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Home Town News

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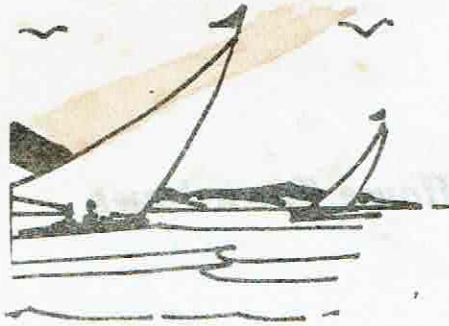
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January 26, 1934

SOLDIER'S TREASURE STILL BURIED AT KELLEYS ISLAND

By Elko Sennish

Hidden treasure at Kelleys Island!!



During the War of 1812, which was waged largely in this section, an unknown American soldier boarded an enemy ship and stole a quantity of money and valuables hidden in the cabins. He smuggled his loot to Cunningham's Island (now Kelleys Island) and buried it between two trees, a maple and a sycamore, located near the outlet of a pond on the northeast beach. He never returned.

Some time ago, two youths came here with treasure hunting instruments, a map, and a letter purported to have been written by the man who buried the treasure. The man was their great grandfather, the boys said.

Promising one half of the fortune to WILLIAM BECKER, pioneer island resident, for permission to dig for the treasure on his property, the boys began an exhaustive search. They worked for a long time, but gave up in despair.

A few others have attempted to unearth the cache, but so far none of the fortune hunters has met with success.

The trees, of course, went out of existence long ago, and the lake level now is very much different than it was when the soldier buried his loot. The change in water level has also altered the position of the outlet, and at present there remains no landmark which might be a clue to the whereabouts of the valuables.

No one has prospected for the treasure in recent years, but it is expected that interest may be revived by tourists during the coming summer.

The above article first appeared in a Sandusky, Ohio newspaper in 1934. We are pleased to re-print with the approval of Elko Sennish, and trust the reader will find this historical information helpful.



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Home Town News is now being published from our new offices on the Cape Cod.

We are developing a total advertising concept agency and offer clients complete ad campaigns from original ideas through the finished product. Among our staff are artists, writers, photographers and radio and TV copy writers. We plan to offer readers additional benefits such as a paper with more shelf life, color

covers, and clearer reproduction of photographs. We are still in the transition process, but look for big advancements in the near future. If you have a message to convey concerning the island, K.I. Home Town News reaches nearly every state in the union. Our readership grows with each passing day. Send your copy by mail, or call us with news: 617-778-0349.

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Editor

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ess People have deci-
ded to organize the
Homecoming events this
year. Despite earlier
reports that the pro-
gram would be cancelled,
we are happy to report
the gala party will be-
gin with a parade as
usual. Come early,
STAY LATE!!!!



A PRETTY GIRL IS LIKE A MELODY...
and doesn't Kelleys carry the
tune well? Pictured above left
to right is MICHELLE PAINTIER,
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FIFTY YEARS AGO

By Iva Erne

In 1931, PRESIDENT HERBERT HOOVER was worried about the depression and stock market crash. Kelleys Island was still prosperous. Our population was about 650 and there was plenty of work.

ERNEST FENWICK was superintendent of the stone quarry which employed about 150 people. We also had LAY BROTHERS Fisheries...the 'North Side Crew' comprised of three boats at the north dock and the 'South Side Crew' which worked from Koster's Dock. They employed about twenty men. Booth and Post Fish Companies also fished from the Island. Independent fisheries were BICKLEYS and BEATTY and ELFERS, plus gillnetters that only fished in the spring and fall.

Another big industry was farming. GEORGE BECKER had a large dairy farm. His barn is now owned by WM. FINGER. The Island also produced many grapes and other fruits. The grapes were picked in baskets and sent to Sandusky, Detroit and Toledo to be pressed. It was a happy time for the school children as they were let out of school for two weeks to help harvest the crop.

Our electric lines had been installed a couple of years previous, but we still hadn't the water lines.

FRANK LANGE was the Mayor of the Island. REV. C.C. VANDERSAL was the Minister at the E.U.B. Church and FR. JOS. MAERDER was Pastor at St. Michael's Catholic Church.

We had plenty of stores. ARNOLD ELFERS WAS IN THE GROCERY BUSINESS. He had a gasoline pump in front of his store. His store is now FRANK POHORENCE'S storage house. TRIESCHMAN Meat Market sold only meats. It is now the Island Market. Across the street, which is now CURILLA'S (Brown's General Store) was Lange and Brown's General Store.

RUSSELL MATSO'S Lodge was owned by his father, JOE. It was an Ice Cream Parlor with the Barber Shop in back. JOE MATSO was also our barber. EMMET MARTIN had an Ice Cream Parlor located where the Village Pump is now.

The Casino was CHARLEY MARTIN'S pool room. Across from the Casino was a gas station. M. WM. BURGER sold grain and coal and had a delivery service. He managed the store at the Dock where RONNY BEATTY now has his fishing cleaning business. At this dock the passenger boats also landed.

Newman's Boats, the Mascot and Messenger hauled freight and cars from after Labor Day late fall, then spring season to Memorial Day. The Chippewa made two round trips to the Island daily in the summer. It only carried ten cars on trip, so we didn't have many sightseers. Most of the tourists spent weeks or all summer on the Island.

In the winter we flew to the mainland with Park or Hersberger Airlines. HERSBERGER held the contract for carrying the mail. We all flew on the TIN GOOSE. MRS. FRANK REINHEIMER was our Postmaster.

MR. CHARLES DOWNING was superintendent of the school where HELEN MARCHKY taught the 5th to 9th grades. There were forty-two pupils in High School, about fifty in grades 1 through 4. The Catholic School was open at this time with about sixty pupils enrolled. The graduating class consisted of CATHERINE BAUMAN (McMANAMON), SAMUEL BAUMAN, MAURINE BROWN (CORTHELL), JEANETTE LANGRISH (NOVAK), MARY MARCHKY, EILEEN MARTIN, ELIZABETH MYERS (PERKINSON), PATRICK PERRUCHON, IVA RIEDY (ERNE), JOSEPH SEMANITION and ALBERT WASHIO.

In these days we had plenty of recreation. Baseball, swimming and fishing in the summer. Card parties, dances, plays, ice boating and skating in the winter.

People & events

AROUND KELLEYS ISLAND....

These happy faces belong to: L to R top row: CHRIS FRESCH and daughter, JENNIFER, CORINE MILLER, LISA WALTERS, PETE LONGBRAKE, T.J. GRAHL, TONI LONGBRAKE.

Bottom row: RICHIE MAYHER, JIM BEAL, D.W. ERIN ELFERS, JANET KURCSAK.

High atop the roof of the former Charles and Liz Martin home are BOB GRULY and crew. A contractor by trade, Gruly was replacing the roof of the home.

Island business people report large crowds this summer, despite less than favorable economic conditions throughout the area. They look for another record-breaking Homecoming Celebration August 15th.

The BUSINESS PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION has opted to run the event this year, in lieu of word from the PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOC.

"We are sure everyone will co-operate and insure that those taking part in this year's program will experience a fun-filled memorable holiday", said Rob Watkins, secretary of the BUSINESS PEOPLE'S ASSOC.



Photos courtesy of LINDA MCCALL.

S Knowing you're wanted and needed . . .
is a good feeling.



July 20,



Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor,

In case you haven't heard, Mary and I became the proud parents of a beautiful baby boy! Richard Byron Brian was born June 7, 1981 at 12:45 PM. "Little Ricky" weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was twenty inches long.

Grandma Bevie just saw her **FIRST GRANDSON** this past weekend, in Cincinnati, while the Brian clan also celebrated Barry Brian's graduation from the University of Cincinnati. We hope to visit the Island later this summer, if Little Ricky is inclined to travel. Brother Gary's boat, the "All Jop" is running great, and he is twisting my arm to go island hopping. Here's hoping you have a very enjoyable summer!

Best regards,

Richard Brian
Steelcraft Mfg. Co.
9017 Blue Ash Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45242

P.S. If you print this in your paper, could you please say hi to my good buddy **DON DARBY** who is in Philadelphia?

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Dear Kelly Island Business Man:

Your business exists because of the visitors who draw to Kelleys Island.

We had an incident last Friday night that I think you should know about because it involves visitors who came ashore for a good time and ended up with a friend in the Erie County Jail.

We were 5 businessmen, respected in our individual communities, 3 from Cincinnati and 2 from New Jersey. We tied our boat at Seaside Marina and walked to town, to spend money at your establishments.

We never got to visit one, because your illustrious **POLICE DEPARTMENT** decided that one of our fellows who had a beer bottle which he tried to find a garbage can for and would not throw on the lawns or in the street, was immediately arrested without any warning, for carrying a bottle in town.

OK...this is your law, but you are lax for not notifying every visitor. I saw only one sign in town (too late), they should be at the marinas on the streets, and on every building, if you want to enforce such an archaic law.

The cop that did the arresting never had the courtesy to explain why he was arrested, the cop was right out of **HITLER'S** Germany, and the whole incident for which me might laugh now was right out of 'Smokey & The Bandit', or any of the funny papers. How can you as a businessman who depends on visitors for your very living let the economy of Kelleys Island allow such an incident to take place????

You have not only lost us, who have the funds to spend, but **EVERYONE** we talk to will be advised to stay out of Kelleys Island.

Is this the intention of the law? Is this why you pay this cop, his assistant behind the desk, and **HITLER'S** assistant?

You had better get your act together, otherwise you will be playing music and serving drinks to one. Even a poor kid on his honeymoon got the same treatment!

Coleman Schneider

P.O. Box 762
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July 27, 1981

Dear Editor:

I feel as if I know you because we have common friends and acquaintances at Kelleys Island. I'm sending you \$5.00 in hopes that maybe you can find back articles I'm interested in and xerox just those pages.

My father, CLAUDE SMITH, wrote a letter that was published, I believe. Also, if any mention of ANDY ERNE or FRAN KOLSON was made, I'd sure appreciate copies of those.

I have the July, 1981 issue, so I'd like the August and September, and those xeroxes, if available, from your file. If that's impossible, just extend my new subscription or use the remainder as you need it.

I feel you're performing a real service, and am grateful to you for it!

Sincerely,

Judy Dushane
844 Circleview Drive
Toledo, Ohio 43615



LOVE ON THE ROCK?

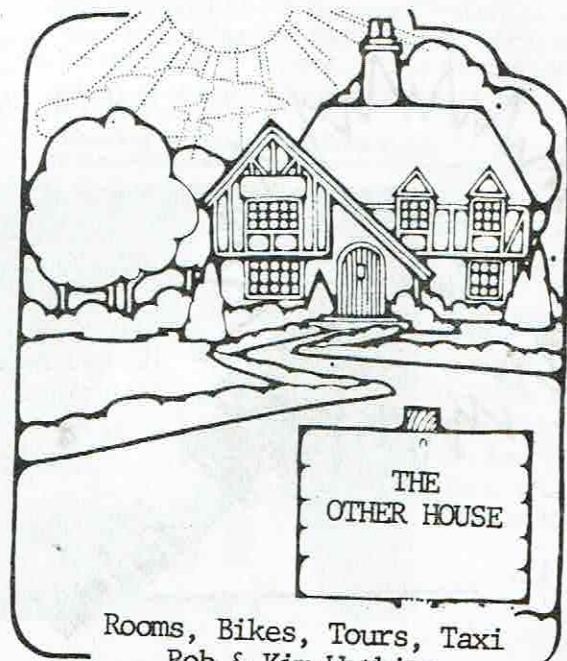
Leslie McCall and John Kilko share a quiet moment. Leslie is the daughter of Linda McCall; John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Duke Kilko.

Article by ELKO SENNISH

February 27, 1934

14 POUND PICKEREL BAGGED

Since the islanders are very much interested in their winter sports, especially fishing, it has become a custom for the fishermen to compare their catches every day. Many have reported large catches but none can compare with that of CLEM ERNE who caught a 14 pound pickerel and over 100 other fish in one day. ERNE has his shanty situated near Gull Reef north of the island. Larger fish are being caught since the fishermen ventured further out on the lake.



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HISTORICAL SOCIETY ON THE MOVE

The first meeting of the newly formed Kelleys Island Historical Association took place Saturday, September 20, 1980. About to complete it's first year, the organization's main objective is to preserve, protect, and promote the history of Kelleys Island.

The Board of Directors consists of seven members: President JESSIE MARTIN, Vice-President HELEN MARCHKY, Secretary LUCILLE MATHEWS. HUGH LANGE presides as Chairman of the Board, FRANCES MINSHALL is Program Chairman, and RUSSELL MATSO acts as Chairman of Preservation.

Membership has been divided into two categories: Patron and Life Membership. Patron totals \$100.00 and life totals \$500.00. Membership in October, 1980 totaled 103. The May 2, 1981 meeting showed a total membership of 118, the May 30, 1981 membership totalled 125.

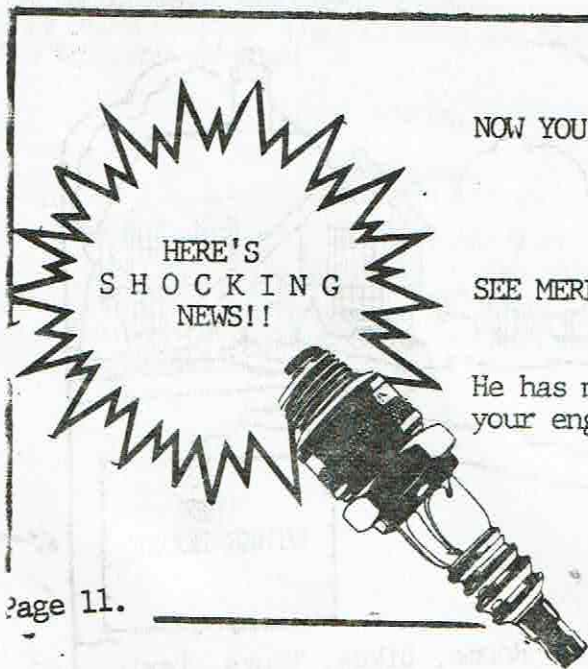
The old German Reformed Church on Division Street is to be the organization's future home if all requirements are met. At this point, the legal aspects of obtaining the church lease, etc. are being investigated by Sandusky attorney DENNIS MURRAY and MR. McKENNY and ERNSBERGER.

Personal property such as the pulpit, pipe organ, etc. belong to the Northwest C. Assoc. United Church of Christ, but will be loan to the Historical Association, according to recent Association minutes.

HUGH LANGE reported to the May 30, 1981 meeting on some old books written in German that were discovered in the choir loft of the church. KIT MOORE offered some additional German texts which she located in her home on Division Street.

LYDIA BECHTEL presented a display of postcards of the Island and old tools used in constructing some of the log cabins. She was able to obtain for the association two \$1.00 communion plates that originally belonged to the church.

The next meetings of the K.I. Historical Association will be August 15, September 12, and October 17, 1981. Anyone interested is invited to attend.



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COUNCIL MINUTES JULY 9, 1981

RUSSELL MATSO requested that his name be eliminated from the list of council members due to personal reasons and business obligations. Matso's request was followed by a motion by MYERS to accept the resignation, however, because of a lack of a second, the motion died. MAYOR MCCUNE asked council to consider someone to replace the pending vacancy at next month's meeting.

A report from the Fire Department Chief STEVE JAMES stated that 10 members have successfully completed the In-Service Fire Training Course and the Certificate for the same has been hung in the Village Clerk's Office for anyone to view. Those interested in joining this group of dedicated fire fighters is asked to contact any member or write in care of the department.

The Chief of Police NORBERT MCCILLIPS reported that during the month of June there were 24 cases referred to K.I. Mayors Court. No cases were referred to Erie County and no felony charges were filed. There were 19 police calls for June. The Department has a new Dispatcher, JOHN R. WILLIAMS, and the same system is now being used here as the Erie Co. Sheriff's Dept. had adopted. This, according to reports increases efficiency and provides for more legible work.

Flood Insurance was discussed by an agent representing the insurance program. Maps and flood insurance study pamphlets are available to anyone desiring them. Contact the Village Cler, PAT HAIG.

Ordinance 339 passed, providing the hiring of an airport manager, KEN HAIG. Solicitor BILL SMITH explained the duties and that the salary would be \$50 per year for collecting landing fees and reporting monthly to council.

Two tax levys are considered for the November ballot..resolution 142, providing the renewal of 4.6 mills for 5 year period 1982-86 and resolution 143,, additional tax of 3.5 mills for funds necessary to purchase a new fire truck. This for a period of 5 years 1982-1986 to generate \$14,963 annually.

Mayor McCune explained that the village received \$3,000 through a court settlement for the fire damage costs. This money is to be used for the repair of the jail. A motion was made by CHARLES MARTIN to accept MR. JOHN REILLY'S bid of \$2,400 to repair the jail.

A letter was read from the Board of Public Affairs stating that the high grass and weeds around the fire hydrants should be the responsibility of the Village. After discussion it was decided that the BPA holds this responsibility and the Mayor should inform them of that fact.

The Mayor explained that a grant is available for small villages for the compacting of material from the State of Ohio Litter Control. MARTIN and LEE MYERS are appointed as a committee to represent the village at a meeting set for later this week.

DR. HEINZ BOKER wrote the council concerning an oral agreement with himself and MAYOR HELEN MARCHKY and council in June, 1977. Reportedly, the agreement included medical service to the Island for a fee of \$400.00 monthly in consideration for free landing space, free office and free dump fee. MAYOR MCCUNE questioned HELEN MARCHKY concerning this matter. She reportedly remembers discussing landing fees with the doctor, but not the disposal fee. Council and Solicitor BILL SMITH agreed that an ordinance had already been passed regarding this matter. The doctor will be informed of council's decision.

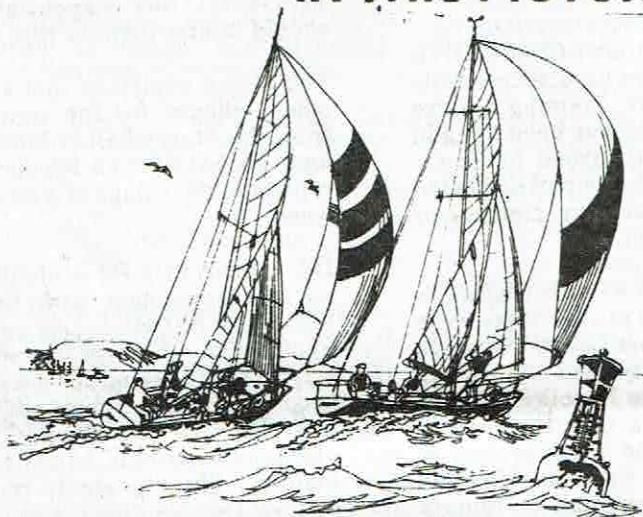
Meeting adjourned at 9:52 P.M.



CLEVELAND TV STAR... "Big Chuck" has agreed to handle the announcing duties at this year's Homecoming..

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CORADINE'S COMMENTS

June was quite a busy month for us, socially! Seemed as though every weekend was taken up with one event after another.

On Sunday, June 14th, a group of Bell Ringers from Cleveland came to play for us at our church. They had set up tables all across the front of the church and covered them with lovely red cloths, from one end to the other they arranged their bells, huge ones 12 inches in diameter to tiny ones only 2 inches or so. They wore white dresses, red vests and white gloves. While I could hear nothing, I have a vivid imagination, and could gather from the way each bell was lifted and lowered just what kind of music was issuing forth. BEAUTIFUL, according to the congregation!

That afternoon we took a trip to the mainland to attend Lee's grand-nephew's graduation. We came back that evening on the last boat - what a lovely ride it was! The lake was like glass and there was a haze over everything... so that I had the feeling I was travelling in space.

The following Saturday, June 20th, we were off again, this time to attend the wedding of my nephew. It took place in Pittsburgh, PA. at Chatham College, the bride-to-be's alma mater. It was a very unusual campus, with many lovely trees and the buildings are set up on hills. The ceremony, which was very simple, took place on the lawn at the rear of one of the halls. The bride, ADELE, and our nephew JEFF made a very lovely couple, and a happy one. After toasting the newlyweds with champagne, we set off for CHRISTOPHER'S, the restaurant where the wedding dinner was to be held. It was on the top of a mountain, and we rode up in an elevator with glass windows on one side overlooking the valley. We went up 14 floors to a very modern room, with glass walls on two sides so we could see the two rivers, the Golden Triangle and all of the valley. Quite a beautiful sight, and as the dinner was long and leisurely, we were still there at dusk and could see the lights below. One wall of the room was

made of huge black stone, which looked to Lee like coal. He asked our waiter, and he said it was coal! Imagine! Quite an interesting trip and we were glad we took the time to go.

The following Monday, our church had an ice cream social, courtesy of REV. AND MARY WALTON! The ice cream was homemade, no less, and delicious! The WALTONS are forever doing such lovely thoughtful things! Thanks much! By the way, PASTOR WALTON attended a convention at Lakeside the following day, and he was again assigned as our Pastor here at Zion.

On Thursday, June 12th we went in for a bite at MATSO'S PLACE. We saw MARY SHOCK, JAKE KEKELIK, LILLIAN (COKE) KOKAS, and PAT JOHNSON showed up, saying she wouldn't know what was going on here on the Island without my column! Thanks!

LUCILE MATHEWS and HELEN MARCHKY came in along with KIT MOORE and two of her friends. We pushed tables together and had a good visit. AL RUMEL and MARSHAL BOCKERMAN showed up, but sat at the bar and didn't stay long.

As you may remember, our pet goose, SILLY, disappeared last fall, and did not show up this spring. In its place, an EGRET, a long legged, curved neck bird of the heron family comes to our dock every so often and always alights on the same spot. It is snow white and quite eye-catching!

SICK-BAY- ROBERT ERNE had to go back to the hospital again and last I heard he was out, staying with relatives in Sandusky until he has a final check-up. KEN HAIG was hospitalized with a heart attack, but is home now and getting along OK. But it was quite a shock to learn AL CARROLL did not survive his recent illness. Graveside services were held here on the Island on June 27th, as reported in the July issue.

Saw RUTH BAYLESS at church on Sunday, and told her I missed her last

Con't. on last page.....

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summer. Said she had been in the hospital. Sorry about that! Saw MEDA in that day, too, and she was looking very well and is so glad to be on the Island and wished she could stay, but her children do not want her up here alone.

While the MARTINS were in California for the Co-Op convention, the phone rang in their room and jessie was so surprised to hear LILLIAN PHINNEY'S voice. Had lunch together, and said they missed Kelley's and would be back in April. Saw DAVE drive by often on his motorcycle, but saw nothing of LILLIAN til AL CARROL'S funeral. Said she had been busy with company. Arent we all! And, at the post office one day, ran into LENNY WEINTRAUB, who looked much thinner to me, but not to Lee!

While out collecting for Mental Health week, we stopped at MAY AND JAY NORRIS' and just as Lee went up their walk, along came RUTH DORSEY and ANN SENNISH, on their way to visit the NORRIS'. It was the first I had seen of either of them since last fall.

While at the store one day, standing at the

counter, had a feeling that someone was standing behind me, had to make a complete about face, as these glasses for cataracts give one 'tunnel vision' and you can see only what is directly in front of you. It was MARK BONNEL behind me and I told him I had to turn all the way around before I could see who was behind me. Said Mark, 'Wasn't it worth all the trouble when you saw it was ME?' Such colossal vanity!

Also at the store, a very attractive lady said hi to me and I said hi right back. She must have seen my puzzled look and volunteered the information that she was MRS. LARSEN! Since I saw her for the first time in the store months ago, and had not seen her since, I hope she forgave me for not placing her. As she turned her head to talk to Lee, I noticed a lovely gold hair clasp at the back of the topknot she has. It was in the shape of two hearts with an arrow through them. I admired it and she told me her husband, DR. LARSEN HAD DESIGNED IT AND HAD SOME ONE MAKE IT FOR HER. Such a lovely gesture, DR. LARSEN, I am sure you wife will long treasure your gift. Til next time,

Coradine