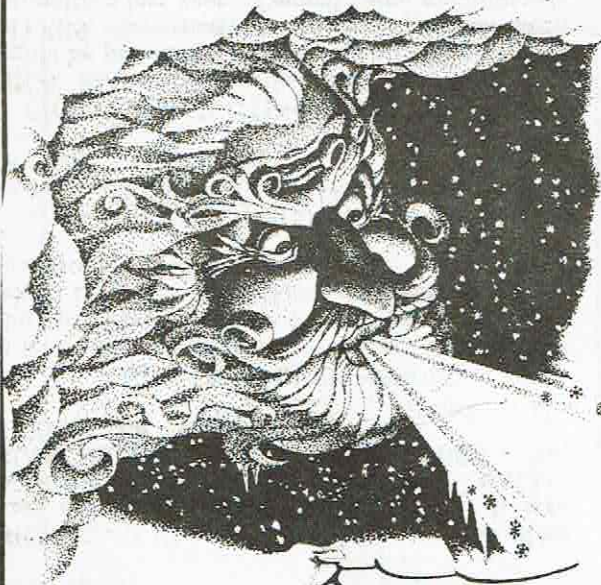


January, 1982



# WINTER

**Kelleys  
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*HOME TOWN NEWS*



**HIGHLIGHTS OF VILLAGE COUNCIL  
MEETING - December 3, 1981  
Compiled by Carol A. Vogler**

Present: Bianchi, Matso, Myers, Seeholzer, Shock, Martin absent and excused.

**NEW ROOF ON TOWN HALL COMPLETED**

MARY SCHOCK reported that the new roof is completed on the Town Hall. A check from THEO CLARK in the amount of \$563.58 was received by council to be applied to the total billing. This money was collected by MRS. CLARK from residents & summer people interested in preserving the structure.

NICK BIANCHI, Head of Street & Sidewalk Committee, stated that work is being done in preparedness for the winter months ahead.

Fire Chief ROY FOX reported a letter has been sent to the Clerk containing complaints. Mainly: No heat in the new building, someone drained the fire truck of water without notifying the dept. The Mayor answered that he had instructed FOX at least two weeks previously to take care of the necessary problems and eliminate the lack of heating. He further stated that someone tampering with the firetruck should have been reported as a public offense and action would have been taken on it.

PLANNING COMMISSION: In the absence of KEN HAIG, KIM WATKINS reported that LORI DEBOARD has requested a variance for a gift shop. However, this is not necessary as an ordinance is already in effect covering this regulation.

**LAND SPLIT APPROVED**

The land split requested by DAN AHNERS and ABE FRESCH was approved by the board. NICK BIANCHI made a motion that the land split which concerns property connected with the BENETA estate on Ward Road and Division St. be approved also by council. It was seconded by SEEHOLZER. Unanimously accepted.

AIRPORT: No report.

Police Chief reported 8 calls for the month of November.

TREASURER: Expenses - \$11,565.01, Receipts - \$17,181.43. Balance - \$80,111.40.

**LITTER GRANT**

A letter from the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources was ready by the Mayor stating that the village application for a litter grant funding will be considered along with 112 other certified applicants.

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A letter from A.V. Lake Steel Co. concerning trade off of work of old fire building repair stone fill in the new building be done in the Spring of 1982 was read.

A motion was made by LEE MYERS to accept letter of 11-30-81 and also to pay A.V. Lake Steel Co. their final bill of \$18,681.15 for the building expense. Motion passed. The clerk was instructed to write a letter of thanks to A.V. Lake Steel Co. for their excellent work and cooperation with the village. Also a letter be sent to K. POLTA, Engineers Dept. of Erie Co. for send the end loader for village use.

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The Mayor read a letter dated 11-12-81 from F. Co. Health Dept. concerning the status of the KILKO property and the recommendation that the premises and grounds be improved by 5-3-82 action would be taken by the Dept.

**HENRY BEATTY APPOINTED**

HENRY BEATTY was appointed to fill vacancy on the Board of Public Affairs, effective Jan. 1, 1982.

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**LICENSES FOR GOLF CARTS?**

The sale of licenses for golf carts used by visitors touring the island was put before council by LEE MYERS. Proceeds from this license program would help augment village expenses. MAYOR MCCUNE answered that there was no possibility of license golf carts, a relief for those in business of renting the carts.

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# COMMUNITY COMMENTS

BY CORADINE MYERS

As you read this issue Christmas will long be over, and 1982 will be well on its way, but as I write this Christmas is just beginning. FRANKIE has his tree up in the store and the Village Park is all decked out in colored lights, around the monument, the benches, and even up the flag pole. Looks so very **Christmasy!**

Zion & St. Michael's ladies groups have had their Christmas parties, with fun, food and games, and for Zion, the unveiling of our "secret pals". Mine was SIS (FLORENCE) McKILLIPS and I had guessed it would be her. Much to my regret, the ladies decided to discontinue the "Secret Pals".

On Saturday, Dec. 12th, the Annual Village Christmas party took place, once more at Town Hall. It didn't seem to be as well-attended as usual, but there was plenty of good food and fellowship, and as usual Santa Claus...none other than JOE ONDERS. He was busy handing out packages to quite a few children, among them ROBIN WATKINS, TERRI AND PEGGY BIANCHI, PAM HAIG, ELIC WATKINS, LISA AND CONNIE MATSO, CHRIS SEEHOLZER and two newcomers, MICHAEL AND JOHN GUDU and MELISSA ELLISON. A belated welcome to the GUDU and ELLISON families, and hope they are enjoying the island.

Something new was added this year. PAT SEEHOLZER passed out boxes of candy to our 80 plus islanders. Those called forward were ESTHER AND JACK SENNISH, MAYBELLE AND STEVE KEKELIK, RUTH SCHNITTKER, MOLLY & GEORGE YOSCOVITS and MARY SCHOCK accepted a box for GODFRIED, who was not present. A very nice gesture, thanks to the "Interested Citizens Group".

On Saturday, Nov. 28th, Zion Methodist Church was the scene of a very lovely wedding for two lovely people, SANDRA BERHOW and JOHN STARE. SANDY is the daughter of VYRL (BLATT) and HOWARD KOENIGAEKER of Toledo, Ohio and JOHN is the nephew of THERESS BUCCI. The two young sons of the bride, JOHNATHAN AND BRIAN, and the son of the groom, JOHN STARE, acted as ushers. They were so neat, and took such pains to perform their duties, they were a joy to behold. JOHNATHAN and BRIAN in their matching tan suits and orange

roses in their lapels, acted as acolytes and lit the candles at the altar, resplendent with cornucopias of autumn flowers. The brother of the groom, FRANK STARE, was best man and a good friend of the bride. SUSAN FRITZ, was Matron of Honor. The bride was lovely in a long white dress with short ruffle-edged jacket, coming down the aisle with a son on each arm!

After the ceremony, PASTOR WALTON had the newlyweds face the guests and introduced them as MR. AND MRS. JOHN STARE, everyone applauded...their was much laughter afterward when the newlyweds kissed one another, and the kiss lasted so long! The reception was held at the VFW Hall...plentiful food and very delicious. After the cake-cutting, picture taking, and the bouquet and garter toss (which was a family affair...a niece of Sandy's caught the bouquet, and ROBBY BLATT, Sandy's cousin, caught the garter...watch out, TED AND BONNIE!) it was time to get to the boat dock for those who were returning. All good things must come to an end!

On Nov. 10th while at the boat dock, LEE said "Look!" and pointed to the sky...there was a flock of ducks sailing by in a perfect V formation another flock came along...that kept up for a good ten minutes. We figured about 1,000 ducks had flown by. Its so fascinating to watch the birds any kind, to see how they can stay in the air so endlessly, and the beautiful V formation, and the instinct that guides them from place to place. Later, driving around the Marina, there was a seagull perched on everyone of the posts, and the driveway in front of the slips was solid with gulls and they never moved as we passed them by.

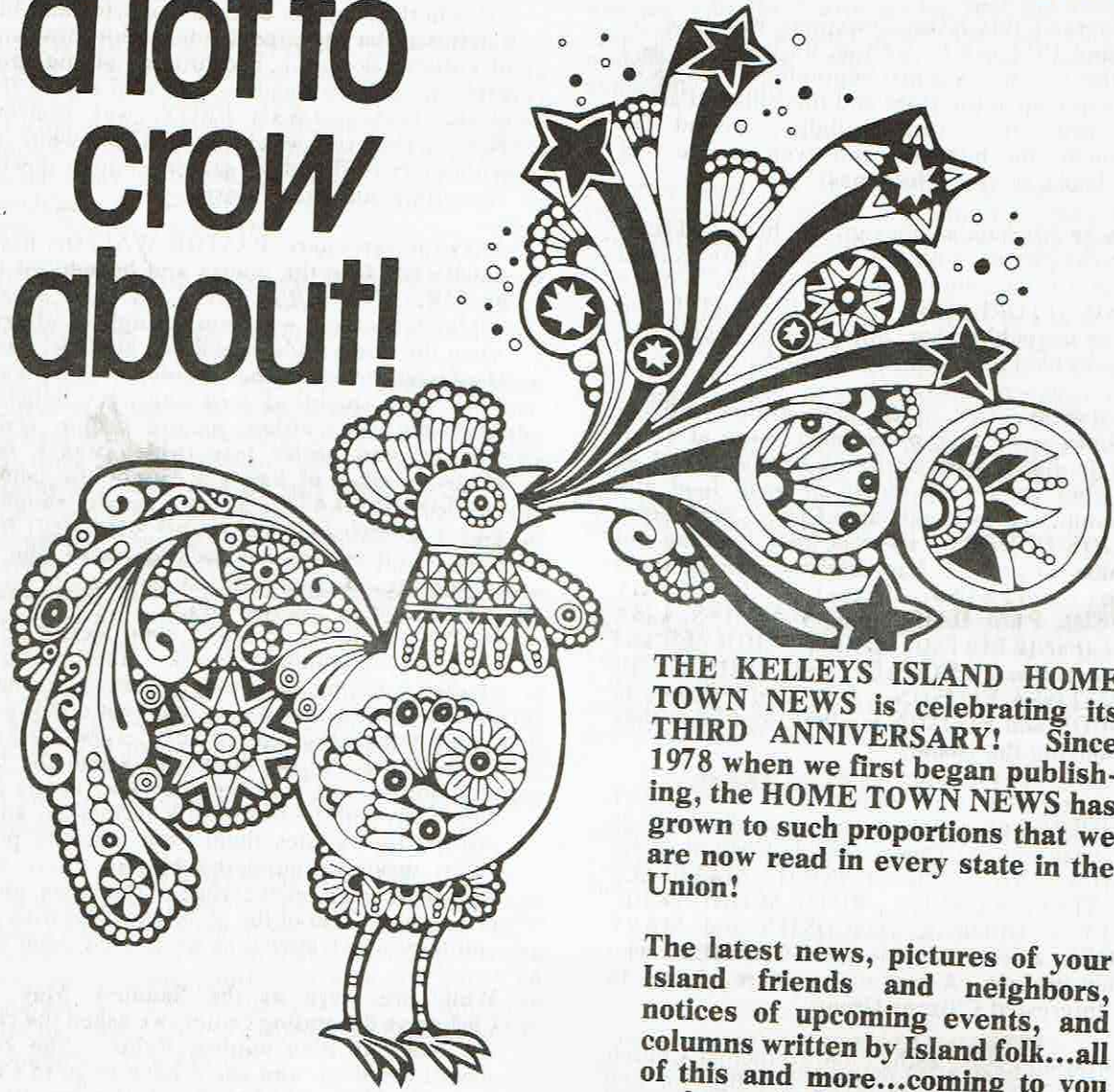
While we were at the Sandusy May Co.' Christmas decorating center, we asked the clerk if she had any blue outdoor lights. She said it wasn't her dept. and she'd have to go to CHINA to check. LEE said "I can't wait that long!". The clerk stopped quickly, laughed and caught on that Lee was joking...she was going to the country China, not the store's china department. That's my Lee...always joking!

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# We've got a lot to crow about!

## IT'S OUR ANNIVERSARY



THE KELLEYS ISLAND HOME TOWN NEWS is celebrating its **THIRD ANNIVERSARY!** Since 1978 when we first began publishing, the HOME TOWN NEWS has grown to such proportions that we are now read in every state in the Union!

The latest news, pictures of your Island friends and neighbors, notices of upcoming events, and columns written by Island folk...all of this and more...coming to you each month throughout the year...for many years to come!

We extend a hearty "Thank You!" for your continued support.



# MORE KELLEYS ISLAND MEMORIES

By Eddie Ryan

Our gracious Editor, Carol, really snookered me into belting out another batch of trivia about days gone by when she put it in black and white in the last issue "He has promised to supply us with a regular column of boyhood Island memories for the next issue"! Can't back off now...it's there in black and white. Did I actually make that promise, Bright Eyes?

Well, I had a bit of help during the past week. Spent a long weekend with SAM and KAY BAUMAN at their son's condo on Daytona Beach. Island memories flew thick and fast as we sipped a touch on Bailey's Irish Cream.

## A Bird in The Hand?

For example, we got onto RUEBEN BECKER who was the game warden way back when. SAM's dad (a dear old fellow I remember well) told sam to "Get those d----- birds out of the corn field." Sam willingly obliged, took a shotgun and found a bunch of cock pheasants in the field. He popped two of them. According to Hoyle a farmer can shoot a pheasant out of season IF it is malesting his crops. BUT they were either to be buried or left in the field. SAM deftly kicked the birds under a bush. On to the scene came Big Reuben asking, "Did you hear some shots?" Sam allowed as though they must have come from 'over there'. REUBEN poked around the area looking for what may have been shot. SAM, who was always quick on his feet - mentally & physically - kept backing up and moving the prey away from BECKER. REUBEN, satisfied that the area was clear, took off for 'over there', leaving SAM with a hidden shotgun and two cocks stashed under the growth. Didn't ask SAM what happened to the pheasants. I'm not *that* stupid.

## Head for the Hills...the Cask is Broken!

Another incident was when SAM and CLARENCE DUGNAN found a large cask in that old winery near what is now CLAUDE SMITH's house. Filled with curiosity as to what was in the cask, they knocked out the bung. No wine, just an avalanche of sour vinegar gushed out...and out...and out. Time to take to the road, figured SAM and DUGY - which they did.

## Who's In The Loft?

Charley "Red" Martin, Jake's dad, was a feisty Irishman who would bedevil a man who crossed him up. FATHER MAEDER, Pastor of St. Michael's Church in those days, also tended to have a rather short fuse. Inevitably they clashed. Father M. was saying Mass one Sunday when he noticed someone in the choir loft in the back. He stopped and said "Whoever is in the back balcony, please come down." No answer, and no one came down. Somewhat irritated, the good Reverend repeated, "Whoever is in the choir area, please come down. You know I don't allow parishioners up there when there are plenty of empty seats in the downstairs pews." Still no response, or exit from the back. At this point Father M. decided to take action. He went quickly to the back of the church, up the winding stairs, and grabbed CHARLEY to escort him out. RED was not for physically tangling with a Priest, so he refrained from combat. Pushed out of the loft, he headed for the rear church door and left - never to return again (or so the story goes!)

One summer when the Island had its great baseball team and RED MARTIN was Manager, FATHER FRANK (Maeder's brother) took to hanging around his players' bench during games and offering advice. CHARLIE didn't take too kindly to this. After a few hot words were spoken, Charlie physically ejected the good Father from the premises. That, I guess, was his way at getting back at Father M. I saw this episode, but take the word of a reliable source on the first conflict.

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## HIMMELEINS

FRED HIMMELEIN and his wife, RUELA, summered in the old Himmelein Hotel each summer as long as I can remember. They had the East side of the big building, both upstairs and down. RUELA died in her sleep one night, some eight to ten years ago, as Fred put it, "Facing the lake she loved so well". Poor old FRED. Went downhill physically after that. The last time I saw him was at GEORGE and JEANETTE CLEARY's for cocktails about six years ago - the last summer DOTTY and I were up. He had lost much of his vitality and was in poor health. But he still had his sense of humor...kept calling me "Rock"...I guess because of the mustache.

## A Friend In Need...

All of the above is paraphrased from the Island conversations I had with SAM BAUMAN. SAM added another one. One night, a guy from Sandusky was heading home from Kelleys in his own boat with several others. He had been imbibing a bit freely and thought he had passed the East end of the Island. He turned in and plowed right onto the beach in front of the old BAUMAN house. SAM and the others heard the bang.

They went out to see what happened. Fortunately, no one was seriously hurt. SAM and several others from the immediate area went down to the beach and found the poor soul all shook up - wondering where he was and what had happened! When told he was still on Kelleys Island, he asked to be taken down to the Himmelein House, "Cause Old Fred's a good friend of mine." The boat was in sad shape from hitting the rocks. Well, they took him down to the Himmelein House and he went up and beat on the door calling FRED's name at the top of his voice. Awakened out of a sound sleep, FRED opened the upstairs window and let out with a few choice words, telling the guy to go away.

I guess SAM or another of the BAUMAN family took the ship-wrecked lush home for the night. Turned out he DID KNOW FRED. Next morning, they dug up some help to get the boat off the rocks and down to NEUMAN's DOCK, from which it was carted back to Sandusy, FRed H., when he found out in the morning what all the noise was about, said he was quite sorry about his strong language the night before. He did know the guy ...had done some work for him the winter before.

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SAM's wife, KAY (a sweet gal) came from Mackinaw Island. Her Dad was involved with lake steamers, including the old CHIPPEWA that was a regular on the Island for many years. Her family has a place on Mackinaw, and she and SAM get up each year. Recall my Grandm Gauche used to talk about that island before coming to Kelleys each year for many decades.

## CANADIAN BOOZE

JOHNNIE DITCHIE was a sort of hump-back little man whose specialty was bringing bottle spirits in from Canada. He'd go at night in his boat which was usually tied up at KOSTER DOCK. How he ever managed to carry the stuff I'll never know, but he must have had some help. His cottage sits on the East side of the Island, just before you make the turn to get to the Marina (which was Kelleys Pond when I was a pup). JOHNNY's long gone but some of the bottle stuff he brought in may still to this day be around.

They tell me...and I have never substantiated it...the old ice house on the north side was a good storage spot for Canadian booze. As kids we sometimes found bottles washed ashore. They had been dumped by "rumrunners" when being chased by the Coast Guard. Being too young to realize the soothing effect the contents had on the human personality, we occasionally would sample what we found to nearby grownups. Remember one old guy who was a very friendly drinker. I was always shaking hands - even when no one else was around! No, not dear old HAROLD WRIGHT we mentioned in one of these epistles last year.

Hope to see you come summer. Any suggestion on a nice place to stay will be most welcome. Just write to me in care of Editor Carol and I'm sure she'll pass it on.

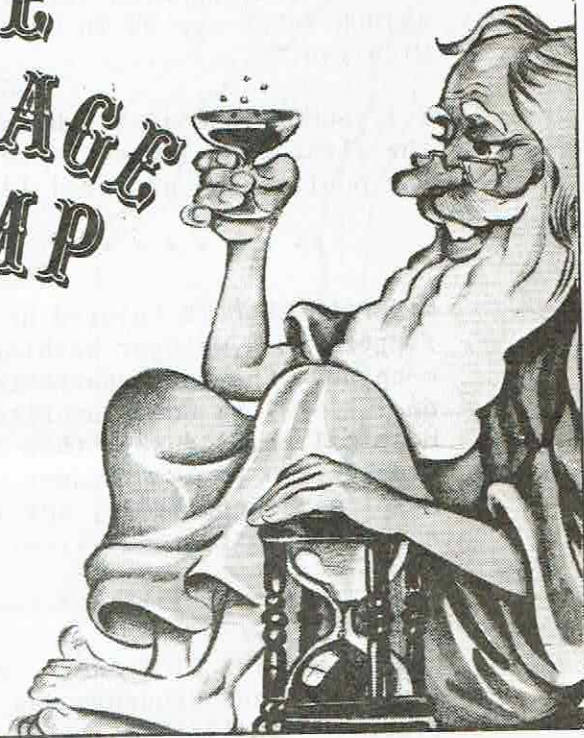
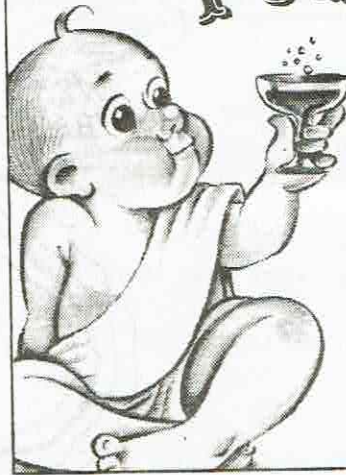
God Bless

You've got a friend  
on the other end



# 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 Bucsai                             | 24      | Lance Ray Marchky |
| 13     | James Seaman                               | 26      | Andrew Pogan      |
| 14     | Happy Anniversary -<br>Larry & Betty Eaton | 27      | Keith McKillips   |
| 17     | Florence Pohorence<br>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.....  
Mobile Homea & Trailers  
Vacant homes.....

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.....

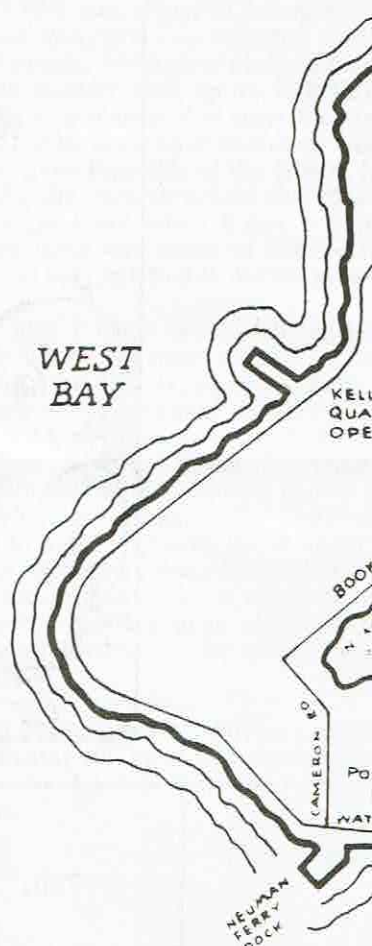
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"SANTA AND THE STOW AWAY", a play by island students was presented 12/17/1981.....

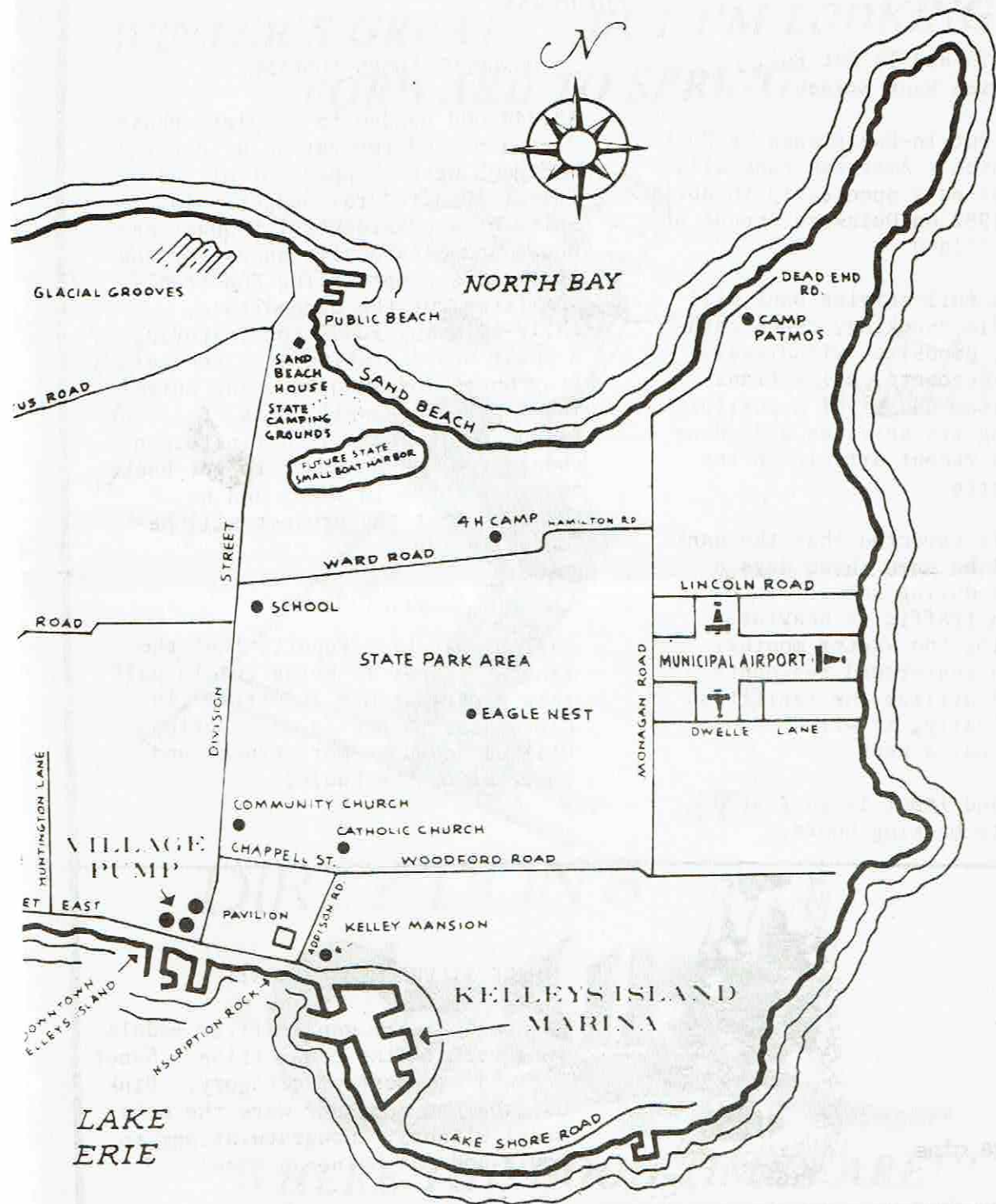
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WINTER SEASON RESIDENTS

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.

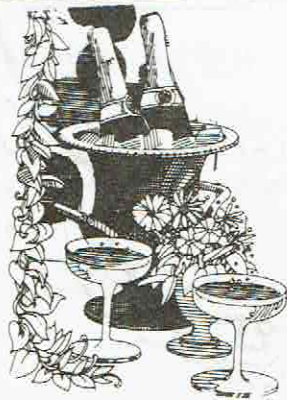
Island input is suggested as to banking hours.

### 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.



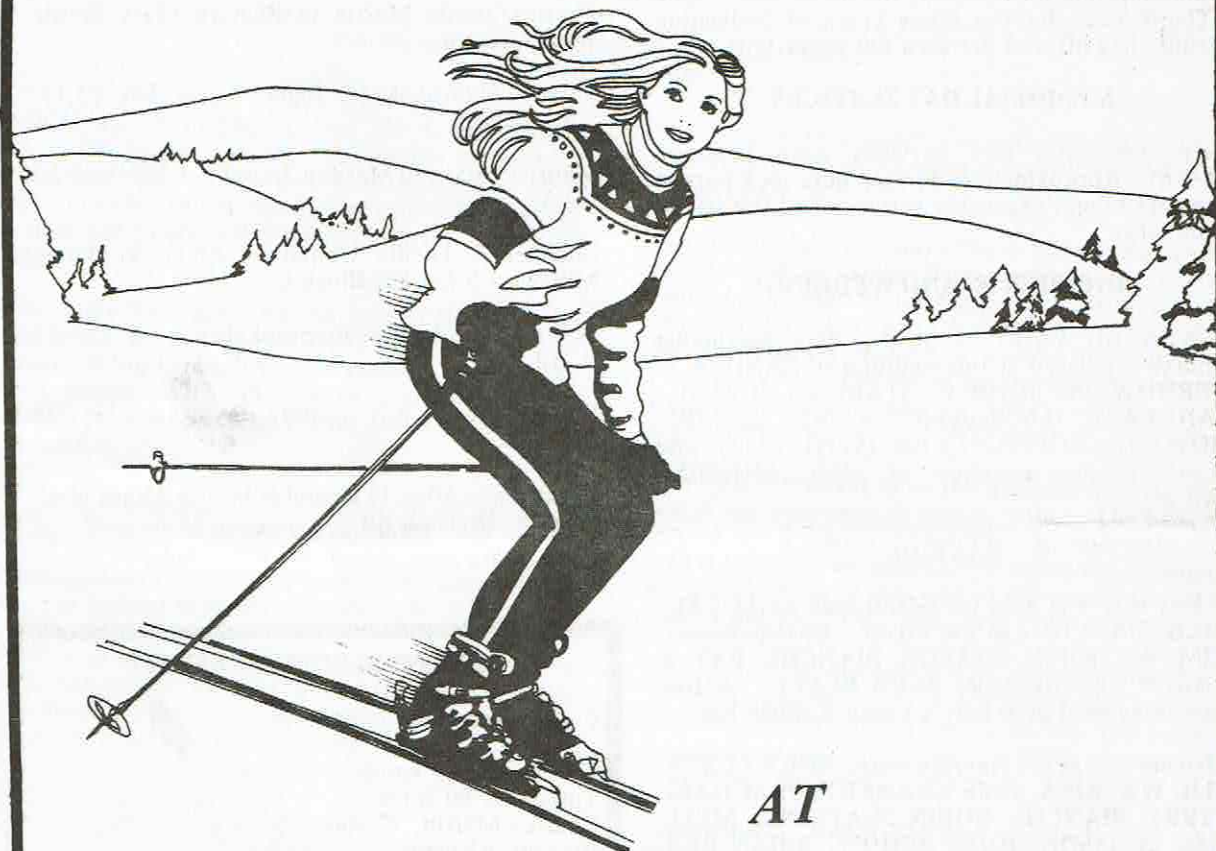
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### THREE SILVER MEDALS WON!!

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!



*WINTER'S GREAT, BUT I'M LOOKING  
FORWARD TO SPRING.....*



*AT  
DIRTY DON'S*

**Casino**

*“WHERE THE GOOD TIMES ARE!”*

# ISLAND SHORTS

## RETIREMENT DINNER

A beautiful retirement dinner was held for NADINE BROWN at the Showboat in Huron, Ohio. Sponsored by her fellow teachers and administration on 11-20-81, the affair was a gala "Thank you" for the many years of dedication Nadine has offered the area (30 years.)

## MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

VFW Memorial Day Services were held on 11-1-81. Approximately 30 marchers took part in the parade and graveside services and the island cemetery.

## ANOTHER ISLAND WEDDING!

REVEREND WALTON of the Zion Methodist Church officiated at the wedding of SANDRA L. BERHOW and JOHN C. STARE on 11-28-81. SANDRA is the daughter of MR. & MRS. HOWARD KOENIGSEKER (Veryl Blatt) and JOHN is the nephew of MRS. THERESA BUCSI.

## HAYRIDE

A Hay ride was held for island kids on 11-1-81. NICK BIANCHI was the driver. Chairpersons: KIM WATKINS, SHARON BIANCHI, PAT & KAREN SEEHOLZER, BARB BLATT. A free party was held at Windy's Camp Kellisle Bar.

Also present at the Hayride were: MIKE LUBER, ELIC WATKINS, JEFF KENNEDY, PAM HAIG, TERRY BIANCHI, ROBIN WATKINS, MELLISSA ELLISSON, JOHN BEHOW, BRIAN BERHOW, JIM FRITTS, ADAM McCUNE, TODD McCUNE, MEGGAN McCUNE, JAMES KENNEDY. Use of the tractor was doned by MIKE McCUNE, the wagon was donated by Neuman Boat Line.

## HOSPITALIZED

ROBERT ERNE has been a patient in Providence Hospital. ELKO SENNISH, JACK SENNISH and EARL DAVING have been patients in Good Samaritan Hospital, Sandusky. We hope that by the time this news reaches our readers, these islanders are well and on the road to recovery.

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## LAND TRANSFERS

Charles/Jessie Martin to Charles/Diane Goddard - P Lot 11 Woodford Rd.

Charles/Jessie Martin to Richard/Mary Smith Woodford Rd.

Roland Shefranek to Jeane Shea, Lot 13,15 Sunset Point

Maurice Shave to Marilyn Silorski - P Lot 9, - S Lot 1,2,3

Michael & Lucille Ulman to Alvin & Harri Milkove - S Lot 88, Block C

Walter Beneda est. to Frank Isaac - P Lot 17 Ward Rd.

Eleanor Rice to Roy & Betty Bayless - S Lot 335 336, Block F2

Frank Isaac Adm. to Daniel & Donna Ahner et al P Lot 5, Division Rd.

## RECENT ELECTION RESULTS

Council members elected were:

Lee Myers, 87 votes  
Yoscovitz, 80 votes  
Charles Martin, 77 votes  
Bianchi, 63 votes  
Pat Seeholzer (Treas.), 61 votes

Board of Education members elected were:

Kim Watkins, 108 votes  
Bea Matso, 97 votes  
Hank Knapp, 78 votes  
Joe Onders, 77 votes



# NEWS BRIEFS FROM BY-GONE DAYS By Elko Sennish

## ISLAND YOUTHS LOST IN STORM

Pair Rescued After Spending Five Hours on Ice  
February 26, 1934



MICHAEL DUFFET, 21, and MICHAEL SABO, 16, were recovering in their homes here today from effects of exposure suffered yesterday when their auto became imbedded in a snow bank about a mile and a half from the island during a blinding snow storm.

The boys had gone out at four o'clock in the afternoon to pick up GEORGE SABO, who had been fishing through the ice about a mile off the east shore. While they were searching for his shanty, George left it on the ice and went home on foot.

Finding the empty shack and fearing for George's safety, the youths began to search the ice for him. They were trapped in a severe blizzard, and were unable to make their way back to the island when the car lodged in a heavy snow drift.

Rather than risk an attempt to find the island on foot, the youths huddled in the rear seat of their automobile until they were found by a searching party at 9:30, nearly five hours later.



The local winter sports, mainly fishing and ice boating are now at a height comparative to that of years ago.

Within the last few days there have been many people making connections between the island and the mainland by ice boat, still a thrilling style of travel since there are a few dangerous cracks in the ice that are crossed at a very high speed. Hopping cracks has taken many rear runners off ice boats, but the island ice boaters consider that a part of the sport.

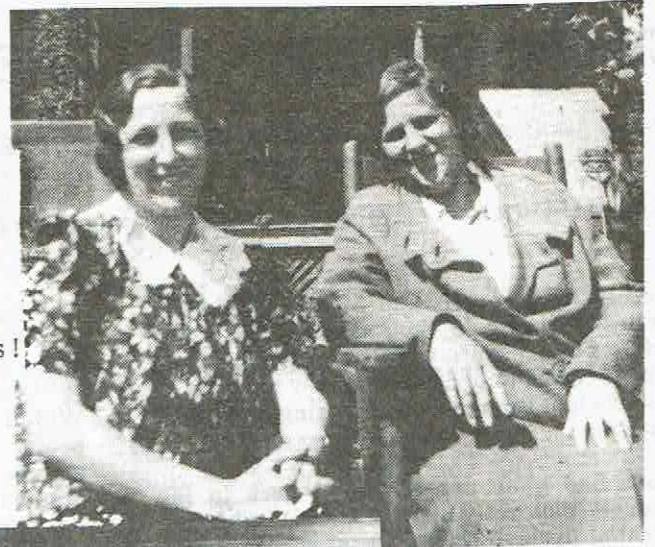
The "ZERO", said to be the greatest ice boat the island has ever seen, is now in action. The boat is owned by REUBIN BECKER. It was built by OTTO DODGE, an islander known as the greatest ice boat builder in this part of the country. In a good wind the ZERO will carry twelve people.

The island is encircled with almost fifty fish shanties and the record in one day is now held by PETER CHERVANY who caught 141 fish. The record in size is held by CARL ERNE who caught a 11 pound pickrel.

Automobiles have already crossed the ice between the island and Lakeside and also between the island and Middle Island. WALTER ELFERS who was in Sandusky on business crossed Tuesday and MICHAEL RIEDY visited Middle Island the same day. Many of the island fishermen drive out to their fish shanties every day.

ROY ELFERS, who was the first to cross the lake by ice boat in five years, met with his third ice boat accident this year. Monday he was crossing a dangerous crack near Lakeside. His bruised side held him away from the sport for one day.

VYRL BLATT KOENIGSEKER and  
NORMA BLATT McKILLIPS...  
sisters expecting a visit  
from the stork...and now  
those "little visitors from  
Heaven" are parents themselves!



**CORRECTION:**

Our December Cover stated  
incorrectly the residence  
of the Dwelle's and the  
Martins. The Dwelles lived  
in the house now owned by  
JIM BERTSCH on Division St.  
and the Martins home is now  
owned by LAWRENCE BETZENHEIMER.  
Sorry, we goofed!

JIM, FRANK & FREIDALENA VOLZ  
during a family get-together.



HIGHLIGHTS OF VILLAGE COUNCIL  
(Continued from Page 1)

ABANDONED JUNKERS MOVING  
TO THE DUMP

A total of \$8946.00 has been accumulated from  
the Disposal fees. \$216.00 remains due from  
residents and \$27,225.00 from businesses on the  
island.

The unpaid accounts will be added to the Tax

January, 1982



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