

HERE'S A GREAT CATCH

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Sept 1979

KELLEYS ISLAND

Home Town News



K.I. Land Owners Steering Committee



Bill Gorchester

Bill and Ferne Gorchester first came to Kelleys Island as guests of Ferne's parents, Morie and Annette Asch in 1958.

Falling in love with the obvious beauty which surrounded their east-side home, the Gorchesters finally purchased their own 'piece of the rock' when they bought the old Schoewe place, also along the lake shore drive on the east side.

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off and running

A former Cleveland resident, where he was employed as a manufacture's rep, Bill recently retired in 1972, and the couple moved to the island.

"I'm very concerned about the island's future", Bill explained. "Because I feel that I can contribute in bringing it back on it's own two feet again financially, I am taking this opportunity to run for Mayor."

If elected, Bill stated that he would encourage more efficiency by prompting more input into the situation by island people.

"I have attended island council meetings for years, so I feel that I am abreast of the many good things as well as the problems which we will be facing here in the future."

However, I would have to get the feel of the office first, before making any drastic decisions. I would like to encourage more in-put from the tax payers here. I would be happy for any suggestions they might make which would be for the benefit of all.

Rather than jumping in and trying to change things, I think I would like to let things flow naturally, with the emphasis on which direction most of the islanders want to go", Bill said.

ISLAND MAYORAL RACE GEARING UP FOR NOVEMBER ELECTION....

As a youngster, Mike's first impression of the island was seen from the bunk house at the 4-H camp here. "I didn't spend much time here until my parents bought Martins bar in 1956", Mike explained.

Attending the 9-10 grades on the island, Mike then transferred to Kentucky Military Accademy and finally to Parsons College Fairfield, Ohio where he majored in business.

In 1973, Mike entered the real estate field and now has his own brokerage here with office in his home on the island's east side.



Mike McCune

"The reason I am running for the mayor's office is to get some small business established here ...in the next few years, if things don't improve financially on the island, the village will face bankruptsy. It is important to lay the groundwork now establishing new business here," he said.

In keeping with that line of thinking, Mike has established a fishing lure manufacturing business here. Eventually, the business will employ 2-3 part-time and one full-time person. In addition, Mike is presently negotiating with officials to establish a hunting preserve and a corporate fishing retreat here. "There are funds available to assist in these ventures, but one must get out there and make out needs known", Mike continued. "It is my aim to do just that". Island residents will fill the first jobs available he said.

Mike and his wife, Sally have four children; ranging in age from 4 months to six years of age.

"Welcome Back To School" Social Sponsored by VFW

A hamburger dinner, sponsored by the VFW here was held on Sept. 13 to herald the start of another school year. A special thanks is given to Wayne Finger for his donation helping to make the affair successful.

Present at the feed were; Terry and Peggy Bianchi (pre-school), Robin Watkins, Pre school, Pam Haig, Kindergarten, Elic Watkins 2nd gr. and Barry Lynn 2nd grade. Brian Lynn and Lisa Matso, 3rd grade, Steven Lynn 7th grade, Kevin Haig 8th grade, Connie Matso, Chris Seeholzer 10th grade, Marie Feyedelm, 11th grade, and Paul Matso 12 grade (EHOVE).

Adults present were; Kurt Boker, Donna Farmer, Pat Seeholzer, Mr. and Mrs. K. Knapp, Joe Onders, Bob Schnitker, Bud Voscovits, Jim Twillger, Bill Gorchester, Jim Seeholzer, Ken Hiag, Kim and Rob Watkins, Brian Feyedelm, Deb Seeholzer, Mike Seeholzer, Ted Blatt and Herb Bickley.



Our put-In-Bay
Neighbors
Sail to
Neuman's Dock

First visit for Miller Line

KELLEYS ISLAND — The lights of a large ferry boat twinkled through the hazy summer night. Ablaze with colored bulbs, it docked at the Neuman Boat Dock here.

It was not, however, one of the Neuman Boat Line ferries. The ferry belonged to Miller Boat Line, which normally operates from Catawba Point to Put-In-Bay. It was the first the Miller boat had ever docked on Kelleys Island.

Celebrating the near completion of another season, the crew and other employees of the Miller Line and their guests were treated to a special cruise from Put-In-Bay to Kelleys Island by the Miller Line.

Many islanders arrived on the scene to watch the late night arrival of these visitors from their sister island.

Captain John Neuman of the Neuman Boat Line welcomed the visitors and their captain, Bill Market, owner of the Miller Line. Whistles blew from both ferries in honor of the attending guests.

The lower deck of the Miller Ferry was equipped with picnic tables where refreshments were offered to their guests.

Departing the ferry, approximately 75 Miller people boarded a large wagon pulled by a tractor in "hayride fashion." John Neuman drove the crew slowly through town and a late night tour of Kelleys Island. Many said it was the first time they had ever been here, and expressed a hope that it might become an annual affair.

Shortly after midnight, the guests boarded their ferry again, and amidst more boat horns and whistles they faded slowly away into the foggy late summer evening.



Obituaries

FRANK VOLZ

Frank "Mike" Volz, 84, 434 Pearl St., Sandusky, was pronounced dead on arrival at Good Samaritan after an apparent heart attack.

He was employed by Scott Paper Co., Sandusky, for 20 years retiring in 1960, and was manager of Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Home baseball team. He served during World War I in the 32nd division and was a recipient of the Purple Heart.

He was a member of Holy Angels Catholic Church, Sandusky, and Holy Name Society of the church, and the VFW.

Surviving are his wife, the former Fredalena Erne; a daughter, Mrs. Larry (Connie) Feyedelem, Sandusky; three sons, Robert, Richard, and James, Sandusky; 19 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents Louis and Mary (McFeeters) Volz; three brothers, John, Martin, and Luke, and a sister, Margaret.

WILLIAM LANGE

ABINGTON, Pa. — William J. Lange, 86, formerly of Kelleys Island and Sandusky, died Friday at the Abington Memorial Hospital after several months of illness.

He is survived by a son, William J. Jr., Murryville, Pa.; three daughters, Esther E. Carlson, Decatur, Ill.; Ruth F. Bandeen, Bowling Green; and Lois M. Bachman, Abington; 12 grandchildren; a brother, Millard E. Lange, Port Clinton; a sister, Florence Schott, Marblehead; nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel (Dining) in 1953 and a brother, Orville.

HOMEcoming...ANOTHER WINNER!!

The 4th annual Homecoming Celebration was a tribute to all who contributed towards it's success. From the opening parade featuring floats and cars with island-lovers aboard, to the visiting units including the Norwalk Country-ettes marching unit and Edison Marching Band a feeling of excitement was felt by all.

Our neighbors from the Marblehead Penninsula took an active part by bringing their hand-made float to our party.

Estimates of crowd numbers are up at least 20% this year, and those who attended said they were so busy every minute, they never even thought of going home to rest during the day. Activities were coordinated so that each age group had something in which to participate. New this year was the white elephant sale, which is already gearing up for next year. A puppet show by Miss Judy Mensch from the Faith Memorial School, Sandusky, was a big hit with young and old alike.

The kolbassi and kraut dinners sold out, as the beer did. And the committee was commended for the way they cleaned up the park after all activities finally ended that night.

Thanks to all who contributed in any way toward the Homecoming. It is a joyous experience to see all those people co-operating to make the island a very special place to hold a "Homecoming".

REMEMBER: HOMEcoming 3rd SATURDAY IN AUGUST, 1980. BE THERE!!!

readers express

I am sorry we are so late getting our check in for the K.I. Home Town News. We werent sure what date we were leaving the island. I think we will be in Floriday by the 15 th of Oct. or before. We would sure miss not getting it! We enjoy every bit of news. I really loved the Homecoming Edition.

Our home is on Kelleys Island, but like the birds, we fly south to live during the winter months.

Earl and Betty Bowman

Why does the number "B-9" have special meaning for Marge Neucomb? Only the BINGO players know for sure.....

LOST AND FOUND, .???

Does anyone know the whereabouts of the following items....???

1. three large cows belonging to Hugh Lange.
2. one Volkswagen windshield for Jim Bugel
3. fishing rods belonging to Ted Blatt and Joe Onders (lost while in the process of fishing)
4. one tire and lug nuts for Joe LaLond's car
5. one "The Fish Net" sign for Sharon Bianchi and Kim Watkins.

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their opinions

We've enjoyed every issue of KIHTN and are anxious to subscribe for the winter months! Thank you and we'll certainly look forward to every issue. You are to be commended on a well-written, interesting paper. We were wondering if it would be possible to include a section on civic decisions made by the council at their meetings. This way, may land owners would be kept up-to-date on zoning changes, tax problems and other civic business.

With or without that section, the KIHTN is really outstanding!! Thanks for putting it out.

*Jim and Margie Gerry
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio*

Enclosed is my check for the 1979-80 HT News. Last year's subscription was a gift from a very dear friend, Mary Marchky. Although many names are unfamiliar, I really and truly enjoyed the Island news!

*Margaret Perkinson
Rocky River, Ohio*

FOR REAL ESTATE ON KELLEYS ISLAND

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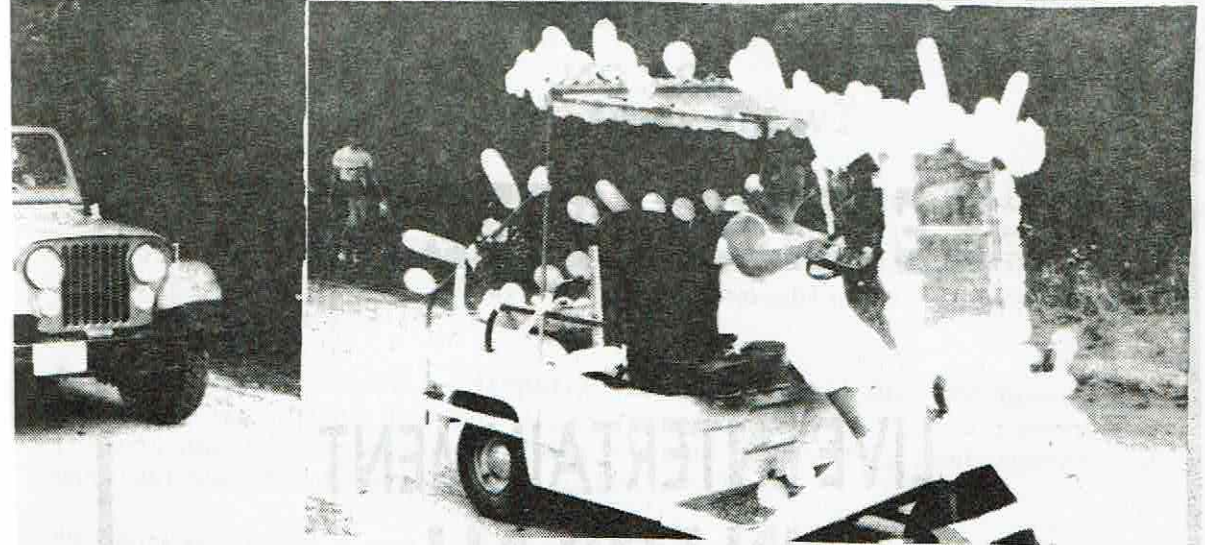
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Annual Picnic



Funny memories...

was moving experience



lasting memories

VISIT:

**DIRTY
DON'S**

**THE
CASINO**

"EST. 1901"

WHERE THE GOOD TIMES

ARE ON

KELLEYS ISLAND

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
FUN FOR ALL**

Florence Pohorence Chittenden's Oil Painting won by
Mrs. Dan Ahner at Homecoming Drawing



Mrs. Danny (Donna) Ahner won the 12 X 16 oil painting of St. Michael's Church. Painted by islander, Florence Pohorence Chittenden, the painting was raffled at the Landowners annual picnic.

The Winning Ticket was drawn by Jimmy Stein, who was here visiting his grandmother, Lucille Matthews, village clerk. Proceeds from the ticket sales were donated to St. Michael's Church.

Mrs. Ahner resides at 1426 Wayne St. Sandusky, Ohio.

Where are they now?

RUTH BEATTY BLATT VERBER...Born on K.I. Ruth lived on Division st in the house now owned by the Knapps. She first married Keith Blatt, who died in 1953. She and her husband, James VERBER now reside at 146 Chatworth Rd. N. Kingstown, R.I. 02852. They have two children, 3 stepchildren and 5 grandchildren.

Ruth's hobbies include needlepoint and gardening. She has traveled extensively throughout Europe, Japan, Hawaii and Alaska. "I have many friends and relatives on the Island", Ruth said. "My most recent visit was lastyear for Neva Dwelle's funeral.

"My husband and I recently purchased a summer home on an island in Nova Scotia, so apparently island life is my 'thing'. However, this was with the understanding that when we retire and spend entire summers there, it will be summers, only", Ruth concluded.



Behind the Lines

BY CORADINE MYERS

Another Homecoming Picnic has come and gone, and my Husband, Lee, is sure one happy fellow!!! This year's event was the biggest and best and that was due to the greater number of Islanders involved.

When Lee first proposed to the Land Owners Association that they enlarge their annual PICNIC into a HOMECOMING DAY patterned after the one that our former home town (Independence, Ohio) has had for years, he never dreamed that the idea would grow by such leaps and bounds. Each year more people on the island have joined in on various projects and all together, they helped make this year's picnic the huge success that it was!

Our own special "thank you" to Carol Vogler Elfers, Parade Chairman, and Julie Kennedy for her assistance in providing us with the fine parade which opened this year's activities. (more homecoming information on centerfold). Despite the threat of rain, the parade began at 12 noon as scheduled, minus several antique car units who were worried about weather. Special plaques were awarded to participants by The Home Town News staff. Ted Blatt donated \$10 in the new Susan B Anthony dollars which were fastened to blue ribbons for kids who took part from the island.

Special thanks to the ladies of St. Micheal's who sponsored two booths, one for bakery and one for hand-made items. And to John Neuman, Bert Miller, Wayne Finger and Frank Pohorence for their wonderful cooperation and welcome donations!

IT'S A SMALL WORLD.....

At a pot-luck at the VFW Hall last fall, we met Jack and Helen Winnen new island residents on the north side, and in the course of our conversation, we discovered that Jack knew my sister's husband, having worked with him for about 25 years!

Then, on a visit to our old neighborhood, stopped at a friends home where her son was visiting and happened to ask if we knew a Wally Raum?

Said he had worked with him for years and was still working for the company after Wally left...REmember John Hatala, Wally?.....

Read an article in the Register about a Mrs. Wm. McKillips, who collected Christmas cards and made them into package tags, selling them to raise money for Multiple Dystrophy. I sent in a batch of cards, with a note saying I had not had the opportunity to talk with any of the McKillips on the island to see if -she might be related. She sent a lovely letter back saying she was Ted Blatt's sister, Norma, and that her husband was Oscar McKillip's brother! Ted brought her over to me at Homecoming to introduce us. She is such a charming, gracious lady, and I am happy to be another of her many friends. Ted also introduced us to his brother, Milton, who came all the way from California for Homecoming, but for once, he was out-distanced by relatives of Godfried Schock, who came all the way from Germany!!!!

But the nicest "small world" surprise of all was recently when we discovered that the Julie Kennedy we had been contacting in connection with Home Town News was none other than Fritz and Peggy Martin's little red-headed baby! We never did get to know Julie, as well as we did Dolly, (her older sister) because the Martins moved to Sandusky from the island while Julie was still little.

Peggy and Fritz and their parents (Rose and Nelson Dwelle) were among the very first friends we made in the days way back when we had one of the cottages Elmer Craft owns now. We spent many happy hours with them. To us, Nelson typified Kelleys Island...rugged, warm and friendly with a devil-may-care attitude. And Rose, I truly hope I shall be able to grow older as gracefully as she did! She was active at the Zion United Methodist church, teaching Sunday school almost to the end. I shall always recall the Sunday that our son Bob attended services and Rose came up to him and called him by name, introducing him to others and explaining that he was now a minister. She had not seen Bob for 2 summers, and yet remembered him.

I sincerely hope that by writing this column, I shall be able to keep my wits about me and be able to "bow out" as gracefully as Rose! And while on the subject of this column, a great big THANK YOU to all of you who have gone out of your way to let me know how much you enjoy it. Such an encounter always makes my day!!! THANKS.....

Coradine

HALLOWEEN HAYRIDE SLATED FOR

OCTOBER 27, 1979



All kids invited to take part
in ghostly activities...
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Candy scavenger hunt begins
at dark in the woods behind
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and a flashlight to take
part in the hunt for treats.
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OOOPS! WE GOOFED!

On a recent article regarding
Marge and Al Rumel, we failed
to include their grandson,
Richard Paynter. Richard is
a frequent visitor to his
grandparents, and we certainly
wanted to include him in the
family.

Bill and Fern Gorchester
August 3

Bob and Pixie Schwartz
August 31

Renetta and Loyd Matso
September 11

Geraldine and Lawrence Betzen-
heimer September 29

Walter and Mary Elfers
August 31

Russ and Bea Matso August
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Karen Seeholzer Aug. 27

Peggy Bianchi Aug. 26

Terry Bianchi Sept. 6

Lisa Matso Sept. 12

ODE TO OUR GERMAN RELATIVES
By: Mary Schock

*Altho' we are across the ocean blue,
We so very often think of you...
And in our hearts, you are so dear,
Which makes you feel very NEAR.*

CARINA

*You no longer are a baby
You are quite a little girl,
We hope so sweet you will always stay
As through life you make your way.*

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