

Valentine Greetings

Our Cover
Lovers.....

Alan and Mary Lou
McKillips



KELLEYS ISLAND
Home Town News

FEBRUARY 1981 ISSUE

Early Summer Memories of Kelleys Island

The holidays brought cards and letters from old Island friends... and a bit of current news, too. SAM and KAY BAUMAN mentioned something about a libel suit for a couple of our early escapades I mentioned in past issues of K.I.H.T.N. It was all true, SAM... sorry to report we were once young and did dumb things that we'd bawel our kids and grandkids out for now.....MADELEINE and ROG WILLIAMS commented favorably on my stuff and reported Labor Day they celebrated the 50th anniversary of "Eastaway's" "THE Williams' cottage. ...FRANK and RUTH ANN BROWN reported that FRANKS dear mother, HELEN, needs constant care. At the time of their writing HELEN was in an apartment in Sandusky, but she may be in a nursing home by this time. Sad!.....GINI and AL KEEFER popped over to Hawaii for the holidays....andMILT BLATT sent some color picturs of the family get-together last summer. If I can find them I'll send some to our capable editor in hopes they can be reproduced in a forthcoming issue in black and white.

Milt asked me to be sure to look up brother Ted this summer. Sure will....t'will be great to see TED again. MILT also reports there are numerous Islanders in sunny California...including, JOSEPHINE POHORENCE, husband and kids. Another old friend out there is MIKE MAZUR AND JOE NADER.

SELMA LATIFF (formerly NADER and old TOMMY's grand daughter) reported sad news. Lost her husband, JAKE , in 1978. About 14 or 15years ago, SELMA came back to Kelleys for a summer. Still looked as beautiful as ever! Has been coming down to Florida since '72 staying at Singer Island, which is just north of Palm Beach. Wanted to know where Belleair Bluffs (our diggin's) is located. It's on the central Florida Gulf Coast...just south of Clearwater. If any of you are in the greater area, give us a call...We're in the Clearwater phone book listed as EDWARD RAYN, DOLPHIN DRIVE.

NOW BACK TO K.I. MEMORIES...A recent one [about four years ago] involved Ralph, our great old bassett hound and me. We were taking a hike through the west quarry, when suddenly Ralph saw something and took off as fast as his short little legs could take him. What he saw was a young couple in THE BUFF, holding hands and seemingly content with the world. Ralph loved the whole bit and the young couple wasn't a shock up about my following Ralph up to them. Guess I was most upset [a sure sign of senility] but the young folks [about 19 or 20 years old] started a normal conversation about the usual things...weather, the beauty of the Island, how handsome Ralph was, etc. Finally, the boy [myself] asked me how to find the old Kelleys Island Winery Cellar. I gave him directions and caution because there was so much glass, rusty nails and other debris on the basement floor that it might be advantageous to wear shoes. Also felt like adding other articles of attire..."Oh yes, sir," the boy replied, "We've got SHOES back at our tent!"

Was only to Kelleys once in the winter time... That was in Feb. 1959. I had to give a speech in Cleveland on behalf of Dartnell, the Chicago publishing house where I was editor. Since the weather reports were favorable, I asked Dotty to come with me and we'd drive over the turnpike. In Cleveland, we stayed with Dotty's cousin and her husband.

The speech seemed to go over pretty well, and next day we started back to Chicago. When we got near Port Clinton, I struck upon the bright idea of getting a small plane and flying to Kelleys. My bride gave a hesitant Okay (she never had been in a little plane before, but like the sensible German she is, accepted my suggestion.) We got a plane and a pilot (by that time my pilot license had expired.)

The little ship was an Aircoup with a sort of bubble front so you could see all around...a little below. After a while Dot's face turned a peculiar shade of green, but she was pretty good when she landed at the Island airport. Went to the li

shack where the telephone is and called Liz and Charlie Martin. They came out and got us and gave us the tour of a somewhat deep-frozen Emerald Isle.

We made a few stops to see Island friends and then back to their house for a touch of libation and a snack. Charlie took a Polaroid shot of us standing on the embankment near their house. I'll try to dig it up if it is still printable. Flying back was no problem to Doty. In fact, I think the drinks at MARTINS gave her false courage. That, as I said, was our first and last winter visit to the Island and we cherish the memory. CHARLEY AND LIZ wer great folks.

MILT BLATT confessed he had a kind of crush on FRANCIS WILLIAMS, ROGER's sister. I know the feeling. I had it when I first met KAY BLAIR HERNDON back in 1934, when Kay and her mother [KIT LAYLIN] and BIBBER first came to the Island about 1934. By coincidence, young CHUCK HERNDON had puppy love feelings about our CATHY who is now the mother of three sons...all of whom will be up this summer, when we have a RYAN CLAN GET-TOGETHER up there. Hope our grandchildren will have as much fun as we did.

THE KELLEYS ISLAND TURKEY FARM

the kelleys island turkey farm operated by Theo Lange in back of what is now the LOGAN BICKLEY house just one lot west of LEE AND HELEN BROWN's home. He had a bunch of the Thanksgiving favorites and even sponsored one of the Island soft ball teams along with the merchants. If memory serves, I believe I played on the turkey team (or did I word that correctly?) Theo's daughter, JEANNETTE, married a fellow from Cleveland and the name escapes me. Jeannette's birthday fell on the same day as mine ..July 13.. and we celebrated together, along with the other kids. Haven't seen her in years.

WHEN THE KNIGHTS CAME MARCHING IN...Back in the 30's the Knights of St. John came to the Island for an affair at St. Michael's Church. They arrived via the old Steamer Chippewa and

marched military style from the main dock at the foot of Division Street to St. Michael's. They wore military style uniforms, carrying swords in their scabbards and their white feathers in their military-type hats.

All went well and the services at St. Michael's were most impressive. The Knights had made a great impression. HOWEVER, somebody took a few of the group to one of the wine cellars [Monarch I guess]. The effect was devastating and many personality adjustments took place. By the time the five PM boat arrived, the group was well oiled. Dignit was lost. Knights were dueling on the dock, feathers flying, scabbards dropping. One fell off the dock and had to be dried out [externally] to get on the boat. I suppose he dried out INTERNALLY later.

SPEAKING OF THE CHIPPEWA ON Sunday afternoons when most weekenders were making their departure. KRIS KURTZ, WHOSE PARENTS PHOTOGRAPH APPEARED IN LAST MONTHS ISSUE WAS QUITE A SWIMMER. He often dove off the top deck of the big boat as it pulled out on its way to Sandusky. In later years a lot of the younger guys did the same thing. Ted Himmelein, who was very good, even had a shot at swimming over to Lakeside.

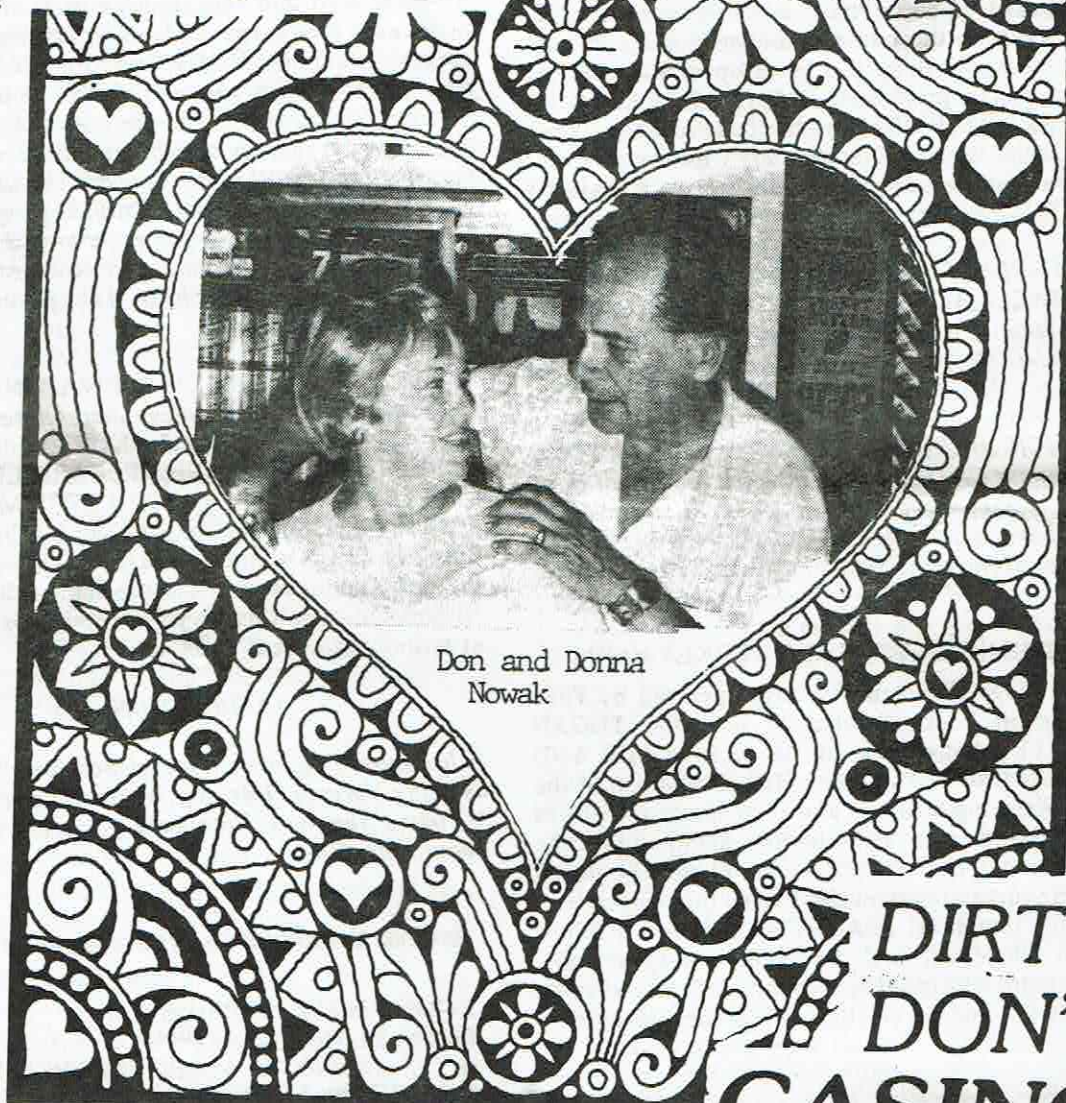
CORRECTION

In last month column, I mentioned Rog Williams as being Norman Hills son. Not true. Rog is Alice Williams son and Norman's grandson. Sorry about that, folks.

Kelleys Island Southshore home for rent. Furnished, victorian, eight bedrooms, \$250.00 per week. Contact R. Myers, 3818 W. 215th St., Matteson, Illinois 60443 312-748-9205



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BILL MARTIN, son of the late Emmet and Alice Martin spent his younger years on K.I. as an up-and-coming-businessman.

He ran a little bicycle repair shop on the west side of the Village Pump, which was then known as Martin's Bar. Later, in his teen years, he converted this into an auto repair shop and did a lot of the island's mechanical work.

After his fathers death, Bill left K.I. and worked for Canning and Clancy a car dealer in Cleveland where he met his wife Dean who was a secretary there at the time.

He served in the army during World War II in Germany in the maintenance unit, directly behind the front lines.

In 1954 Bill opened his own business in Ravanna, Ohio on East Main St. After 25 years, he is still doing a very fine business. Many islanders see Bill when they need a new car.

His son, Willie, is an officer in the US Navy serving aboard a missile destroyer near Iran.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Was so nice talking with you today. Feel like I have come back from the dead. While Peg Yuhas and I were in the Cleveland Clinic this winter, so many things happened to show that it really is a small world.

A woman by the name of Mary Lavelle was in the same room with Peg. She had just returned from Kelleys Island where she had been visiting Claude Smith. Then, across the hall was Laurie, the daughter of Del and LaVerne Ehrbar...Peg met her in the Sun Room of the Clinic and discovered her connection with Kelleys Island.

Then another person that works in the medical records department came across Peg's chart and came to visit her to see if she was really the Peg Yuhas that she had worked with for years at the Square D. Co. in Cleveland. A nurse by the name of Susie that was with my dear sister, Tootie the day she died took care of Peg while she was at the clinic. Such a small world isn't it?

Now, when I was sent down to the lab at the clinic for some tests, the woman there was from Vermilion and visits Kelleys Island a lot. And the patient in the same room with me was my nurse at San Rosario Sanitarium in Cambridge Springs, Ohio back in 1940...such incidents I can't believe.....

Anyway, Peg is now walking with one crutch, and is making headway and I am beginning to feel better too...in fact I'll be going off oxygen soon and will be able to drive a car again...What a year 1980 was. Haven't been out since last June except in an ambulance! "How Great Thou Art" is all I can think of as the doctors at the clinic remarked that someone up in heaven really likes me....

Both Peg and I received many cards and we thank everyone that wished us well. We sure know that there are so many more good people in this world than there are bad ones. And, I am sure all the good ones come to Kelleys Island.

Eileen Martin
Cleveland, Ohio

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Dear Editor-in-Chief:

Do you realize the responsibilities of COTTAGER? I must clean and maintain: kitchens, 3 bathrooms, 4 bedrooms, 2 living rooms, 2 dining rooms, 2 washing machines, irons, 2 sewing machines, 3 vehicles, 1 fireplace, 1 potbelly stove, 2 gardens, 2 pianos, 3 dogs, a two electric blankets, three chain saws, three motorcycles.

AIN'T THAT LIVING!!!!!!

Caroline Taylor
Olmsted Falls, Ohio

Thank you for mailing the Home Town News to us. Sorry about being delinquent. Must be getting absent minded. We enjoy this news and look forward to receiving it. Wish you great success and prosperity with your journalism. Also, congratulate you on your selection of reportage Coradine Myers. We think she's TOPS!!! Best Wishes for this new year.

Edna and Al Carroll

I would like to subscribe to the Kelleys Island Home Town News. I read in the Lorain Journal the wonderful work you are doing and as a former summer resident of 20 years, I do love all the people of Kelleys. Since almost all my friends there have passed on, this newspaper would be the best way to hear what's happening on the Island. So, please put me on the mailing list and bill me accordingly.

Lovingly
Anna Courady
731 Howell St.
Sheffield Lake, Ohio
44054

We enjoyed reading the Home Town News a great deal. I commend you for your efforts at keeping the venture alive. Publishing anything in these times is a labor of love, not profit, for the part.

Robert F. MyersMatteson, Illinois

We enjoy receiving the K.I. Home Town News and, when we're in Florida and Kelleys Islanders come to visit, it's fun sharing the news with them. On Leo's last birthday, we celebrated as usual on the island and I wrote some parodies which I'm enclosing because some of them are about Kelleys. I noticed that you had some in one of the papers...not that I'm asking to be published, you understand...so I thought you'd enjoy these too, for what it's worth.

Sing to "Ain't We Got Fun"

In the morning

In the evening
Ain't we got fun?
Los o' chiggers
But it 'figgers'
We still got fun.

The poison ivy
All over the place
Still we're all lively--
A smile on our face
Rocky beaches
Stolen peaches
Ain't we got fun?
Those m'squitas
How they bleed us
Ain't we got fun?
There's no denyin'
It's not quite heaven
But it sure is tryin'
Here at Kelleys
Ain't it swelleee
'Cuz we got fun!!!

Marian Goldner
Toledo, Ohio

DOCTOR HOSPITALIZED

Dr. Heinz Boker is reportedly a patient in St. Lukes Hospital, Cleveland. Preliminary reports indicated back problems, possible surgery required.

JAN. 8th COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Treasurer reported that the clerk, Solicitor, Mayor and herself have invested \$80,000 realized from the insurance from jail fire, and will receive \$660.30 monthly interest in Money Certificates earned from 6% interest. The amount of \$10,000 has been invested, and can be available each month if needed, but will be reinvested if not used.

Planning Commission report: Haig explained that Planning Board requested camping permit fee be changed from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Council refers the situation to Solicitor Bill Smith for further study, report next meeting. A Letter has been sent to 7 car owners for unlicensed cars parked at the airport describing the need for their removal or subject to violations. Mary Schock was elected President of Council by unanimous decision.

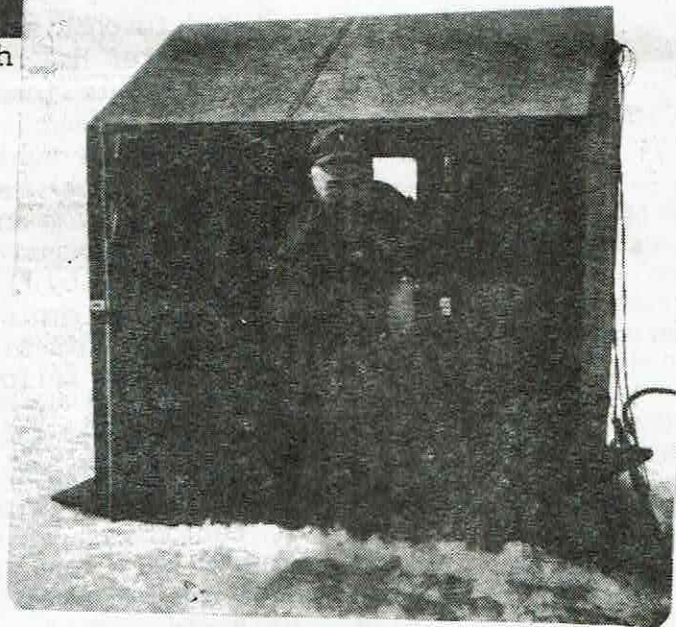
Work has begun on the inside of the town hall by CETA employees. A total of 3 CETA employees have been on the payroll this winter. A new employee was hired following the resignation of Michael Neuman. Discussion regarding the need for this man was answered by Mayor McCune. He stated that the responsibility for this situation was his alone, and that any further discussion on the matter should be directed to him, not council.

Board of Public Affairs will have a special meeting reviewing application for Consultant and eventually the Assistant to Water Superintendent. They will report at next meeting.

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.....Jack Sennish



.....Bucky Harris

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.....Editor



.....Del McCune



.....Bill Overcashier



Martin

Love conquers all

Father Charles E. Haley (pictured to the right) was born in Canton, Ohio in 1875. He was ordained in Altoona, Pa. and served as the Pastor of St. Michael's Catholic Church on Kelleys Island after World War II until 1956.

During his years on the island, Father Haley was very active with the youth. He was instrumental in organizing a basketball team for the girls of the island. This idea was so successful that the girls team traveled all over Ohio to play in competition. After leaving St. Michaels Church he was pastor of Ascension Parish, Fort Myers Beach, Florida. He came to the Beach in the early fifties when the church services were still being held in the Parish Hall. With his own hands, he reportedly started building the present church Rectory.


He was a licensed pilot and also licensed sea captain according to an article celebrating his 84th birthday while residing in Florida.

Father Haley was equally at home with islanders as well as visitors, with Catholics as well as other denominations, with senior citizens as well as youngsters...His ready smile and wit were trademarks of the man, small in stature, yet big in love for his fellow man,

The last eight years of his life were spent in the island home of Jeanette Kuchar. "It made him happy to live out his final years on the island that he loved so very much", Jeanette said.

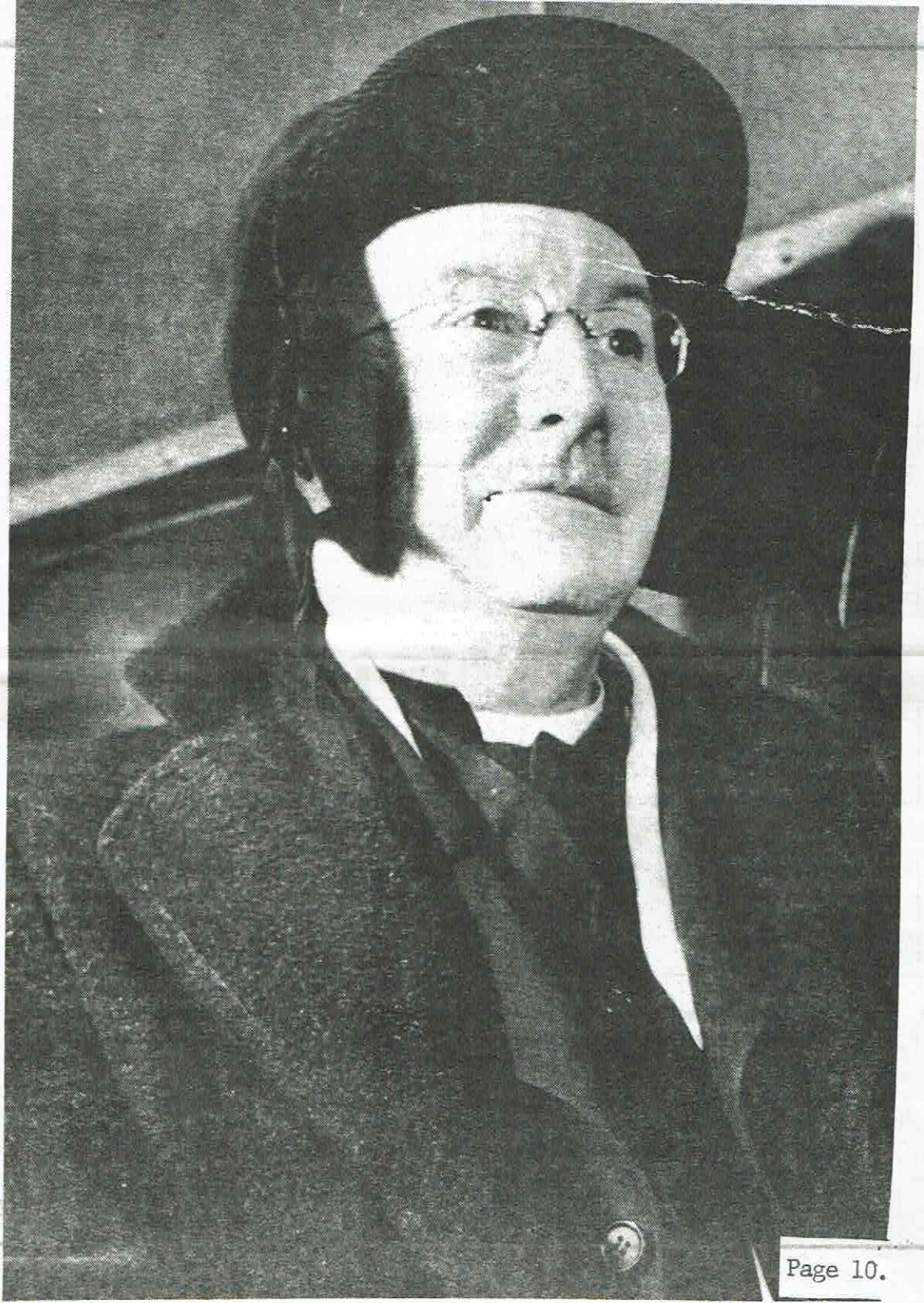
He is buried on Kelleys Island, his memory lingers on.

OBITUARIES

 GENE HAAS, 66, died recently in the hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana where he had been residing.

July 5, 1915, he came to the island as a boy years old with his mother and father, Dr. Haas. The family occupied the house just north of Jean Dwelle where Dr. Haas set up his

medical office, and served the island residents many years. His widow, Mary Helen, and sister Kathryn (Kay) Haubert, Seattle, Wa. Survived also by several nieces and nephews was preceded in death by a brother Glen a young brother John who drowned early in life the coast of the island.



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So, it has happened again...that wonder of wonders...to go to bed with the waters of Lake Erie lapping on our dock, and to wake up in the morning to find ICEs as far as we could see! After 5 winters...it still amazes me, and speaking of winter, those of you who have never seen our island in winter, especially when there has been a good snowfall, are missing a beautiful sight! The snow stays so clean and white for so long. Right now, Kelleys is a haven for snowmobilers...dozens of them can be seen parked by Matso's bar, and our own Islanders have caught the fever and each day we hear of someone else buying one. The latest one was EARL DAVING and before that HENNY BEATTY. (Age is no barrier!)

Russ and Bea Matso bought one in October and a week ago they hooked a "trailer" on behind and went over to Port Clinton to buy cases of beer to bring back! Such brave people...I heard that ROM BEATTY had taken HUGH LANGE's truck over and brought his dad's snowmobile! KIM WATKINS rides hers to our ceramics class on Tuesdays!

Speaking of KIM she and INGRID NIERs got together a group to go carolling on the Tuesday before Christmas. They stopped at our house and RON heard them and came running out to the kitchen to tell me "People are outside singing so pretty!" Wish I could have heard you!

Thanks to the following who participated: INGRID, DAN, PETE, SHAWN, AND LAUREL NIERs, PAULA AND PAM HAIG, KIM, ELIC AND ROBIN WATKINS, LISA AND CONNIE MATSO.

Lee and I seem to be a jinx for the VFW New Years Eve Party. We alternate between their party and Matso's each year. Every time it was our turn to attend the VFW...there would be bad weather, no planes could fly and all party goers were stranded on the mainland. It happened again this year and reports had it that 40 people were left high and dry on the mainland...stranded at the airport looking longingly towards the island. JOE AND MARTHA ONDERS were

among the 40 and we felt quite badly about that as Martha has been away since before Thanksgiving...staying at her daughter's in Chesterfield, Ohio. They drove all the way back and when they got home Joe called the VFW Hall and had a chat with the fellows!!

Several days before Christmas the MARTINS flew over here from their daughter's in Sandusky and stopped here for a short visit. I kidded Jack about driving all the way to Florida to be sick and enter the hospital...what was wrong with the ones over here? All kidding aside, we were sorry he had suffered severe leg and back pains.

When we saw the Martins before they left for Florida, Jessie showed me a paper that said that two books she had written had been placed on the OHIO TEACHERS AND STUDENTS READING CIRCLE, quite an honor and we congratulate you Jessie!

Hi MILT BLATT way out there in California thanks ever so much for remembering us with your Christmas card and blessing on you for your words for this column....and a card from PAT CHARLIE HIBBS showed that they had moved again to Maryland. Hope you are happy there toby and nora zettler sent a note with their saying how sorry they were to have been unable to make it to Kelleys for Christmas this year. They are now residing in Washington, D.C.

We got to be quite friendly with a couple that rented BOB's house last summer, and received a card from them that showed a picture of a goose dressed like Santa...it was captioned "a silly goose" and inside it said "I'd be a goose if I forgot you at Christmas" and a note asking how SILLY OUR GOOSE was coming out in this weather! Such an appropriate card and wonder if they (RUSS AND SHEILA SANDERSON) hunted high and low for just such a card.

Forgot to mention that at the Island Christmas party, a cake was brought forth and candles lit and we all sang Happy Birthday to LAUREL!

NIERS. And last night at Pot Luck, PAT SEEHOLZER brough a delicious chocolate cake and covered it with 47 candles, lit all of them and then turned and placed it in front of BUD YOSCOVITS!!! Happy birthday BUD!!

For the program that LEE, RON and I presented at Zion that Sunday before Christmas, we needed some straw and some feathers. So, LEE high tailed it over to JIM SEEHOLZER AND ASKED IF HE COULD HELP US OUT AND HE SAID. "No Problem, I'll go pluck the chickens in the morning%" Sunday morning, before we left for church, Jim stopped by and gave us a bag full of straw and soft white feathers....Thanks, Jim!

The day after RUSS AND BEA MATSO went across with their snowmobile, Russ drove in our driveway and came to the door to hand LEE a package. On opening it, we found a pecan log roll...gift of appreciation from RUTH PERRUCHON. A letter from our daughter CORALEE who is a teacher for kindergarten, told us that a bad cold had affected her voice and she explained to her children that she had lost her voice. Later, as she was helping one little fellow to zip up his jacket, he said to her. "Mrs. Leimer, when I come to school tomorrow, I'll look real hard and see if I can't find it for you". Bless our little children, they make life worth living!

We had quite a Comedy of Errors with our Christmas package this year. Although we mailed Bob and Coralees packages at the same time, Coralee received hers before Christmas and Bob didn't get his till sometime several days after!!! Then, Coralee mailed 2 packages to us, one for Ron and one for us. Ron's came before Christmas, but ours didn't reach us till the Saturday after. And, as if that wasn't enough, BILL AND JUDY sent us a package, which came back to them. The mailing label for us had fallen off, so they had to return it to sender, so we finally, after a long time in waiting, received it safely here.

So... long for now....CORADINE

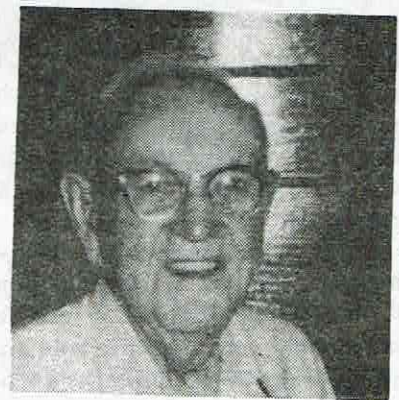
P.S....Just heard that BONNIE BLATT has will enter the hospital for surgery. We sure her well. EDITORS NOTE: Pixie Schwab home recuperating from eye surgery. She visited in Lakewood Hosp. recently by Flor Block, Bev Brian and Carol and Erin Elfers.

HAPPY FIRST ANNIVERSARY!
...Larry & Betty Eaton
Valentines Day Feb. 14th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY.....!!!!!!
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March 2 Mary Ann Sennish
March 6 Larry Sennish
March 7 Theresa Frobieter
March 8 Virginia Neuman
March 14 Carol Vogler Elfer
March 18 Marian Biehl
March 20 Julia Lesczynski
March 23 Tom Hearn

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ARNOLD ELFERS WONDERFUL SODA POP MACHINE.....

By Eddie Ryan

Long before any of us heard of the word "automation", Arnold Elfers had an approach to it in his store...located right next door to Frankies (North). In it he had the most unusual pop machine I ever saw up to that time and we kids were good customers. There being no electric ref. geration in those days, the pop dispenser was a very large metal box filled with ice. It had three or four metal tubes that were open at each end and were wide enough in diametesr to hold a pop bottle. Each tube which went under the ice held

about eight pop bottles...to get a bottle out, you mesrely pushed an uncoolesd one in, forcing the chilled bottle out the other end. VOILE! When Arnold apssed away. Catherine and Frank "Chick" Hamilton ran the store. Don't recall if they still had the great soda pop dispensing machine. Tell you what...if anyone on the island locates it, I'll pay a handsome price to obtain it. Not for pop or beer, but as an antique. Just pass the word on to Carol and I'm sure she'll get in touch with me. They don't make equipment like that no more.....