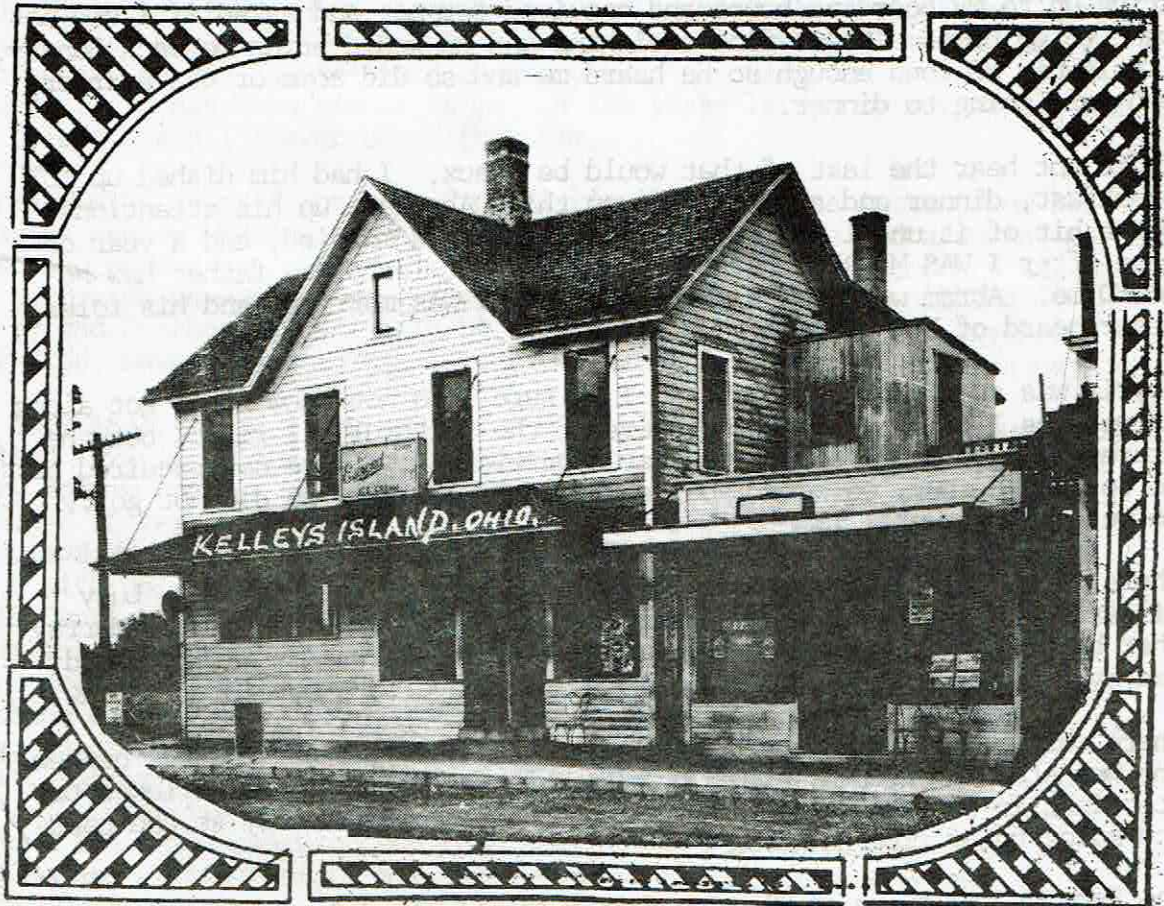


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KELLEYS ISLAND Home Town News

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BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN KELLEYS ISLAND IN THE 1930's
THOSE WERE THE DAYS, MY FRIEND.....

For lovers only

(This is the fourth in a series of articles written by Emmeline Kelley Huntington, one of the first Kelleys to settle on the island. She wrote the manuscript while in her 70's as a gift to her granddaughter.) As the story starts today, Emeline recounts her early courtships. At this time, she is residing with her family on the outskirts of Cleveland.

There was a man named Abram who lived not far from my home who gave me lot of trouble- Was quite a favorite with mother and my brothers. He was 28 yrs. older than I was and I disliked the special attention he gave me very much. I never got rid of him until I was 18 yrs. old. When I was in Elyria at school, he wanted to come with his sleigh and take me home. I would not answer his letters, finally one Friday, about noon, who should drive up to my boarding house and enquired for me, and asked if I did not want to go home. It was fine sleighing and he would bring me back Sunday. I told him NO loud enough so he heard me and so did some of the boarders who were going to dinner.

I did not hear the last of that would be beaux. I had him dished up for breakfast, dinner and supper. Do you think Abe gave up his attentions? Not a bit of it until he found I was going to be married, and a year or more after I WAS MARRIED he wrote the silliest letter to father how he LOVED me. Abram went south about the time I was married, and his folks never heard of him again!

Elyria was a very pious town, and I am sure I do not know how I got along as well as I did. I had the prayers of the faithful all right, but the prayers did not affect my orthodoxy a particle. We were not required to go to church, but, we were made very uncomfortable if we did not go... so we usually went.

There were 4 girls in one room all students of Mr. Eels school. Lucy Millard, Clarissa Battell and myself. Lucy afterward became Mrs. Murray what became of the other, I do not know. Clarissa was my favorite and had my brother Daniel lived, would probably have been my sister in law.

There were 5 young men boarders who were students and Dr. Howards nephew who was studying medicine with Dr. Howard. No young man was allowed to step foot in our room, and our acquaintance was made mostly at the table and going to or from meeting.

Joe Perkins was a son of the man father bought the island of, and well off. Joe died in Cleveland 5 years ago, leaving several children millionaires and very much respected. The two Segars, Wm. and Jo were sent to school by their two older brothers who kept the American House in Cleveland.

Cousin George Kelley disgusted everybody by getting drunk occasionally, and he died a year ago. Lived a drunkard all his life.....

Wm. Segar was my companion to church, and prayer meeting and I liked much for a beaux better than any of the rest. In fact, I thought a good deal of him as he evidently did of me. He went home with me and stayed two days after school and wrote me an affectionate letter which I fully expected to answer when we parted. But did not answer it, hardly know why. Out of sight and out of mind, I guess was about it. When a girl 14 yrs. old is away from home and among strangers, attentions are very captivating and pleasant, and think they are in love sometimes.

Hypnotism, I think, which disappears after a short absence. Several yrs. after I saw him, I heard Wm. was clerking in a store in Cleveland and I went there to buy some ribbond on purpose to see him, but did not or if I did, I did not know him or he me. A few years later, my mother met him in Toledo, is all I ever heard from him.

Three months after I got home from Elyria, I received a letter from Dr. Howards nephew wishing to open a correspondence with me and assuring me of his high regard etc. Brother Julius brought it from the P.office and read it before he gave it to me. I was very angry with him for opening my letters, and brother did not help by teasing me. I did not care anything for Fred, never answered his letter and never heard of him to this day.

In July 1834, after I got home from Elyria, I had a letter from Aunt Mary Kelley inviting me to go to Columbus to school and live with them. Aunt Mary and my cousins were at our house summers a good deal and my parents thought it very nice chance for me to see the world and get some schooling Gov. and Mrs. Wood wanted Loretta to go with me which she did. Father went with us. The best way to get from Cleveland to Columbus was via the Ohio Canal to Newark and thence by stage to Columbus. I never had so pleasant time as on that trip. There were two young men students of Oxford college going back to their school that were out on a lark. We knew nothing about them and father very discreetly kept good watch over us. One day, we got very sociable with the young men on the deck of the canal boat. Father soon got a chance to give us a talking to. He only said; "Girls, those two young men are perfect strangers, be careful." I guess we needed the timely warning and rose several degrees in their estimation by our change of behavior to him, and we had a better time than when we were more giddy.

Years later, I often heard of Charley Anderson, what a brilliant man he was, the parties given in Columbus for him, the trip on the canal with us girls. He has been Lt. Governor of Ohio.

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Kelleys Homecoming *

The annual Kelleys Island Homecoming celebration for the 1980 summer season is scheduled for Saturday, August 16th on the island.

A full day of fun and celebrating will center around Division Street at the heart of the island.

Homecoming organizers

are searching for parade participants at the present time. For more information concerning Kelleys Island and the Homecoming celebration contact Carol Elfers, 804 Feick Bldg., Sandusky, Ohio 44870 or phone (419) 625-4551.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.....LETTERS.....

"THANK YOU!" FOR MAKING GRADUATION A VERY MEMORABLE DAY IN MY LIFE.

PAUL MATSO

SONG TO: KELLEYS ISLAND

CORRECTION:

Kelleys Island here we come,
Just a bunch of stumble buns:
Our paradise is a sea of blue,
We're always so glad to come back
to you

Correct information regarding photo of K. I. School students on Page 8 K. I. Home Town News June 1980 edition;

Our colors are the black and blue,
Our flower is the fever few.
Our aim in life is "nothing to do"
We're never too busy to say Howdy Doo.

NOT THE GRADUATING CLASS, but a flight to Sandusky for an inter-county basketball game. Date 1980. The girls pictured were cheerleaders.

When our visit to the garden spot
Must always come to a stop
Although we hate to say adieu-
We're never too busy to say "Helieu".

The boys pictured were part of the K. I. basketball team. Only Jim Bugel pictured graduated from the island in 1965. Rest of group graduated from various mainland schools. Laura & Lenore in 1968, Lizabeth in 1969 and Terry in 1967. Norbert McKillips also pictured, was the coach at that time.

(Song (tune long forgotten) composed by Bud Spang and others from the West End Club about 25 years ago.

Thanks to Shari Paynter for the contribution....Editor

It was so nice meeting you & learning more about the K.I. News. I feel I'm part of K. I. as we have been coming up there for so many years and do know many of the Islanders. Enclosed is my check for a subscription.

Recently I have heard about an Island newspaper being published. I would greatly appreciate being put on your mailing list as I was born and raised on K. Island.

Thank you sincerely,
Mrs. A. H. Biehl
Akron, Ohio &
Navorska Trailer Pk.
Kelleys Island, O.

My maiden name was Helen Mervo and I graduated with class of '34. I left in 1937, but have been a frequent visitor over the years. I have been out of touch lately with island happenings, so naturally I was happy to hear of your paper. I will be looking forward to next issue.

GOOD WORK, CARRY ON!
Frank & Frances Primosch,
Cleveland, Ohio

Gratefully,
Mrs. Helen Dietrich
3568 W. 65 St. Cleve.

Come and Celebrate



Left to right top row; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hoare,
Johnny Becks, Mrs. Al Connone, Bottom row - Hoare
Al, Edna and Roger Carroll.

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Our Anniversary

M/M John Hoare Celebrate Fifty Years Together



Bartel, Laverne Ehrbar, Tom ?, Del Ehrbar, Eileen Anderson, ly portrait, Mrs. Millie Smallbrook and friend, Far right -

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Darby
and Mr. and Mrs. Pete
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POST SCRIPTS

Just a short letter to let you know how very much we appreciate reading the HOME TOWN NEWS. It sure fills me with nostalgia to see names and faces of folks I've known for many years.

I spent my first birthday at Kelleys 62 yrs. ago and for many more years after that. The island is our Camelot...and we regret the fact we haven't been up for the past three or four years. This year is too certain as my dear wife, Dotty, has been quite sick.

Not too long ago, Sam and Kay Bauman (an old island friend) stopped for an overnight visit. And a few years ago, we were in Don Lange's family room in New Orleans the night Hank Aaron broke Babe Ruth's record.

Have some snapshots you may be interested in for future issues of the paper. They include Frank and Bill Brown and others. If you'd like to use them, please let me know. Also, let me know the sub. price of paper.

You are doing a great job and both former islanders and summer folks should appreciate it. By the way, we spent some 20 summers in the Frank Hamilton house on the south shore...all summer long each yr. Last time we were up (about 4 yrs. ago,) Catherine Hamilton (God rest her soul) took us all through the old place and it brought back many childhood memories.

I write a little trivia column that appears in three weeklies here on the Florida West Coast and I'm enclosing one. Actually, I'm retired from editing and publishing, but the column is fun and it seems to be quite well received.

Keep up the good work, we really loved what we've seen so far. If we do get up this summer, and that depends on my wife's doctor's OK) I will look you up. Please tell all the islanders and the summer folks I'm long standing that EDDIE RYAN SAYS HELLO...GOD BLESS!

Eddie Ryan
1923 Dolphin Drive
Belleair Bluffs, Fla. 33540

From one of the schoolmarms who married an Islander back in 1950, please send K. I. Home Town news to my son, Wm. Schmittker, Wake Forest, N. Carolina.

Sincerely,
Viva R Schmittker

SPEAK OUT

Dear Editor:

We hope our check for the summer subscription has arrived by now. The K.I. Home Town News has become a pleasant habit that we would miss very much!

My husband, Jim and I were wondering if you would print a letter or part of one concerning the City Council Meetings that are usually held once a month. We were fortunate enough to attend the meeting of May 8th of this year, which covered an interesting variety of business... from CPR training to be held June 6, 7 and 8th, to zoning changes for different individuals to the need for new equipment for the Fire Dept. This last subject was the one that held our interest. We wondered how many people on the Island knew how old the Fire Dept. equipment is, and just how difficult it is for our volunteer Fire Dept. to make it work. Our understanding was that the pump was of an ancient vintage that was very difficult for the average fireman to work...we were amazed that City Council didn't think it necessary to replace this pump. The money seems to be on hand, but Council does not want to spend it. Slow spending is usually to be commended, but judicious spending for a necessary piece of equipment that could save lives seemed of the utmost importance to us and to many of the other folks attending this meeting. What a shame it would be that a disaster would have to happen to prove the need for a pump that could at least be used. We would really appreciate it if this subject would be brought up in your newspaper so that more people knew of this need that concerns them and their loved ones.

Sincerely,
Jim & Margie Gerry

1873 Dwight St. Cuyahoga Falls, O. 442

EDITORS NOTE: K.I. Volunteer Fire Dept. representatives contacted us last year regarding the importance of MORE INVOLVED PERSONS from the community. A large majority of the department is near retirement age, or older. WE NEED MORE REGULAR VOLUNTEERS TO ATTEND MEETINGS AND LEARN TO OPERATE THE EQUIPMENT. PLEASE CONTACT ANY FIRE DEPT. MEMBER FOR MORE INFORMATION AND THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, BECOME INVOLVED.....

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.....Was fun reading the news...recognizing some names and totally unfamiliar with others, but enjoyed it all. Please enter our sub. for H.Town News. Aunt Ruth Schmittker tells us it is \$7.00. Floyd says to tell Ben hello, and asks "how are you?"

Floyd & Mariel Kiefer
1357 Corry Ave. Toledo, O 43614

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COMMUNITY

COMMENTS

BY CORADINE MYERS

Saturday, May 31st, 1980 will be long remembered by the Islanders. On the morning of that day we buried Lee Brown, age 93 yrs. His death was such a tragic one. Something happened to Lee as he was riding his lawn mower causing him to run off his lawn- across the road and end up at the edge of the cliff. He was found on the stones below. The same afternoon, graveside services were held for Carl Schock, (Godfried's brother). He was 86 yrs. old and in striking contrast to Lee Brown, he died peacefully in his sleep. Our deepest sympathies to both families.

That same afternoon marked a Golden Anniversary celebration for John Hoare. Congratulations to you both and may you celebrate many more years together.

That evening, Paul Matso was the lone, but very proud graduate. His family made up quite a cheering section, with his cousin doing most of the cheering. The "Open House" afterwards at Paul's home was such a bountiful affair, with all sorts of Bea's goodies to pile up on your plate. We all wish Paul the very best in his new venture!

On Monday, June 2nd, the Sunday Night "Regulars" - (V.F.W. Potluck) gathered at the Vet's Hall for a scrumptious spaghetti dinner, served by that talented couple, Laurie and Steve James! It was their idea from beginning to end, and as usual, was every bit as good as we expected it to be. We had spaghetti/meat balls, a side order of Italian sausage, tossed salad, garlic bread and cherry or apple cobbler for dessert! Yummy!! Thanks, Steve and Laurie!!

Today is Sunday June 15th, Father's day and at church this morning, the fathers were all called to the altar rail and handed gifts. On Mother's Day, the same gesture was provided for the mothers and I think that it is such a beautiful tradition. After church, Ron and I took Daddy (Lee) out to the Island House for dinner. (Seems as tho all I have written about so far has been FOOD! Kelleys Island is surely a poor place to diet!

Did you ever notice that it has never failed to rain, really RAIN whenever the square dancers pay us a call...It happened again today, and I feel so sorry for them, especially the girls, as they always WALK from the boat dock. I do think it would be nice if, in the future, we could line up volunteer escort service for them.

When we took that trip to Coralees we had to stop at the vets for a shot for our dog Bryan, before we could take him to the kennels. The doctor gave him a check up and remarked that he was in very good shape for a dog 11½ yrs. of age and said, "Kelleys Island must be good for dogs!" It's good for people too, doctor!!!!

Several months ago, as I was watching TV suddenly the tube went black and no sound came forth! (not that I knew that) Told my husband about it, and good 'Old Mr. Fixit' pulled the TV away from the wall, removed back panel and checked tubes. Figured which one he needed, called 'Mr. Fixit #2' Bud Yoscovits to see if he had the tubes. He did, and came down to the house with them. After monkeying around for quite awhile, both figured the tubes needed testing and probably would need replacement. As Lee was about to replace the back panel, he noticed a lever in one corner of the set and pushed it. Nearly jumped a foot!...as the sound and picture came on with a rush! As he was finally replacing the panel, he noticed some lettering running slantwise across the panel. It said: "IF YOUR TV DOESN'T WORK, PUSH THIS LEVER"!!! (the one he had just pushed) Thought that was a pretty good joke on our Mr. Fixit!!

SICK BAY: The tests Ellies Hughes had last month showed gall stones, so she had to have her gall bladder removed. She is home now, and looking great! We heard that Bucky Harris had by-pass surgery and was at a Toledo hospital. And Roy Erne had to be hospitalized several weeks ago and the last we heard he was feeling much better. Del McCune, Michelle Finger's mother, underwent surgery recently, reports are that she is recovering now. We wish them all God Speed.

Our ceramics mentor, Ethel Fox, took a vacation from us for the month of May and we started classes again on June 3rd. I was pleased to make the acquaintance of Edna Carroll and to renew that of Laverne Ehrbar. They are old hands at ceramics and sitting next to Laverne, I found that she was so helpful! As i was "cleaning" my newest project- an egg shaped candy dish, I broke off a scallop on the edge. But Ethel was able to fix it, as it had not been fired yet. Edna said to me "You have to be very graceful in handling these objects" and even as she spoke, she broke into two pieces the item she was working on...graceful or clumsy, it is easy to do! (break things). All in all, tho, I enjoy the ceramics class so very much. It is so very interesting and fascinating to learn of all the different methods there are in which to finish our greenware, as the unfinished objects are called. I look forward to Tuesdays when our class is held, and also enjoy the company of the ladies.

So long for now,
Coradine



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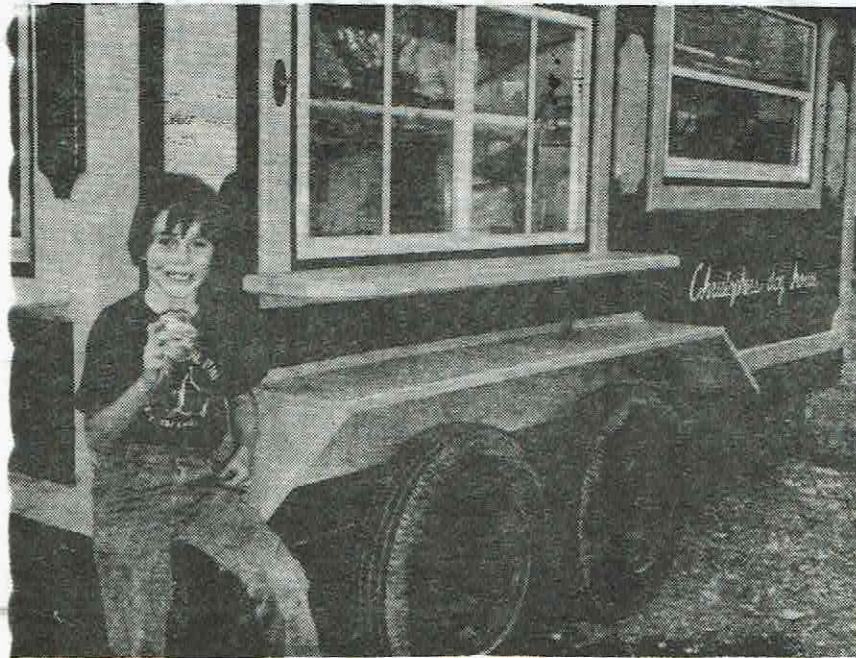


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