

1980

# KELLEYS ISLAND

## Home Town News

DECEMBER 1980 EDITION

### Christmas Greetings

#### THE CHILDREN OF KELLEY ISLE

They grow as fair flowers grow,  
Bright hearted, pure and wild,  
So blooms the Kelley Island child.

With sun and wind and sea,  
For playmates glad and dear,  
Where all is kind and safe from care,  
A happy lot are these  
The children of Kelley Isle.

.....By Arnold F. Elfers



Jim McKillips held by Allie McKillips



## SUMMER MEMORIES OF KELLEYS ISLAND BY EDDIE RYAN

Many of the Islanders had nicknames. For instance, Hugo Seeholzer (Jim Seeholzers and Emma Jean Matso's Dad) was called "Hooks." Georgie Durkett was called "Nuts" because he was always clowning around. And Lynn Brown was "Butch," Joe Matso was "Joe the barb" BECAUSE HE HAD A BARBERSHOP AT ONE TIME. Then there was "Peaches" McKillips, and "Hickey" Clayton Schlesselman and many others. Among the summer folks there was "Uncle Gus" Held, a funeral director from Columbus, Ohio and an activist with the Old West End Club Gang!! Gus was quite a character and had an extremely opposite personality to the usual impression many of us have of funeral directors! Remember many evenings in Martin's Original Bar and Grill when Gus would lead in the singing of Old McDonald's Farm and the great classic, "Sweet Vi-o-lets."

George Durkett's brother, Pete would really bristle when folks called him "Airdale" because of his very curly and kinky hair.

At one time in the 30's there was a tennis court somewhere between Del Ehrbar's house and Don and Gini Lange's...or maybe it was between Del's and George and Jeanette Cleary's. Anyway, we loved to have a go at it on the courts, which were gravel and well suited to our brand of tennis. Played a lot there with my cousin, Bill Pape, Don Lange and Joe Nader. Haven't seen Joe in years but about 12 or 13 years ago his sister Selma came back to the Island for a visit. She is married to Jake Lattif and lives in Syracuse, N.Y.

Joe and Selma were grandchildren of old Tommy who had a small store on Huntington Lane. That's where we always got our penny candy. Mrs. Thomas and her sister, Sadie, were ALWAYS NICE TO US. Those wonder licorice whips, Mary Janes, wax bottles filled with sickening sweet liquids, tin pies with candy inside and a little shovel with which to gouge it out were on the favorites list. My uncle, Gen. Ed Gauche from New York City, came each summer for a couple of weeks to visit us at the old Hamilton House on the south shore of the Island. Tommy loved Uncle Ed-a big spender who would buy all kinds of food supplies. He was also a splurger on fireworks! Recall how Tommy would visually describe what each firework would do when lit. He really got carried away with those descriptions. A grand old man....He used to fish off the coal dock, now known as Neuman's! Ask him how it was going, the standard reply wa' "No bite-nothin'"...BUT HE CAUGHT HIS SHARE, BELIEVE ME!!

When I was pretty young we had a fox terrier named Pep. He was a bit too much-ran wild all over the Island and loved to roll in dead fish. My job of course was to walk him off. He would follow us down to the stores, running through the yards in back of the houses while we took our bikes. We and Elda Trishman had a Meat Market located about where Frankies Island Market is now. Elda married a guy named Eber Shaw and worked at the market, too. Used to take Pep in and let him cool off in the walk-in meat cooler, slipping him weiners and bones. That's why the pooch used to follow us to town. Two who took a dim view of Pep were Hennie and Rosella Beatty. He broke into their chicken coop and killed a number of their prize layers. Don't know how my dear family settled that problem.

Pep made it to St. Michael's Church on a number of Sunday mornings as well!! Quite a dog...one time Herb Bickley Jr. After that I decided to explore the old Kelley Island Winery. We entered the dark opening and heard weird sounds and moans. Scared the "Bejaggers" out of us. We dashed home with alacrity. Turned out the "Ghosts" were Herb's dad and uncles. We were both reminded about that episode for many years after.

Want to express my deepest and sincerest sympathy to Sonny and Ben on Tooties passing. Also to Frank, Laura Jean and Florance Pohorance on the passing of their mother. She was a sweet woman and grew the greatest red raspberries these old lips have ever "Smacked".

next month-beach parties, island and visitor characters of "Days Gone By".

To all my Old and New Friends, Merry Christmas!!





## Kayak Crazy

"Down to the sea  
in kayaks"



Looking for an inexpensive hobby to get you through the long winter months ahead? Why not consider building a kayak...Charles Colahan of Cleveland, Ohio says he has built three of them now, and they are not only inexpensive, but a great alternative means of transportation!

Colahan and Virginia Sedlon, also of Cleveland, paddled the kayak to Kelleys this autumn from the Marblehead peninsula. The trip took them about one hour from the mainland to inscription rock. Both people utilize the paddles.

Researching the history of kayaks, Colahan found that the craft is actually more sea-worthy than a canoe. He took the kayak for an initial trial run down the Cuyahoga River paddling slowly past the oil refineries and steel mills. The kayak handled beautifully he said, and provided a unique view of an area of Cleveland that most Clevelanders seldom see.

The kayak weighs 50 pounds empty and is constructed of plywood, heavy canvas and brass screws. Colahan designed the kayak himself applying skills he formulated while working as a ship fitter in Lorain, Ohio. Virginia assisted the operation by hand-sewing the canvas cover and waxing the finished product to ward off water.



Colahan says he worked approximately one week building the kayak and the work was really a labor of love. "A kayak is a quiet, fuel efficient, beautiful craft...it's like traveling in a piece of art", he explained.



Our warmest thanks to you,  
with the wish that this merry  
season will bring with it  
a sleigh-full of joys and  
bright Christmas cheer.

# THE CASINO

"EST. 1901"



# MEET A GOOD NEIGHBOR OF YOURS



The Kelleys Island child pictured here has been identified as Bea Matso.

As in Arnold Elfers' poem on our cover, the Kelleys Island child is indeed "fair as flowers grow".

## *Holiday Greetings*

Thank You For  
a Successful Year.....

THE WEATHER WAS GREAT!

WE WISH OUR FRIENDS  
A SAFE AND GALA  
HOLIDAY SEASON AND  
LOOK FORWARD TO  
SEEING YOU ALL  
AGAIN IN THE  
SPRING.....

OUR EARLY SPRING  
SCHEDULE WILL  
APPEAR IN THE  
HOME TOWN NEWS  
NEXT MONTH SO  
LOOK FOR IT  
THEN....

NEUMAN BOAT LINE





To wish you a  
Merry Christmas  
and to hope the  
New Year, too,  
will ring in lots  
of happiness  
and joy  
for all  
of  
you!

**Marine  
Grill  
and Mote**



# "A GREAT CATCH"



The ice fishing season is just around the corner and islanders are rounding up their gear, checking their shanties for repairs and readying their long undies in preparedness for the brisk weather confronting ice fishermen.

Frank Haig, pictured above was one of the island's best. He loved the sport and was out on the glare ice often accompanied by his wife, Vi, but in recent years, when Vi's health failed, he enjoyed the sport alone.

We are looking for suitable photos from our readers showing the ice fishing and ice boating which is common during the winter months on the island. If you have a photo for us to consider printing here, please drop it into the mail.

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Special thanks to Theresa Trumpower (Rosetta Navorska's granddaughter and Mary Navorska Leczynski's daughter) for her help at The Letter Shop where this paper is printed. She was a great assistant during the difficult days while I was on crutches and using a walker. She began operating our new typesetter, but has taken a big bird to Wyoming to visit with her uncle Dick Navorska and his wife June. God Speed, Theresa!....Editor

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# SPOTLIGHT ON

# people



LEONARD WEINTRAUB

Often seen driving his truck with prehistoric animals balanced precariously on the back. He has been affiliated for many years with the Cleveland Museum of Natural History and is noted for his expertise in geology.



AL JANIK

A resident of Elyria, Ohio, Al does not limit his exposure to Kelleys Island to the summer months. This picture was shot last winter and Al was out and enjoying the brisk temperatures at the island airport.....



# A look back at

OUR MAYOR, MIKE MC CUNE,  
HIS SISTER, MICHELLE FINGER,  
AND THEIR MOTHER, DEL MC CUNE



Way back in or about 1949, the McCune family was vacationing in Michigan with their cousins. Sharing the summer fun was the family dog, "Butch" who is being restrained here by Michelle. Do you notice the uncanny resemblance between Mike's young daughter Meagan and his sister Michelle? Thanks for allowing us to share your memories, Mike, Michelle and Del!



## VFW PRESENTS FLAG TO COUNCIL

The Kelleys Island VFW post presented a new American flag to the village council at the November meeting. The flag was accepted with a round of applause from both council and audience present.

As noted by Al Rumel at a recent council meeting that there was no formal salute to the flag by council members present at the council session. There was no flag present either. It is assumed that now the meetings will be opened with a formal salute to the flag as is customary with most bodies of council.

## Julie to the Rescue

Islanders will be expecting special attention from Nurse Julie Kennedy as she resumes her job as LPN on the surgical floor at Providence Hospital Dec. 1. Julie has been away from her profession for several years raising her family...now she picks up where she left off and you can be sure all Islanders will be on her visitation list as she works her shift!

We have a new look!...Home Town News will appear in a new light. We have a photo typesetter which enables us to re-size and select various typefaces and headlines. Please let us know how you like the new look. Since we are experimenting with this equipment, we know you will excuse minor mistakes in typing etc..... Editor

## ..EXTENDED FERRY SEASON CONSIDERED A HIGH SUCCESS SAYS JOHN NEUMAN AND HAPPY PASSENGERS

Approximately 80 people took advantage of the fair weather and unseasonably calm seas to spend Thanksgiving weekend on Kelleys Island. Thanks to the extended ferry season provided by Neuman Boat Line, the festive weekend was enjoyed by cottage owners and guests.

"Everybody seemed very pleased as they returned from the Island this weekend", John reported. "We are happy to say the weather cooperated, making the weekend possible from the transportation standpoint." Captain John continued.

In addition, he said that the entire season was blessed with favorable weather this year, and that there were no major storms to upset schedules or create dockage problems. "WE HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL SEASON, AND WE WISH TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR PATRONAGE", John concluded.

land transfers

Andrew and Vera Kalasky to Paul and Rosemary Hazlinger North half lot 34 Sun Point Subdivision.

Gerald and Renee Whitney to Burt and Cl Miller subplot 163 Block C subplot 145.

Robert Pfeil to George and Jeanette Kos subplot 22 Block C Trail Lane

K.I. South Shore Development Co. to Paul Csubak subplot 132 133 Block C

Paul and Sophie Csubak to Burt and Cl Miller Sublot 132 133 Block C

Robert and Mary Poulter to Burt and Cl Miller subplot 38 Block A Sweetbriar

Leonard and Emma Dalpiaz to Lawrence and Kathleen Russ S lot 12 Sweetbriar Subdivision

Marie Schaffter to Leonard and Emma Dalpiaz Subdivision 1 Sweetbriar Subdivision

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING!.....

### December

25 Austin Biehl  
26 Lloyd Matso  
28 John Becks  
30 Clayton Oylar

### January

3 Joanne Hearn  
4 Edna Volk Carroll, Toby Zettler  
13 Erin Elfers  
14 Geraldine Erne Betzenheimer, Theresa Trumpower  
17 Kathy Gigliotti  
20 Donald Erne  
26 Michael Moluski  
23 Jean Dwelle  
24 Nora Zettler, Adam Elfers  
28 Richard J. Navorska  
30 Ron Myers



## POHORENCE/SWINDELL MARRIED...

LouAnn Pohorence and Robert E. Swindell were married on October 17 in Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Sandusky. The parents are M/M Franklin J. Pohorence, Kelleys Island, and M/M Charles Swindell, North Olmsted, Ohio.

Monta Sue Betzenheimer, Marblehead attended as Maid of Honor, bridesmaids were: Darlene Boggs, Sandusky and Hani Schreiner, Republic, Ohio. Steve Swindell, North Olmsted aided his brother as Best Man. Ushers were Arlen Winters, Grafton and Joe Steinert Kent, Ohio. A reception was given at the Crystal Room Sandusky. The new Mrs. Swindell is a graduate of Kelleys Island High School and was formerly employed at George Canalos Inc. Sandusky. Her husband is a graduate of North Olmsted High school and is presently employed by West View Lumber in North Olmsted.



## PROUD PARENTS.....

Frankie and Laura Jean greeted guests in the receiving line of the church. Many islanders attended as well as summer friends....Although a light rain was falling that evening it did nothing to dampen the spirits of those who attended the wedding or the reception.



# KEEP THOSE CARDS & LETTERS COMING

Sorry we are late in renewing subscription. Thanks for keeping the news coming. We will especially enjoy hearing what is happening through these LONG winter months ahead.

Marge Alaburda  
17405 Schenely Cleveland

Please kee the news coming...You're doing a mighty fine job!

Joe and Martha Onders  
Kelleys Island, Ohio

Thank you. Sure would hate to miss the Kelleys Island News

Mrs. Wesley Nimon  
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Al and I are heading for West Palm Beach, Florida, Nov. 5th. Would you please change our mailing address. We do not want to miss any of the Home Town News issues. We were pleased to meet you personally this summer at the various affairs you covered for the paper. Thank you for getting our News to us.

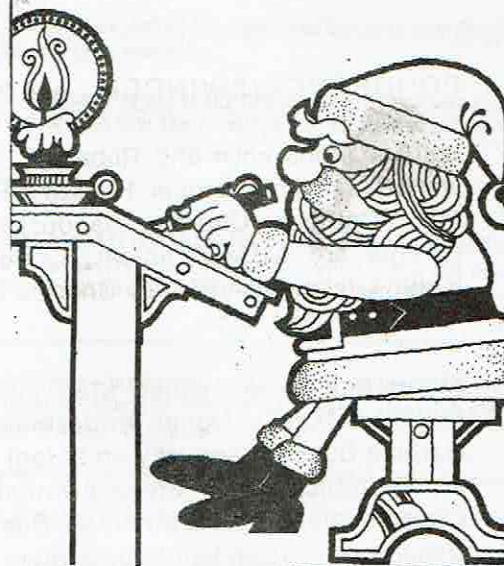
Al and Edna Carroll  
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West Palm Beach, Fla. 33409

Enclosed find our check for renewal of Home Town News, we wouldn't want to miss an issue. Enjoy reading all interesting news about the Island, while we are away in Florida. Keep up the excellent work!

Del and Laverne Ehrbar  
Kelleys Island, Ohio

## SPECIAL THANKS TO

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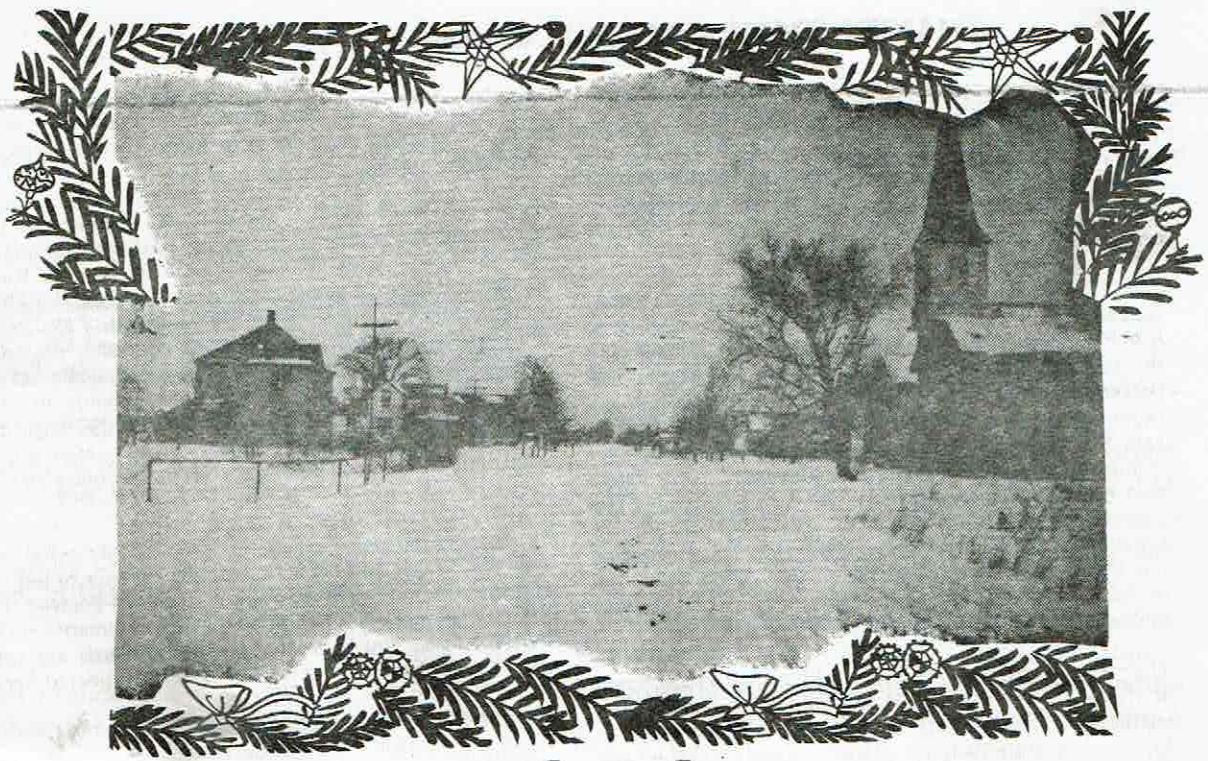
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO  
ALL OF OUR  
FRIENDS.....

WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
SEEING YOU ALL AGAIN  
IN THE SPRING.

Michelle, Wayne  
Christopher  
Finger

VILLAGE PUMP





# Good things

The sun shine is the brightest,  
The moonlight falls the softest,  
The summer days come ofttest,  
The breezes whisper the lightest,  
In Grand Old Kelley Isle

Homely girls are fewest,  
Maidens' eyes are bluest,  
Their hearts are truest,  
And you always feel the youngest,  
In Grand Old Kelley Isle.

The appetites are keenest,  
For the kitchens are the cleanest,  
The hams are always leanest,  
The bass are the sleekest,  
In Grand Old Kelley Isle.

The game is always gamest,  
The wardens are the lamest,  
The bulldogs are the tamest,  
The policemen are the shyest,  
In Grand Old Kelley Isle.

The water is the clearest,  
The high-Balls are the highest,  
The wine is ever dearest,  
Yet it often acts the queerest,  
In Grand Old Kelley Isle.

The pocket books are thickest,  
But they empty out the quickest,  
For the wives they are slickest,  
In Grand Old Kelley Isle

By Arnold Elfers  
1913



COMMUNITY COMMENTS BY CORADINE MYERS.....

On Sunday Oct 5th, St. Michael's Hall was the setting for a bridal shower for LuAnn Pohorence. Given by Pat, Karen, and Debbie Seeholzer; it had originally been planned for out doors at Pat's... but bad weather chased us indoors. The bride-to-be received many lovely gifts, and both she and her guests and a wonderful time!

Just 12 days later, on Friday Oct. 17 a radiant LuAnn, walked down the aisle of Sts. Peters and Pauls Church at 6:30 P.M. in the arm of her proud father Frank, to become the bride of Robert Swindell. LuAnn had Monta Sue Betzenheimer as her Maid-of-Honor, and Bob had his brother Steve as his Best-Man. The other attendants were Jani Schreiner, Darlene Boggs, Joe Stienert and Arlan Winters. The mother of the bride Laura Jean, in her lovely pale green gown, looked more like a brides-maid. The ceremony was unusual, for us, for instead of standing or kneeling by the alter all through the rites, they mounted the steps and sat on chairs facing us. Then Brad, the brides brother, read a message from the pulpet; and he was followed by Joel Feyeledem and the preist.

The reception that followed was held at the Crystal Room at the Sandusky Plaza. At our table, we enjoyed the company of Jessie Martin, and her daughter Lisabeth Fresch, her granddaughter Danelle, Dawn Kekelik, and Velma Betzenheimer. After a delicious buffet supper, they had music for dancing and while Lee and I were waltzing away, we passed Pat Seeholzer dancing cheek to cheek with Jim Jr. Lee leaned over and asked Pat "How do you get such tall handsome guys to dance with?" Pat answered..."IGREW em!" Touche! Our Ronnie loves to dance and he waltzed Florence Chittenden around the floor, then did a jitterbug with Ruth Perruchon. Someone asked Ron why he didn't dance with ME and he said "She's to OLD for me!" How about that! My own son!

We spent that night at a motel, and the next morning had breakfast at Perkins, and while eating, who should walk in but Bea and Connie Matso! Later on, it was Frank, Laura Jean and Florence...It really is a small world!

The Halloween Hayride, organized by Kim Watkins, Ingrid Niers, Donna Farmer, Sharon Bianchi, Pat Seeholzer, Julie Kennedy and held on Sat. Oct 25th, was rained out, but thanks to Don and Donna Nowak, who opened their Casino for them, the children had a wonderful party instead. Thanks to all you thoughtful people!

On Wednesday Oct. 29th, Laurie and Steve James put on another of their spaghetti dinners, this time to the general public. As usual it was delicious! Thanks to you both, Laurie and Steve and those of you who helped them! Theresa Busce came to our table to talk to us and she told me that she was retired and wanted very much to spend the winter on the Island, which she loves so much. We

also heard that Pete Nier co-owner of Popeye's and wife and 3 children, were also to be here all winter Welcome Aboard!

Times goes much too fast, and so it was unbelievable that it was time for another birthday for Norby McKillips! It was an open house held once more at Wend's Kar Kellile and again, a wonderful time was had by all. There were a score of others whose birthdays fell in November among them were L.J. Greek and Mary Schock! We sat at a table with Al and Marge Rumel, Lola Reidy, Mary Schock and John Beatty, who encouraged our Ronnie to keep flying the flag in the park, and he came to the house the next day with a pair of binoculars for him, as a gift of appreciation. How you people spoil Ron, but bless you for it!

At the table in front of us, were Edna and Al Carroll and their son Rodger and his wife, who leaned over to tell me who she was and to say how every much she enjoyed the column! Dear readers I mention these compliments-not to brag but to let you know that your kind words are very much appreciated and are worthy of being repeated here.

Jake and Jessie Martin, Ted and Bonnie Blatt, the Charlie Moore's and Don and Donna Nowak and their little granddaughter had the table behind us and they left early. Ron moved over there, and as I turned to see if he was O.K., I saw Lou Giglotti place a plate of cake in front of him, and covered it with a piece of paper towel and said sh-h! Then she hugged and kissed him and I do believe that was the first night that Lou had ever met Ronnie! Thank you so much, Lou he was so proud of what you did and had to tell everybody who came by!

It was good to have Betty Ryan, Ruth Perruchon, and Dawn Kekelik worship with us at church the other Sunday.

The V.F.W. pot luck dinner had a late start this year and we missed the first one on November 2nd. It was nice out and Lee went fishing and when I told Bud Yoscovits, he said he should have come and brought some fried fish along! The trouble was, Lee didn't catch any! The next Sunday, we celebrated Joe Onders birthday. He and Martha have their anniversary on Nov. 11th, which is once more Armistice or Veterans Day and Lee says-But their still fighting!

Steve Kekelik is back home and doing very well after surgery and May Norris is also back after a series of tests.

This time of year reminds me of a trip we took to the Mainland about 5 years ago and as we left the boat, John Neuman said, Have a nice Winter!. Evidently it hadn't gotten to John that we had moved up here permanently, so, on our return a week later we said to



him "That was a short Winter!"

Also, at this time of year, on sunny days, as we drive along the road to the Post Office- as the sun is setting it seems as though every home has golden windows!

This copy will be reaching you early in December, but as

## OBITUARIES

BURDETTE CORTHEL68, Port Clinton died recently at Magruder Hospital, Port Clinton, Ohio. He was a 1930 graduate of Tiffin Columbian High School and earned his Bachelors Degree from Heidelberg College, Tiffin, in 1934 and Masters Degree from Ohio State University in 1940. He taught at Kelleys Island from 1934-36 and was superintendent and teacher at Kelleys from 1938-42. He was superintendent of Berlin Local Schools from 1942-47. Surviving are his wife, the former Maurine Brown, two sons, Dr. Stephen Corthell, Sidney, Ohio and Major Jeffrey Corthell, Minn., two daughters Mrs. Earl Dunfee, Milan and Mrs. Kenneth Brindley from Fremont, Calif. 7 grandchildren, a brother Walter, Tiffin, and two sistars, Mrs. Robert Renninger and Mrs. Donald Close both of Tiffin. Burial was in Egbert Cemetery, Tiffin.

KATHLEEN MARCHKY (Feyedelem) Sandusky died recently at Providence Hospital after an extended illness. Surviving are her husband Cecil H., two daughters, Mrs. Leonard Cronkhite, Wauwautosa, Wis. and Maria Jean Ridenbaugh, Sandusky, Ohio, a son, Lance R. of Sandusky and two grandchildren, two great grand children, a sister, Mrs. John Kikta Jr., Seven Hills, Ohio and five brothers, John Feyedelem, Lakeside Ray of Toledo, Joseph of Kelleys Island and Steven of Tacoma Wash and Lawrence of Sandusky. She was buried at Sandusky.

I wrote it, it is only Nov. 15th and Christmas is a long way off, and there is nothing Christmasy about the weather or the house! But then Thanksgiving comes first and Lee and I and Ronnie sincerely hope that each and everyone of you will have a very happy, healthy, and blessed day!

Till next time, Coradine

### WOMAN DROWNS OFF KELLEYS...

A Cleveland Woman was drowned when the boat in which she was riding capsized in the waters off Kelleys 9/27/80. Coast guard recovered the body of Essle Puch about 4:30 9-30-80 where she fell and disappeared. She was one of 3 passengers on a 17 ft. outboard craft operated by Nelson Able Jr. of Cleveland. When Able attempted to pull up his anchor, aut\*orities said, the boat flipped, throwing Albe and his passengers into the water, Mrs. Puch, who was not wearing a life jacket apparently was unable to stay afloat. The others however, were rescued by a passing pleasure boat belonging to Charles and Cindy Hearndon of Columbus, Ohio. The Hearndons reportedly pulled the survivors to the safety of their boat. Hearndons own a summer home on the east side of the island.

IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED THIS MONTH'S EDITION OF HOME TOWN NEWS, PERHAPS IT IS BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT YET RENEWED THEIR WINTER SUBSCRIPTION. REMIND THEM THAT PAYMENT IS DUE IN October. WE CANNOT MAIL THE NEWS UNTIL WE RECEIVE PAYMENTS.

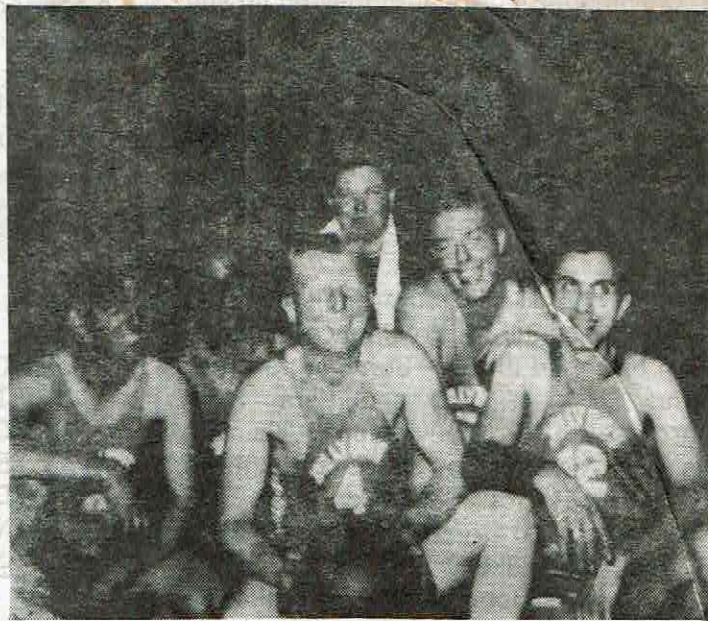


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for your  
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**BASKETBALL TEAM 1950's**

Recognise any of these fellows? Left to right: Don Bugle, Norby McKillips, Don Ernie, Dick Sweasy, front row: Dick Sennish, and Russ Matso. The team often played Put in Bay, traveling there via the old Tri Motor. A gala party could always be expected that evening. No one was ever disappointed, regardless of which team came away winners.



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