm and visibility was zero. Next day, it was 1 degree below zero too cold. Tuesday the battery on the jeep was dead, and when they finally got out Thursday, it took two hours to chop a hole in the ice! Godfried threw in the sponge and got his shanty back on land.

Just when we had begun to believe that Kelleys was over its bad breaks, we had news that Jerry Bozie had fallen and broken his leg, and that Ethel Raum had been hobbling around for a week on what she thought was a badly sprained ankle, but which turned out to be a broken one. And Jeannette Kuchar had to be taken to the hospital with what we heard was an asthma attack.

Last month it was Jessie Martin who graced our kitchen table and this month it was Jakie's turn!! He was here for council meeting and brought us a CARE package, oranges, grapefruit, tomatoes and crabmeat... all fresh from Florida! It is so nice to have friends!

NEWS FLASH...Fire alarm at 8PM Feb. 12. Joe Onder's garage on fire! Had been working with a wood fire going, and had put it out at 4PM to go into the house. Came out several hours later and smelled smoke and saw the wall behind the stove smoldering. Used his fire extinguisher, but had Martha call the fire department. The damage was

VS...NEWS...NEWS...NEWS...N

Speaking



of books

DID YOU KNOW THAT...The Kelleys Island Branch Library has been setting up a memorial book fund? Librarian, Iola Reidy reports that in the passed few years, only several islanders have taken advantage of this service.

Many islanders have passed away in recent years, and it would be a fitting memorial to anyone who is interested in the island to have donated in their name, a check to the memorial book fund.

Mrs. Reidy says that she prefers that a check be sent to the Kelleys Island Brance Li-

brary, rather than donation of an actual book. "I am aware of several topics which are lacking' from our library, and I'm planning some special ideas for the book list when we have enough money to fund them", she explained.

So, let's keep in mind that the Kelleys Island Branch Library is a good way to pay our respects to those islanders who have passed away. It is also available for special occassions such as remeberences for graduation, weddings, and anniversaries...Many of us already support our local libraries in this manner, but often forget that we have available to us right on the island a fine resource.

Kelleys Island branch Library may not always have the specific book you require, but through unlimited and extensive inter-Library Loan Services, the book is available and usually within your hands shortly after you request it.

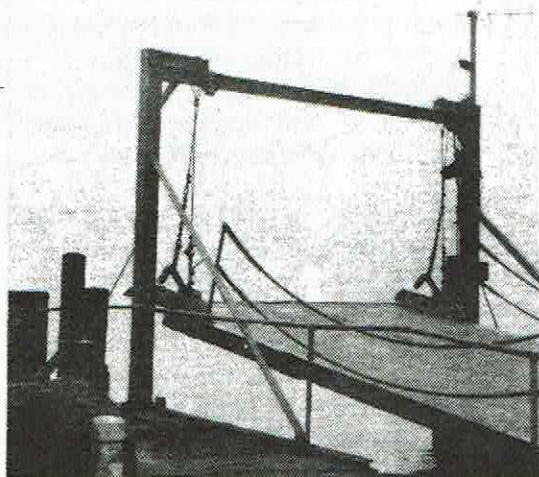
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FALL AND WINTER

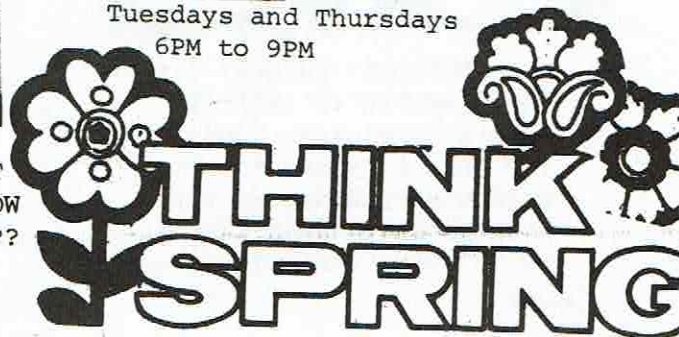
Tuesdays 3PM to 6PM

SUMMER

Tuesdays and Thursdays
6PM to 9PM



AS THE SUN SETS OVER NEUMAN'S BOAT DOCK, AND THE DAYS CONTINUE TO GROW LONGER, CAN SPRING BE FAR BEHIND???
HANG IN THERE, ISLAND LOVERS.....



RECENT ISLAND LAND TRANSFERS

M. Ann Schlicht Millott to E. Vincent Schlicht, SL 65, Beach Road, Kelleys Island.

LLOYD MARCHKY to Richard E. Shave...5 acres p-lot 9 K.I.

KELLEYS TO GET USED SHERIFFS CRUISER

Kelleys Island will be getting a used Erie Co. Sheriff's Depart. cruiser, compliments of the depart. and the co. commissioners. The car is one of the 1977 models due to be traded in with between 62,000-93,000 mileage.

MORE ISLAND NICK NAMES.....

Henry Baumler.....Butch
Wm. Duigman.....Buss
Wm. Sennish.....Whitey
Ronny Beatty.....Roches

DID WE FORGET ANYONE? IF YOU REMEMBER AN ISLANDER WITH A NICK NAME, WON'T YOU SEND IT ALONG TO US. WE WONDER HOW ANYONE KNEW ANYBODY ELSE, WHAT WITH ALL OF THE NAME VARIATIONS.

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"Would you believe..."

A WHOPPER OF A FISH STORY

While ocean fishing on Leo Goldner's boat, Bill Gorchester landed a real whopper...a 14 pound Marlin.

Another passenger on board Heinz Boker, was impressed but knowing Gorchester, we will all probably have to listen to all the details many times over. Our figure is 14 pounds, remember. When he tells the story, perhaps the fish will continue to grow in size like Hemmingway's "Old Man and the Sea".

ANOTHER FISH STORY.....

Reports have it that there is a jar of money waiting for the person who lands the largest perch or the largest pikera through the ice this winter.

The VFW club seems to be the location for many exciting happenings this winter. Pool games, N.Y. eve parties, and fishing contests.

Whoever asked what do the islanders do all winter to keep from being bored?

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY TO:
VIRGINIA MILLER 94 yrs. young in February (Valentines Day)



FLASH

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR K.I. VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT!!!!

At the recent meeting of K.I. Volunteer Fire Department, the following officers were elected:

Chief: John Kilko
Asst. Chief: William Gorchester
Captain: Frank Parks
Treasurer: Jim Seeholzer
Secretary: Rob Watkins

The Fire Department is encouraging all cottage owners to install fire alarms in their homes. These devices are readily available for a nominal fee at most discount outlets and department stores.

According to Gorchester, the VFD will install free of charge if cottage owners buy their own. They may be purchased on the island directly from the Fire Department and also installed free of charge.

Several professional fire fighters are being contacted to conduct the spring training sessions on the island.

As everyone knows, this is an organization designed to save lives and homes on the island.

It depends entirely upon volunteers, and at the present time, records show that a very small percentage of all home owners on the island are taking part in the operation. This leaves the responsibility of growing summer populations upon a few, and places the burden unfairly upon these men.

New men and women are needed... The spring meetings will inform you just what is expected, and how you might best serve yourself and the island by becoming actively involved. During the dry hot summer months, grass fire is always a threat, and many cottages are located a long distance from any hydrants. Prompt action on the part of the department is essential if homes and lives are at stake.

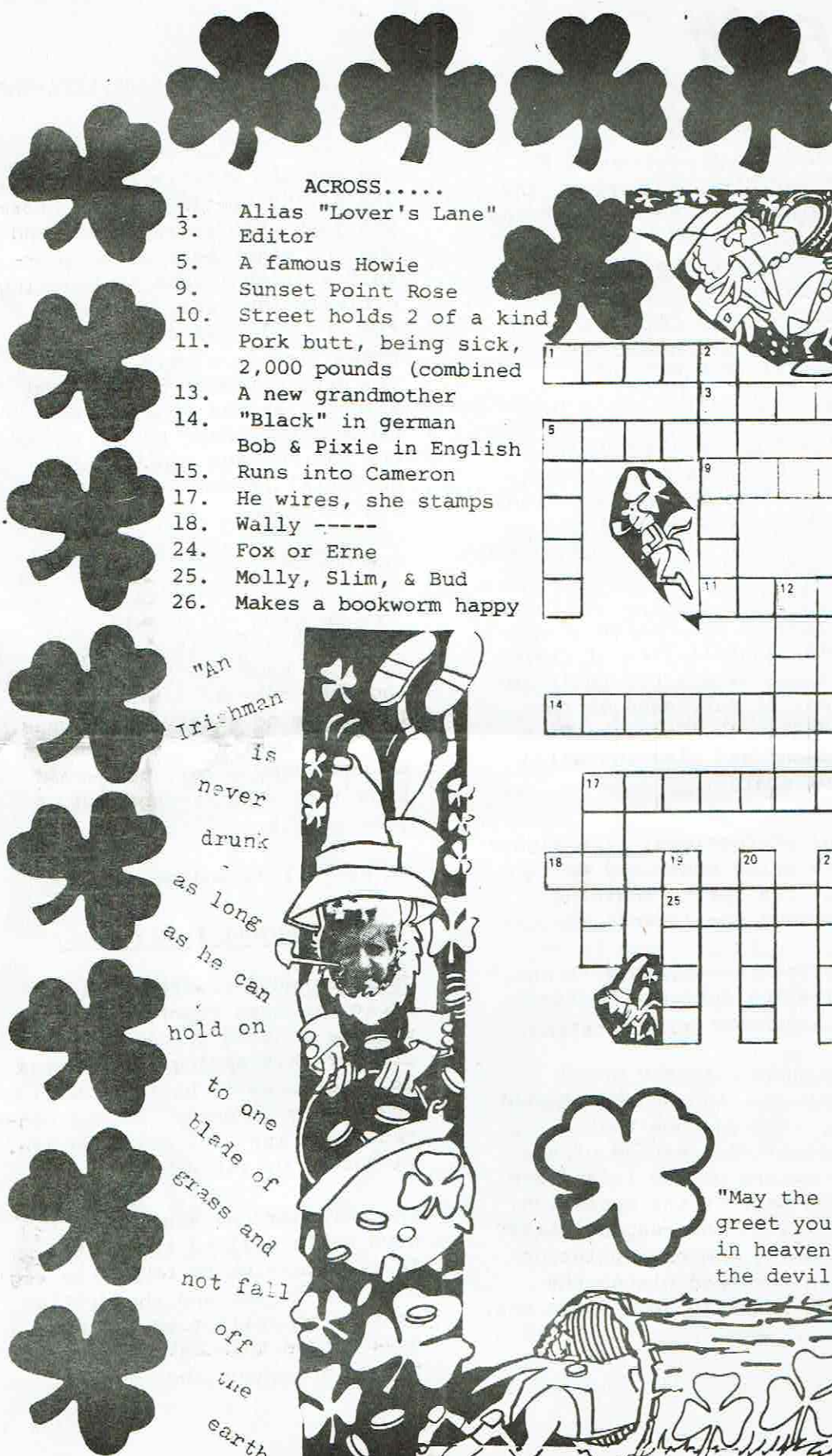
Why not make a mental note to contact the fire department when making your initial trip to the island this spring... let them know you are available and then take an active part. Learn the necessary techniques, and feel confident that should an emergency occur, you would know just what is expected of your skills.

We are all depending upon you!

DOES ANYONE NEED A WELL?

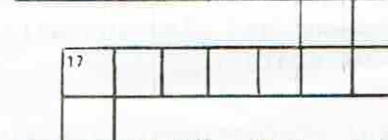
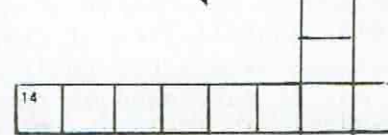
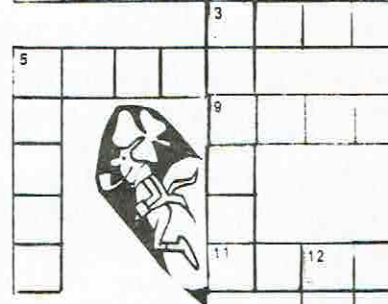
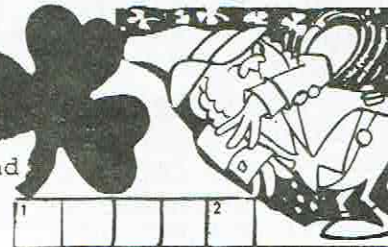
John Kennedy, new resident on Bookerman Road reports that he will be looking for a well-driller this spring. If anyone is interested in having a well dug on his property, please contact John at; 2332 Columbus Ave. Sandusky, O. 44870.

The more persons signing up to have wells drilled the better. It is expensive to bring the rig back and forth, and the driller prefers to drill them all at once rather than making several trips throughout the summer.



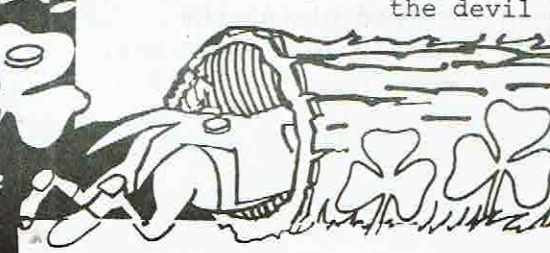
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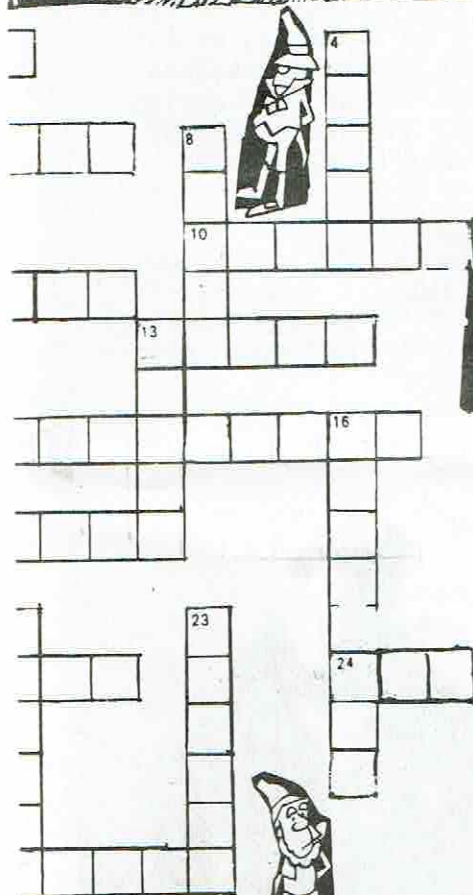
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13. A new grandmother
14. "Black" in german
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15. Runs into Cameron
17. He wires, she stamps
18. Wally -----
24. Fox or Erne
25. Molly, Slim, & Bud
26. Makes a bookworm happy



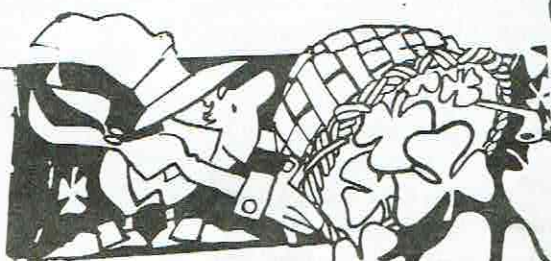
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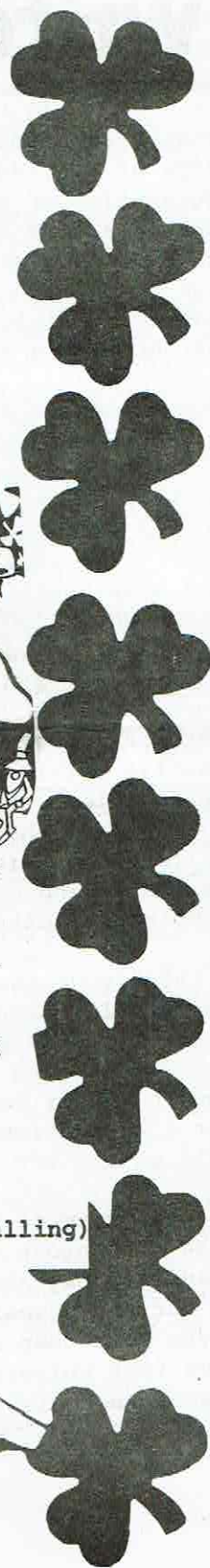
"The LUCK OF THE IRISH to you" on this one....You are not getting the answers.....!



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13. Take two aspirins and call me in the morning.....
16. New west end residents
17. Has more rocks in his yard than the quarry!
19. Our quest feature writer
20. Harbors the 3 R's
21. Long Point Residents
22. Burt or Carl
23. Henny Penny (the sky is falling)

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our readers write



Thank you so much for sending me a copy of K.I. Hometown News at the suggestion of Ted Blatt. As you may be aware, Ted is my cousin, and the same vintage as I. We were depression families on the Island, and we survived mainly through the strong perserver-nce of our families.

The Island is a beautiful place. I missed Homecoming this year, because there was no Homecoming News to let me know about it. I enjoyed tremendously my fishing trip to K.I. last year. Everyone was so kind to me, and hospitable. I might mention those who welcomed me and helped me enjoy a tremendous vacation. I.E. Teddy Blatt and his lovely wife, Bonnie, Helen Marscky, your beautiful mayor and long time friend of mine, Charlie Martin, Frankie and Lawrence Betzenheimer, Frank Pohorance, Kurt Boker, Sennish, the Matso's, Carl Miller, the Haigs, and so many others on the Island who treated me with complete hospitality.

I think your idea of a paper is beautiful. Keep it up. I will be there for this year's Homecoming if I know the date. Tell Del Arbar I need his boat for fishing, and Teddy for accomodations. Keep the beer cold at the VFW for me!!!

We have room at our house in San Jose for anyone visiting the San Francisco Bay area. Relax and swim in our pool, soak up some sun and maybe some deep sea fishing. We have four children, Linda, the oldest, teaches school, Debbie is a Forest

Rangerette in the Tahoe area on

Ski Patrol, Rusty is manager of my floral shop in San Jose, and Shari is a Junior in high school and a clerk in my flower shop. I am finishing my 23rd year with Lockheed Missiles and Space Co. as Engineering Personnel Administrator for the Trident Program.

You are all BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE, and my heart will never leave Kelleys Island! Regards;

Rodger "Ike" Kurtz
San Jose, Cal.



RUSTY KURTZ, SON OF IKE KURTZ, ON RECENT SKI TRIP TO LAKE TAHOE NEVADA. WILL SOMEONE DROP IKE A NOTE AND REMIND HIM OF THE HOMECOMING PICNIC THE 3RD WEEKEND IN AUGUST ..

We surely have enjoyed your K.I. News!
My father (Jim Russell) was so tickled
with the nicknames...very clever!

Jerry and Caroline Taylor
Olmsted Falls

Editors note; The Taylors have had a series of misfortunes this winter. While visiting Jerry's dad in Alabama, they lost Jessie, their female collie. Then on route home, their truck engine wiped out while Caroline was driving. They rented a car to continue on to their home. Returned next weekend to Louisville to pick up repaired truck (major repairs to engine) then drove through harrowing blizzard back home. Counted 68 cars in ditch on trip. Shortly after arriving, they awoke to find their home in flames! Jerry managed to put out fire with garden hose (Bless his heart) and Caroline scorched her beautiful hair unmercifully.

Three weeks of major repairs to house floors, plastering, painting and scrubbing.

GUESS WHO IS READY FOR AN ISLAND WEEKEND?

I think the Home Town News is great and you are certainly to be congratulated.

I enclose check for \$10 for two subscriptions. Please send one to;
Mr. and Mrs. Brooks M. Jones, Chagrin Falls, Ohio and one to Mrs. Katharine B. Jones, Delray Beach, Florida.
Sincerely, Brooks. M. Jones
Cleveland

We are new residents of KI, as of November, 1978. Our past home was in Oakland, California. We are taking care of the house and property for his mother, Francis Watkins, as his father, Dr. Art Watkins, passed away this past August.

Our son, Eric, is 6½ and in the first grade, and Robin, our daughter, is 2½ years old.

Kim and Rob Watkins
Kelleys Island

Congratulations on the super job you are doing with your little paper. The Islanders are very proud of the work you are doing. Keep it up!

Helen Marchky
Mayor, K.I.

LADIES!!! SAVE YOUR JUNK!!!

A White Elephant Sale is planned for this year's annual Land Owners Homecoming Picnic. It would be appreciated by all concerned if, while you are cleaning out your attics and basements this springtime, you could box any items that are not serving a purpose at your home any longer.

One man's junk is another's treasure, and when displayed at the picnic, new interest will be generated in something that you might otherwise throw away.

We'll be reminding you again on this subject, but when you go shopping this week, why not pick up a large cardboard box to stash in your corner and throw your unwanted stuff into.

Anyone else have ideas on what to do for the picnic? Your suggestions are always welcome. The more booths we have going in the park, the more people we will draw in for the event. Perhaps your church group has a good idea going...why not drop us a line and let us all know what's happening at local bazaars.

SPOTLIGHT ON PEOPLE



By Julie Martin Kennedy

When Ron Bechtel began taking dancing lessons more than 25 years ago, he never expected to end up on Kelleys Island. It was during these lessons that he met the former Lydia Dwelle, a born and raised islander.

Little did he realize that when you marry an islander, YOU HAVE MARRIED THE ISLAND!

Now, a part-time summer resident, Ron can be found pruning trees, practicing his golf swing, or just plain "tinkering" around the cottage known as "The Fishermans' Daughter" on Woodford Road.

He enjoys the time spent on the island, and is frequently visited by his adoring grandchildren. Appearing much younger than his age (75), he leads a very active life.

The founder of Bechtel McLaughlin Inc., Sandusky, Ron explained that the operation engages in a process of rust-proofing by metal finishing with such elements as chrome, nickle, copper, zinc, cadmium and phosphate.

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He recently announced the completion of the sixth major addition in 30 years to the plant. He was one of the first plants in the area to install a water treatment plant for waste water from the operation.

As it seems to be the trend with most of our summer islanders, Ron and Lydia spend their winters in Florida anxiously awaiting the return of summer to the north.

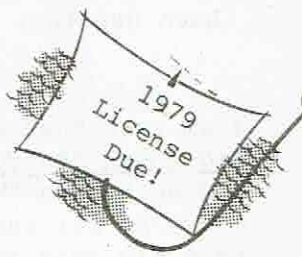
At last report, Ron is gracefully dancing his way through retirement.

EDITORS NOTE: This Spotlight on People column is our attempt to introduce islanders with their neighbors, making Kelleys Island a bigger and better family. We welcome your suggestions for future Spotlights!



FISHING TIPS FROM THE TACKLE BOX

By GLEN TETZLOFF



Inflation has finally hit the fishing licenses. This year, Ohio resident fishermen will pay \$7.75 for the right to fish in Ohio waters. This amounts to an increase of \$3.25 over last years fees!

Gil Palmer, manager for Wildlife District Two, said the increase was due to many factors. "There hasn't been an increase in license fees for nearly ten years", he explained. "The additional funds will be used for purchasing more lands, to educate the younger sportsman, and for implementing several programs that will benefit both the hunter as well as the fisherman", Palmer continued.

The 1978 fishing licenses will expire the last day of February, and the new licenses are on sale at all regular outlets. So, fishermen, take heed...and make sure you have your new license before venturing out on your next trip.

Warmer temperatures and high winds could cause some deterioration in ice cover on the lake, as well as on inland bodies of water, so if you're planning an outing, be cautious.

Northern Pike, perch and jumbo bluegills are especially likely candidates for awards which will be given through the 1979 Fish Ohio Program to honor fine catches. Many large examples were caught through the ice this winter. Some details of the program have not yet been finalized but an attempt is being made to honor more anglers this year than have been recognized in previous years.

Entry forms for hopeful anglers are available from your local county game protector or from the Wildlife District Two Headquarters in Findlay, Ohio.

FISH CHILI (DELICIOUS)

Cook 2 cups sliced onion, 1 c. diced g. pepper and 1 minced clove garlic in 2 T butter until onion tender. Stir in 2 T chile powder (less if you prefer) 1 tea salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ tea oregano dash pepper. Add 1 can red beans 1 can tomatoes and 1 can tomatoe paste (6 oz). Cover and simmer 15 min. Add 2 pounds fish fillets, cut in chunks. (perch, bluegill, crappie etc). Cover and simmer till tender (10-15 min). Six to eight servings. (Good way to utilize fish which have been frozen for some time, but are still good.)

confined to the area behind the stove, and it is so very fortunate that Joe had gone back out when he did, or the loss could have been greater.

I am sure that most of you are familiar with our Summer Celebrity, Big Chuck Shandowski, from channel 8...Hoolihan and Big Chuck show. Now we have a "Winter Celebrity". We first met him at Pot Luck where he was strumming a guitar and singing songs for Ethel Fox and we knew him only as Alex.

Several weeks later Lee saw a story in the Plain Dealer of a folk singer who had written a song on Cleveland's default. The accompanying picture was taken at an odd angle, and we thought he looked like our Alex. Lee saw him several days later, and Alex acknowledged it was his picture and told Lee he loved walking along the beach and the lake shore looking for inspiration for songs. Let's hope he finds one to be a theme song for Kelleys Island!!

(Editors Note)...An island theme song was written many years ago by two other island lovers...we will publish it and the story surrounding it's conception...watch for it! If "Alex" comes up with another more recent song, and forwards it to K.I. News, we will share it with all of our readers.....

Hi! out there...Ted Blatt...are you listening? LEE RELAYED YOUR HEART WARMING COMPLEMENTS ON THIS COLUMN, AND I AM HAPPY THAT YOU ENJOY IT. I LOVE WRITING IT AS I LOVE THE PEOPLE I AM WRITING IT FOR!
Coradine

Ben Elfers really found enjoyment this winter sailing his iceboat on Sandusky Bay. The ZERO II originally belonged to man Brown, and Ben purchased it this year.

However, everytime Ben brought his family down to the bay to take a ride, THE WIND STOPPED. Ben and the kids were seen sitting disgustedly looking skyward on more than one weekend. His wife, Carol, and Julie Kennedy had other ideas, however. Let the wind blow, or let it be calm, they sat snugly inside the Volkswagen sharing a lukewarm bottle of something bubbly.

Ben tells stories of his boyhood crossing the ice on iceboats, when the islanders turned out in great numbers to ice skate and build large bonfires at the gathering. But Carol has yet to take her first ride. Craig Brown volunteered to tow the iceboat behind his 4-wheel vehicle, but Ben declined the offer.

OBITUARIES

REV. EHRBAR, 65, DIES IN FLORIDA

In Loving Memory...

The Rev. Joseph Ehrbar, 65, Kelleys Island, died Friday, February 16, 1979 in Key Largo, Florida where he had been vacationing.

He had been residing at Kelleys Island for the last 15 years and was on leave from the Catholic diocese.

He owned Sunset View cottage rentals on the island for several years.

He was chairman of the Kelleys Island Planning Commission and served as the village's representative and secretary of the Erie Regional Planning Commission. He was also the village's representative to the Hancock-Wood Electric Coop (REA). He was to have been a delegate to the rural Electrification Administration national convention in Houston, Texas, the week following his death.

He was ordained in Cleveland Catholic Diocese May 26, 1945, and first served at St. Stephens Catholic Church in Cleveland. He also served at parishes in the Akron area and was an assistant at the St. John's Cathedral, Cleveland.

Surviving are two brothers, Edward J. and Albert L., Cleveland.



The funeral mass was in St. Stephens Catholic Church, 1930 W. 54th St. Cleveland, with the Rev. Bishop James Hickey officiating.

Burial will be in Kelleys Island cemetery.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert E. and Gertrude M. (Biebelhausen) Ehrbar.

BUYING OR SELLING A HOME ON
KELLEYS ISLAND?

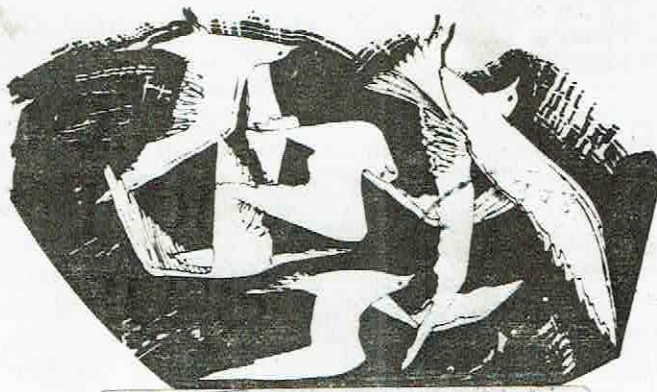
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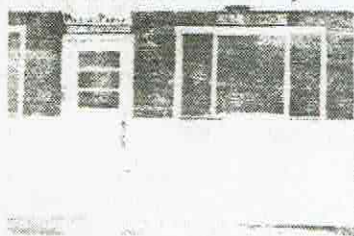
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