

*Valentine Greetings*

**KELLEYS ISLAND**



BERNADETTE AND ANDREW ERNE  
Kelleys Island Lovers.....

*Home Town*  
*News*  
February '80



## SPOTLIGHT ON people



### ISLAND MAIL DELIVERED WITH A SMILE FROM GERALDINE

Geraldine Erne Betzenheimer's family has the distinction of always having a living family member on the island. The Riedy's and Ernes settled on Kelleys in the early 1800's. To present, there has always been at least one member of each family living and making their living on the island, Geraldine said.

Geraldine, presently serving as Postmaster here, has held a number of positions in the community. She once was employed by Browns store as a clerk for Mrs. Brown and Clifford. In addition, she worked for Martins bar as a barmaid for Pargney McCune. She worked as a clerk-typist for the Philco Corporation previous to her marriage to Lawrence Betzenheimer. As secretary of St. Michaels Parish Council, she is actively involved with church business.

The family will be moving this spring from their present location the "Fritz Martin" home on Division to the "Brown" house next to the village water tank. Daughter, Pam is employed at the Brown Derby in Sandusky.

Geraldine, having spent most of her life on the island, has a unique picture of island winters. "We had no tv until I was of high school age", she said. "I am an avid reader and spent many hours involved in a book which was probably mailed from the Sandusky library. I remember many hours skating in the quarry and on the pond behind our home. Knitting and crocheting are another favorite passtime". (some of Geraldine's handwork is seen in the lace of altar cloths in the church). "We had village basketball teams. Norbie McKillips was our coach at the town hall," she continued.

Her parents, Mr . and Mrs. Roy Erne also reside on the island. Roy was once involved in commercial fishing, school janitor and is now repairing tires and lawn mowers for residents.

Great Grandfather, Paul Riedy was a farmer while Great Grandfather Carl Erne was a butcher. Grandfather Henry Riedy worked the quarry and farmed while Grandfather Alphone ERne was a fisherman and trucker.



# New Year's Eve parties

New Year's eve on Kelleys Island was celebrated by two parties, one at Rus and Bea Matso's Lodge, the other at the VFW club. Unseasonably warm temperatures allowed the festivities to go on as scheduled, with no snow drifts and blocked roads to present major problems.

Unlike the mainland counterparts, everyone at these parties knew all those present, and a genuine feeling of fellowship prevailed. As one woman explained, "When midnight struck and you wished those surrounding you a "Happy new year" you REALLY MEANT IT!"

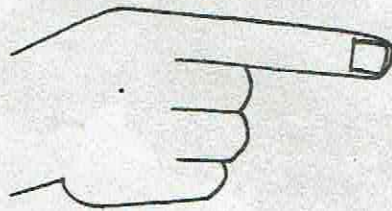
Many of the island men present were sporting their new growth of winter beard. This practice has become a ritual lately, and from the reaction of the ladies present, beards are kissably soft!

Present at the VFW party were; Sharon/Nick Bianchi, Jim/Pat Seeholzer, Debby Seeholzer and Gary Phillips, Jim Seeholzer and Jude Everett, Kurt Boker, Ron Beatty, Tim Ahner, Mike Phinney, Dave and Lillian Phinney, Kim/Rob Watkins, Donna Farmer, Frank/Laura Jean Pohorence, LuAnn Pohorence, Bernice/Jim Terwilliger, Martha/Joe Onders, Bud Yoscovitz, Hank Knapp, Bob Swindell, Roy/Ethel Fox, John/Julie Kennedy, Chris and Mike Seeholzer.

A buffet was served. Music was provided by the faithful old juke box featuring a variety of local favorites from the Beer Barrel Polka to Whelan Jennings.

Over 60 people were present at the celebration held at Matso's Lodge. Several couples flew over for the occasion and vowed to make it an annual habit.

Bea set a buffet with several different meats and all the trimmings. Her relish trays and cheese trees were not only eye-pleasing, but kept everyone coming back for more, more, more.



FIREMAN'S BALL!!!!

SAT. FEB. 9th

YOUR CHANCE TO LET IT  
ALL HANG OUT WITH ISLAND  
FRIENDS....DONT MISS IT!

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ISLAND CHRISTMAS PAST...Andy and "Detsy" Erne share a tender moment with their young family. The cedar tree, happily decorated in the background, was a favorite of the islanders. Some continue to cut a fresh tree to this day, saying there is nothing like the aroma of cedar!



# OBITUARIES

LEONARD E. NEUMAN, 63, Morgan City, La., died recently in Lakeside Hospital, Morgan City, after a lengthy illness. Born in Sandusky, he had been a resident for many years. He graduated from Sandusky High school in the class of 1935. He was co-owner of Neuman Boat Lines, Sandusky. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Sandusky, and Perverserance Masonic Lodge. Surviving are his wife, the former Betty Smith, three sons, Leonard Jr., Singapore; and Timothy and David, Morgan City; two daughters, Susan Sonte and Donna, Morgan City, four grandchildren; two sisters, Irene Beckwith and Marian Didelieus, Sandusky; and a brother, Harold, Sandusky. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Charlotte (Heinsen) Neuman, founders of the Neuman Boat Line. The funeral was conducted in Morgan City.

KATHRYN HAMILTON, 90, a well-known resident of Kelleys Island, died Wednesday in Classic Care Nursing Home, Sandusky, after an extended illness. Surviving are nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank E., in 1972 who was a former Great Lakes Marine Captain and dean of Great Lakes Historians. He had owned the largest collection of pictures of Great Lakes vessels in the world. Mrs. Hamilton's sister, Wanda Heim, died in 1950. Grave-

side services were at Kelleys Is. Cemetery with the Revs. Meakin and J. Warren Walton, Kelleys Island Community Church officiating. Contributions, if desired, may be made to Frank E. Hamilton Marine Collection, care of Rutherford B. Hayes Library, Fremont, Ohio.

## ST. MARY'S WINNING TEAM

### FEATURES SIX ISLAND BOYS!

Basketball has taken on a special signifigance to Sandusky's St. Marys High School.

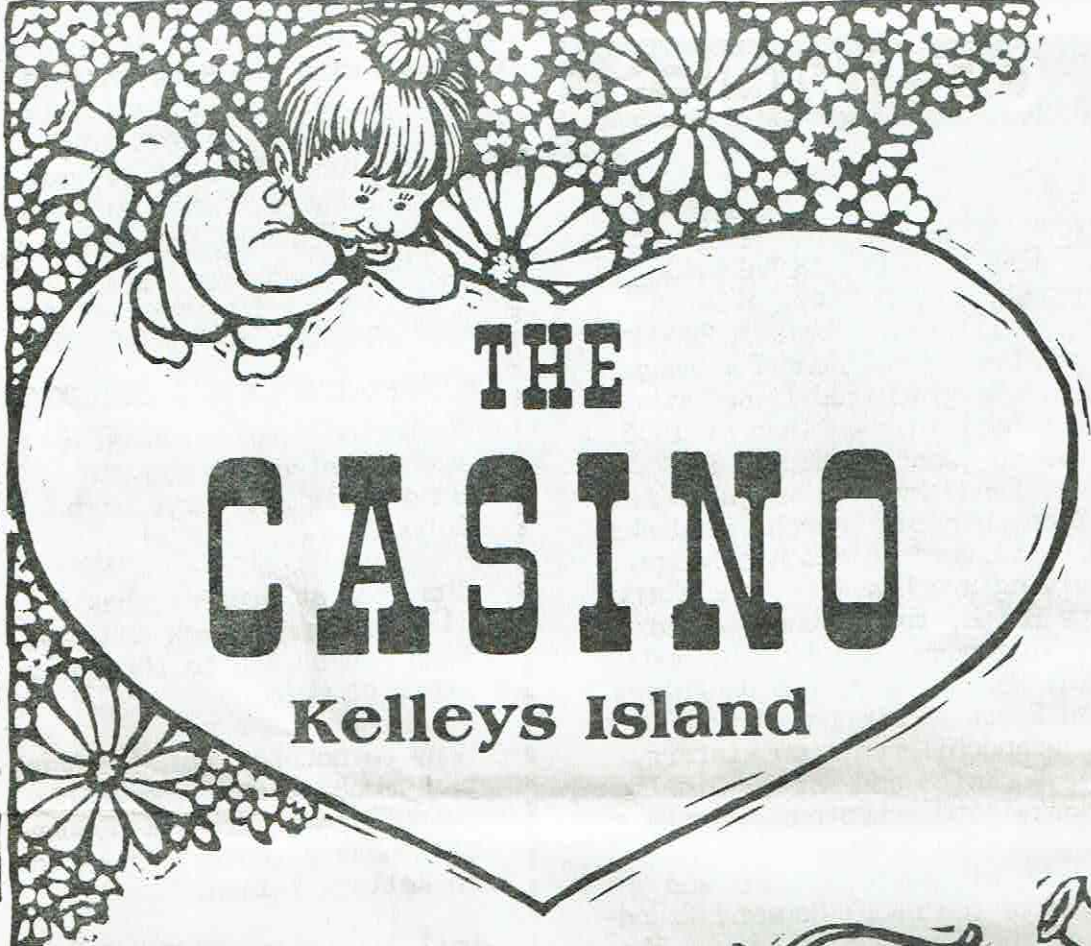
The team at present, has a 11-0 winning streak and has been placed 6th in the entire state of Ohio.

Many do not realize, however, that much of that incredible talent stems from six young men whose parents originated on Kelleys Island.

Phil Bickley, son of Lyle Bickley and Jerry Beatty;  
Daryl Feyedalem, son of Larry Feyedalem and Connie Volz,  
Marty Sennish, son of Larry Sennish, Matt Dick, son of Ila Beatty Dick, Tim Gibson/  
son of Marilyn Martin Gray,  
and Jim Cairelli, son of Sandra Elfers Cairelli.

Needless to say, tension runs high at these games, and reportedly one of the above mothers retired to the wash room to say her rosary during the height of anxiety !!





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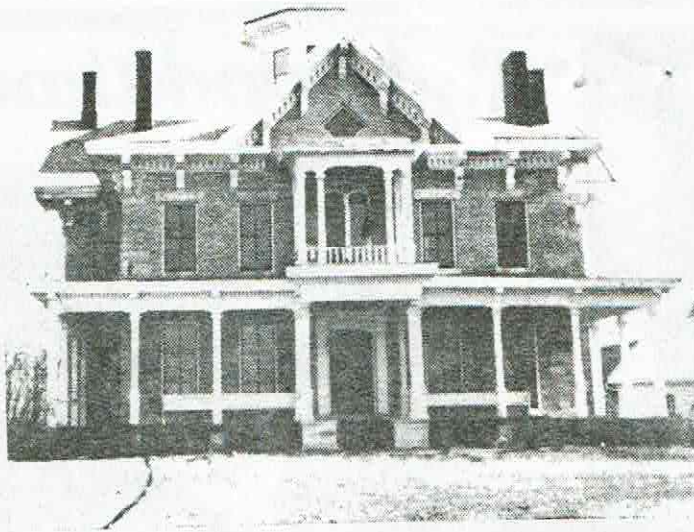
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# Columbus man buys mansion on Kelleys

— Bill

Lemley, of Columbus, has purchased the house of his dreams and plans to turn it into a hotel.

It's the Addison Kelley mansion on Kelleys Island in Lake Erie, where he and his family vacationed at one time.

Recently he bought the 17-room mansion for \$117,000 and hopes to turn the home, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, into a hotel, with each room named after a U.S. President.

"It's a fantastic place," Lemley said.

The house has a spiral staircase constructed — totally without nails — in England and shipped to the island.

Above the house, rise a center dome with a tinted glass skylight studded with eagles.

The house was built from 1861 to 1865 by Datus Kelley and given to his eldest son Addison as a wedding present.

The mansion has served as a private home, a lodging facility, a camp for girls operated by Dominican nuns, and most recently, as a summer home for two Mansfield residents.

Lemley says he'll go to the island in April when the ferry service starts running to begin renovating the house.

"Really, it's ready to go now, but we want to make everything just so," he said. "We want it to look as it would have then. The whole place is a museum just to look at."

The mansion overlooks Lake Erie and boasts one of the two beaches on the island. The other is part of a state park.



*A good time*



*Ring*



*was had by all*



**a new year old way**





## Where are they now?

Andrew and Bernadette Erne...  
(our 1980 cover-lovers)

Andy and "Detsy" Erne, fun-loving islanders, memories must be laced with the sounds of laughter. We asked many of their friends what they remembered best about the couple. All replied that their sense of humor was outstanding.

Born Bernadette Bauman, "Detsy" married Andy and bore six children while they were living on the island. Andy was employed as a commercial fisherman for a number of years and also worked with the Erne's in the trucking business. Most recently, he retired as the caretaker for Calvary Cemetery in Sandusky, Ohio.

A remarkable homemaker, "Detsy" kept her home warm with the aroma of freshly baked goods from the kitchen. She welcomed guests and the door was always open to friends and family. At Christmas time she and her daughters Joanie, Jane and BeAnn began baking cookies right after Thanksgiving to meet the demand. Following their mother's example, the story goes, that sons, Tom, Jack and Bill tried to bake a cake while young boys and included whole eggs, shells and all into the batter!

The family recently moved to  
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## Father of youth files \$500,000 suit

A \$500,000 lawsuit has been filed against an EHOVE instructor, Kelleys Island Village, and the driver of a vehicle from which a 16-year-old EHOVE student was thrown while on a class outing on the island last year.

Martin K. Carroll, 155 Sinclair St., Bellevue, died of injuries received Oct. 17 while riding with classmates on a tram pulled by a jeep.

The students were participating in a clean-up project on the island.

According to the lawsuit filed by the boy's father, James H. Carroll, a wheel broke on the tram while it was being pulled along Titus Road.

The tram jerked to one side, throwing the boy from the vehicle and onto the ground. The boy died of head injuries several days after the accident.

The suit charges the driver, Brian Feyedelem, Titus Road, Kelleys Island, with negligence in operating the jeep at an excessive speed and in an unsafe manner.

The village is charged with negligence in its maintenance of the tram and failure to determine its "dangerous and hazardous" condition, the plaintiff charges.

EHOVE instructor Dean Sheldon Jr., 4011 Cleveland Road, Sandusky, is blamed for negligence in the control and supervision of the outing.



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I enjoyed the January issue of H.T. News and several of the articles. Am pleased to hear that cousin Teddy Blatt is recovering from leg surgery.

I especially enjoyed the pictures and articles on Art McKillips. He was indeed a unique person and a great athlete. He was as close to a Babe Ruth as anyone could be. I would like to see you run an article on the Island Big Team sometime. There ought to be some old pictures with the likes of Bill Schnittker, Jay Norris, Ollie Schlessman, Bud Perkinson, Nuts Durkett, "Jug" Mazur, Cappy and Bud Ernie, Frank Voltz and others. It would make an interesting article. We actually had 3 baseball teams in those days - the big team, the second team and the little team. A special note to Robert Schlumbohm: I lived next door to Mrs. Schlumbohm and cut her grass and helped her in her old age. She was a nice lady with a big garden.

Enjoyed article by Dick Schnittker about the family. Billy, Dick and Max were all our little baseball

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team along with the Wallands, Voltz's, Denny Kurtz and I. We had a lot of good ballgames in a lot next to Bill Schnittkers home.

Rodger "Ike" Kurtz  
851 Hyde Ave.  
Cupertino, Calif.

PS; Fisherman in question looks like Dutch Elfers to me.

Hi Carol,  
You're doing a great job with the news and we look forward to getting it each time. We miss the island in the winter, but sure enjoy it in the summer.

We bought "Orchard Haven" 15 years ago for a summer home, but plan to retire there.

Rose & Ewell White  
Cleveland

I would like to subscribe to your island paper. Please bill me. My father-in-law let me read one of your editions. I would like to congratulate you on your good work. We have a lot of retirees from Kelleys Island in Florida:

M/M Fred Baumler, Lakeland  
M/M Quentin Heckel, Ft. Myers  
M/M Laird Holbrook, Ft. Lauderdale  
M/M Alfred Mousey " "  
M/M John Semanson, Brooksville  
M/M Nick Sennish, Lake Worth  
M/M Albert S. Washio, Ft. Lauderdale  
M/M Walter Elfers Ft. Lauderdale

Keep up the good work!  
Respectfully yours,  
Al Washio



LEFT OVER CHRISTMAS TIDBITS:

Pat and Charlie Hibbs sent a Christmas card with a Westlake, Ohio address and Ann Sernish sent one with a Berea one. We miss them all!

Setting in our car on the Sunday after Christmas, waiting for Lee to come out of Frankie's store, saw someone on roller skates coming toward me in the middle of the road! I said to myself "Santa brought skates to one of the children!" But when the "child" came closer to me, I saw that it was Sharon Bianchi! Then, on New Year's Day, Lee saw both Sharon and Julie Kennedy rolling by. The trend has been picked up by several others now, and our unseasonably warm sunny days find islanders out by the dozens for any number of reasons.

A letter from the Al Rmel's told us that on Christmas Eve, Frank Primosch was rushed to emergency three times because of heart problems! John Liwosz Sr had been hospitalized while in Huron, visiting his daughter in November. Problems with his medication.

On Monday Dec. 24th, Lee started out for the store and post office. Contrary to his usual routine, stopped at the store first, and while gone, Geraldine Betzenheimer, postmistress, stopped at our house to deliver a package for us. When I asked how come? she said she closed at 10:30AM that day and we didn't know it. The package contained our long-awaited gifts from our son, Bill, and his family. Where else, but on Kelleys Island could one have service like that! Thanks Geraldine!

On Thursday before Christmas, Lee called me into the living room. On the table was a huge white poinsettia, a gift from him! Since it was wrapped in plastic I asked if we could leave it that way and take the plant to church the next day to help decorate for our program that evening. Of course, Lee was agreeable, so the next afternoon we carried the plant into church and when we removed the wrapper we noticed at the bottom of the plant another flower. It was a beautiful Christmas Cactus nestled down among the stalks. Grace Corso is always doing something nice like that for me, bless her! So, we took one plant to church and brought one back home!



Santa brought me a white imitation fur hat and if I am not careful, it may not fit me....that is, if I let all these compliments on my column go to my head! It is one thing to get them when I see someone face-to-face, but to have someone-that I have not even met go out of her way to WRITE to me and express how much she enjoys it, well that is really something. Eileen Martin was the letter writer, and I mention all this not to brag, but to let all of you know what a warm, warm, feeling it gives me to know that in spite of my age and my handicap I have something I am able to share with others to give them pleasure. I am very grateful to you, Carol Elfers, for asking me to write this column and having the faith that I could do it when I doubted my ability!....

I have mentioned before how our children love to surprise us and how well they succeed! Lee was in the store the Thursday after Christmas when the phone rang. Florence relayed the message: Lee should go directly to the airport as there was a perishable package there for him. When he arrived, he found our daughter, Coralee and husband John and their two boys Paul and David! They stayed until Saturday and it was wonderful to have had one of our children be with us for the holidays. It was the first time since we moved here.

Once again, there were two parties to choose from for New Year's Eve, and once again, we stopped first at Florence Chittenden's to spend a few hours with her and her mom. Then we drove over to celebrate at Matso's this year! Bea, in her usual fashion, had prepared an extraordinary party with all the trimmings. Food, fun and fellowship, and the added dimension of genuine warmth living and socializing with the people you really care about.

Saturday Jan. 12th marked the date of another party at Matso's. This time for Helen Marchky, recognizing her years as mayor of our island. The party was well attended and the food delicious as always. We saw the Jeff Conklins there with their new baby. (Jeff is the new State Park ranger). Mrs. Conklin is the mother of our youngest "islander" and tells interesting stories of how she mentally prepared to have the child here had she been unable to get off the island due to weather etc. A belated "congratulations" to the family!

Although I have known Frankie Kleines for a year, I just got to meet his wife, Tammy. Discovered that she was the "mystery lady" at the



Tupperware party at Pat Hibbs. I had mentioned that I knew all ladies present except one...and that was Tammy!

Have been forgetting to mention the birthdays we have been celebrating at our Pot Lucks on Sundays: The first one was for Hank Knapp, Jim and Bernice Twilliger brought him down and Bernice baked the cake! (By the way, Twilligers have joined us as year round residents!) Then we had 3 at once (birthdays) Donna Farmer, Ethel Fox and Laura Jean Pohorence. Last Sunday was Bud Yoscovits, (His mother took me to task several months ago for the way I mis-spelled her name! It is Molly Yoscovits with an "s" not a "z". OK, Molly?? Also, heard that Molly's sister, Fredalina Volz has been forced to her bed while her leg heals up. Know she would appreciate hearing from any of you island friends and family. Her address is; 434 Pearl St. Sandusky, O.

SICK BAY KEEPS GROWING! Robert Erne was rushed to Providence Hosp. and was on the critical list in intensive care for peritonitis. He gave everyone a real scare, but is reportedly feeling better but has to stay until they determine what caused his problem.

Katheryn Hamilton's funeral is forthcoming, and then we have the additional shock that Earl Ryan had died while in Florida! (many of you will remember Earl as the friendly "ticket taker" on Neuman's dock in Marblehead.) His ready smile and "pleased to see you again" attitude will leave a void in the lives of many weekend traveler as well as his many friends on the island. Our sincere sympathies to these two families and a very belated one to Rosetta Navorska on the death of her mother, who had lived to be 102 years old!

Forgot to mention that Toby and Nora Zettler popped in to see us on Christmas Day! The entire family got together up here to have Christmas, one son coming all the way from Australia!!! Here tell that they experienced one other trip for Thanksgiving several years ago. Nora prepared the turkey in Columbus, and the family flew up to the island, opened the house and sat down to an extra special celebration here! We are fortunate indeed, to have people like the Zettlers who care so much about the island. They had a wonderful time and hated to leave, but may be back for the Fireman's ball on February 9! Hope to see everyone there.....

So long for now,  
CORADINE



(See information inside)

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MARCH 1980 ISSUE

# KELLEYS ISLAND

## Home Town News



## SUPERTEAM



L. to R. back row: Philip Rusworm, Elko Semish,  
Pat Murphy, Alfred Moysey, Roland Brown, Elmer  
Maag, front row: Irving Morross, Lee Brown,  
Leonard Roswourm, Ralph Heckle, Allie McKillips  
Eldon Roswourm





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to Joseph M Steinert sub.82

Bert Miller to Wm Billings  
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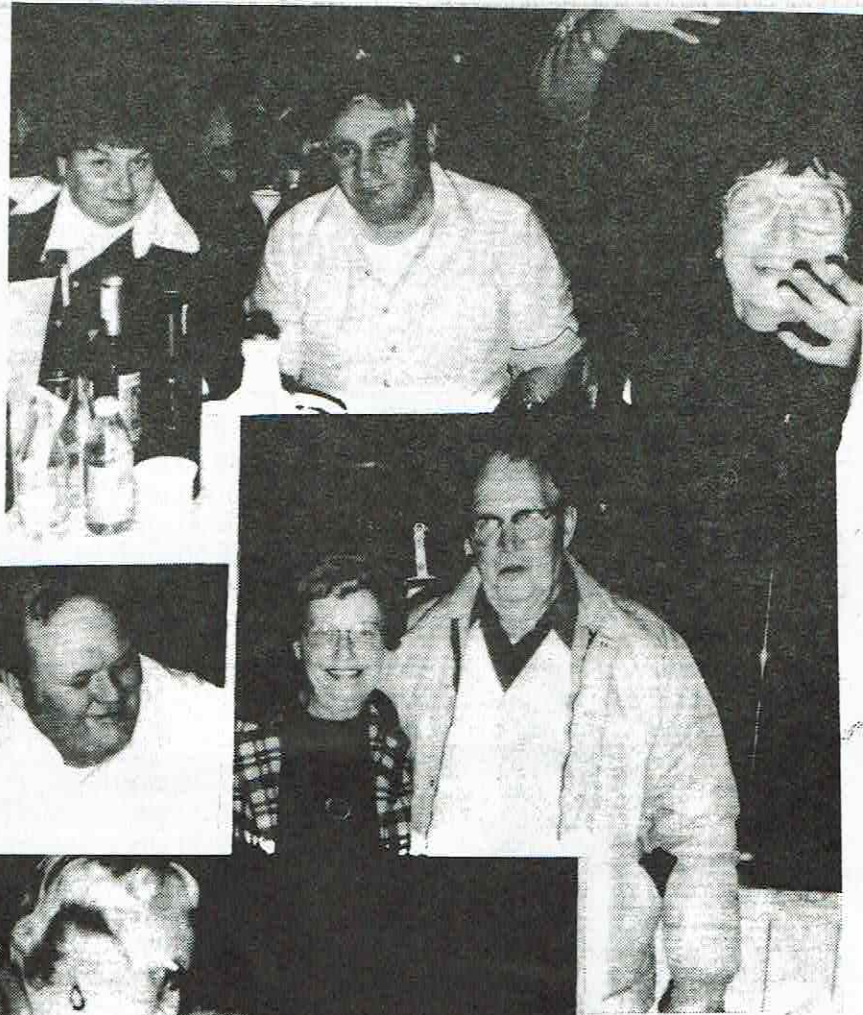
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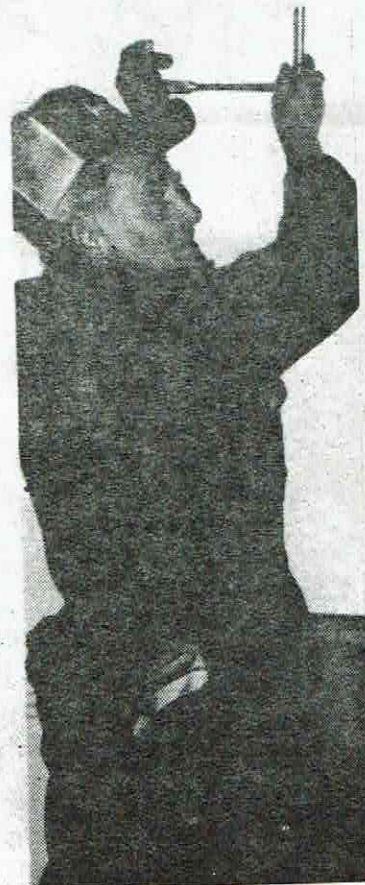
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# OBITUARIES

John W. Winnen, husband of Helen McKenna Winnen, father of Peter, Jack, Lucia Moore, Neil, Chad, Martha Ferguson, Marian Pence, Bart and Paul, grandfather of 7, brother of Ellen Gerrasch, Florence Campbell, Jeanne Rankin and Lillian Thrasher. Jack died recently of heart problems in Cleveland where he had made his home. Recently the family was involved with the building of their new home on Kelleys Island. Located on the North side of the island, near Florence Block, the Winnens had planned to retire there.

Luther G. Conrad, 77, Marysville Ohio, died Nov. 23, 1979 in Whetstone Convalescent Center, Columbus Ohio after a lengthy illness. In October, 1927, he was married to the former Doris W. Ferwick, daughter of Ernest W. Ferwick, Superintendent of the Kelley Island Lime and Transport Co. Islanders may remember that Luther served for several years as Superintendent of the Island School (in the late 20's) He retired from the Ohio Industrial Commission in 1965. Until the Ferwick home was sold in 1973, Luther and his family spent every summer on the island. He could often be found fishing from the end of Beatty dock. He is survived by three children, Bill, Jean and Doris Ann and by two grandchildren.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!!!

Robert Erne	Dec. 7
Stephen Kekelik	Jan. 3
Virginia Miller	Feb. 12
Geraldine Betzenheimer	Jan. 1
Roy Erne	Jan. 15
Ruth Perruchon	Feb. 2
Iola Riedy	Feb. 3
Jack Sernish	Feb. 4
George A. Yaniga	Feb. 8
Kurt Boker	Feb. 17
Godfried Schock	Feb. 19
Nadine Brown	Feb. 23
Craig Brown	Feb. 21
Dan Brown	Feb. 6
Howie Brown II	Feb. 11
Art Lange (94)	Feb. 19
Bertha Heckel	Jan. 27
Wm. Mckillips (73)	Nov. 13
Shirley Woell	Sept. 2
Eleanor Liwosz	Jan. 29
Mira Horsberg	Feb. 9
Tootie Elfers	Feb. 19
Walter Elfers	Jan. 24

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# Ice fishing

By Mary Schock

We had such beautiful clear crisp days during January this year, that it appeared ice would never form on the lake. Someone started the men talking about the winters past when there was no ice, and it was established that 1932 was similar to this one.

However, it got me thinking about recent severe winters with such good ice crossing. I recall the winter of the early 40's when the lake on the north side of the Island was dotted with fish shanties. There were 75 or more on the horizon looking very much like a little village out there off the shore!

Many women took part in the ice fishing activities then. During the week, when our husbands were working, they would take us to the shanties before leaving to their jobs. Or a group of us would hire Bill Schlesselman to drive us out. It was such a morning when I had a most frightening experience, and ended up by jumping free-floating ice cakes to get to shore. Another time, late in the season, I had to leave my lines and fish and drive quickly to shore because the water was coming up on the ice. Suddenly, it was 3-4" deep, and time to move fast!

## MORE TROUBLE!!!

Around 10AM in the middle of fishing there appeared a severe snow squall. I couldn't even see Andy Erne's shanty which was only 30-40 feet away from mine. The blowing wind carried fine snow across the lake obscuring visibility and the shoreline disappeared into the distance. I remembered that the fishermen always told us women to stay with our shanties, never leave them during a snow storm because one easily loses his sense of direction during such conditions. We were always cautioned to place the shanties so that the door faced the island, thereby knowing which way to run should trouble occur. I was frightened, but did as I had been told, and later, when the storm cleared up my husband, Godfried, drove out to pick up the fish which I had caught during the day.

I also remember that on the south side of the Island on Sunday afternoons, it was just like a highway with cars coming and going. One day a funeral car brought the body over for burial in the island cemetery!



# ----- it's compulsion -----

One Saturday was particularly busy, people coming and going in great numbers. The FOLLOWING day, Sunday morning, there wasn't a bit of ice left...it had gone out during the night. This may surprize some of you readers unfamiliar with the island during wintertime, but within a week the ice was all back and it wasn't long before the regular crossings to haul supplies began again. The older folks have many such stories to tell here.

In addition to ice fishing, the ice crossings allowed Island boys to attend mainland dances. This was always looked forward to with much enthusiasm. We also had three masked balls here on the island during winter months. Music was provided by islanders; Mary Augusta and Oscar McKillips and later on Howie Brown. Rosella Beatty would take over at the piano for Mary and Ossie to take a break. The grand march was led by Mr. Philip Roswurm giving all in attendance to inspect the costumes of their friends and neighbors. It was a grand time, and everyone who attended these dances shares fond memories of those days.

Memories, how nice they are to recall and talk about...I guess that is why "Memories" is still one of my favorite songs.

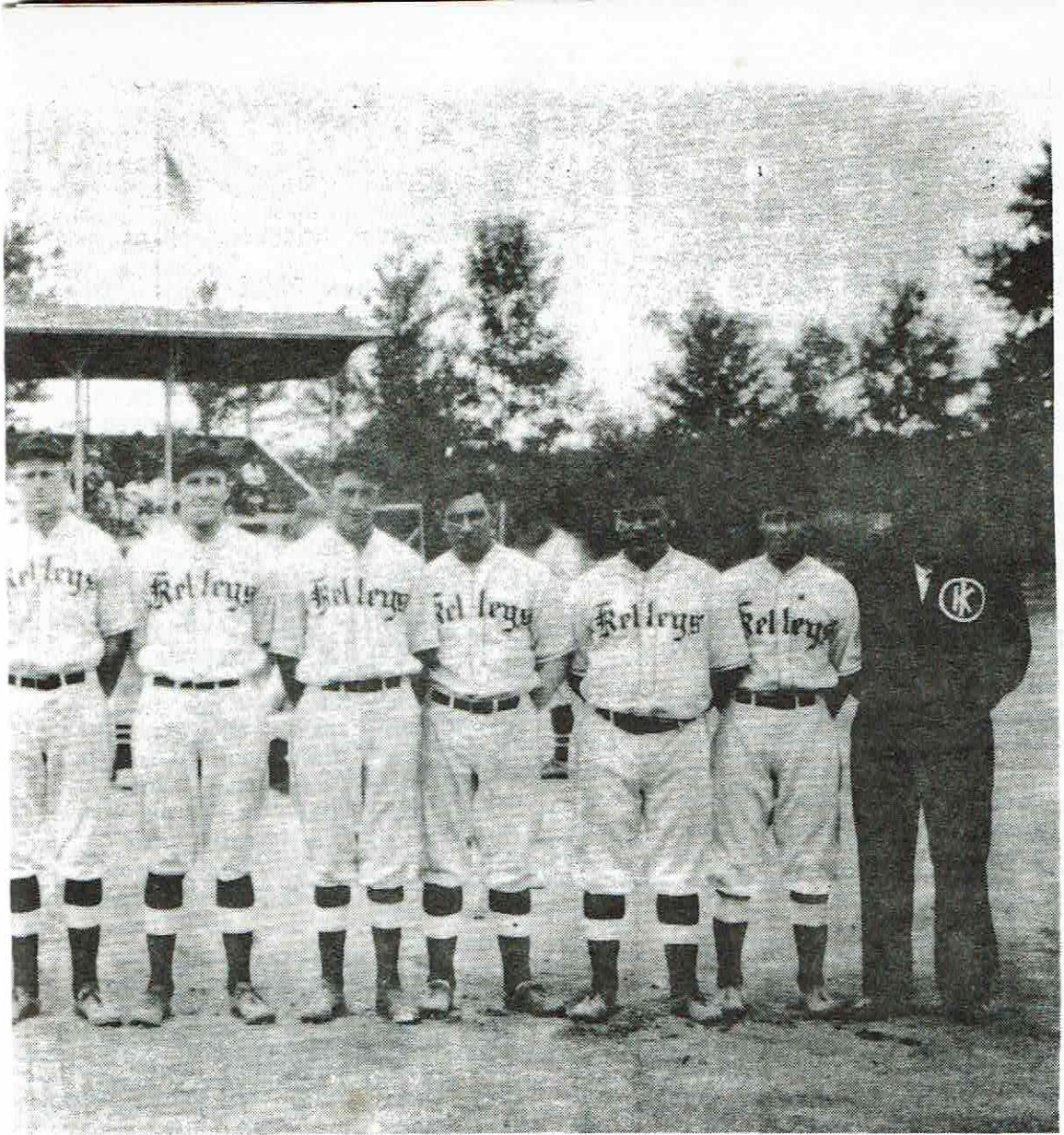
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Saturday, Feb. 2 1980, O. Hugh Lange made his initial annual over-the-ice sojourn to Kelleys. After the first run, marking the route with trees, Hugh made several other crossings, one with Ron Beatty. On Sat. Feb. 9 your editor accompanied him for the first time in my life. Hearing that ice crack under the weight of the vehicle, approaching long cracks which open and close periodically throughout the day and spinning wildly when the car hits glare ice, kept my heart racing overtime. The same weekend, one snowmobile went into the lake  $\frac{1}{2}$  the way to Kelleys. Larry Davis, Marblehead, followed by his wife strayed too far east of the established route and lost his bike. She managed to pull him free and they walked to Henry and Rosella Beatty's house for the night. Undaunted by the experience, Larry was back at the dance Sat. night after having salvaged his bike, dried it out and drove back over the ice to Kelleys again!



THE KELLEYS ISLAND BIG TEAM featured from left to right: O. Durket, Oliver Schlesselman, Oscar McKillips, Bill Schmitt and Al Riedy. This picture taken approximately 1934 also served for those who attended the exciting games. According to records, Kelleys and various teams from throughout the area including from the professionals, but all declined the offer. Visiting teams came the same way. Friendly rivalry existed between island teams.





s Martin Sr., Jay Norris, Clarence Duigan, Alfred McKillips, George  
layton Schlesselman, Aaron (Bud) Erne, Art McKillips, Sam Bauman,  
the bleachers which once stood near the ball field providing seating  
from islanders who remember the games, matches were arranged between  
Put-In-Bay team. Several members of the team were approached by scouts  
ams arrived at the island via ferry, and island players were transported  
an avid booster crowd was always present in the cheering section.



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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Bickley—Jenney

Mr and Mrs. Herbert Bickley  
3811 Donair Drive, Sandusky, are  
announcing the engagement of their  
daughter, Cynthia Anne, to Douglas  
Joseph Jenney, Elmendorf Air  
Force Base, Alaska, son of Mrs.  
Alice Jenney, Mattapoisett, Mass.  
and the late Herbert Jenney.

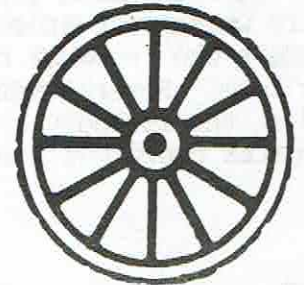
The bride-elect is a graduate of  
Perkins High School and Findlay  
College, where she received a  
bachelor of science degree in  
elementary and special education.  
She also attended Mary Manse Col-  
lege. She was employed by Perkins  
Board of Education prior to her  
enlistment in the U.S. Air Force.  
She is stationed at Elmendorf Air  
Force Base, Alaska.

Her fiance is a graduate of Old  
Rochester Regional High School  
and several Air Force training  
schools. He is a staff sergeant with  
the 21st Civil Engineering Squadron  
of the U.S. Air Force.

The couple plans a spring wed-  
ding.

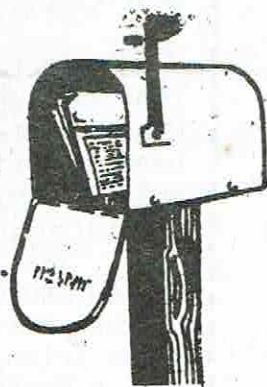
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# Letters



WE GET LETTERS ....

Dear Carol:

Think I should write before the outdoor work starts, trimming trees, grapes and berries.

Memories and more memories, thanks to K.I. NEWS! First, Art McKillips, how he urged me to stay and raise chickens, yes, I knew how to make them lay eggs, but killing chickens went against me. Father Haley too, urged me to come back and start over again.

Still remember old Mrs. Michaelis, gave me Lebkuchen recipe. She cut the lawn at age 81 by "handpower".

Next, the Bill Schnitker family, Also Bill's parents, wonder if some Islanders remember how the Bill Schnitker boys made sport headlines when they attended Ohio State.

Did not know who the mail carriers were when I had a ride on the mail boat across the ice when I was first married. Some of the ride was on water, some over ice, felt rather guilty when being pulled over ice, me sitting in boat, my husband, Reuben helped pull.

By the way, I saw Capt. Frank Hamilton's "Captain Chair" at the Great Lakes Historical Museum in

Vermilion, Ohio...a great place to visit.

Yes, I remember all the big docks, the huge boats stopping at downtown dock and of course those big ones being filled with stone, because

my first home in America was with the Schardt family living next to big stone dock. Also, earning my first \$30.00 picking grapes for Suhr family.

Wonder if anyone remembers the Easter Egg Hunts at Becker's pasture...we used to color a crate of eggs (12 doz) and hide them in the woods. If I remember right, Reuben and my daughter used to make homemade ice cream served after the hunt, maybe some cake too, I forget, it is from 35-40 years ago.

Keep bringing back those memories, plus all the other Island news!

Best Wishes,  
Elise Becker  
Parma Hts. Ohio

Carol:

As you know, I have been gathering data on the Lange family for some years. This is about complete. For example, I learned the name of the village where my family lived prior to their migration to this country. It is Schwitschen, Germany, which is in Lower Saxony and near Hanover.

Perhaps, some of your readers may have data on the Barnhope family. Maria Barnope, born in 1846 came to

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the USA In 1859 with her grandmother. In 1864, at age 18, she married Frederick Rohrs, my gr. grandfather, who died in March 1871, when my grandmother, Elizabeth Rohrs Lange was 9 mos. old. In 1872 she re-married Wilhelm Schlesselman. This marriage produced Carl, Albert, Maria and Henry. Henry (1881-1958) was the grandfather of Carol Schlesselman Schnittker and Miriam Schlesselman Haynes. The Barnhope's migrated from Germany to Napoleon to KIO. Some of them later left KI and settled in Wood County near Burgoon.

In addition to data on the Barnhope's I would like to ask your readers if they may know where the records to the German Reformed Church on Kelleys are.

O. Hugh Lange  
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Dear Carol;

Here are a couple of items that you might wish to use in the Do you Remember column;  
Mr. Hummels fresh fruit (especially the strawberries & raspberries  
Bob Moysey and his hearty laugh  
Aunt Sally Moysey's apple dumplings  
Mrs. Kempfe hat apple fritters,  
Bessie Dainty & the Dew-Drop-Inn,  
The Lakeside III and it's evening excursions to Kelleys,  
The lights going out every Saturday night in the height of the summer months,  
Mr. Hummel's swamp.  
These are just a few of my fond memories,

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Jean Conrad  
Marysville, Ohio

Dear Carol;

I do want to clear up the stories that keep appearing on the "Kelley Mansion" stating as fact that the beautiful circular staircase was built in England and shipped to the island.

Preposterous on the face of it, suppose the idea appeals to people romanticism. My mother, Fredren Kelley Hamilton, stated conclusively that the free-standing stairway was built on the PREMISES. She grew up in the house, was married from and her son, Frank E Hamilton, was the only child born in the house

When you look at it realistically, consider the problems involved in moving such a complicated and awkward piece on and off a ship to the U.S. and off a train (where on a train and how)? back on to a boat of the size then running to the island!

Let's give credit where credit is due, I.E. to the fine craftsmen who constructed the steps right on the sight...maybe even local artisans. Perhaps your readers would be amused by a story my mother told me many times. From the time she was a small girl she slid down the banister

of the winding staircase, side side of course.

So, the first time she came down the stairs, with baby Frank in her arms she came careening swiftly down the banister!

My father, hair standing on end and shocked, bellowed "DON'T YOU EVER DO THAT AGAIN!"

George and I would like to add on



selves to those who enjoy the well-written, newsy Home Town News. Thank you for a real service to present and past residents!

Jeanette Hamilton Cleary  
Highland Pk. Michigan

Dear Carol:

So far we have been enjoying Hawaiian temperatures in these Florida Keys, after flying back from the funeral of my brother, Richard C. (Dick) Ehrbar.

I keep thinking about the unusual way the whole Island turns out, especially the few people who live on the Island all winter and keep things going for the rest of us.

The second thoughts so many people have about flying in snowstorms, the casket leaving on airplane, the quiet tranquility when one lands at the airport...our quaint churches the wonderful food, the automobiles and genuine sincerity all these amazing people provide....

It's so different and fitting for our loved ones that have decided to be buried on Kelleys Island.

I am sure there are many influential people, possibly kings, that would pay any amount of money to have such a unique experience, but it can't be bought! How fortunate we all are! Thank God for wonderful people.

Del Ehrbar  
wintering in Florida

PS: As past sports writer for the Islander II, a newspaper we

published in the late 30's, (editor Francis Williams) I would like to remind my good friend, Roger (Ike) Kurtz that the islands second team was named the Red Wings (featuring) the Mazurs, T Toughie Erne, Vicky and Peachie McKillips, Junior Bickley, Voltz twins, Junior Millie, the Perruchons, the Betzenheimer's, Don Lange Etc.

Who was the best was always controversial! They even let ME practice with them (ha ha). I'll never forget the late Liz Martin selling candy bars and pop from a small outhouse type building (Charlie built) on the first base line, with Jackie and his sister, Elaine, crawling in and out of the windows.

And Carol, how come we are so lucky to have you and Coradine on our island?!

Del

EDITORS NOTE: Thanks for those most inspiring words, Del, but it is I who am the lucky one. Carol

Since our home-made items booth was such a huge success in 1979 St. Michaels Church will again sponsor a booth of home-made bazaar items at the 1980 Annual Landowners Homecoming, Aug. 16. Friends and members of the parish are being asked to donate items to be sold at this time. We'll also have our monthly raffles in June, July and August..Geraldine.



## ANNUAL FIREMAN'S BALL ANOTHER GALA SUCCESS SAY ISLANDERS & VISITORS

By Carol Vogler Elfers

The day was cold, but little snowcover on the airport or island roads as we approached the island. We had planned to cross the ice from Lakeside Friday night, but were warned that it was shifting and might cause problems. Learned later that some snowmobiles did cross Fri. nit and the airports in Sandusky and Pt. Clinton were busy transporting visitors for the dance weekend.

Talking with cottage owners who attended, the lack of running water was an inconvenience, nothing more. Russ had a steady flow of traffic at the bar for hot chili and sandwiches as well as liquid refreshment, so no one went hungry throughout the day waiting for 8PM when doors opened to the townhall. Peeking in the windows, one could see BALLOONS all across the hall ceiling. Tables were lined up on two sides with dancing room near the stage and food tables near the main entrance.

Approximately 225-230 attended that evening! Dress ranged from long skirts, suits & ties, to sexy cocktail dresses and snowmobile suits. Three tables were filled to capacity with our neighbors from Put-In-Bay-Middle Bass, Marblehead and Lakeside. All of whom braved the lake and drove over the ice in snowmobiles and all terrain vehicles.

A three piece band played requests and kept everyone hopping to the steady beat. All age groups were represented from teenagers to golden-agers (for whom there was no admission charge). \$5.00 to enter included the band, the fine meal with roast beef, potato and macaroni salads, salad trays and hot coffee and all the beer you could drink. The ladies who prepared the food should be proud of their accomplishment. Everyone was more than satisfied and many went back for seconds.

During breaks for the band, Dick Sennish read off raffle ticket numbers. Winners had their choice between bottles of whiskey or smoke alarms. No whiskey was left unchosen. A loud applause was heard each time one of the snowmobilers number was called. They said they could use the booze for auxiliary fuel on the run back home.

Sunday morning found many of the partygoers back at Russ and Bea's to recap the night's events. Some events were even funnier when retold the next day! More snowmobiles kept coming on Sunday until the Casino dock area resembled a parking lot! With the juke box cranking out all the "summer music" and the bar filled with ruddy faces, one could fancy it was summer all over again. Do yourself a favor. Attend next year



# Love AND THE WAY WE LIVE

Another Fireman's Ball has come and gone! Again, it was a very successful one, and while a goodly number of regulars were absent, there loss was made up for by a caravan of 30 snowmobiles from our surrounding islands. WELCOME ABOARD AND COME AGAIN! It seemed strange without Sally Willis and Virginia Kilko bustling about helping with ticket sales and serving the food. Also, this was the first year in 20 that Evelyn Parks (who passed away recently) was not with us. We certainly missed these gals.

We were happy though to see Pat and Charlie Hibbs and when I asked Pat had she liked Westlake, she said "It's OK, but I'd rather be here!" We second that, Pat!

Ben and Carol Elfers finally made it this year to the dance, after many years promising to come. I saw Ben off in a corner dancing with someone much too short to be Carol, and after a closer look, couldn't believe my eyes...it was Jean Dwelle! As I watched, Dick Sennish came by and took her from Ben and gave her a whirl on the dance floor! Wearing a new dress and clearly enjoying the evening, Jean was there till nearly the end of the dance. It was wonderful to see you "out on the town" Jean, keep it up!

When we were at the airport on Sat. before N.Year's eve, I talked to Helen Winnen and she told me she had been on the island alone on business, and had left Jack at the hospital...heart problems. When she reached home, she wrote to tell me she had found Jack MUCH BETTER. So, it was quite a shock to hear of his death, just a few weeks later. All our sympathies, Helen! It was also a shock to hear of Earl Ryan's sudden death down in Florida. They had a Memorial Service for him there and a letter from Jessie Martin said that quite a goodly number of Islanders attended the service. Among them: Jake and Jessie, Jim and Vange Bugel, Earl Bowmans, Bud Smallbrooks, Bert Miller and Coke, Wayne Finger, Dawn Kekelik, John Beck, Eileen Anderson and two people from Kaempfe allotment that Jessie did not know. And a letter from Theo Clark said that they did not know about the memorial service and neither did the Don Williams, so they missed it, much to their regret.



Our sympathies to Frank Kleines on the death of his father, George. Many of you will remember him as the friendly fellow at the south side marina. Ben Elfers tells of the generosity on Mr. Kleines's part last year. Ben and his two crew members had many problems to surmount with his fishing rig, and Mr. Kleines always made sure that the Big Ben had docking space in the marina. When things looked their bleakest, he would always make his way to the end of the dock and share some pleasant thought with the crew...he was a special person, and had so much to share with others. Our hearts are with you, Frank, we'll all miss your father.

While Pastor Walton and Mary were vacationing in Florida, Chuck and Diane Hacker (who operate the Wagon Wheel restaurant in Sandusky) a delightful place to eat...took over the church service for them on Sunday Feb. 10th. We were greeted at the door by a huge red heart reading "Happy Valentines Day". More the same were on the inner doors and our programs were pasted over with small red hearts. Their three talented daughters gave us a musical program, one number a trio of piano, flute and voice, the second a duet of piano and violin. As if that wasn't enough, as we left the church, the girls handed each family a box of solid chocolate hearts and a lovely "sweetheart plant" complete in its own terrarium! Such a lovely thing to do, you would think we were doing them a favor, instead of the other way around.  
MANY THANKS!

Our oldest son, Bill finally made it to the Island in winter! He came with our grandson Craig...this past Sat. Feb. 16 to go ice fishing...something he had never had the pleasure of experiencing. They both enjoyed the endeavor, but Lee and I were disappointed that fishing was poor the days he was here. Also, coming back from the ice shanty on Sat. something happened to Lee's knee and he could barely hobble to the car. It was quite painful, but no swelling anywhere and he could bend the knee, but just couldn't put any weight on it. It has improved, but he still limps.

By the way, DID YOU EVER SEE.....?????????????????

1. Francis Betzenheimer without his pipe?
2. Earl Daving or Lloyd Marchky without their dog?
3. Jean Dwelle without her market bag?
4. Jerry Bozic without his hat?
5. Big Chuck's son, Mark, without a bow tie?
6. Jessie Martin without her smile?
7. Donna Farmer without her glasses half way down her nose?
8. Carol Elfers without her camera?



9. Jackie Martin, Flo Chittenden, or Pat Seeholzer sitting still?
10. Virginia Neuman walking slow?
11. Martha Onders or Ethel Fox without a cigarette?
12. Jack Sennish without his "Mail" truck?
13. Ben Elfers without his Fish net truck
14. O. Hugh Lange without his mammoth dog, Bo?
15. Bud Yoscovits or Bob Erne without their wooly "beanies"?
16. Lee Myers without his head under the hood of a broken down car?

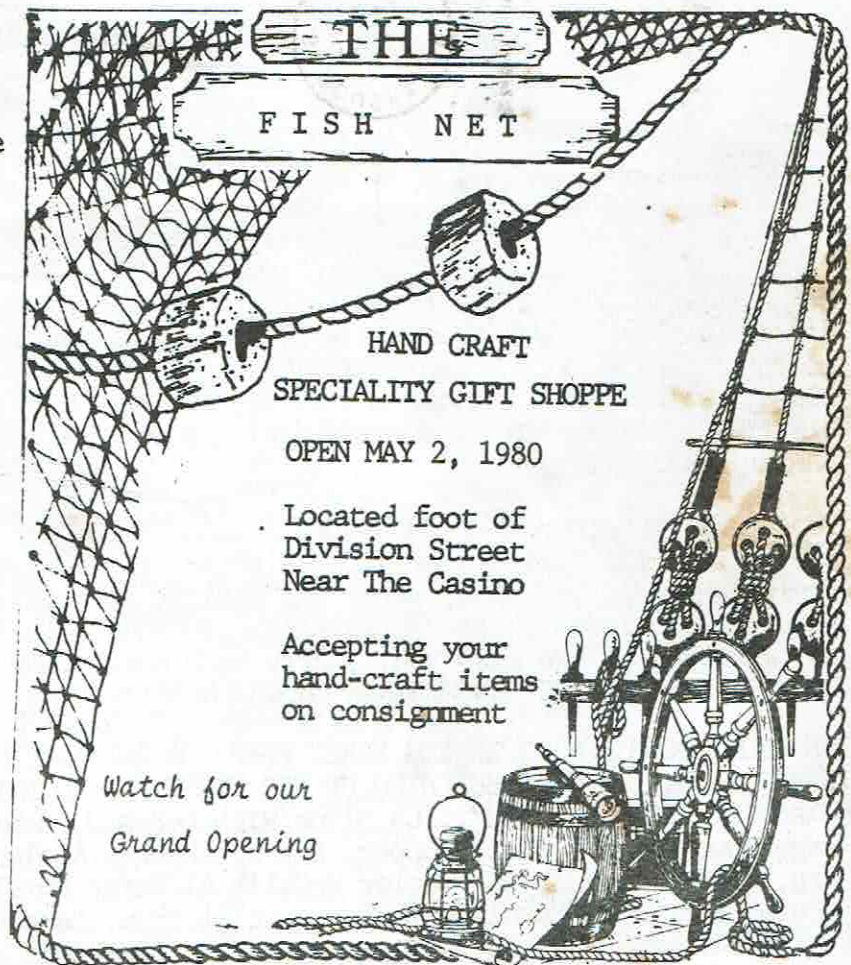
(Hoped you enjoyed reading the above as much as I did writing them!)

We were all glad to hear that there was nothing wrong with Laura Jean Pohorence's eye that medication couldn't fix.

She had been experiencing "twitching" in one eye, but appears to be in fine shape now.

Wonder if Frank was worried that she was "winking" at other men?

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NEXT PG.



SPRING IS JUST  
A ROBIN'S EGG  
AWAY!!!

# CHART FOR Kelleys Island



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TELLEYS ISLAND HOME TOWN NEWS  
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Met Jim Terwilligers at the post office a couple of weeks ago and Jim complained of not feeling at all well and that he had an appointment to see the doctor the following day. That evening at ceramics class, Bernice wasn't there and we were told that they had to take Jim over to the hospital...pneumonia! He was returned home recently and is feeling better.

Pastor Walton stopped by Sunday afternoon to deliver a care package for us from the Earl Bowmans from Florida... temple oranges and grape-fruit! How did you know, Betty and Earl, that temple oranges are my favorite and I could eat 3 at a sitting? Thanks loads for your thoughtfulness! We miss you...hurry back home! AND THE SAME GOES FOR THE REST OF YOU "SNOW BIRDS" down there!

THE COUNT DOWN CONTINUES FOR FIRST FERRY ON APRIL 5TH. UNDERSTAND THERE IS QUITE A RECE BUILDING UP FOR FIRST PLACE IN LINE...might be any of the "regulars"...Caroline/Rich DeBoard, Bob/Millie Grubb, Marge Newcomb, M/M Paul Cropper, Anthony Kuchar & clan, Jean Lichtenberg, John Liwosz, Linda Vogler McCall, Al/Marge Rumel, M/M Sticklorath, Jerry and Caroline Taylor....till then, take care!

CORADINE



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

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Spring

is in the air





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. Schlunbaum, Mrs. Suhr and my self cleaning the kitchen at a Mask Ball years back. My mirror 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 gradu-  
uated 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 Fish-  
ing 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 gener-  
ous 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 re-  
called 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 (age )

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 N.Y. 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 of

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 my father 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) of 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 school and boarded them over Sundays. The teachers pretended to board around with the students 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. I drew 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 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, 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., we 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 m 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 living) 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



randdaughter) Denver Jan. 1895

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ere married & had children. None of  
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ok them home, (or I did on horse back)  
o sent to school, but headquarters  
who refused to treat people at his house.

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ept running. We got scared and run  
into our house. Father was a great read-  
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: brothers (editors note; Chester,  
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: Cleveland for many years. She  
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few dresses.

think very pretty. I do not think  
esses came to the tops of our shoes.

o be continued next month.....



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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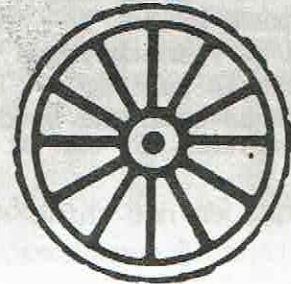
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NEWLY WEDS TO LIVE IN BAY VILLAGE

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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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 Azuza, 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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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. Leanne 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

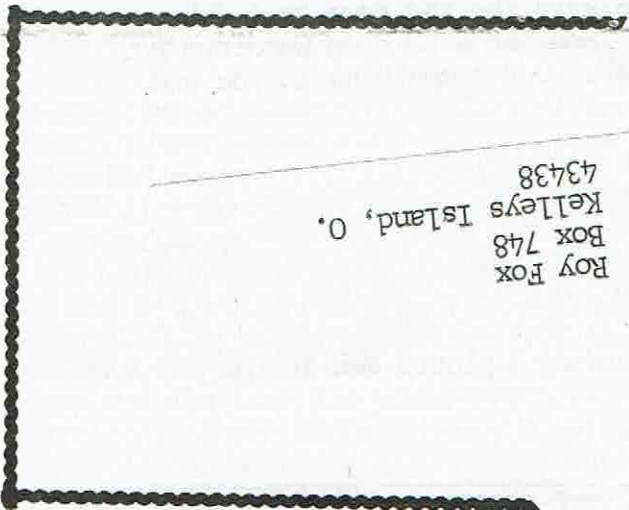
instead of the usual two for her and Bud. I asked if she had brought husband George, and she said No, it's for my brother, "Cap" come, from Cleveland. I hope to have you with us, Cap, come again! I heard later, that Carol had cornered her up in Molly's kitchen with her usual camera and tape recorder. You can be sure the same Town News will be featuring an "exclusive" story on his Erne brother and his notorious baseball career. No one, 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!

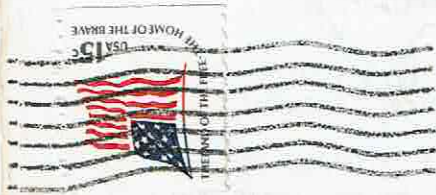
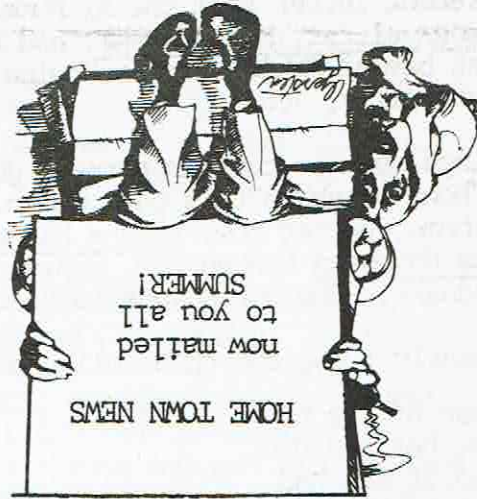
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Congratulations to Joe Dolezal, 4965 E 71st St. Cuyahoga Hts., O. He is the husband of Mary McKillips whom he met while vacationing on K.I. Joe was honored on March 15 at the Czech Karlin Hall of Cleveland where he has been a long time worker. Currently 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 exercize 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).

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THE GRAPE HARVEST ON KELLEYS ISLAND.....

Left to right: Bill Blatt, Norma Blatt Pauline Blatt, Grandma Michaels, Irene Carcas, Reverend Zeigler. (Photo courtesy of: M/M William & Norma McKillips)



## *The charm of yesterday —*

THE STRANGE SAGA OF EMELINE KELLEY HUNTINGTON (second in a series of articles). Who were those first Kelleys who settled on Kelleys Island? What was their life here like? Now you have it all word-for-word from a manuscript by Emeline Kelley written when she was 76 years old.....

"When there was snow our shoes would get full and packed like ice. A knife would have to be used to dig the ice out nights when we got home from school. Summers all children under 10 yrs went barefoot and some older ones. I wanted my shoes off early in the spring so I could splash through the puddles of water and wade in the lake. My feet nights would be so sore and cracked open by being wet, they looked like toads back and ache dreadfully.

Mother would give me a little cream and a rag to wind around them send me to bed, next morning I was all well and ready to splash in the water again. I used to think it great fun to make the water fly. When I was about 12 yrs old, I had drawers to put on for the first time. Loretta Wood and I wore them a year before any of the other girls had them.

They were very comfortable, but most everyone thought them very boyish and we were not commended for putting on boyish clothes. It must have been 2 or 3 years before girls began to wear drawers after we wore them. I well remember what a comfortable addition my panties were to my clothing.

When I was 10, old Gov. Wood (then Judge Wood) moved to Rockport from Cleveland and lived on the next farm east of us. Their oldest girl, Loretta, was my fast chum until her death in 1884. She was in Cleve. a good deal, and brought home all the new styles going, and she was 11 months the oldest, so I had to dress about as she did and do about as she did. She was a great favorite with my older brothers, a good dancer and in that way I got to go to public balls very young.

Dancing parties at our house were quite frequent. Father never danced in his life, but mother did and when they built their frame house they put up a board partition between the two back chambers so it could be taken down easily and throw them together which made a room 30 ft. long by 11 ft. wide. We commenced dancing in those days about 4PM and about 1AM the fiddler (Judge Coe) would put up his fiddle and leave. We had refreshments about 11PM. We danced the plastering off the kitchen over head, some of it, every time which made quite a muss to clean up.



## *the excitement of tomorrow...*

The house Judge Wood moved into was not finished. No rooms upstairs were plastered and rats & mice cantered all over it. The Judge was gone a great deal and the family were afraid to stay there nights, and would come over after me, (10 yrs. old mind you) to protect them & be company. I was used to living in the country, and fearless so nights found me over to Lorets as I called it. I enjoyed it very much being thought so brave and of course, they all made it very pleasant for me. Mrs. Wood and my mother were great friends, & I think next to my mother, she was the best woman I ever knew. Mrs. Wood would do anything to get me up in good style as Loretta, to go to parties with her. Loretta had an easy riding horse, and a side saddle. I had a man's saddle and a hard riding horse, but could beat Loret blind riding horseback.

I cannot remember the first time I rode alone on a horse. Father used to send me 5 miles with a bag of corn to get it ground into meal when I was no more than 6 yrs. old. Mr. Taylor, the man who owned the mill, asked me how old I was and I told him 6, which made me feel more of a baby than I wanted to be thought on such an errand so far from home.

There was a show in Dover once and I wanted to go awful bad. I teased brother Addison to go with me, but he only laughed at me. Said I did not want to learn any more trix riding horseback, that I could give any show pointers in that line etc. I did not go that time, but have been to a good many since I was my own boss, as my grand girl well knows.

I used to suffer every year with Fever & ague until it seemed to be a habit. Folks told me to "tie it" (the fever & ague up to a tree) & it would leave me & several mental cures. One day I got up on my horse before the shakes came on and tried to ride them off, or forget to shake. I rode until I shook so hard I had to give it up, and went home & curled down on the sunny side of the house where mother found me shaking worse than ever. They got me in-bed and put hot bags & covered me up warm and soon my fever came on. I was as much too hot as I had been too cold. I did not want to try the experiment of riding to keep the shakes away anymore.

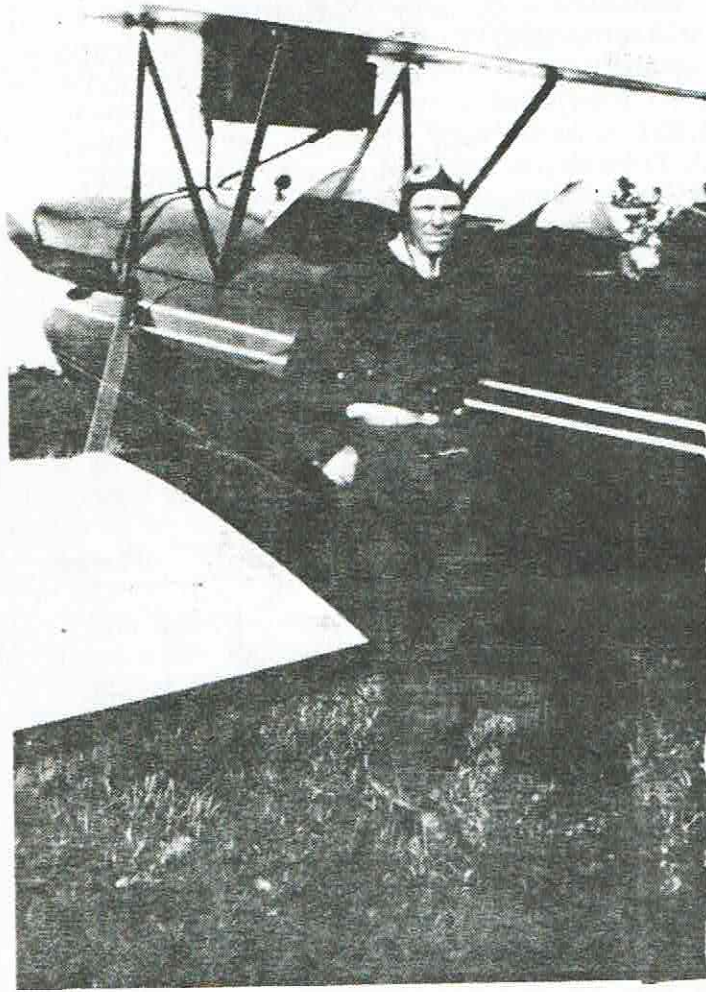
Every summer for several years in August & Sept. I was miserable about 3 hours each day with chills & fever. The rest of the day I was up & around, ready for play and do some errands, but seldom called upon to wash dishes or much else.

....to be continued next month.....





THOSE ADVENTURE LOVING ISLANDERS AND THEIR FLYING MACHINES!!!!



WILLIAM (BOY) MCKILLIPS AND HIS 1930 "WACO"

The proud smile could be due to the fact that McKillips owned the first private airplane on Kelleys Island. Photo taken 1931-32.

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With the advent of the airplane, islanders found that they had a new, exciting method of transportation. But more important, they could substitute the old "iron clad" which had hauled mail and freight between the island and the mainland. A general feeling of enterprise prevailed as the community received permission from the K.I. Lime Co to utilize a parcel of land on the north side (near the Whinnen cottage now) for an airport. Villagers worked most of the summer clearing land of brush and trees. When completed, the land had been transformed into a landing strip! A young man from Youngstown, last name of Hirschberger was employed by Parker Bros. (now Griffing Flying Service). He began the first flights bringing mail to and from the island. He founded a small airport at a farm in Venice, O. and later moved to one in Pt. Clinton.

One of the first islanders to learn to fly was Logan Bickley. He was soon followed by Steve Feyedelen. Along came William McKillips, who was so taken up in the new sport that he traveled to Detroit to learn about the craft in earnest. Loving his new-found hobby, McKillips



## Love Affair with Flight

SUE GRIFFING LEARNED TO FLY IN 1937... She has been a charter pilot & instructor, office manager and "done a little of everything" connected with the airport on Cleveland Rd. in Sandusky, Ohio



purchased his first plane, a 1930 WACO. His head in the clouds, he would taxi down the new runway and take off over Lake Erie. Leaving the island of his birth behind him, he soared like the American Eagles which nested on the island at that time. Commanding his craft with the ease of a professional, McKillips often landed in Sandusky, Pt. Clinton, Put-In-Bay or Cleveland. No longer was this island boy bound by the water which surrounded his home...he was as free as the very air itself!

He married island girl, Norma Blatt and found that economics forced him to change his life style, including giving up that beloved plane. "It was hard to afford an airplane, so I sold it", he said. He worked as a commercial fisherman for several years employed by Lay Bros. Fisheries and finally moved to Sandusky where he was employed by Ferrell Cheek. He retired 6 years ago. The couple have one daughter, Shirley Woell, who is a regular visitor to Kelleys. McKillips plans to attend Homecoming again this year.

During the following years, other island men found that flying was important in their lives and a number of them received their pilot's licence. Harry Griffing of Griffing Flying Service, Sandusky was influential in the success of the following: Ned Haig, Bob Overcashier, Bob Schmittker, Ben Elfers, Sonny Elfers, Wally Elfers and Warren Elfers. Kenny Haig and Dr. Heinz Boker are presently owners of their own planes and fly them regularly from the island. Jake Martin commuted via his plane for many years, but recently sold it in favor of his boat.

Since Sandusky is the nearest airport to Kelleys, it has always played a major part in the history of flight there. Harry and Sue Griffing have seen two generations of islanders mature and change as they went about



their jobs as owners of the airport. Harry became involved with the business when the city of Sandusky failed to exercise it's option to renew a contract during the war years. Major improvements had recently been completed by the WPA including extending the original 27 acres to the present 153 acres.

At that time the field was known as the John G. Hinde Airport. Bill Hinde and Harry operated the business together. During the 50's Hinde joined forces with Ralph Dietrich and the business was known as Sky Tours for a number of years. During this time, the famous Tri-Motor or "Tin Goose" was making regular trips to Kelleys. Harriet Martin became a familiar face behind the glass window. Griffing had moved his operation to Columbus Avenue in Sandusky, but returned to the original location in April 196 when he purchased the business.

"When we got started originally everybody had to learn to do a little bit of everything around here", Harry said. "No job was too large or too small it took plenty of cooperation and hard work". And since the entire family flies, Harry had plenty of hands to help out. Son, Tom is a licenced commercial pilot and daughter, Melody has her private licence. Sue has worn just about every cap in the place from charter pilot and instructor to office manager and time study engineer. Her distinctive voice is loud and clear coming over the radio and familiar to those who travel the airways regularly.

Future article will feature story of present airport and how it became real

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

M/M George Yoscovits  
June 9, 1980.....

## WHO SAYS TEENAGERS ARE TROUBLE?

Margaret Kuchar, granddaughter of Jeanette Kuchar, was the subject of an extensive newspaper article recently for her volunteer work in Safety Town.

The daughter of Fran and Ed Kuchar of Hudson, Ohio, 13 year old Margaret has earned the Young Citizens Award for three consecutive years.

One of six children, Margaret was highly praised by Jan Etling Hudson High School teacher who supervises the program. "All volunteers are great, but Margaret

is special", she noted. Safety Town teaches pre-kindergarten students the basics of safety when on the sidewalks and streets.

Fondness for others extends also to her work in the Student-to-Student (STS) program at school, where Margaret and other "old timers" help newcomers get acquainted with unfamiliar surroundings. She also volunteers during study hall in the program called Students Helping Other People. She hopes to become a kindergarten teacher in the future.

Is Jeanette a proud grandmother? Just ask her...she'll tell you!

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## It Feels So Good!

Both Millie and I were looking forward to the challenge as to who would be on the dock as the first car in line for the first boat this season. But, after getting the last issue of Home Town News, with the spring ferry schedule, it looks like we have been knocked out of line due to the starting date. We are flying to Little Rock, Ark. on April 3rd to attend a family reunion with Millie's dad and five brothers, and will not get back until Sunday evening April 6th. We are looking forward to being on the 5:30 PM ferry on Friday April 11th (will try to make 4:30). We have just returned home from Cleveland. Went down to sign the papers for the sale of our home in Westlake. Spent the night with Eileen Anderson. It looks like John will not be returning from Florida until about May 1st. PS: Our new granddaughter's name is Kristen Elizabeth Grubb and we are looking forward to her first visit to Kelleys Island in May!

Best Wishes,  
Bob & Millie Grubb  
Canton, Michigan

We enjoy the paper very much!  
Keep up the good work...

Tony Kuchar  
Maple Hts., Ohio

Page 7.

We really enjoy the Home Town News. It's better every issue! We especially liked the articles by Mar Schock and the issue with my sister and brother-in-law Detsy and Andy ERne.

Keep 'em coming!!

Catherine McManis  
University Hts.

Enclosed is our check for the renewal of Home Town News. Although we built our cottage over 25 yrs. ago, we are still strangers to so many on the island. I guess you can call us weekenders...its the only time we have there. We want you to know how much we do enjoy the island News. Our best and good luck.

Enis & Al Conno  
Lorain, Ohio

Dear Carol;

We don't know you well enough to call you by your first name, but we do know Ben well enough to call him "anything"! We have been getting the Island News second hand. Now, we have decided to subscribe to it. You have come a long way with the paper. It is really a very interesting piece of reading. Thank you.

Mrs. John Perkinson  
Sandusky, Ohio

As former residents of Kelleys Island, we are deeply interested in all news and activities of the island. My husband's parents were M/M Michael Sabo & my parents were M/M Albert Rudolph. My husband & I were both students of Estes High and were married at St. Michael's church in 1940. We left the island in 1941 and still manage to get back there at least once a year.

My husband is now retired, but I am still working as banquet manager of the Celebrity Room in Mayfield Heights, Ohio. Ann & George Kekelik are very close friends of ours and they gave us copies of the K.I. Home Town News. We think it's an excellent paper, and are looking forward to receiving ours as regular customers! Keep up the good work and we hope to meet you when we come to the Island this summer.

Sincerely,  
M/M George Sabo  
(Theresa)

Would like two subscriptions to your great paper...one for us and one for our son, Jim. He was omitted in the article about us. We met Bob Schmitker and he told us about the article. The paper was received that day. Needless to say, we hurriedly looked one up! Were we surprised!!! Keep up the good work!

M/M Andrew Erne  
Sandusky, Ohio

Where in the world did you find the pictures of the ball teams for the March issue? I must keep that issue. I took the center fold and had it framed. That was some ball team. I was the bat boy for that team and the first real baseball glove I ever had was given to me by Ollie Schesselman. It was a three-fingered glove as I remember. Did you notice the resemblance of Roland Brown to a young Bing Crosby?

There are two more pictures of KI sports you might want to include in one of your future issues. I think Teddy Blatt has both photos. One is of our 1940-41 basket ball team & the other is of the Red Wings baseball team.

Have a nice summer season. I hope to see all of you around August.

Rodger "Ike" Kurtz  
Cupertino, Ca. 95014

I wish to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, food, flowers, plants and visits I received during my hospital stay. Also, thanks to the priest, sisters, nurses and doctors at Providence Hospital.

Sincerely yours,  
Robert Erne  
Kelleys Island, Ohio



# EASTER EGG H

By Carol Elfers

Sunny skies prevailed over the festivities at the annual Easter Egg Hunt in the village square.

This year's event was well attended by kids of all ages, another example of community-minded islanders providing the opportunity for everyone to participate in a worthwhile project.

A total of 15 dozen eggs were colored and hidden throughout the

park to the delight of the totting youngsters. The prizes were received from the Flying Service, N. the Matso's, Wayne Frankie Pohorence John Staires, Dick Mary Ellen Huntle

Hidden deep in the was a special Easter a note to the editor News and a large treats...it was s "Easter Bunny", h writing resembled Blatt. The gesture appreciated!

The "Easter Bunny" person (Jude Ever proper set of ears The painted makeu her natural beauty loved her special

Those who colored

Pat Har  
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L. to R. Jim Kennedy gets a from Easter Bunny, Jude Ever while Peggy Bianchi contemplates the number of eggs she colle



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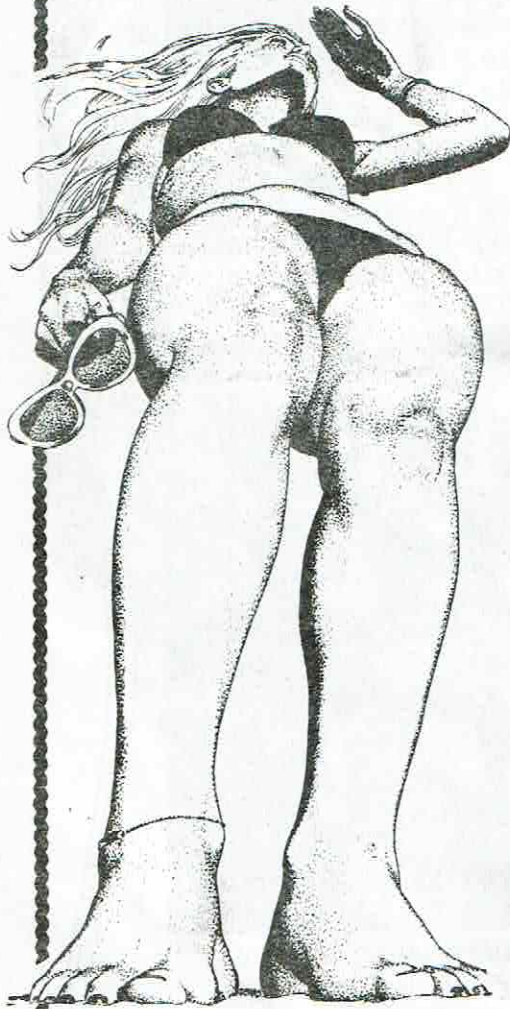
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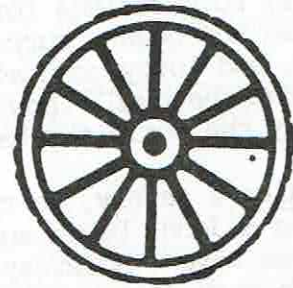
**JOSEPH ADAM**, 77, passed away recently after a prolonged illness in Cleveland, Ohio. He was preceded in death by a brother, Anthony, Frank, and his sister, Mary Vogler. He is survived by Anna Klosterneyer, Lillian Petrick, Charles, Edward and James, all of Cleveland. Employed by the Peerless Automatic Machine Co. Cleveland for 44 years, he retired at the age of 62. He owned a cottage on Kelleys for 25 years, but began regular trips there many years previous. He always carried his corn cob pipe in one hand and scratched the welcome ear of family dog, Pancho. Through his generosity, this editor spent many delightful weekends on the island. He loved whiskey from a mug and Bohemian music from the victrola. We loved him.



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On Tuesday, April 8th, we left Kelleys on the first lap of our journey to our daughter's home in Westwood, N.J. That evening we stopped at our oldest son, Bill's home in Olean N.Y. where we spent the night. Continuing early the next morning, we headed east on Southern Tier Expressway (R.17), an extension of the route we traveled last fall. We had the expressway all to ourselves for the first 1½ hours of the journey and were awed with the beauty surrounding us; open country, rolling hills, deep valleys, and lofty mountains. I couldn't help but bring to mind the first line from the hymn, "How Great Thou art" - "As I with awesome wonder, survey the world thy hands have made"!!!

Reaching Coralee's safely, we rested up a few days and then were accompanied by Coralee & John, David and Paul on a side trip to John's grandparents in Toms River, N.Jersey. After a delicious lunch, we headed for the Ocean! We parked right alongside the boardwalk of a beach called Sea-Side Heights and got out to wade through ankle deep, clean, glistening white sand. Standing near the water's edge, we watched the huge breakers come rolling in. The tide was coming in too, and our grandchildren had a great time racing the water as it spread into foam.

Walking along the boardwalk, we saw that some of the many shops were already open for business. Then back to Coralee's. Went shopping one day and bought a latch hook rug kit, and our 12 yr. old David taught me how to work with it. Now, I have it over 1/3 finished!

We will head back for Cleveland on April 22 and my eye doctor's appt. At that time, I shall find out whether or not I shall need surgery in my other eye!

#### APRIL ISLAND HAPPENINGS:

As usual, Zion's Sunrise Easter service and breakfast following were lovely. St. Michael's Sedar Service and pot-luck on Maundy Thursday were well attended by over 50 persons. As usual, the readings and symbolic foods were an inspiration to all during this Holy week. And after heavy rains and foggy weather most of April, the sun took pity on us and shone beautifully for Easter Day. Perfect for church-going and the Easter Egg Hunt that afternoon.

Heard one traveler remark that from the air Kelleys looked like a giant sponge, we have had so much rain lately. Cottage owners who live on the back roads have had difficulty reaching home with vehicles due to the mud.



### MARCH HAPPENINGS:

My last month's copy had to be ready before I could report on the St. Patrick's Day dinner at the VFW Hall. Once more, it was a very delicious meal of melt-in-your-mouth corned beef, tender cabbage, parsley potatoes and various salads, plus Irish soda bread. Our thanks to Laurie and Steve James who master minded the affair, and to their helpers, Donna Farmer, Ethel Fox, Martha Onders and Bernice Terwilliger.

Bert Miller and "Koke" were among the very first arrivals in the pre-ferry gang. Wayne Finger came along soon after and the very day after Jim and Vange Bugel got back Vange stopped by with a jar of tangelo marmalade...and we didn't even house-sit for them while they were in Fla! As I said before, it's nice to be a "stay-at-home" when the "go-aways" bring back gifts for you!

Elmer and Rosie Craft were among the arrivals on the first ferry. She stopped by for her keys and gave us a huge bag of fresh oranges! When we get back to Kelleys on the 23rd, we shall find just about everybody back and we shall be so glad to see them all again!

Way back in Feb. there was a poem in Dear Abbeys column which caught my fancy and I read it to my husband: "I'd rather have one flower now, pink or white or red, than have a truckload of them when I'm dead" A few days later (St. Valentine's Day) Lee got all dressed for ice fishing and grabbed his lunch and took off. About 45 min. later, he was back, carrying in his arms a beautiful red tulip plant...My Valentine from him and Ronnie! It pays to advertise!

A recent Kiwanis bulletin that Lee receives had a saying "You can tell a man there are 350 billion stars in the sky and he will believe you... but tell him the paint on a bench is wet, and he will have to TOUCH IT This reminds me of the day Hank Knapp came with Bud Yoscovits to pick Lee's fishing shanty up. He saw Lee's name painted on the front and asked "Is that paint wet?" And before Lee could tell him that it was indeed VERY wet, as he had just finished lettering it, Hank ran his gloved hand over the name. What a mess! We love to kid Hank about that!

And speaking of Hank, there is a stone displayed prominently on the shelf at the VFW which has an uncanny resemblance to Hank KNapp. The story goes like this: Curt Boker, who has walked every inch of the island throughout his many years here, discovered the stone on a beach. He was impressed with the unique rock, which did indeed look like a



hand-carved caricature of Hank's profile. Curt carried the stone home and went one step further, he found an old blue knit beeny and put it on the stone's "head"...Voila! It was indeed truly Hank's profile captured there naturally by the sand and waves of Lake Erie. On display now at the VFW, the rock is the topic of many conversations and equally, many smiles of disbelieving customers. Best yet, Hank gets just as big a kick out of the find as everybody else does.

Several issues ago, Del Ehrbar wrote a fine letter regarding how wonderful the year-round Islander's rally round to help out at funerals and being a fairly new year-round resident, I agree very much. Also, thanks so much for those compliments, Del...I am the lucky one!

#### RACCOONS DAMAGE TAYLOR'S TOEHOLD

Mother coons, it seems, never forget where they nursed their first brood and poor Jerry Taylor found out the hard way when he returned on the first ferry of the spring. Coons had ripped three large holes in the ceiling of his bunk house next to the cottage. The nest and added weight of the babies has caused the ceiling to sag and the animal waste has all but ruined his new ceiling! Jerry and Caroline found themselves facing the same problem several years ago, and never dreamed 'Mama Coon' would return to repeat her performance. They expect to remove the young ones within the next few weeks...anybody want a baby coon?

#### CHICKENS SELECTED TO SHOW AT HEIDELBURG

Teresa Trumpower, daughter of Mary and Walter Lesczynski, granddaughter of Rosetta Navorska, was recently selected to take her science fair project to Heidelberg for further judging at the state level. Having been selected as "superior" among the many projects from St. Mary's in Sandusky, Ohio, the display provided first hand information on the development of a chicken during each day of it's development. Teresa raised the eggs in an incubator at home, and the handfull of chicks which were allowed to hatch have adopted her as their mother.

#### WEDDING SHOWER

A bridal shower was held on Sunday, April 20 at St. Michael's Church Hall for Debby Blatt. Given by Pam and Paula Haig, the affair was catered by Bea Matso who also provided a hand-hooked throw pillow as her gift to the bride-to-be. Is there no end to this lady's talent? Deb and Keith Haig have set May 2nd as their wedding date in Sandusky.



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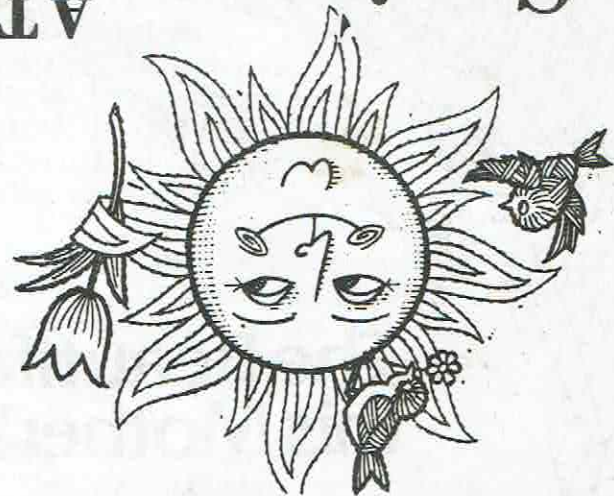
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## And the winner is...

Two tried and true "diehards" managed to beat everyone else to the Marblehead boat dock on Saturday, April 5, 1980 for the first scheduled trip to Kelleys...Mr. and Mrs. Al Rumel of North Olmsted, Ohio are this year's "FIRST IN LINE" winners! "We had planned to be on the first ferry, but were really surprised to discover that we were the first ones there!" Marge confided. "We got there early, I'm not sure what time, but we did watch the sun rise over the lake that morning!" she added. An unannounced freight run several days previous from Sandusky found Ted Blatt aboard, making him the first to actually return and set foot on the island this spring by ferry boat. However, since most were not aware of this special trip, he is not eligible for the award.



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*in the limelight*

NEWLYWEDS, DEB BLATT AND KEITH HAIG....  
(See inside for more exclusive photos)



# No kid stuff

Third in a series of articles written by Emeline Kelley Huntington...  
one of the early settlers on Kelleys Island...

" Going a mile to school was what took up my time 7 months in the yr. Five & a half days in the week, and 4 of July, N.Y. and Christmas our only holidays.

When there was snow on the ground there was lots of fun sliding down hill and playing in the snow. Father had an old horse that was not required to do any work. This I used to hitch to a sap sled (asled made to draw maple sap in barrels to the fire to boil down & make maple sugar.) It had no shafts so going down hill it was necessary for all to get off & hold the sled back so it would not run on the heels of the horse. It was great sport to get more girls on the sled than could ride very well. Every little while one would tumble off in the snow.

In spring, father made a barrel or two of maple sugar, and some syrup. Loretta & I started out in the mning with an iron kettle between us on a horse, expecting to boil down enough to get what we wanted to eat. We spent our time playing, and keeping the sap boiling. It would sometimes boil over and put the fire out & sometimes would get nearly cold for the want of fire. At night we had for our trouble two dresses so black with dirt, sap and black off the kettle & torn it went into the paper rags. Face & hands smutty enough for a blacksmith, and not the ounce of sugar or even syrup to taste. But we did have lots of fun with three of my brothers playing tag, hide & seek, etc. etc.

We expected to get a scolding for getting so dirty, but we looked comically dirty and our mama had to laugh.

I came near forgetting to tell you about milking. Old Gent was a very kind old cow, but very jealous. I milked her twice a day for several years, and could make her shake her head and chase the other cows by pretending I was going to milk them first. I learned to milk very young. My brothers had to milk and they told me it would make my hands large and strong to milk. In my scuffles with my older brothers, the want of strength was a great trial. I would do anything if I was only strong enough to shake them up as they did me, especially when they washed my face with snow.



My first school house was a log building with three windows, one door, a punchion floor and an open fire place with stick & mud chimney. The mud was dug from under the floor, which made quite a hole and used often to put bad schollars in by raising a plank in the floor. There were cracks between the puncheons wide enough to drop quill pens & sla pencils into this hole. We were ordered to stand when we recited, read, or spelled, with our toes close to a crack in the floor to keep us in a line. Sometimes the bad boys in the hole stuck the old pens through the crack and pricked our bare feet. When I was ten yrs. old the township built a frame schoolhouse. The old one was so dark, father thought it best to put a small window in front of each desk and to prevent one schollar jiggling his neighbors elbows when writing a board partition was put between each desk.

It was a funny looking building inside and out, and I never saw one like it. Beauty of architecture was left out. It was an improvement over the log schoolhouse and more convenient than beautiful.

When I was 12 I was churning in the milk house one day and one of fathers workmen came along and leaning on the door, asked me if I would have him...I was mad and astonished! No, said I, what put that into your head? He said John (another workman). Then I was mad at John, but I would not please him by saying anything to let him know that Jim had said a word to me. It was my first Pop. No hearts broken.

My next Pop was a red-headed Irish boy named Sam. He was quite a poet good singer, and great chum of brother, Daniel. He would lend me his sled to slide down hill and often brought it up hill again for me.

I thought him clever and took his galantry very satisfactorly. One winter day Sam handed me a slip of paper with some verses the theme was all about "The girl on Lake Erie's shore." I never suspected I was the girl, until Dan got hold of it and teased me! He never let up on me until I was thoroughly mad at him and Sam. I wanted nothing more of Sam or his sled. There was no reason for being mad at Sam of course, for being selected as his best girl was a compliment, but he was the cause of my being most terribly teased & I wished him & his poetry in some hot place. Sam is still living, is STate Geologist in Iowa and a Judge of the courts. Is married and one daughter a minister in a respectable church in Cleveland.

To be continued next month.....





# LOVE

ISLAND  
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Keith Haig and Debby Blatt were united in marriage recently in a candlelight ceremony at St. Peter and Paul Church, Sandusky.

Even the weather cooperated in making this event one of spiritual impressiveness as well as graceful beauty. Twilight filtered through-out the hushed church as the wedding party, resplendent in white tuxedos and frothy pink formals, began the familiar wedding march to the altar. Debby's ready smile greeted all guests present and Keith never appeared happier, as he glowed.

A reception followed at the UAW hall. Guests were heard to comment repeatedly regarding seeing each other "dressed up". It was a happy reunion of old island friends and family as well as many mutual acquaintances

Champaign flowed as easily as the conversation and music until the early hours of morning. No one was anxious to leave, and many guests lingered in the parking lot talking and sharing the warm spring breezes.

A special magic prevailed over the entire celebration, island lovers getting together can make it happen.



PROUD PARENTS, TED AND BONNIE BLATT GREETED WEDDING GUESTS



STEALING THE SHOW: HOWARD BROOK III AND PAM HAIG WERE SHOW STOPPERS AS RING BEARER AND FLOWER GIRL



WEDDING CELEBRATION BRINGS ISLANDERS TOGETHER AGAIN FOR THE GOOD TIMES

Jake Martin (left) trys hard to convince Bob Schmittker (center) and Joe Onders (right) that Florida fishing is the greatest. Bob and Joe appear unimpressed.....



Thressa Bucsi watches Bridal Dance at recent Blatt-Haig reception

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A born and raised Kelleys Islander, Paul Matso attended the area's vocational high school, EHOVE for the past two years. Majoring in carpentry, Paul is planning a career in the building field. He will be employed by the John Windish Construction Co. Sandusky.

He has been commuting back and forth to the island over the past two years by plane on a daily basis to attend school.

- ' "The island is becoming more of a vacation resort than when I was growing up as a kid here," Paul said.
- ' "We really had to work and be on our toes at all times because we knew that everyone in the community knew us and would report to our parents," he laughed

The son of Bea and Russ Matso, Paul's grandfather Joe Matso, was a well known islander. He owned and operated the Lodge since 1927. Prior to this, the building was used as a grocery and general store.

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# Super Sounds!

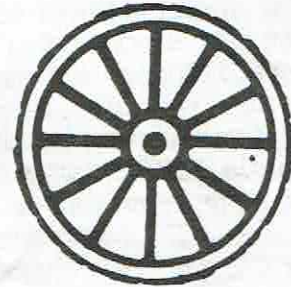
Six lively groups will again provide live entertainment at Dirty Dons CASINO This summer....From Ft. Myers, Fla. where they have been making thousands of people happy are: The Precious Ones, Pipers Alley, Ken and Karla, Lionsting, and opening this years season at THE CASINO, Andy Winkler and the Orange River Band. Also appearing in June, Willies Bandwagon.

Winkler recently received the "Entertainer of the Year" award at the Florida Country Music Association. Those who enjoyed him at THE CASINO last summer, will recall the top country chart tunes for which he is famous, also the classics, "Your Cheatin Heart, I'm So Lonesome I could Cry, and "Good Hearted Woman".

Orange River Band has new faces from far away places. Tom O'Neal is from Martin City Montana. Dave Clarke calls Michigan home, but spent a lot of time in Texas. Jack Brooks on percussion is from the Boston suburb of Peabody, Mass. He also performs magic tricks during breaks, including an enthralling stage show that includes sawing a lady in half!

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DEAR .....

# Home Town News

Yesterday when we went to Cleveland, we saw a copy of the KELLEYS ISLAND HOME TOWN NEWS. Since I lived at Kelleys from 1925-1956 (and visited longer) I was really glad to hear about so many friends and family I knew.

Like the others, I have the best memories of the island, watching the big freighters load at the West Bay Dock, lawn fetes at each of the churches (including the Reformed Church) with all the good food, home-made ice cream and games of all kinds, all the "June Bugs" that piled up under the street lights and had to be shoveled up into trucks each morning...it was so much fun to step on them and then hear the crack, but they were slippery to step on, catching minnows at night to go fishing through the ice...everyone took a turn pulling up the nets and then headed for warmer places and friendly times at Charlie's or Joes, and what couple didn't take a turn at "parking" under the big buckeye tree at the carp trap (where the marina is now).

I think one of the best things God gave us is a memory, and mine is sure full of happy years of Kelleys Island, both as a child and a mother. It's so good there is someone who is doing such a fine job of uniting all those who love that big hunk of rock in Lake Erie. See you in August!!!

Dorothy Jean Hummel Schlesselman  
Oyler  
Hebron, Ohio 43025

I'm sorry that I am so late with the check. Wouldn't let our subscription lapse for the world. The paper is fantastic! Keep up the good work!

Pixie Schwartz  
Lakewood, Ohio

We sure do enjoy the island paper. It brings back lots of happy memories of happy days for Don. We think its great you give so many people so much pleasure. Thanks so much.

Don/Mary Ellen Beatty  
St. Joseph, Michigan

Heard you would like some more advertisers. Please sign us up and bill me. You can use the enclosed card as your guide. Thanks for a great little paper! Looks like its getting bigger all the time.

Norie/Bob Mielke  
Sandusky, Ohio

Our gratitude to you and so many Islanders for their concern in our grief at the loss of our Dad.

Helen Whimren & children  
Lakewood, Ohio

PS: We find much joy in your ever growing paper!



BACK HOME AGAIN AND HAPPY TO FIND SO MANY "SNOW BIRDS" back! Jake and Jessie Martin, Betty Ryan, Dawn Kekelik and Ruth Perruchon... Later on Theo and Franklin Clark showed up. We were finishing breakfast one morning and who should drive in but Mary and Don Williams! They had a present for us, a beautiful clock made from cypress wood! Another "Thank You" for house-setting. With Elmer Crafts gift of oranges and Jakie's grapefruit, we are the healthiest people on the island!

Jim and Eila Russell were another couple that took advantage of Neuman's "early freight run" on Tuesday before the regular ferry made it's first trip of the year. Jim nearly scared Lee (my husband) out of a year's growth! Lee had been chec king Crafts home and usually walks over and checks Jim house as well. He got to their driveway and discovered an unfamiliar car parked there all loaded with electronic equipment. -the cottage back door was wide open. "Oh NO,!" thought Lee..."I've interrupted a robbery"! He walked to the door and knocked. A voice replied, "Who's there?" Lee answered, "Myers". The voice said "COME IN", and Lee entered to find Jim under the kitchen sink fixing a pipe! Boy, was that a relief!

The electronic equipment might well have been something necessary for the work Jim Russell and Father Sherbno of St. Michaels Church here have been working on. He has been setting up an amature radio station in the parish house so Father Sherbno, who recently received his amature licence will be able to talk around the world when he gets used to the system. Jim has the highest rating, that of "extra class" in the

business and has been in the field of radio since 1912 when he was the first radio amature to be logged and heard overseas with his own home-made rig. This first set is now considered a relic and is in the wireless museum of Newington, Conn. Jim is an official FCC examiner and gave the test to father Sherbno. He is an official observer and Assistant Director of American Radio Relay League. His wife, Eila, has advanced to the 2nd highest rank in amature operators and is past president of the international group, Young Ladies Radio League Inc. They meet each week and talk world wide. Eila's call numbers are: WA8EBS, Jim is known as W8BU and Father Sherbno is called KA8 1XP.

Joe Onders is also involved in the project at the parish house, and soon Kelleys Island may be a familiar word across the globe!