

APRIL 1980

# KELLEYS ISLAND *Home Town News*

THE STRANGE SAGA  
OF  
EMELINE KELLEY  
HUNTINGTON.....

'Geo. Kelley, G.C.H. & I one day, July 20, 1837 proposed to walk around the island. We took a lunch or dinner on long point, or lovers point as it is sometimes called. we ate our dinner & took a rest. To my surprise, G.C.H. asked me if I would spend the rest of my life with him. I told him I would have to think about that. He said all right; let him know soon as I could..."



EMELINE KELLEY HUNTINGTON...  
Her own story begins inside

VISIT:

**DIRTY  
DON'S**

**Spring**

**is in the air**



**THE  
CASINO**

JUST A LITTLE OFF THE TOP.....



Jay Norris - Paul Perruchon

Paul Perruchon left his boyhood home on Kelleys Island in 1937 to attend barber school. He had been cutting hair for his family and friends for years, and had a definite talent for the barbering art. He was employed by Red Foster in Sandusky for two years, but in 1941 he took a job on the lake freighters. At the end of each shipping season he worked in factory jobs until shipping resumed in the spring.

After World War II, Paul decided to go back to his profession and he continued his barber work until 1973 in Toledo, Ohio. He retired recently, but has continued to return to the island once

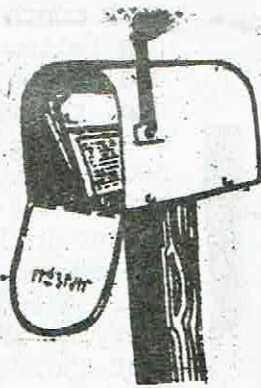
each month to trim the heads of his fellow island buddies. You can always tell when Paul is due, the men acquire a "shaggy" look along the nape of their necks...As he cut Jay Norris's hair, Paul talked of the strange winter in 1932 when there was no ice around the island until March 1st. A sudden blizzard caught everyone off guard. Fishermen lost their nets in "wind row ice" which piled up and broke the lines like string. Live pickeral were trapped between the shore and ice. Islanders with bushel baskets hand picked fish from the frozen water. Orville Lange hollered that they were his fish, having first been trapped in his nets. "It was a winter to remember", Paul grinned. Jay nodded, and inspected his haircut.

DOING THE DISCO.....



Eleanor & Bucky Harris were observed "having a ball" at a local dance in Sandusky recently.

# Letters



WE GET LETTERS ....

Dear Carol:  
Please renew our much loved subscription to the Kelleys Island Home Town NEWS. Must congratulate you on the beautiful job you have done. Receiving the paper during the winter months sure seems to make our winter snows easier to bear for with each edition...we know we are CLOSER TO RETURNING TO THE ISLAND.

Our Best,  
Jane & Warren Bartel  
Cleveland, Ohio

Enclosed is our check for the Home Town News renewal. We enjoy it very much. Oliver is a native of Kelleys (son of Wm. and Minnie Schnittker Maag) so you can readily understand why we read every bit of news. We are the parents of Virginia Newman and that also is a reason to want to keep in step with all of your K.I. activities.

PS: Virginia runs, not walks.

Sincerely,  
Oliver & Janet Maag  
Sandusky Ohio

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I just have to drop a line to good friends like you. May God repay you for what pleasure you gave me by accompanying me to the Firemen's Ball. I now have something to think about. The folks came to the hall to clean up the mess and made me think of Mrs. Schlumbaum, Mrs. Suhr and my self cleaning the kitchen at a Mask Ball years back. My mind was roaming Saturday night. Was recalling those partys that the Lady Macabees put on. They were good old days and fun serving meals in the basement of the hall.

Thank you again  
Jean Dwelle  
Kelleys Island

I am just cranking up my old Underwood typewriter to type out some old timely hymns, and thought I might drop you a little fashion note for the world's greatest newspaper.....

I have been grinding out great fashions on my white sewing machine, and have designed and made overall and jacket suits of quilted material for Eila Russell and Caroline Taylor. We will be resplendent in the April cold at Kelleys in our quilted calico outfits! Am also singing again, because I had such a bout with some horrible flu this Christmas, that I had to quit smoking. The only way I can forgo my vice is to sing, using the lungs to blow air for noise instead of blowing smoke. So, I've been pressed into service at home church to sing old hymns with guitar. Good Friday, Olmsted Falls Catholic and Community

Churches are combining to sing Faue's Requiem in Latin. So, I should be all sung out and limbered up by Easter at Kelleys.

We are anxious to find out how Autie and Kerry Calhoun survived the first winter on Kelleys at Chigger Hollow! They have a wood stove!...and baby girl!

Caroline Taylor  
Olmsted Falls, O.

I am an old-time K.I. resident. Went to school there and graduated with Mary Augusta McKillips also went to school with Walter "Sonny" Elfers...any relation?

I wrote to Mary Augusta to see if she had a post card of the "big sturgeon". A friend of mine writes the Hunting and Fishing column in the Akron paper, he wanted a picture of same. Mary A. was good enough to send me a copy of your K.I. News, which had that picture in it, "some luck". Also, enjoyed the article about Art McKillips... I knew him well! How do I get your paper? How often is it printed?

Paul T. Bauman  
Akron, Ohio

We love the paper...wouldn't miss it! And yes, I still have those pictures we spoke about using.

Jean Lichtenberg  
Parma, Ohio

Pls. renew my subscription to the K.I. Home Town News. I eagerly await the arrival of

each issue. Good luck in all you do.

Virginia Lange Keefer  
Costa Mesa, Calif.

Most people know that last summer I asked council if I could ask the public for donations toward a new roof for our Town Hall. They replied yes, but you will be on your own. With the help of several Islanders and generous donations including one from a Bingo Nite at VFW, I'm off to a very good start, but alas, a long way from the sum needed! I was wondering if a mention of this fund could be made through our wonderful newspaper. I know so many more would probably like to contribute, but haven't heard of the fund. I will gladly accept donations made to; Kelleys Island Roofing Fund and sent to Mrs. Franklin Clark, PO #422 Kelleys Island, Ohio 43438. I keep our fund on deposit at the Marblehead Bank and have as my co-singers Martha and Joe Onders. We will be home the last of April from Fla. Have to visit our three girls before returning.

Theo Clark  
Kelleys Island, O.

Enclosed is my check, I would dislike missing a single copy of Home Town News, you've recalled many happy memories! Would it be possible to print names under all pictures, I would love to know who the new people are?

Margaret Perkinson  
Rocky River, Ohio



GRANDMAS STORY FOR PHANIE (Theophania Huntington,

By Emeline Kelley Huntington (ag

I was born on June 10, 1819 at Rockport, Ohio. My parents were both native parents when quite young to Lowville N.Y. My grandfather Dean settled in where they my father and mother were married in 1811 and moved to Ohio. My business of forests and Indians eight miles west of a small town of 600 inhabitants horrid no bridges over the two rivers and long steep hills on both sides.

The lake (Erie) in small boats was quite often used for travel. Fathers claim is today the finest location in Cuyahoga Co., and sold 8 years ago for 47000. My father in 1835 for a little over 7000\$. On this farm I was born and lived with and two sisters. One of my brothers died when 10 months old & before I was

Eight of us lived to be men & women. Daniel died aged 21. The rest (7 of us) them had bad habits thanks to the good moral training our parents gave us. My father was a leader in the town in all public work. He hired the teachers; went for the books & boarded them over Sundays. The teachers pretended to board around with the family but were with Datus Kelley. Father was the first temperance advocate and the

Not long before the last barrel of whiskey was dry another girl and I took down cellar; and just get a taste of the whiskey. Father would never let me drink a little, I tried to stop its running but not pushing the faucet down out of the cellar leaving the whiskey running. That was the last whiskey I ever had but never read works of fiction. Mother never got time to read much; but she digested reading. Mothers great fort outside of her many household duties was carding wool for stockings; dipping candles, making butter & c & c, doing always an infant in her arms; was to go to the sick for miles around. Her father (Joseph, and Aaron Weller Dean) living about a mile away had 10 or 12 children to receive them besides a good many other infants. There was only one Dr., who never charged anything for her services with the sick; and I never knew of

For 20 years of her Rockport life she had a baby not 2 years old. Not an a Mother moved on the farm. The first thing was to build a log house for she

It took many men to remove these huge trees burn them save the ashes and n boarded. There were not as many dishes used then as now, one plate, knife all one person needed at one meal. Not more than 3 months before I was born I think the first frame house in Rockport, my oldest brother Addison (now 11) was the first male child born in Rockport. How one woman could do the work my comprehension. Very little help could be had at any price for sewing or ho by a hand machine would last for years and it was the fashion then to have

Our home made plaid dresses colored with madder roots and indigo blue I use my Phanie would like such dresses now. We wore shoes about to our ankles a

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Theophania Huntington...  
received the story of her grand-  
mother as a Christmas present.  
When she died, many years later,  
the manuscript was found in the  
attic in Denver where Theophania  
had been living. It was given to  
the Olmsted Historical Society by  
George Upp, Emeline's great grand  
son. Our thanks to Mrs. Elma Gifford  
for use of the material and photos.

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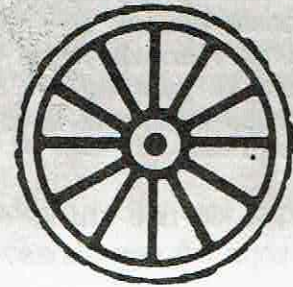
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NEWLY WEDS TO LIVE IN BAY VILLAGE

Kendall Brown and Linda Schreiber were recently married at the home of his mother, Mrs. Howard (Nadine) Brown, Sandusky. The couple was attended by Dan and Craig Brown, brothers of the groom and the bride's brother, Charles and sister, Mrs. Hartman Kersch-  
ner. The bride's parents are permanent residents of Put-In-Bay. Kendall and Linda are both employed as teachers at the Harding Middle School in Lake-  
wood, Ohio. Their residence is in Bay Village, Ohio.

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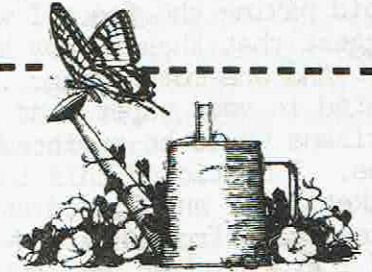
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C.A. Elfers Rt #1 Norwalk, Ohio 44857

KARL MILLER: 89, Division St. died recently in Good Samaritan Hospital, Sandusky after a brief illness. He had been residing at the Erie Co. Care Facility for the last four months. Prior to his retirement, he was employed by the Village of Kelleys Island as a road supervisor. He was formerly a quarry worker at the Kelleys Island Lime and Transport Co. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Kelleys Island. Surviving are his wife, the former Virginia Lincoln; a sister, Mrs. Evangeline Collins, Walbridge, Ohio. He was preceded in death by three brothers. Burial was on Kelleys Island. Memorial contributions, may be made to the St. Michael's Catholic Church or to Kelleys Island Community Church.

RICHARD PALAZZA, 13, Cleveland Hts., Ohio, died recently after an accidental gunshot wound. Surviving are his parents, Robt. and Nancy (Bugel) Palazza, Cleveland Hts., O. Mrs. Palazza is a native of Kelleys Island. He is also survived by a sister, Joann, at home, and paternal grandmother, Athaliane Pallazza, Cleve. Hts. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Pasquale Palazza and maternal grandparents John and Gertrude Bugel, of Kelleys Island. Burial was in Kelleys Island cemetery.



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Fireman's Ball, as your paper said was a blast. But, a few people came in the back way to avoid paying the fee. I would suggest that these doors be hooked. And one more thing...It was stated in your paper that Sr. Citizens would be admitted for free. I mentioned this to the ticket taker and looked at me like I came from Mars! My wife and I are Sr. Citizens. I am 69 and the wife 64. I would have payed the \$10 like I did, if he would have acknowledged that I was a Sr. Citizen. And your paper stated so. Thanks for listening.

Joe J. Sebor

Sweetbriar Sub. Div. #116

*EDITORS NOTE: Must have been temporary help at door. Seniors have been admitted free for five years now. Check being forwarded to you by F.D.*

Thank you for a great job on the paper! Andrea and I always look forward to every issue. Can't wait until spring! Tell Ben to watch out for the turkeys!

Dave Fuller

Sandusky, Ohio

We enjoy the paper so much. George & I take turns on who is to read it first. Everyone that comes over from our family wants to read it and know the news. Keep up the good work. We hope to join the crowd for the FIRST FERRY!

Jeanette Koscho  
Lorain, Ohio

I have been away from the island for fifty years. The old timers bring back memories (PLEASANT ONES) however, I don't know any of the younger folks. But I enjoy reading all the K.I. News!

Paul Bauman

2401 Burnham Rd

Akron, Ohio 44313

I came here to Cleveland to spend time with McKillips family & Perruchons. I also am going to Toledo to visit my Aunt & Uncle Paul Perruchon, who raised me in my teen years. I am Johnny and Rose Perruchon's oldest daughter. I live in Calif., have 3 sons who are 21, 19 & 18. Other sister Phyllis lives in Medina, Ohio, Pauline lives in Dublin Ohio & Patty Ann in Azusa, Calif. Phyllis has 3 girls & one son, Patty has 2 girls & Pauline has 2 girls. I definitely miss K. Island & hope to get up there before I leave for my job driving school bus for handicapped children. I do love it, a very rewarding job. I also would like to see something on Max Perruchon in the paper. Especially an article regarding when he was with the circus. By the way, a big hello & love to Aunt Mary & Uncle Godfrey Schock). I did see your son Jacki & wife. We reminisced our pranks while young on the island.

Rose M. Perruchon

Kibbey

Suisun, Calif.

The saga of "Timothy House"...Now it can be told! As I mentioned before, our children all love Kelleys Island and our son Bob never loved it more than the summer he spent here after his first year in the ministry. It was pure HEAVEN to him, so quiet, peaceful and relaxing and he wished that other pastors could be as fortunate as he was. So, when the Conkle house was up for sale, wheels started turning in Bob's head, and after much writing, phone calls and talking, he got the ball rolling toward his goal of making the Conkle home a "pastoral retreat"!

After a year of red tape, Bob and our daughter in law Mary, are now the proud owners of "TIMOTHY HOUSE", so named after the passage in the bible Timothy 1-6 "I now remind you to stir into flame the gift of God which is within you through the laying on of hands". He hopes to have Timothy House stir that flame and help his fellow Lutheran pastors to deepen their commitment.

Bob, Mary, their friends and families have b-en working hard all this past year, and the house is really lovely now and I am sure they will sponsor an "Open House" for the Islanders, as they are for the members of their home church. Due here Monday April 7, Bob and Mary will be followed on Tuesday by a gang of teenagers from their church's youth group and their counselors- I know the students will enjoy their stay which will be for just 4 days.

A letter from my "boss" Carol Elfers, had a line that caused me much amusement! She wrote "If you haven't enough news for 4 pages send what you have and I'll fill in the extra space with pictures..." Oh, Carol, my biggest problem is not having enough, but having too much news and never being able to get it all into 4 pgs! So, as usual, I have "left-overs".....

1. Ronnie's birthday (our son) Jan. 30th. Lee stopped at Matso's to see if we'd be able to have a chicken dinner that evening in honor of his birthday. Bea said "of course!" So at 5PM we strolled in and found a table all set with a green table cloth and green candle just for us! To top that, after a delicious dinner, Russ came to our table bearing a beautiful cake all lit up with candles for Ronnie! How about that! THANKS Russ and Bea...and Connie too, (she baked the cake!)

2. On Feb 9th Ellies Hughes and Meda Brown joined their sister, Virginia Miller at the nursing home, (where she now resides) to help her celebrate her 95 birthday. Congratulations from us all, Virginia!

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At the time of their visit, Carl Miller was fine, so it was quite a shock to hear a few weeks later that he had died after a brief illness. And so now we must add our sympathies as well, and sincerely hope that Virginia has adjusted to her loss.

3. And our deepest sympathies go out to Jim Bugel's sister, Nancy, and her husband, Bob Palazzo, at the tragic death of their young son, Richard. He was buried here on the Island as was Carl Miller. Some families, it seems, are destined for more tragedy than is bearable. Nancy and Jim lost two young brothers to tragic accidents on the island years ago. Their mother, Gerty Bugel was ill for many years previous to her death and their dad, Barney suffered a stroke and was hospitalized for some time before he died. Both were hard working people who loved this island and it's residents. Our hearts go out to the family.

4. On Feb. 19th Godfried Schock celebrated his 80th birthday! Congratulations, and many more, Godfried!

IN MY LIST OF "DID YOU EVER SEE..." I forgot a "goodie" on myself... Did you ever see me in church, summer or winter, without a hat? And at pot luck one Sunday, Pat Seeholzer leaned over and told me that after her children had read what I had said about her, last issue, they said "Boy, Coradine has you down pat!"

Another of our newer year-round residents...Laurie and Steve James are living at the VFW hall (upstairs). They work as bar tenders there and are very happy.

Lee wants me to ask if anyone has heard Clayton Hughes cackling??? Seems Lee was talking to Ellies at Carl Miller's funeral and she told him that everytime Clayton went down to their cellar, he came up with an "egg" on his head. Clayton is tall, the ceiling is low and he forgets to duck! Nuff sed?.....

I had just finished writing to Ruth Schnittker when who should walk in but her son, Bob and Ted Blatt! They had flown over to check on the houses and thought they'd stop to see how we all were. We appreciate your thoughtfulness, boys, come again! Understand that Ted is the mainland's "official calendar marker and day counter". He is keeping score on the daily countdown until ferrys run again on April 5th!

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A recent letter from the Al Rumel's relayed the sad news that John Liwosz sister, Mrs. Gorski, had died. She had a home on Woodford Rd. just beyond Jackie Martins "twine house". Our sympathies to you and your family, John.

Things seem to come in threes, good and bad, old and new and so we had 3 "bone breakers" this past month. Cleone Bloom broken ribs from fall at home, better now. Learne Hacker, broken leg from ice skating. Rose-etta Navorska broken hip, presently hospitalized in Providence Hospital, Sandusky. She would love to hear from her friends, drop a note.

Recently I noticed that Molly Yoscovitz had 3 places set at the pot luck instead of the usual two for her and Bud.

asked if she had brought husband George, and she said No, it's for my brother, "Cap" one, from Cleveland. I'd like to have you with us, Cap, come again! I heard later, that Harold had cornered Cap in Molly's kitchen with her usual camera and tape recorder. You can be sure the Home Town News will be featuring an "exclusive" story on his Ernie brother and his notorious baseball career. None, it seems, is safe from this editor and her camera! And from all the mail, you readers will be happy about it.

Until next time,  
keep those cards  
and letters coming!

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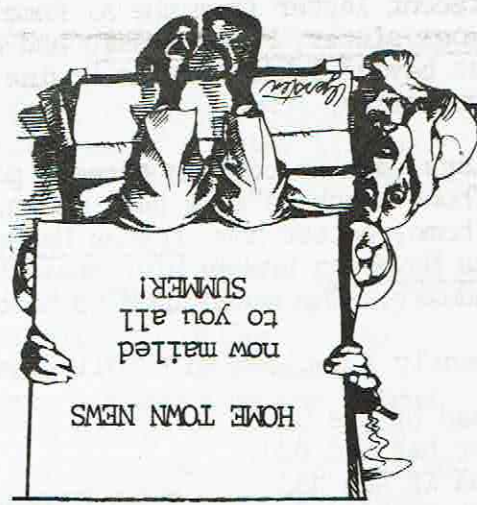
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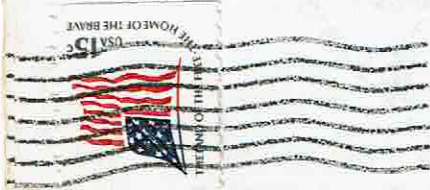
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Congratulations to Joe Dolezal, 4965 E 71st St. Cuyahoga Hts., O. He is the husband of Mary McKillips whom he met while vacationing on K.I. Joe was honored on March 15 at the Czech Karlin Hall of Cleveland where he has been a long time worker. Currently a Karlin director and hall manager, Joe was born in Yugoslavia of Czech parents. He also belongs to Union Post No 5801 VFW, Southeast Lions, & mens Club of Cuyahoga Hts. His hobbies are fishing at his favorite spot on Kelleys Island and mushroom hunting. A dinner dance and roast beef dinner was featured at the ceremony and Joe received the "Good Joe" award for 1980.

Jeanette Kuchar recently celebrated her birthday at the home of her son, Eddie and his family in Hudson, Ohio. The extended family all got together and escorted her to "Little Joes Restaurant". Jeanette has been riding her new exercise bike all winter and says she feels great and is looking forward to seeing all her friends again this spring. (Jeanette is employed at the Village Pump).