

Thanksgiving Greetings

**KELLEYS
ISLAND**

Home Town News

We've discovered
the true identity
of the
GREAT PUMPKIN!!
While quietly
waiting in the
pumpkin patch,
we spotted Ted
Blatt preparing
for Halloween.

Nov.

1979



Food for Thought In This Recipe

BY CAROL ELFERS

During the early 1900's, when the island was being settled by many European immigrants, customs and mores of their native land often gave way to new ideas born of a new surrounding.

Arriving as a young girl from Italy, Mrs. Josephine Bianchi discovered a food source here available in abundance...island land snails.

Innovating her tomatoe sauce recipe to compliment the snails, she invented a tasty, high protein meal which was also economical since the snails were free for the finding.

The tasty dish is a favorite of son, Nick, and his young daughter, Terry.

An avid gardener, Mrs. Bianchi's petite size is offset by sheer determination and dedication to hard work.

Although she recently returned home from the hospital where she under-

went abdominal surgery, the garden near her kitchen window sees her tending plants. Growing a variety of vegetables, she prepares them in many ways for winter use, including drying.

But perhaps the most unique facet of Mrs. Bianchi's "green thumb" is a fig tree from her native Italy which has been growing and bearing fruit here for over 30 years now.

The figs are generally ripe enough for harvesting in the fall and are a deep brown/blue color when done. They have a mildly sweet flavor when eaten right from the tree, and Mrs. Bianchi says that she dries the rest to enjoy during the rest of the year.



Mrs. Josephine Bianchi has only fig tree on the island.....

RECIPE

MRS. BIANCHI'S ISLAND LAND SNAILS WITH TOMATOE SAUCE

Collect snails in a wooded area preferably right after a rain.

Store in the refrigerator several days prior to preparation in a covered container.

BEFORE COOKING...

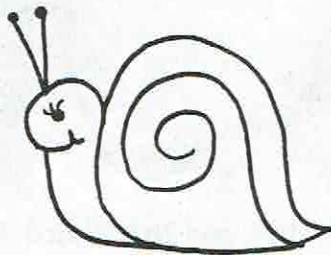
Wash thoroughly in cool water, do not remove snail from shells. Change water many times.

Soak 3 or 4 minutes in water/salt/ and vinegar mixture (as for pickles)

Pre-cook tomatoe sauce by sautee diced pork or bacon. Add dill, garlic and desired herbs to tomatoe sauce.

Add to cooked sauce the snails and simmer slowly at least 2 hours. (Mrs. Bianchi usually simmers all day).

Eat by extracting from shell with tooth pick and dip into sauce.



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH CELEBRATES MORTGAGE BURNING FOR SOCIAL HALL

The Parish Council of St. Michael church here hosted a pot luck dinner to celebrate a burning of the hall mortgage.

The note for a 1972 loan for building the hall was made to the parish by the Diocese of Toledo, interest rate at the time was 5%!!! Fr. Wilman was pastor here at the time and council members Monica Feyedelm, John Sabol, Henry Beatty, George Yoscovits and Edward Sennish were co-signers of the note.

Fr. Willman was present at the mortgage burning celebration, and spoke of his original desire to initiate proceedings to provide a meeting hall for parishioners. He told of the problems incurred when the building was finally a reality and when it arrived in sections on the ferry.

"Attempting to avoid low-hanging limbs along the road, the driver backed up and swirled sharply to one side...I saw the building lean heavily to the lake side, and at that moment, I thought it had gone into the lake", Fr. Willman said.

However, when the sections were all finally assembled, it was noted that they had been sprung out of shape by the move, but none had been a victim of Lake Erie.

The hall has proven a necessary meeting place since those early days for funerals, weddings, graduations and other social occasions on the island.



Real Estate Land transfers

Welcome back! To Eddy and Carol Frindt and their family.

The Frindt's recently purchased a cottage in the Navorska allotment which had originally belonged to Ed and Joe Adams of Cleveland.

The island has played a large part in Ed Frindt's life. He came here as a teenager and earlier with his parents. He is Jeanette Kuchar's nephew.

The Frindt's owned a trailer near L.J. Greek on the east side of the island several years ago. There were a few years go by when they were seen occassionally at Home Coming and on vacation. When seen last, Eddy had a large grin on his face and said; "Frindt is finally back on the island!" We're glad, too.

Page 3



Joe Onders is an old pro at putting on Clambakes. He has been the chief cook for over 30 years at the K of C bakes in Cleveland. He recently did the same for the VFW here, serving 200 bakes. Mrs. Greeny (r) enjoys Joe's chowder.



Dr. and Mrs. Ward Bloom are new permanent residents from Indiana! Recently retired, the couple is now preparing for winter on the island.

Oktoberfest

The Casino here was the location for a gala end-of-the-season celebration of Oktoberfest. Held on Saturday, October 13, the occasion was another in a long series of "special events" sponsored by Don and Donna Nowalk.

Dispite unseasonably cool temperatures and rough seas, the festival went on as scheduled and provided those who braved the weather with one more "good times" memory of Kelleys Island before the unslaughter of winter sets in.

Billed as all you can eat and drink, the festival featured German cuisine in the traditional Oktoberfest fashion. A four piece band provided live music once again, and it was shades of summertime hearing the music pour forth from the Casino's doors.

The trend seems to be "arrive at the island early in the spring, and keep coming back until late fall". Evidence of this fact is visible when one takes a head count at the boat dock over weekends. The Nowalks hard work provided something special for their customers, as has been their custom throughout the season.

Don's famous "old time movies" and his own personal films of the island and it's early residents are always welcomed by those fortunate enough to be on hand when they are run,

Joanne and Grover Kaneen and their bunch were on hand for the festivities, as were Frankie and Laura Jean Pohorence. When you get Frank away from that meat counter, he can cut a mean rug on the dance floor!



readers express

I received my copy of Home Town News, and am enclosing check for \$7.00. It's over sixty years since I left the Island, but always enjoy the magazine.

Mrs. Kathleen (Brennen)
Ritchie
Lakewood, Ohio

Enclosing check to cover cost of subscription..We sure do look forward to reading the news..Good luck and keep the copies coming!

Mary & Paul Kafun
Seven Hills, Ohio

EVERYDAY SPECIAL

"Fresh Lake Erie Perch and Shrimp Plate"

- ☆ Wide Variety Salad Bar
- ☆ Combination Perch-Shrimp Plate
- ☆ Baked Potato
- ☆ French Bread & Muffins with Whipped Butter

Come in and try one of our

**FABULOUS
DESSERTS!**

**HACKER'S
WAGON WHEEL**

1706 Cleveland Road
Sandusky, Ohio

Open Monday thru Thursday 8 A.M.-8 P.M.
Friday & Saturday 8 A.M.-10 P.M.



Please do renew my subscription to the KIHT news. Since we only arrived on the island last summer, it is particularly useful to us to get acquainted.

Jim & Betty Jones
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Even though it's passed Sept 15, I hope you'll accept my subscription to your paper. We just received a copy from a friend on the island, Jo Mayher.

As grandchildren of Ernest Fenwick, my brother, sister and I have many fond memories of summers spent on the island from before WW11 until just recently. We eagerly read any bits and pieces of news from what was, for many years, our second home.

Doris Conrad
210 S Walnut St
Marysville, Ohio 43040

their opinions

Dear Friends;

Thank you for the K. Island Home Town News. The only one I recognize on the front cover is Ben, am I right?

Was surprised to read about Bill Lange's passing, he surely lived a long life considering the horrible accident he went through so many years ago. Your paper surely brings back memories.

Wonder if my friend Marian considers one more trip to the island this year. Would enjoy another visit with you. Have been very busy harvesting and putting away for winter use my garden produce. Some vegetables produced very good, others, like summer squash, eggplant and strawberries were medium, late raspberries look promising if we get another rain.

Elise Becker
Parma Hts., Ohio

FOR REAL ESTATE ON KELLEYS ISLAND

M. P. McCUNE

REALTY

McGATTIAN LANE
KELLEYS ISLAND

746-2091

625-6780

Page 6

Mystery drama

DOES KELLEYS I. HAVE IT'S OWN "BERMUDA TRIANGLE"??

Much has been written concerning the mysterious events within an imaginary area of the Pacific where strange happenings have taken place having no apparent explanation.

Blaming everything from magnetic forces to UFO's, area residents cannot explain how or why ship, planes, and people traveling through the area have simply and abruptly disappeared...dropped into silence and were never again heard from.

Now, it appears that the island is also capable of generating these unexplained situations, and we are asking..."Is it another form of the famous Bermuda Triangle"??

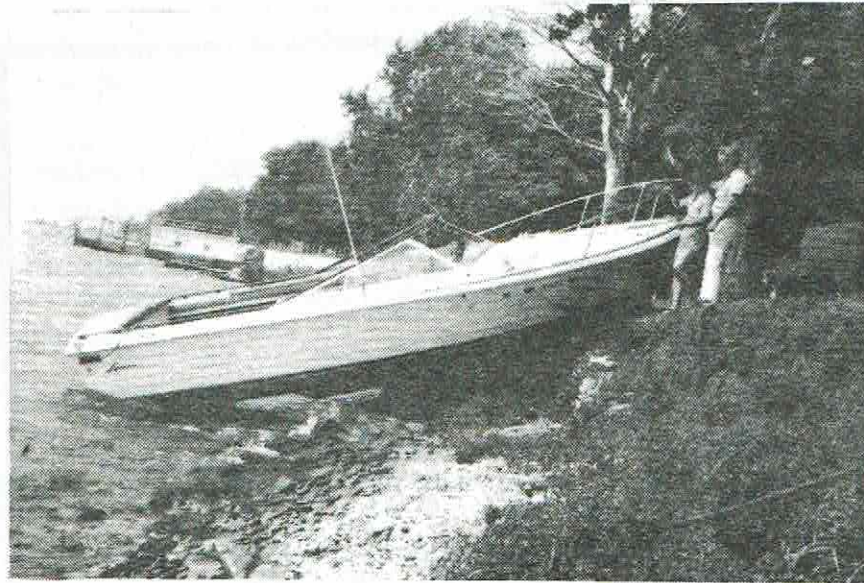
Along the south shore in an area boardered by the Tiber River to the east, the lake to the south, and the old Martin homestead to the west, residents have been heard discussing the confusing events which have taken place there all summer. Beginning with a head on collision between Lee Brown and a truck, a series of accidents have taken place in the 150 foot area. Shortly after this accident, a pick-up truck with several men as passengers suddenly swerved to the left and headed into the lake.

The truck was towed up the embankment and luckily suffered only a flat tire, the riders were shook up, but otherwise unhurt. A few weeks later, a small boat with 4 persons aboard drifted ashore there...the battery went dead, the passengers had no anchor.

The most recent happening involved a 16 foot Lyman which had left the island earlier that evening. Suddenly, the boat turned around and bounded over the waves full speed ahead for the south shore again! Avoiding collision with the large rocks which appear along the shoreline, the Lyman flew airborne from the water's edge and landed upright along the 10 foot bank!

Eye witness reports said the boat appeared to be flying! The captain was assisted from his craft shaken, but not badly bruised. The boat was intact except for a small hole in the hull near the back.

Whatever has been causing the disturbances has kept the neighborhood lively to say the least. Wearing their night clothes, residents keep flash lights handy to assist should anything more take place in front of their



WE SHOULD ERECT A
NO PARKING SIGN...
Curious sight-
seers are amazed
to see a boat
resting on top of
a 10 foot bank!
Mysterious
forces have been
blamed for the
strange rash
of accidents
along the
south shore
recently.

homes. "We are becoming very adept at directing traffic", one said. "I am careful to wear my best night clothes, because I never know who will be outside when we hear the clatter", said another. "I wonder if we can inquire into salvage rights", questioned a third. Well, dear reader, any suggestions?

NOW HOW DID HE
MANAGE TO DO THAT?
Captain John
Neuman inspects
the Lyman which
"flew" ashore
this summer.
Is it the work
of some unknown
force? Are
we being
manipulated by
aliens??



VISIT:

**DIRTY
DON'S**

THE

CASINO

"EST. 1901"

WHERE THE GOOD TIMES

ARE ON

KELLEYS ISLAND

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

FUN FOR ALL

More than 75 kids of all ages turned out to attend the 2nd annual hayride on the island.

High winds prevented us from lighting the huge bon fire to warm those attending, but the monsters and witches and ghouls of every description didn't seem to mind.

The evening began at dusk when all the younger kids took to the woods with flashlights in search of candies and treats hidden there.

Then everyone headed for the wagons donated by Neuman Boat Line. Estimates of 75-100 youngsters were taken, and the wagons were packed to capacity. Six cars of adults formed behind the wagons due to lack of space.



Everyone appreciated the treats handed out by Windy at Camp Kell-
isle and by the Village
Pump crew.

Encountering strange creatures at the cemetery, the wagons hurried along their way only to find more ghosts hidden in the woodlands.

GHOSTS:

Jack Beatty
Fern Gorchester
Donna Farmer
Nick Bianchi
John Kennedy
Julie Kennedy
Joe LaLond
Lenny Elfers
Bo Dan

THANKS TO ALL who contributed to the event. Claude Smith's chemistry added smokey haze to the hovering ghouls. Ben Elfers and Bob Swanson drove wagons.

Where are they now?

CARL AND VIRGINIA MILLER have taken residency at the Moravian Villa, Milan, Ohio 44846. Karl is now 88 and Virginia is 94.

Both were born on Kelleys Island and lived their entire lives there with the exception of a short period of time when they were first married and lived in Toledo. They have no children. Virginia is able to get around with a walker, but she is almost totally blind. Carl recently exchanged two canes for a walker. Until last year, he was still actively assisting with the gardens at Father Joe Ehrbar's on the island. Pat and Kenny Haig

have been very helpful to the Millers by doing errands and odd jobs around the house and preparing some of their favorite foods, as have Mrs. Sherman Brown and Mrs. Clayton Hughs (Virginia's sister). We are certain the Millers would appreciate hearing from their friends. Why not write today.

.. And You Think You've Got Problems

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED: Evelyn Parks, Cleveland Clinic for ruptured esophagus , Laurence Betzenheimer, hernia, Hank Knapp, open heart surgery.

We met Hank on the boat dock one day saying he was off to the hospital for a "stress test" and would be right back. Famous last words!! They kept him at the hospital for further tests and then to Cleveland Clinic, and he finally wound up having open heart surgery!

We heard that Franklin Clark was balancing along the edge of his boat when he slipped and fell between his boat and the dock and "chinned" himself hurting himself badly! Be your age, Franklin!! Leave the acrobatics to the youngsters!

Glenn Turner stopped at our house a week ago, on a day that was very rough and windy. He had been fishing off the West Dock and saw a small boat rounding Minshall's Point and heading into the very rough water between Minshall's and West Dock. While Glenn watched, the boat being tossed hither and yon, he was horrified to see the occupants wave their distress flag. Glenn hurried to Camp Kellisle to see if anyone there had a boat at the dock and could go out to help. But, by the time they got outside, the boat had disappeared!!! He felt so badly about the way people take such chances on the lake!

The following morning, we heard from Jakie Martin that the occupants of the boat had donned life jackets before being swamped and the Coast Guard was able to see them and picked them up.

THE SOCIAL SCENE: Pat Hibbs was hostess for a Tupperware party at her home and it was so good to see the old "Pot Luck Gang" again...Martha Onders, Ethel Fox, Mollie Yoscovitz, Sharon Bianchi (and her mom), Mollie Kim Watkins, Donna Farmer. I met Mrs. Del Ehrbar there for the first time and renewed my acquaintance with Sally McCune, who kindly drove me home after the party. Pat Haig was also a guest, as was one other lady that I did not get to meet.

Maybelle Kekelik's bridge club pals surprised her with a party on her 78th birthday, complete with a specially made cake by none other than

our talented artist, Ethel Fox. The ladies have been playing bridge for a good many years since Maybelle and two others took lessons from Alice Lamb. The Lambs lived on the south side of the island, moving here from Cleveland years back, and Alice now lives in Cincinnati.

Other islanders who reached their 78th birthday this summer; Henry Beatty Jay Norris and Esther Sennish. Congratulations! Mrs. Howard Navorska is ahead of you by several years, she celebrated her 80th birthday this summer.

As I sit on our front porch writing this column, I look out over the lake and see a very unusual sight. Small fishing boats are lined up from one end of the lake to the other right in front of our house!

I would not be exaggerating to say there were 100 boats out there! What makes it so unusual is the fact that the boats usually congregate at either end of the island near the reefs. Rarely have we seen such a sight as this! The fish must really be biting.

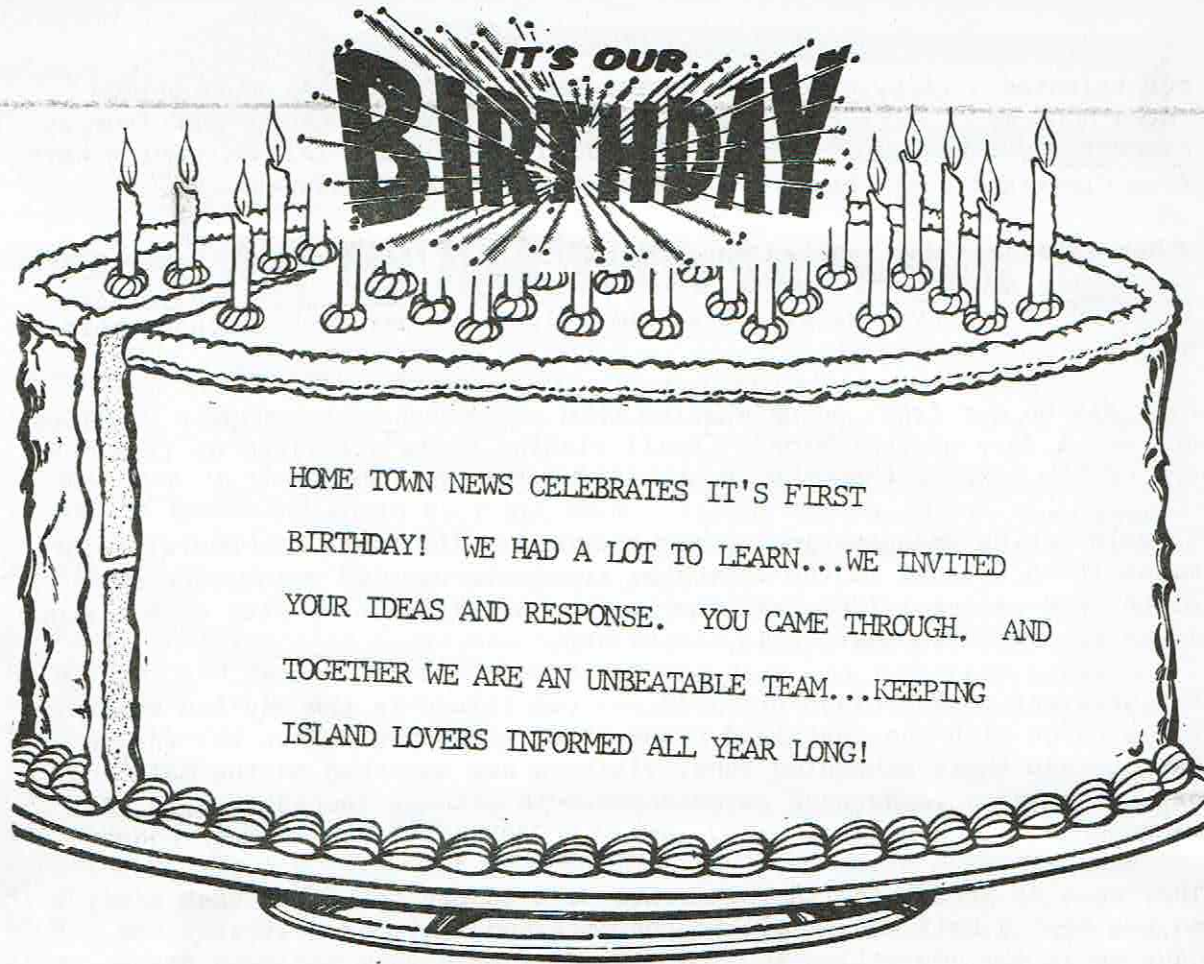
The greatest disadvantage of living on our island is the way bad weather plays havoc with the best laid plans of mice and men. When the ferrys cannot keep their scheduled runs, visitors are marooned on the mainland or on the island. We have experienced both crises. Recently (Sept 22) we expected a group of 14 people from our former church in Independence.

They were to arrive at 11AM but boats were unable to run at that time, so Lee kept a half hour vigil to the dock and still no visitors. We gave up at 4PM and called the church. Were told they had been unable to get through to us by phone to let us know they had decided to return home, as it would have been too late to come over and go back again by 5PM.

Everyone was sorry it happened, but luckily did not have to prepare the meal, just a huge pot of coffee that I pawned off on my neighbors. Couldn't afford to throw it out!

Am sorry to say that we had to decline an invitation to a fish fry because our friends were expected. O well, win a few, lose a few. You can't fool with mother nature, especially on an island.!

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS: Del Ehrbar sponsored his annual fish fry recently. From the line up of cars outside, it was another successful affair. Every one is talking about the restoration of the old Himmeline Hotel. The place has received a coat of fresh white paint and is being trimmed in blue. One can almost hear the history coming out of the old place when driving by. Truly magnificent structure, it pleases everyone to see it's restoration. Debbie Blatt received her masters degree this summer! Congratulations, Debbie. Happy anniversary (29th) to Ted and Bonnie Blatt...September 2.



SAMUEL BAUMAN FAMILY OMITTED:

In a recent article regarding those islanders who went on to further their education and received various degrees, we failed to include those relatives of the Bauman family. Thanks to John I. McManamon of University Hts. Ohio for bringing it to our attention.

From William from Notre Dame, we include Frances Bauman Kolson,

R.N., Catherine Bauman McManamon,
R.N. Samuel Bauman B.S. in chemis-
try and Mary Ellen Bauman Wilke
B.S. and M.S. in physical chemistry.

How about it? Any more of you
out there that we haven't learned
of...Let us hear from you.



All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, be-
lieving, ye shall receive

Mat. 21:22

ISLANDER'S DAUGHTER NURSE ABOARD NEW RESCUE HELICOPTER

A new service is being provided by St. Vincent Hospital and Medical Center, Toledo, Ohio to supply an emergency air ambulance to citizens of the island. Transporting the patient to the most appropriate hospital. the aircraft also provides immediate emergency care by a physician and a registered nurse.



Barbara
Smallbrook
Hogan

Nurse
Aboard
Rescue
Helicopter

Barbara Smallbrook Hogan

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smallbrook of Kelleys Island is serving as a member of the medical team and has been aboard the plane when it landed here on a practice mission recently. The purpose of these emergency services is to transport critically ill patients when speed is essential. It should not be called to the scene when regular means of transporting the patient are available and when time is not essential.

However, should someone suffer severe head injuries, heart attack, or otherwise be in an injured state where his life is threatened by the lack of time, the air transport can be a life-saving answer to a critical situation. Public safety officers, physicians, airport managers and other designated authorities may place the call for help. Fee for the service begins at \$70 lift off and \$2 per air mile (round trip). Medications and supplies used during the flight are added to this figure.

Cruising at 120 MPH, the aircraft pilot will phone ahead and make arrangements for the patient at the receiving hospital of his choice. Ability to pay is reportedly not a consideration. The service is provided 24 hours a day and seven days a week.

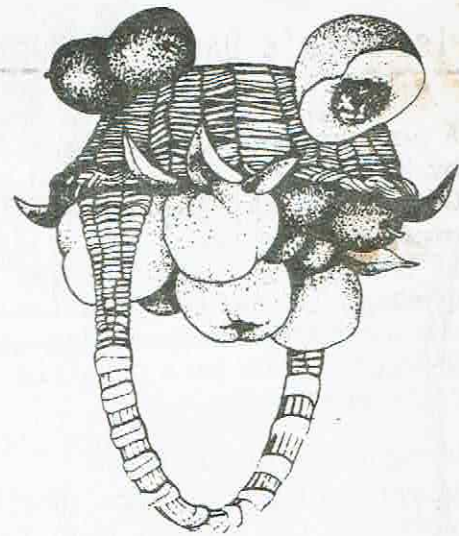
TO CALL LIFE FLIGHT : (419) 241-LIFE is the emergency number. We suggest island residents post it nearby their phone. Take a look around your property...should you need this service, where would the landing site be best located? This information must be supplied when you make the call. The life you save might be your own or one of your loved ones...plan ahead for emergencies..the crew is standing by.....

Life Flight



419/241-LIFE

Roy Fox
Box 748
Kelleys Island, O.
43438



Kelleys Island Home Town News
c/o C. A. Elfers
Rt #1 Norwalk, Ohio 44857

FALL

By Mary Schock

As along the roads I walk
and take time to see the beauty
of the tree
With it's leaves of yellow,
gold and russet
I ponder on God's
and nature's way....
How can we but stop and say
Fall, how beautiful you are!

