

APRIL 1981 EDITION

KELLEYS ISLAND

Home Town News



ALL ABOARD!

WHY ARE THESE PEOPLE SMILING???.....
Because they were the lucky ones to visit
Kelleys Island on March 25, 1981, the first
ferry from Sandusky of the spring season!
Pictured above are; Bob/Corrine Miller,
Herman F. Maruschke Jr., Rose & Dick Kadlec,
Brian Feyedalen, James & Martha Seaman, An-
drew Pogan, Pam Betzenheimer, Bonnie Blatt,
Thressa Bucsi, Nancy Kelley, Ted Blatt, Adam
and Erin Elfers, Kerry Jenkins, Carol Vogler,
Elfers (not pictured, but shooting photos)

MORE KELLEYS ISLAND MEMORIES.....

By Eddie Ryan

Looks like some old islanders never die....they just go to Hawaii. CLAUDE SMITH SR. wrote recently to inform us that SAM AND KAY BAUMAN were off to the enchanted islands of the South Pacific for a two-week holiday. And, in today's mail comes a note from MILT BLATT that reads as follows:

Hi "Kids", and hello from Hilo. Enjoying a very few days here visiting my son Ben and his family. At the moment, I'm sitting in beautiful LILIWOKALANI PARK engaged in my favorite hobby of bird watching (no sarongs, Milt?). Keep the K.I. News column coming, Eddie. Enjoy your wit and memories....All the best, Milt.

As reported earlier, GINI AND AL KEEFER did the 50th state bit, too. How many more are there? Let us hear from you.

Back to Claude's letter: "Reading of some of your exploits of yore brings back pleasant memories. If only GENE [my brother] were alive today he could help your memory on things that may have escaped yours. I really enjoyed visiting with him and his family when they lived in Arlington Heights, Ill. He could tell you about the baseball players and the antics they performed. For instance, there was Art McKillips opening beer bottle caps with his teeth at RED MARTIN's at 2:30 in the morning and then playing first base the next afternoon, hitting the ball way across the road....and sitting on second base to REST before completing the home run. He could name all of the old-timers holding down the corner in front of Joe the Barb's place....such as ED PERKINSON, STEVE [seagull fly high] LATZKY, ED WARD, ETC., just to name a few of them.

I better end this thing as my fingers are way behind my brain in hitting the right keys. Esther (ryan) says you are trying to get a Ryan reunion at Kelleys. It would be nice to see all of your family and Gene's children and grandchildren. I hope you are successful in this undertaking. Hoping this finds you and DOTTY in the best of health. As ever, Claude.....

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Thanks MILT AND CLAUDE. There's no columnist loves more than friendly fan. Makes us feel like we're doing something to happiness to others....

Now. Let's see. Where were we? Oh yes, I've been writing about HAROLD WRIGHT, a real character transplant from Cleveland, was given slightly to the bottle and vocabulary that was to say the very least, S. Used to fish a lot...often in high rubber hip right in front of the Himmelein House. I mentioned the fact that behind the facade of a sailor's mouth was a kind and sympathetic heart. Loved small kids (though his voice scared the hell out of 'em), dogs, cats, trees, and other living things.

One time, when a group of us were back at the quarry getting cedar trees for the town hall in keeping with MRS. T.C. HAMILTON'S vision, running that dance for the boys from Camp at the early stages of the war (wrote about it once, I'm sure), HAROLD was in tears to be hacking and chopping. Told my uncle, FRED GAUCHE, "!!!!!!xx&85 it, Frank, that's terrible to destroy all those little trees." He meant

One time I hitched a ride to Cleveland with Harold and Margaret. Thought we'd never get there because he stopped for every bird and bug in front of him. The last time I saw them was about six years ago and Margaret was in bad shape from strokes, respiratory problems, etc. She looked like a very old woman and lost that robust zest for living that was her trademark. Harold looked bad, too. Well as of you know, Margaret had to be put in a nursing home. One day, due I think to financial and emotional strain on him] I was shocked everyone by ending her life and then she shot her own with a gun. Can't help but think that she considered the kindness and love old Harold put within him and overlooked that last desperate act of this very sensitive, loving man.

SAM MYERS GARAGE AND SERVICE STATION.....

Many years before BURT MILLER set his gas station and garage up in the downtown area, SAM MYERS (any relation to CORADINE?) had his set up on Division Street across from the Community Church. When we were small, Sam would fix our bikes and when we drove cars he'd service them. Lots of the Island kids hung around Sam's. He had a droll sense of humor. Recall him saying, "All I get is A, W, and I customers." Meaning, air for tires, water for radiators, and those seeking information!

One time my aunt, ANNA MAE PAPE (Bill's mother) took the old 1919 Franklin we all used for transportation back to Sam's for gas. She slightly lost control in pulling up to the pumps and BAM, she knocked one almost over. Don't know what the damage was, but I do know Aunt Anna Mae never drove again....

About the Franklin...it had sat in the Pape's garage in Cincinnati for many years. Then when my /rother Gene graduated from high school, our Grandma Gauche had it all fixed up for him to take to the Island. It was quite a car...air-cooled engine, flower vases on the inside and a net across the ceiling in which to store things. The gears were shifted just the opposite of most American cars of the day. Well, to make a short story long, Gene and his friend from high school had a wreck near Attica and there the Franklin sat until Fritz Pape (Bill's father) and my uncles got up to determine the damage and costs involved. Needless to say, the Franklin was repaired and became an Island fixture for some years. It performed yeoman's work. When WWII took off, it became increasingly difficult to find parts for the old antique, and the family finally scrapped it.

Like Lucky Strike Green, it was a war casualty....Gad, if we'd have only put it back in storage....would be worth a bundle today...But, as they say, **foresight is better than hindsight. Or do I have that worded right?**

BILL MARTIN, EMMETT'S SON, WHO WAS PICTURED IN A RECENT ISSUE, WAS A WHIZ AT CAR REPAIRS TOO. Never could get over

how he'd be working on one with a lit cigarette in his face, leaning in close to the carburetor and gas lines. He was always a pretty serious kid [like his dad] and not much for socializing. Glad to hear he's done so well.

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OF OUR ISLAND FRIENDS.....

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THE PEOPLE PAGE

I have enjoyed the news from "home" altho I haven't lived at the island since 1925. I do get back at least once a year.

I was born there and went through eleven years of school. My graduating class (1924) was the last to graduate with three years of high school.

My father, FRANK REINHEIMER, was post-master for many years, and had a general store...first at the west side, which burned down on a Christmas day, then the "Burger Store" which was sold to Mr. LANG AND Mr. BROWN after my father died.

He was very active in the Civic Club along with my uncle, MR. JOHN GUERIN, who was Superintendent of the Lime Co. at the time, and FATHER MAEDER AND REV. KOEHNE. They were instrumental in getting air mail service and also in obtaining and dedicating the Memorial Park.

My sister, Ruth, and her husband, DR. LESTER TOWLE, have a cottage on the south shore and come every summer. I enjoy visiting them there. My brother, John and his son, Frank are attorneys in Port Clinton and my sister, JEANNE SCHLESSELMAN, lives in Vermilion.

Mrs. Glen M. Haas
755 E. Water St.
Woodville, O. 43469

Looking forward to seeing you on the island in the spring.

Jean Lichtenberg
Parma, Ohio 44130

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I thoroughly enjoy the paper and don't want to miss a copy. you're doing a great job!

Mrs. Alfred J. Keefer
3187 College Ave.
Costa Mesa, Calif. 92626

I am always glad to hear about Kelleys Island. This is the first winter in eleven years I've lived away from there. Hope to be back in the spring.

Florence Sabol
3100 Devonshire #219
Cleve. O. 44109

Enclosed find check for renewal. I sure would not want to miss an issue. I look forward to reading the CORADINE MYERS column. Its always so interesting. Hope to be on the first ferry.

Mrs. Austin Biehl
466 Watson St.
Akron, Ohio 44305

I really enjoy Home Town News. It brings back so many memories, especially the articles by EDWARD RYAN.

Frances M. Kolson
1226 Center Ave.
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15229

We're very happy with K.I. News. As everywhere else, we are looking forward to that first week in April (Ferry). Children have cabin fever and DO WE!

Mr. and Mrs. L. Dalpiaz
7295 Connie
Mentor, Ohio 44060

We will be there this summer, in July again.
Hope we will be able to stay at Crafts.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mellinger
117 Jessie St
Joliet, Ill. 60433

If there is anything that's less than enjoyable in
your paper, I'm unable to find it...

Anne Sennish
23079 Lakeway
Farmington, Mich. 48024

We'll all be back on the island farming as usual
this summer.

Nora Zettler
6919 Fairfax Rd
Bethesda, Md. 20014

Our picture on the Feb. issue cover was a pleasant
surprise!!

Allen and Mary Lou McKillips
522 Shelby St.
Sandusky Ohio 44870

Thanks for reminding me of subscription renewal,
I would not want to miss any publication!!!!

Virginia Gilcher
1114 Ogontz St.
Sandusky Ohio 44870

Our new daughter-in-law, LUANNE POHORN
ENCE SWINDELL gave us a copy of the
December edition of your warm and sincere
newspaper. your page on the wedding will be
treasured by Charlie and I. The story by
CORADINE MYERS is so personal and filled with
affection. I just want to thank you for efforts and
tell you how very much we enjoy reading your
newspaper.

Mrs. Jean Swindell
North Olmsted, Ohio

Dear Home Town News,

Thought you and your readers would be
interested to know what is to become of the
former HAMILTON HOME.

The beautiful one-hundred-year old home on the
south shore of the island was once the home of the
great lakes historian, CAPTAIN FRANK HAMIL
TON and his wife, KATHRYN.

GEORGE AND JEANNETTE CLEARY, (Frank's
sister), inherited the home after Kathryn's death
a little over a year ago. Suddenly the Cleary's
were faced with not one but TWO island homes.
Not wanting to sell the historical and memorable
home, but keep it in the family, they decided to
engage the help of their granddaughter, (myself)
and PATRICK HAYES.

We will be taking care of the constant upkeep and
will once again open the doors to friends and
visitors. Rooms will be available, just as Kathryn
and Frank welcomed people "Inn". For more
information on rooms, please write me Lori
DeBoard, 315 Beulah, SE. Grand Rapids, Mich
49507.

Lori DeBoard

CORRECTION: in the summery of last mont
council meeting, mention of Claude Smith
paying for his own schooling was made
According the the Village Clerk, the village
reimburse Smith when his schooling is complet



THANKS

We wish to thank all the people for Robert
cards, visits and gifts during his recent hospi
stay. We expect him home any day now.....
Erne



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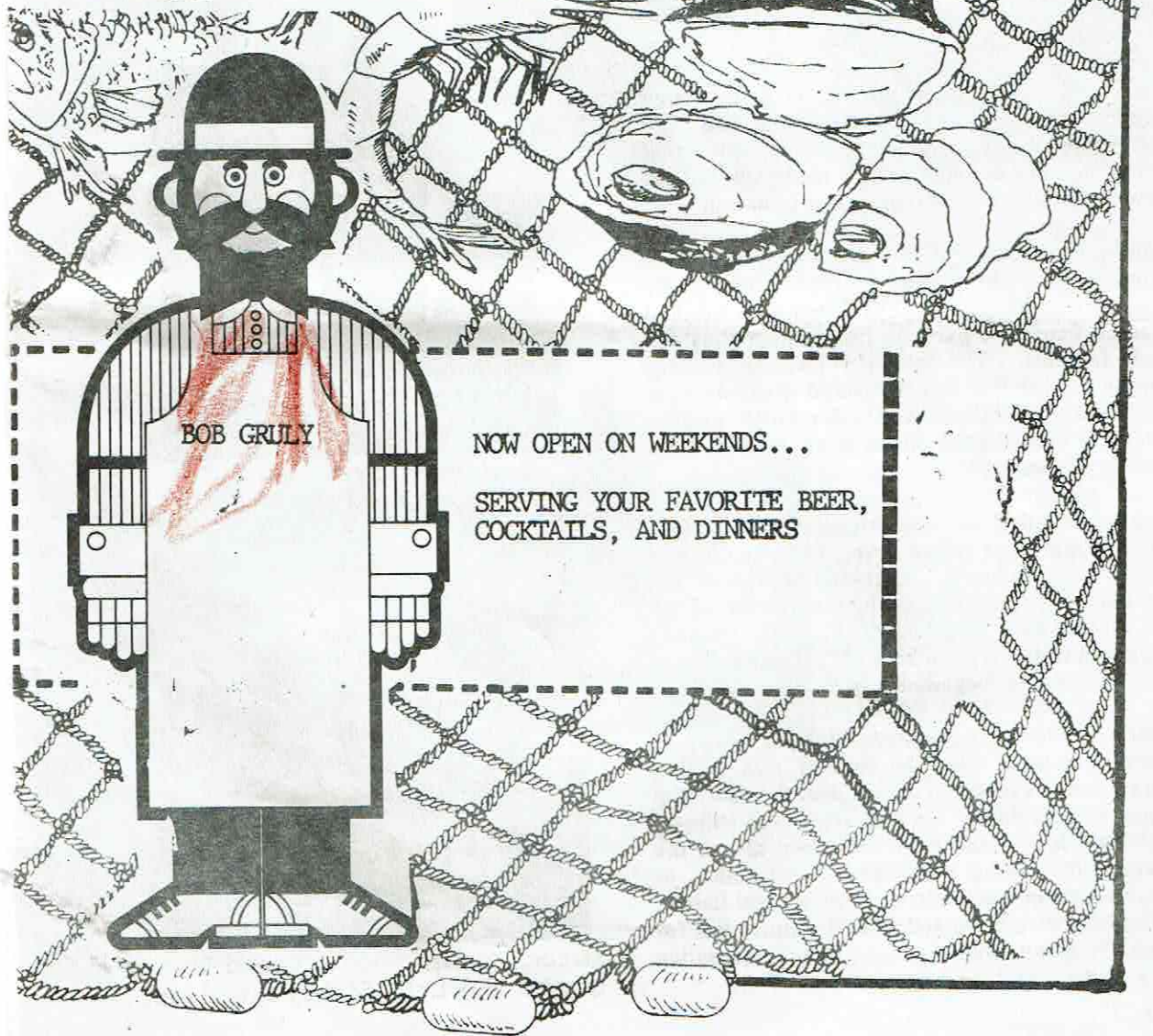
*Come in
out of
the Rain*

ENJOY THE SUNSHINE OF
DONNA'S SMILE.....

**DIRTY
DON'S
CASINO**

ENJOY YOUR WEEKEND AND
BE SURE TO DROP AROUND TO

Marine Grill and Motel



BOB GRULY

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SERVING YOUR FAVORITE BEER,
COCKTAILS, AND DINNERS

**THE KELLEYS ISLAND QUARRY WORKERS...
A HISTORY WRITTEN IN LIME DUST**

By Carol Vogler Elfers

Abundant in limestone, Kelleys Island once boasted a thriving quarrying operation which employed over 150 persons at the height of productivity.

The work was basically performed in the manner of stone quarries today, however mechanical sophistication had not reached the standards we are accustomed to now.

The workers were mainly first and second generation immigrants to this country and even on a small location such as the island, found that living together in small groups made sharing the new language and customs easier to accept.

Calling upon personal resourcefulness and skills brought with them from Europe, these early settlers learned to utilize the sweet lime soil and planted extensive gardens from which they fed their families. The lake provided an endless supply of fresh fish and the island woodlots were abundant with rabbits and other small game. Even the island land snails were utilized as a protein source.

Housed in small but neat sturdily built homes, quarry employees raised large families often of six or more children. Everyone shared in the common responsibilities of the family and though the winters were long and hard...they remained snug and well fed from root cellars stocked with preserved fruits, vegetables, fish and game.

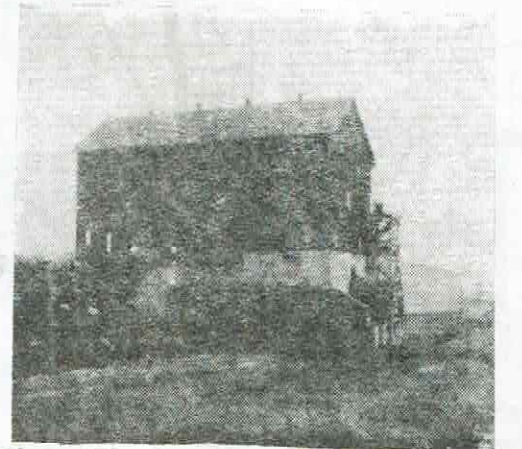
Quarry productivity remained high for nearly 40 years...but soon after the country was reeling from war and a financial depression, the operation began to gear down. As less stone was shipped each day, fewer men were necessary to run the equipment. Some men opted for farming or employment in the grape and commercial fishing industries which were active at the time, but for most, the results were clear....a reverse migration back to the mainland began.

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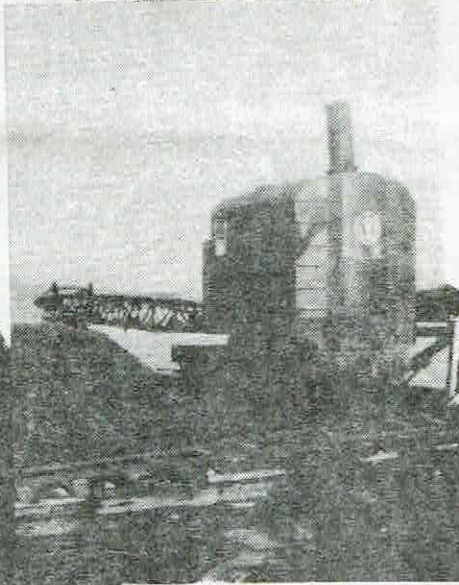
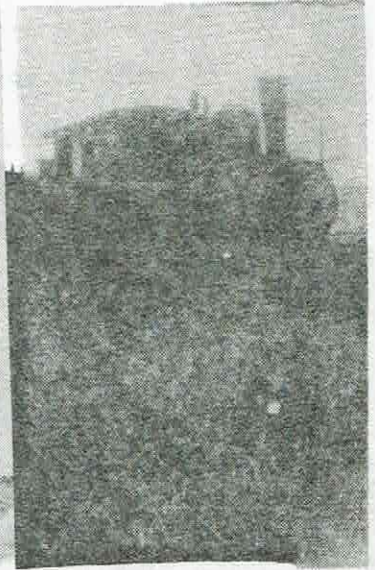
In the years that followed, other small individual quarry operations took over the business, but it never again reached the magnitude which was the Kelleys Island Lime and Transport Co. That page of the book was foreclosed.



Toni Perruchon, Andy Erne
& Coast Guard man - 1941

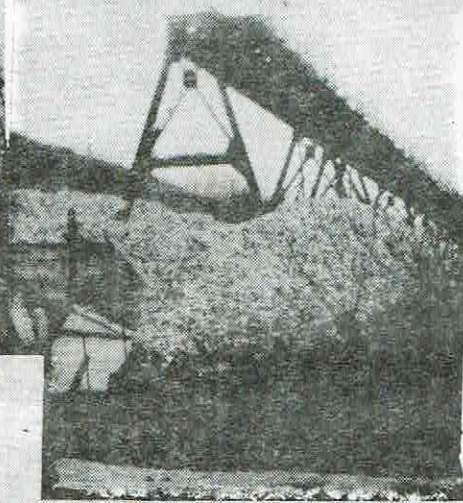


Stone Crusher once located where
Bonchi and Lyle Bickly now live.



Photos L. to R.
top row; Ben E. Tate,
last freighter to
load stone 1941, two
unidentified men and
Howard Brown,
Locomotives that
could not haul 9
cars of limestone
were "inefficient".
Wages were 54 cents
per hour, bottom
left: Toni Perruchon
& Putty McKillips,
Coal derrick run
by Albert Rudolph,
his initials appear
painted on crane

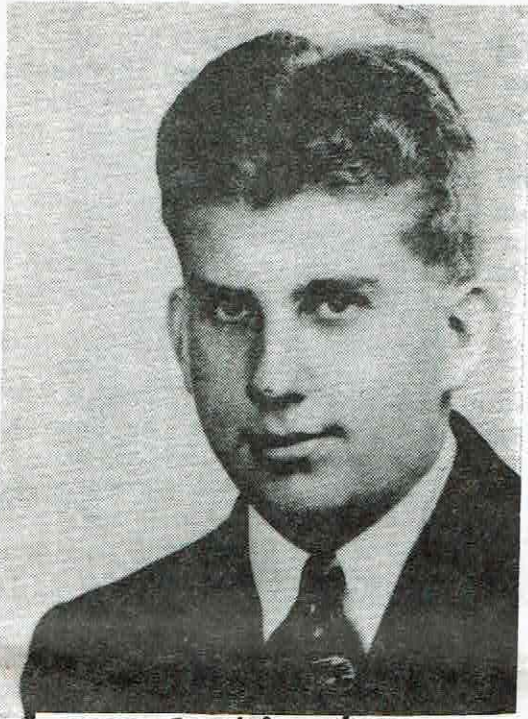
The Kelleys Island Lime & Transport
Co. employed roughly 150 persons.
Kathryn Martin was office secretary.
Some West Side residents who were employees
are: Andrew Sernish, Paul Nemethy, John
Verock, Michael Angyak, Andrew Semanson,
Mike Mervo, Mike Sabo, John Durkett, Geo.
Lenyo, Geo. Washio, Bertha Heckel, Louis
Righi, Matt Kennedy and John Bugel



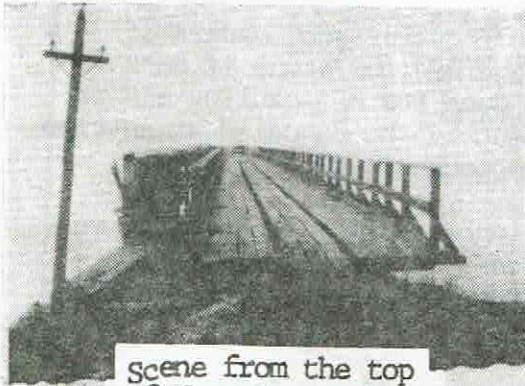
L. to R. Coast
Guard man and
Allen (Peachy)
McKillips, The
crew: Andrew
Sennish, Norman
Blatt, George
Lenyo, Fritz
M oeck, Herman &
Emily Geyers-
berger, Paul
Perruchon, Ray
Kieffer.....
not pictured;
John Durkett,
Mike Mauzer,
Mose Murphy,
the engineers.
Also, Mike Mille



The "Tunnel"
Majority of
stone was
shipped from
this location
Some who worked
here were;
Frank Haig,
Carl Brennen
Louis Righi



Larry Sennish...whose father was one of the many employees of the quarry. A 6-day work week with 9hr. day during navigation season was not uncommon, he said.



Scene from the top of West Bay Dock
Trains ran out and dumped then BACKED OUT again!

LARRY SENNISH

One of the residents affected by the migration back to the mainland was Larry Sennish. He had just completed his 11th year in school on the island when the family moved to Sandusky.

In 1947 he began a new career with New Departure Hyatt Bearing, a company branch which had recently opened in Sandusky. The decision was a positive one for Larry, as he remained with the company through their early progress and worked his way to Production Control Manager, a position he presently holds.

The father of seven boys and two girls, Larry explained that although he never re-established residence on Kelleys Island again, he manages to get back at least once a year ("Usually at Homecoming") He says his family members all enjoy the island and visit whenever possible.

Larry's hobbies include baseball and fishing (tastes cultivated perhaps from those early barefoot summers he spent on the island as a youth).

"I think Kelleys Island had a real good influence on me, the hard work, discipline, chores, and outside activities of hunting and fishing all seem to build character. There never seemed to be a lack of things to do".



EASTER EGG HUNT ON KELLEYS ISLAND.....
Sunday, April 19 at 2PM in the Village Square...everyone Welcome! Donations welcome



HIGHLIGHTS OF COUNCIL

Three new revenue increasing taxes have been proposed. Imposition of a Boat Line-Airline Tax and Village Income Tax of 1% as well as increased dump fees appear to be a reality in the near future. Receiving the additional 25 cents per head for passengers on the ferry or airlines is expected to generate approximately \$20,000 more for village treasury. These additional moneys are necessary to meet the ever increasing costs of running the village, according to Mayor Micke McCune. "After much deliberation, it was decided that this would be the fairest way to draw additional revenue", he said. The carrier tax is expected to take effect in the near future.

A special meeting of the planning commission has been set to discuss further the Kelleys Island Ranch and Lodge Project-Homes for Special People presented to council earlier this month by Robert Ralston in the absence of Andrea Fuller. The Nancy Kelley Property would be involved should the project be approved. More information at later date.

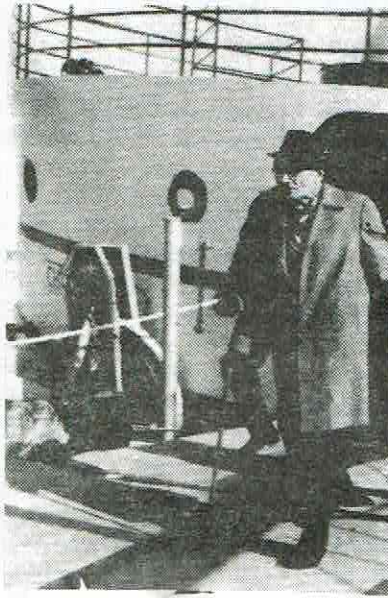
Both the new Fire Truck Levy and the Town Hall Roof Levy ran into trouble at recent council discussions. The Fire Department points out that the present equipment is in working condition, but due to the age of the engine, repair parts are not available. It was suggested that a levy be placed before the voters in a special election in June to set into motion necessary legislation and paper work to purchase a new engine. After much discussion, Jake Martin objects to levy stating that department can repair present equipment. Bianchi made a motion to put the levy on a June 2, 1981 ballot, but for lack of a second, the motion was dropped. The issue may be resolved by a vote in the November 1981 ballot.

Mayor McCune read a letter from Kellstone Inc. (present owners of quarry) stating the village will not be charged for stone if annual tonnage does not exceed 500 tons, village does its own hauling and is responsible for damage done. The agreement can be canceled at anytime with a written notice, according to recent council minutes.

Fire Chief James asked to change the ruling regarding 55 year age requirement in Firemans By-Laws. If this does not conflict with state laws the requirement will be dropped. New members are; Nick Bianchi, Ronald Beatty and Mike Seeholzer.

Mary Schock asked council to accept her resignation as President Pro-Tem in favor of a male member of council. Jake Martin was accepted to serve in the position.

ISLANDERS HEAD FOR SANDUSKY SHOPPING SPREE



Lloyd Marchky



Laura Jean Pohorence
Florence Chittenden
Mary Marchky

THE VILLAGE PUMP


LAKE SHORE DRIVE
KELLEYS ISLAND, OHIO 43438


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Sam Diangelis will manage the Pump this summer. Wayne Finger is wearing a new hat...that of manager of the River Ranch Resort in Lake Wales, Fla. More news of this new venture in later issues.



I am quite sure that most of you are familiar with the saying that things "come in threes". Such was the case for me with the words SAND DOLLAR . I had never even heard of it, until a friend wrote to say that it wouldn't be long before the SAND DOLLAR (theri boat) would be anchoring at our dock! Before I had a chance to ask Lee why they chose the name and what it meant, we were at church on the following Sunday morning and on the back of the bulletin was a list of things to think of for lent and one of them was "think of the fragile SAND DOLLAR".

 the following Thursday, the ladies of Zion luncheon meeting at LUCILLE MATHEWS a centerpiece she had all kinds of shells, them the infamous, Sand Dollar.

 so I found out first hand just what it was, a fragile white shell with delicate tracings of lilies and the five tiny birds of peace that spill out when the shell is broken.

While on the subject of 3's...we had a letter from our daughter-in-law Judy (son Bill's wife) from their church of over 300 members for the Lutheran convention in St. Louis in July. Shortly after that, a letter from our daughter in law Mary, told us that our son Bob had been elected from his area pastors...as a pastoral delegate to the Lutheran Convention. And then, to make it 3, CORALEE, our daughter, just wrote to say that her husband JOHN, had been elected to represent their church at the Lutheran Convention. Needless to say, Lee and I are two very proud people.

Such a lot of news in the last months issue that was surprising to me. Didn't know that PIXIE SCHWARTZ had undergone surgery on her eye. Sent a belated get well card and sincerely hope she is OK by now.

And ART LANG's 95th birthday....congratulations, ART! And we were so glad to read that EILEEN MARTIN was getting along so well, and

happy that she had been able to find so many Kelleys Island related people while at hospital. Would you believe it, NO ONE had heard of Kelleys while I was at University Hospital. I surely gave them a good education on that score!

Thank you to EDNA CARROLL for your lovely complement. I'll give you your quarter when I see you this spring (or has inflation raised it to 25 cents?) Had a nice visit with your son, ROGER at the Fireman's Ball.

Several weeks ago, on Feb. 27th at our Sunday night potluck, we had 2 newcomers STEVE AND MAYBELLE KEKELIK. They had a enjoyable evening with Lee telling all about the bees. Then, just two days later, at Tuesday nights ceramics class, ETHEL FOX told us the news that STEVE AND MAYBELLE's oldest son had died in his sleep early that morning! Deepest sympathies to you both!

Once again, we had our combined service with Michaels Church with Father Scherbnog giving the message. The church looked very lovely with new carpeting and candles at the altar at evening service. The coffee hour afterward was only one thing wrong with it...too many GOOD CAKES...so that we all ate too much!

FRANK AND LAURA JEAN POHORENCE had the right idea...they left right after the service but, we missed their company! LUCILLE MATHEWS introduced me to CHARLIE MOORE's wife KIT, and they asked if they could come calling the following day as Kit wanted to see our home. I told them I'd be happy to have them.

So, that afternoon they came and I gave them a tour of the house and then sat around the kitchen table where I served simple refreshments. Frank and Charlie bought our former home on Division Street, and are in the process of remodeling it.

it...and Kit can scarcely wait for that day 2 years hence, when they shall move up here permanently!

I am at the kitchen table again, today, Sunday, as I write this, and my eyes keep straying out the window where the huge waves rolling in fascinate me. such a difference from yesterday, when the lake just barely rippled and the sun was shining on it...making diamonds dance over the surface. And, we saw the first small private boat take off towards Lakeside. The ice seemed to have disappeared rather early this year and JOHN NEUMAN must have know that and so scheduled an early run with the CHALLENGER on March 29th. But, wouldn't you know...that early run won't do us any good, with Easter so late! Also, for the past 5 years, we have been unable to make it to Columbus for a Kiwanis Lt. Governor's Reunion, because it was always held before the

boats would run. This year, with the extra boat, the reunion will not be till May. you can't win!

I was writing a letter to RUTH SCHNITTKER tuck into Art Lang's birthday card (Ruth sta with Art during the winter) and I meant to say Bob (her son(HADN'T BEEN OVER YET TH WINTER, BUT FORGOT TO WRITE IT DOWN Two days later, who should pop in but BO SCHNITTKER himself, along with TED BLAT It was good to see them again, and when th asked how I was, I told them I was fine, ju growing older. Said Ted "So what!" Like wir you improve with age!" Thanks, ted, that was grand uplift for my morale....As I said on before....have we got friends...And we sure love and appreciate each one of you!

Till next time,

Coradine

SURE SIGNS OF SPRING ...The Ferrys are Running!



Ray Feyedelem and Dick Kadlec



Rosie Kadlec and Geyesla Feyedelem

M/M Richard Holmes
1117 E Jefferson St
Sandusky Ohio 44870



Kelleys Island
Home Town News
c/o Carol Vogler Eilers
804 Felck Bldg.
Sandusky, Ohio 44870

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

THE STORY OF DON ERNE'S
LIFE ABOARD THE U.S. Hopper
Dredge "Markham" will be
featured in next month's
issue. We regret that the
quarry story left us short
of space, but felt that the
photos would be of interest
to readers new and old.
Look for Don's story in the
May 1981 edition of the
KELLEYS ISLAND HOME TOWN NEWS.

May 3 Tom Sayler
May 5 Chuck McCall
Martha Seaman
May 12 Joe LaLonde
May 14 Eileen Martin
May 19 Norma Blatt McKillips
May 21 Lydia Bechtel
May 22 Tom Ulrich
May 30 Charlie Pascoe

Happy Anniversary!

May 2 Keith and Deb Haig