

CHRISTMAS

HOME TOWN NEWS



The late Nelson Dwelle and Fritz Martin seen here in a family Christmas portrait from years past. The Dwelle's lived in the house now owned by Paul Mack. The Martins occupied the home now owned by Nick Bianchi on Divison Street.



HIGHLIGHTS OF COUNCIL MEETING November 5, 1981
Compiled from Minutes by Carol Vogler

Mayor McCune asked for a vote from council allowing BUD YOSCOVITS, as a newly elected member to sit at the council table, under advisement of the solicitor, Bill Smith. Motion passed.

A total of \$15,409.86 has been realized from the surcharge tax to Kelleys Island business. There are six accounts with outstanding balances, which will be paid in the near future. MAYOR MICHAEL MCCUNE thanked those who cooperated in the taxation program. Those businesses which have paid and the amount that they paid is privileged information and will not be divulged, according to the mayor.

The Mayor announced that the state will give the village two days, weather permitting, to repair catch basins and roads on the west side of the island. It may be possible to negotiate a trade for the quarry road for West Side Road as has been done in the past. The council wishes that they might trade Quarry Road to Division to the State Park. The Mayor should look further into the situation and appointed HELEN MARCHKY, NICK BIANCHI and himself to form a committee to set up necessary procedures.

MIKE PRIEBE is to begin shingling the Town Hall roof on 11-11-81. Also a new list of needs to repair the jail roof is in preparation.

Fire Chief ROY FOX questioned when the equipment would be placed in the new building. Decision was made that furnace from old building would be used in their section for the coming winter heat, with JAKE MARTIN in charge of necessary heating arrangements. Planning Commissioner KEN HAIG reported that through his error, the Land Split requested by DAN ONERS was overlooked.

Motion by MARY SCHOCK that the Land Split be referred to the Planning Commission and brought to December meeting for Council.

In a report by the Airport Committee, KEN HAIG reported that the title to the Airport Properties, Lincoln and Shannon Roads, is being abused by the LENTZ BROTHERS and feels that council should be made aware of the problem before a law suit arises. The Mayor explained that a research by BAY TITLE will be made and the results will be given at the December meeting.

A report by Chief of Police NORBERT MCKILLIPS, stated that 19 police calls were answered for the month of October and that 4 hub caps have been taken from the green police car.

The Treasurer's report by PAT SEEHOLZER reported a balance of \$74,494.98. Receipts total \$11,791.13. Expenses total \$18,119.01.

JAKE MARTIN submitted a motion that the A.V. Lake Construction Co. be paid 3/4 of the amount due them on the new building cost. Motion passed.

The Mayor read a letter from the Dept. of Natural Resources concerning the Litter Control Grant stating a further study is being made and the results will be given in January, 1982.

NEW BUSINESS: The Mayor read a letter dated 10-10-81 from DR. CHARLES HERNDON requesting \$200.00 to be paid to him for the village's share of repair of Dwelle Lane. Following a discussion, the Mayor instructed the Clerk to write HERNDON a letter stating that council did not recommend the work to be done...so they are not obligated to pay.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

By Coradine Myers

No one, but *no one* had better say anything bad about Kelleys Islanders to Lee or me, for right now in our books, they are angels in disguise they way they rally around to help us in time of need.

On Saturday, October 16th, as we were going to bed Lee told me the wind was really blowing! It kept up all night and was still at it on Sunday morning, bringing with it huge waves that crashed over our dock. Lee got up early and looked out to see how our boat had taken the beating - and couldn't see it! The phone rang just then and it was MARGE RUMEL to tell us that AL had been out for a ride and saw our boat was way down and full of water. Between the waves and the water level falling drastically, our poor boat couldn't take it, and sank! All that morning people kept stopping by to offer advice and help - among them ELMER CRAFT, JAKE MARTIN, CHARLIE MOORE and AL RUMEL. The wind and the waves were still too bad to do anything, not til 4 PM when there was a slight lull. JAKIE took immediate advantage of this, and coralleed BOB GRULY, between the two of them they managed to get it afloat, and all sorts of helpers stopped by to help pull the boat in closer to shore,

among them were SAM, from the VILL PUMP, along with three others I didn't know CHRIS SEEHOLZER.

Lee checked the boat that night and it was riding high and dry, but Monday morning it completely submerged - again! This time JA got FRANKIE KLEINES to bring his back-hauler to our dock and he used it to lift the boat out of the water ...there was a regular gang on hand to help - BOB SCHWARTZ, TED BLATT, ROB VICKERS, JOHN LIWOSZ, MR. KADLAK - and many others whose names we didn't know - but to whom we offer our grateful thanks! After they got the boat afloat, JAKIE got his boat over and towed ours into the marina, where Lee got it on a trailer and brought it home. It is in pretty good shape, holes in the bottom, back seats completely torn out and broken, but Lee is very grateful his motor survived the dunking. All that day people kept stopping by to ask about the boat and to offer help. EUELL WEISMAN said he would work with fiberglass and had all sorts of equipment and supplies and would help Lee in spring mend the holes. See why I consider Kelleys Islanders as angels in disguise - and JAKE MARTIN as the chief among them! Our grateful thanks to all of you!

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Division Street
snow covered...
notice the horse
droppings and
sleigh ruts in
the snow.....
"Oh, what fun
it was to ride
in a one-horse
open sleigh!"

COMMUNITY COMMENTS CONTINUED

As if all this was not enough, on Friday Nov. 6th, Bryan, our dog, got away from RON and was not back home by 2 AM, which was disturbing, as he usually comes home within a short time, and it was so cold that night. We were even more disturbed when there was no sign of him on Saturday morning and we learned there were hunters on the Island! LEE drove all over and inspected empty foundations, etc., and he called RON BEATTY and JIM SEEHOLZER to see if they had checked their traps. By Sunday morning we had resigned ourselves that BRYAN was gone for good, and it was rather weird, as we had had a letter from BOB and MARY, saying that COCOA, their dog, had died, and COCOA was a sister to BRYAN. But, at 3 PM Sunday afternoon, who should show up in our back yard but BRYAN! We learned the next day that he had fallen into the pit left from the old weigh station on the lawn across from the Post Office. JOHN CARRIG walked by the spot on his way to the boat dock and heard 'animal noises' by the pit, but didn't stop. Saw ROB WATKINS at the dock and told him about it, so ROB sent ELIC over to investigate, MARK AHNDERS passed by and stopped, and the two of them went into the pit and got BRYAN out, who immediately high-tailed it straight home. We

haven't seen MARK, JOHN or ELIC as yet, but we certainly owe them our heartfelt thanks for saving our dog, and we sincerely hope something will be done about that pit before a *child* falls in.

Lee got a phone call one day from EDNA CARROLL asking for help with her car. She had been driving and saw a deer, and while watching it, failed to keep her eye on the road, and ran into a stone - damaging her steering mechanism! You can do only **one thing at a time**, Edna!

Our snow birds have gradually been leaving the Island and in some cases, it seems plain that they were not to have left! The EARL BOWMANS left early in October, making a stop at their daughter's in southern Ohio. While there, EARL developed breathing problems and was laid up for a week or so. They are in Florida now and at last reports, both are doing fine. Then the FRANKLIN CLARKS were next to leave, also making a stop at their daughter's. While there FRANKLIN suffered a slight stroke and the last we heard, he didn't know if the doctor would let him drive to Florida. Then ELMER CRAFT came over with his key and said he and ROSIE were seriously thinking of staying on the Island next year. ELMER missed the snow and trapping.

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Henry Elfers, the island postman, cried as he watched his faithful team dragged from the frozen waters of Lake Erie when the ice gave way beneath their weight.



KELLYS ISLAND TRANSPORT 1951

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

By Iva Erne

It was a sad time for the Islanders. Kelleys Island Lime and Transport Co. had closed the quarry and the fishing industry was coming to an end. Farming and grape growing were also becoming a thing of the past. Many men were unemployed.

Families were seeking new homes and work on the mainland.

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The Island's population was only 325 and people were still moving out. Were we becoming a ghost town? Everyone wondered! Land and houses were selling very cheap.

D.D. Eisenhower was our president at this time. We had just been through two wars, World War II, 1940-1945 and the Korean War, 1950-1953. We are proud of the many Island boys that served our country. Victor McKillips was the first Erie County selectee sent to Camp Perry in November, 1941. In World War II, Anthony Perruchon was a prisoner of war for two years and 4 months. He

was held in a German Prison Camp. He now resides at North Olmstead with his wife and two children. Two casualties were Flight Officer Anthony Bonchi, killed in the crash of a Liberator Bomber at Mountain Home Air Field, Idaho, in 1944 and Bernard Erne, killed in 1942 when the Aircraft carrier, 'The Wasp' was sunk by the Japanese.

Hancock-Wood took over the electric service in 1952. New cable was put in by Northern Ohio Telephone Company for our long distance telephone service. The water line was around the block up Division Street and as far as Huntington Lane on the Lake Shore. We have had very good service from these utilities.

Mrs. Mamie Brown owned and operated Brown's Grocery. Frankie Pohorence had taken over the building which was Trieschman's Market. It is now the Island Market. Prohibition was over - the ice cream parlors became beer parlors. The

Lodge was Joe Matso's bar, Pargney McCune was operating Martins Bar, and the Casino, Kamp Kelille, and the Veterans Post were all in operation.

The Neuman Boats - Commuter, Challenger and Corsair were docking at the foot of Division Street. These boats had also taken over the summer schedules. Mrs. Conkle was manager of the dock.

Air service became very popular. Griffings Flying Service and Island Airlines began making regular trips carrying passengers and freight. Island airlines also carries the mail contract.

Howard Brown was our postmaster and Roland Brown was our Mayor. Fifty children were enrolled in the public school. The Catholic school was closed. Hal Block was superintendent of the school. The graduating class consisted of Collet (Seeholzer) Walters, Shirley (Seeholzer) Shrihae, William Erne and Richard Bugel.

The Volunteer Fire Dept. was organized. The 4-Camp and Baptist's bought land in hopes of making the Island a place for future Children's Camps.

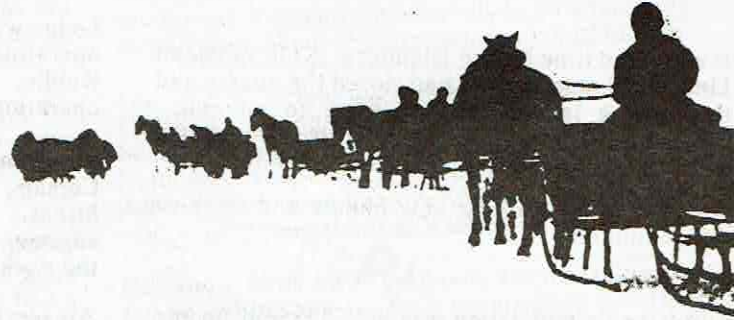
Times certainly change.



Charlie and Liz Martin at Martin's Bar, no Village Pump.

TRANSPORTING MAIL AND GOODS

Braving the northeast winds, Islanders often formed a "wagon train" of sleighs in which to travel to the mainland for shopping, doctors, dentists and other needs. They were often stopped half way by shifting ice, or forced to stay overnight on the mainland when weather conditions worsened.



CROSSING THE LAKE THE HARD WAY

By Elko Sennish ...Feb. 1934

WALTER ELFERS who has been transporting freight and passengers across the ice has brought as high as 2160 pounds of freight to the island in one day from Sandusky. He crosses the ice between the island and Marblehead then motors across the peninsula and thus across the Sandusky Bay. The ice is reported as being 20 inches thick. People have been motoring across the ice in closed automobiles.

BRIEFS

The Bobby Burns Literary Society of the island high school, coached by **MISS E.T. HARTLEY** presented a program in the high school auditorium for the entertainment of the public and the school. The program was well attended.

JOHN FEYEDELEM of Marblehead, a member of the U.S. Coast Guards, walked across the ice to his island home last week.

JOHN METSO of 'lakeside motored to the island to see if his automobile was removed from the lake yet.

MAURICE MYERS of Sandusky motored to the island last week to visit his parents, **MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM MYERS** of the island.

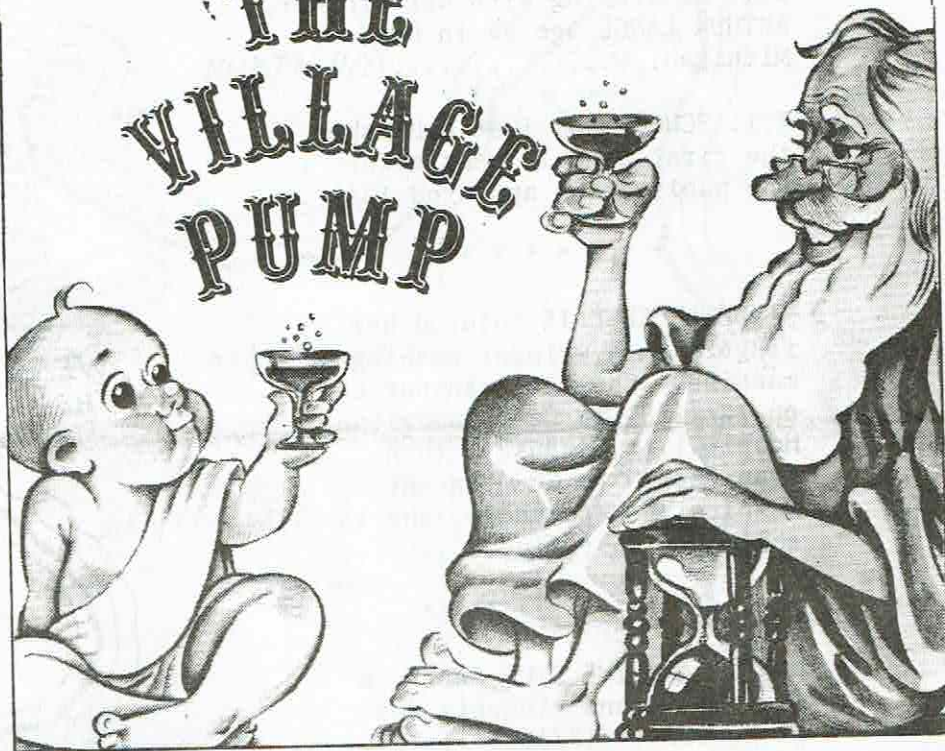
ALICE PEPON, ANNE PEPON, BABE CHURCH, BABE HAMAN, and **HENIE DRESS** of Marblehead walked across the ice Wednesday to attend an island school program.

MRS. LOGAN BICKLEY and baby returned after spending a month in Sandusky.

NICK SENNISH, a detective, of Cleveland, was a guest of the **ANDREW SENNISH** family over the weekend.

CHEERS!

THE VILLAGE PUMP



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Feb. 1	Rick Holmes	Feb. 18	Art Lang - is 95!
7	Earl Davings	22	Cyndi McKillips
8	Kevin Haig	23	Jeanette Kuchar
	Vicki McKillips		Nadine Brown
10	Mrs. Dewey Johnson		Bill McKillips
12	Theresa Bucsay	24	Lance Ray Marchky
13	James Seaman	26	Andrew Pogan
14	Happy Anniversary - Larry & Betty Eaton	27	Keith McKillips
17	Florence Pohorence Chittenden		

WINTER NOTES AND STATISTICS

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BOB SCHNITTKER flew over to the Island 12-18-81 to pick up his mother, RUTH SCHNITTKER, one of the last "Snow Birds" to leave the island for the season. She will be staying with her brother, ARTHUR LANGE age 95 in Dundee, Michigan.....

COUNT OF TOTAL HOMES.....55
Mobile Homea & Trailers 8
Vacant homes.....1

K.I. SCHOOL has just published the first annual "newsletter" . The publication appeared 12/17.

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MAYBELLE KEKELIK injured her fingers in a wringer washing machine. She was transported on 12/15/81 to Good Samaritan Hospital in Sandusky, then transferred to St. Vincent Hospital. Reportedly, she is now doing just fine.....

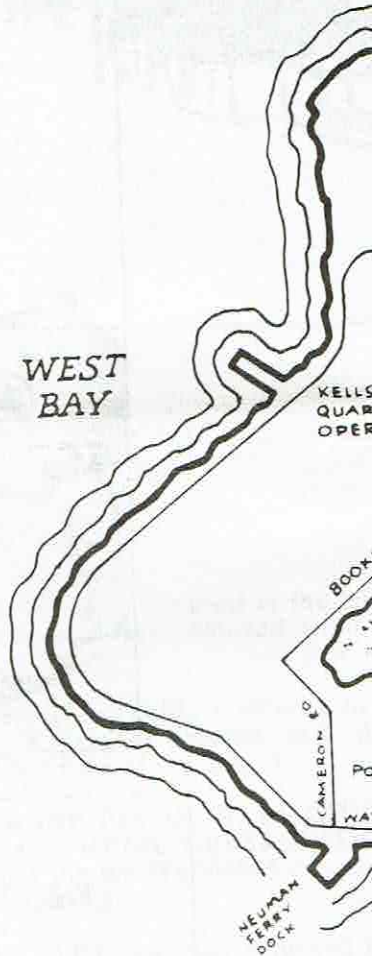
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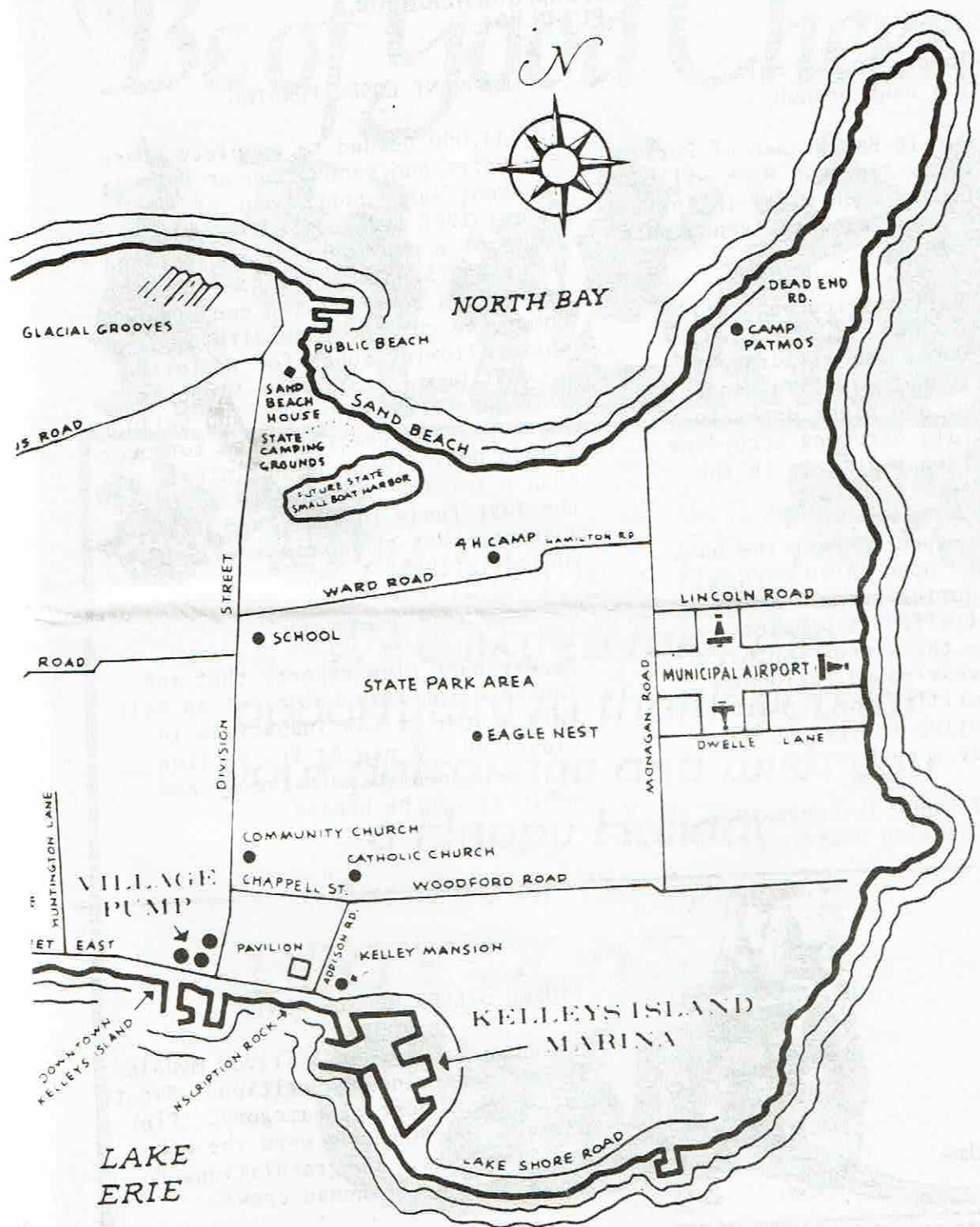
"SANTA AND THE STOW AWAY", a play by island students was presented 12/17/1981.....

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WINTER SEASON RESIDENTS

Over 65 years of age.....42
Total residents.....96
Occupied homes.....46
Under age 18.....11
Males.....48
Females.....48





HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR NEIGHBOR, PUT-IN-BAY

Put-In-Bay To Get Full Service Bank Branch

The Put-In-Bay Branch of Port Clinton's American Bank will reportedly open early in April of 1982 on Delaware Avenue on the island.

This full service bank will handle checking, check cashing, deposits, withdrawals, new accounts, daily transactions and night depository among its services according to a recent article in the Gazette.

It is expected that the bank will be open three days a week during summer months when traffic is heavier. During the winter months, when year-round residents will utilize the facilities basically, it will be open one day a week.

Island input is suggested as to banking hours.

MONUMENT LOSES FUNDING

\$2,444,000 needed to complete Phase 2 repairs and renovation at Perry's Monument were chopped out of the fiscal 1982 federal budget. In spite of a presidential request and House and Senate allowances for the project, a compromising conference committee cut the expenditure, while allowing funds for restoring a Coast Guard station at Sleeping Bear Dunes for \$900,000, and building a park in Lowell, Mass. for over \$1,000,000! There is definitely no chance for the Monument to get back the lost funds in 1982, and no guaranty that the project will be funded in 1983.

THE YANKEE CLIPPER

Parker Boat Line reports that the Yankee Clipper is being cut in half this winter at G&W Industries in Cleveland. A new 34 ft. section will be added so more trucks and vehicles can be hauled.

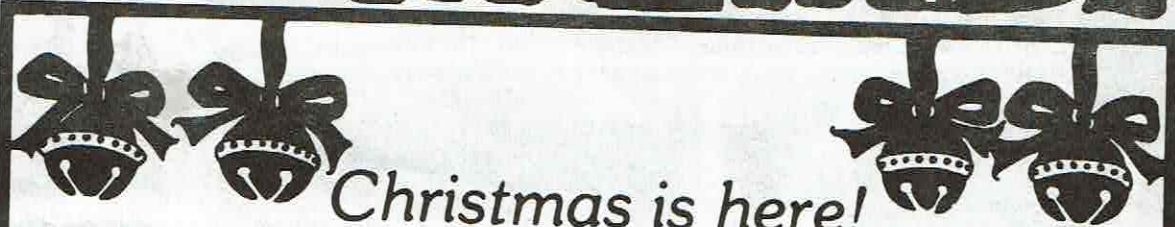


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THREE SILVER MEDALS WON!!

Heineman Winery won 3 silver medals in a recent wine competition. Sweet Catawba was best of category. Pink Catawba and Burgundy were the other medal winners. Congratulations to Louis and the Heineman crew!

Be of Good Cheer...



Christmas is here!

*We'd like to take this
opportunity to thank you for
your patronage and wish you
a Happy Holiday.*

See You In The Spring!

DIRTY DON'S

Casino



Dear Editor,

Please send your K.I. Home Town News to my brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rudolph. I'm sure they will enjoy it as much as we do. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

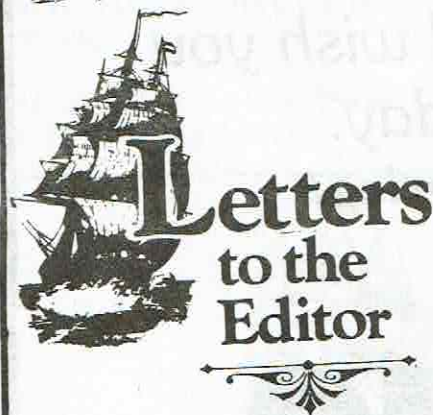
Mr. & Mrs. George Sa
5638 Carlton
Bedford Heights, Ohio 44

Dear Editor,

I neglected to add Roger Carroll's subscription when I mailed in mine. Enclosed is a \$7.00 check for it. I always look forward to receiving this very informative 'sheet'.

Sincerely,

Edna Car
2131 - 49th Dr.
West Palm Beach, Fla. 33



NEWS BRIEFS FROM BY-GONE DAYS

By Elko Sennish

ISLAND QUARRIES EXPECT BIG YEAR

April 7, 1934

Repair Work Furnishes Employment for Many Kelleys Residents

The local branch of the Kelleys Island Lime and Transport Company has gotten off to an early start repairing its quarry implements, in anticipation of an unusually active season.

According to G.J. Whelan, president of the company, the firm had a prosperous year in 1933 and a still greater year is expected in 1934. The company is now paying a dividend of 15 cents a share on its stock.

Steam shovels are being moved and repaired and locomotives are being reconditioned. The crusher is also a busy place. Supplies are being brought across the lake, now free of ice. Over half of the married men employed by the company are now at work. Last year only five months of steady work was put in. Superintendent E.W. Fenwick of the island branch is directing repairs.

SENIORS PLAN SHOWS

The senior class of the island high school has arranged to present a play and show at the town hall in the near future. Ben Lyon in "The Flying Marine" is to be shown Friday evening, April 20. The play will be presented in May.

The seniors are expecting their rings soon and they are also making plans for commencement exercises. The junior class is getting ready to give a big reception in honor of the graduates.

The seniors still have hopes of taking a trip to the World's Fair, although they have had difficulty in securing sufficient funds. If that trip is impossible, they expect to visit some other place of interest nearby.

KELLEYS ISLAND QUARRIES OPEN

First Shipments Will Be Made This Week

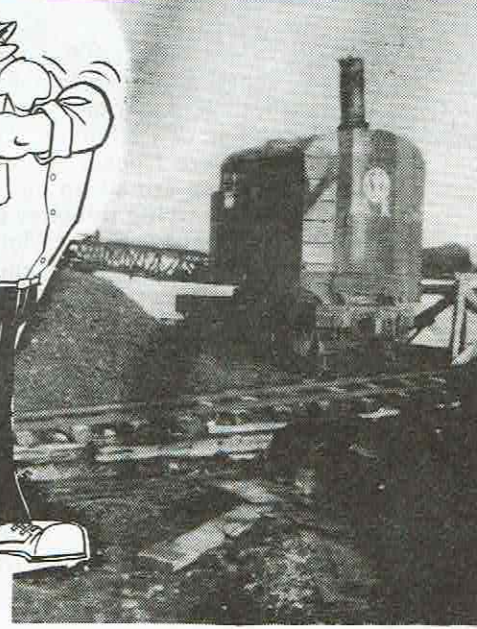
May 7, 1934

Local quarries of the Kelleys Island Lime and Transport Company opened full blast today with a force of 128 men.

Supt. E.W. Fenwick and assistant superintendent George Clezie on Marblehead, in charge of local operations, announced today that no outside laborers would be hired here this year until island men had first been given an opportunity to work.

during the past few weeks, \$10,000 has been spent here repairing equipment in anticipation of an unusually large season. All of last year a surplus of stone has been shipped out, and new shipments are expected to start late this week.

In use today were two stone crushers, four steam shovels, one strip shovel, four drills and eleven narrow guage locomotives.



BURIED LETTER FOUND IN PILLAR ON PUT IN BAY

The following letter was recently uncovered by workmen repairing a damaged pillar at the entrance to Conlen Road on Put-In-Bay. Buried in a jar, the letter was an interesting observation by its creator, Thomas Conlen, 1928, of the life and times of that island.

The jar was discovered by JEFF NORRIS, RICHARD GUMP, AND CARL COOPER on Oct. 30 while repairing the pillar which was damaged by TOBY LANDRETH when he hit the post with his boat trailer accidentally.

Author of the note, Thomas Conlen, owned and operated the Conlen Cottage, former rooming house. The building was recently run again as a rooming house by Mr. Tom Thansasiu. Mary Sutphin purchased the building this spring. Thomas Conlen's daughter, Mamie March, still resides on Put-In-Bay. Thanks to Kendra Koehler, Editor Put-In-Bay Gazette for the following:

Put-In-Bay, Ohio
November 1st, 1928

Be it known to all men who may have a chance to cast their eyes upon this immortal piece of paper. These pillars were erected and completed in the month of October 1928, on the property of Thomas Conlen, who is now sixty years old, has a wife Catherine fifty-six years of age, a daughter Mamie twenty-four. Arthur Deacon, architect and builder.

A big election campaign on between Hoover, Republican, and Al. Smith, Democrat. The arguing issues are parties, religion, and prohibition. Cooper and Davey ar running for Governorship of Ohio, election will be next Tuesday, November 6. Mr. T.B. Alexander, is mayor of this village, Mr. Wm. Schnoor is postmaster, population at present 300.

The largest dirigible (illegible) Germany and commanded by (illegible) her made its maiden trip from Germany to Lakehurst, N.J. in 111 hours landing at Lakehurst, October 8th, 1928.

Our little village with its 300 souls is most modern, with a wonderful lighting plant, A-#1 fire department, 4 up to date stores, paved roads, a new nine-hole golf course, 2 churches, the Catholic one ju= being completed, first grade high school, which is housed in a fine new building. The latest pictures are being shown once a week in the Village Opera House. Fine modern hotels, which accomodate the summer visitors, our men are all up and doing. We have a fine Chamber of Commerce which is always trying to better the island, we are also interested and associated with the National Exchange Club, we have our Mayor and Council, everyone is willing and trying to advance and we hope it will alsway be so. Put-in-Bay must always be on the map, and we who are gone wish you all the best of success in bettering this island. **THREE CHEERS THEN FOR GOOD OLD PUT-IN-BAY.**

This paper will be buried November 1st, 1928.

"Lest We Forget".

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Respectfully,
Thomas Conlen Family



Guest Columnist, EDDIE RYAN (l) and his buddy BILL RIELLY (r) met recently to reminisce old times at their alma mater, Xavier University in Cincinnati. Eddie, a resident of Florida now, was born and raised in Cincinnati where he met his late wife, Dotty. Eddie wrote that he received many cards, masses and prayers from his island friends when his wife passed away. "Among them were GINI AND AL KEEFER, FLORENCE CHITTENDEN and her sister JO, who lives in California now, UNCLE MILTY BLATT, SAM AND KAY BAUMAN, KAY AND DR. CHARLEY HERNDON, BIBBER AND BOB OVERCASHER, MRS. KIT LAYLIN, THE CLEARYS, FRANK BROWN, FRAN BAUMAN COLSON, and others...sweet folks, one and all" wrote Eddie.

HE HAS PROMISED TO SUPPLY US WITH A REGULAR COLUMN OF BOYHOOD ISLAND MEMORIES FOR THE NEXT ISSUE...."Atta Boy, Eddie!....the readers await your creative stories..."



M/M Richard Holmes
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LEYS ISLAND HOME TOWN NEWS
BRIGHT IDEAS
Main St. #7
NINNIS, MASS. 02601

**Have you noticed the wild turkeys on the Island?
HUEY LANG has been transporting them from
Cedar Point where they are no longer wanted.**

On election day I sat next to NAOMI JASTER and she told me she was so surprised to hear of the coming marriage between SONNY ELFERS and NADINE BROWN. That night at ceramics, LAVERNE EHRBAR told me the same thing - and went on to say that all summer long TOM SAYLER would point out SONNY ELFERS and say "That man is going to get married again!". Too bad he didn't live to see his prediction come true.

One day we took MARGE RUMEL with us to the Post Office and the store, no sooner entering the latter than FLOPOHORENCE held out her hand to MARGE and said 'Look what you paid for your paper with yesterday!'. Here she had a nickel and a button in her hand. MARGE had the 15 cents in her jacket pocket, along with the button, and when she reached in, she picked up the button instead of a dime. They are still teasing her about it.

At church last Sunday LEE spoke to E VEDOVIC and said he'd missed him the past 3 Sundays. Bill said he'd been to TEXAS and the Texans could have their wide open spaces would settle for Kelleys Island! How right are!

Saturday, November 7th was that time again NORBY MCKILLIPS annual birthday bash another happy one with good food and fellows. Sitting at a table with JAKE and JESSE MARTIN, MARY SCHOCK, DAWN KEKE and RUTH PERRUCHON, we were discussing BRYAN's disappearance, (this was before he came back) and everyone started laughing. I asked LEE what the joke was, and he answered "Maybe BRYAN is on his way to Chicago for COCOA's funeral!" I grabbed him by the shoulder and asked how he could joke like that, and he said "I didn't say that, JESSIE did!"

EARL DAVING was to have surgery this week for a hernia. WE wish him a speedy recovery.

Hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving.

Corr