



The Island Scene

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Council Notes - May

- A 5/1 Special Meeting - Business community requested a decrease in the excise tax, from 1½% to 1%. Council unanimously turned it down.
- Regular Council Meeting 5/16 - A public hearing will be held in the near future to discuss drainage problems affecting Sweetbriar and Harbor Lane. No new septic permits will be issued by Erie County Health Dept. until adequate drainage is provided.
- The Fire Dept. was commended for efficiently handling the home fire on McGettigan. EMT's were also praised for their excellent response in the past.
- The Ordinance involving the Kyle Paine properties was tabled until all of Council is present as a 3/4 vote is needed to pass (5 of 6 councilmen).
- Ordinance involving rollerblades was cancelled.
- Kim Watkins requested restricted parking on Division St. from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

An article about Mary A. McKillips in the last issue incorrectly presented her mother's name as Mary Fetterson Hughes. We have been advised it is Laura Dischinger Hughes. So sorry, Mary.

Upcoming Events

Press Party - June 10
10-K-Kick and 5 K-Kick - June 12
Recognition Potluck, Historical Society - June 18
VFW Chicken Barbecue - June 25

Leftover Yarn?

Barb Behlen reports that the Zonta Club of Sandusky is still in need of 7" x 9" knitted or crocheted pieces for their "Warm Up America" campaign.

A group of volunteers from Sandusky sews the pieces into afghans and distributes them to the less fortunate. You may drop off your pieces at Barb's, 930 W. Lakeshore Drive or Coradine's, 119 Lakeshore Drive.

Barb also requested Campbell Soup labels which can be dropped off at the back of Zion Church where a basket has been provided. For more information on either project, please call her at 746-2552.

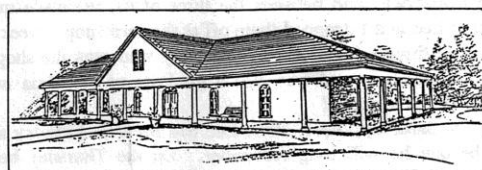


CURTAIN CALL

Ed Frindt is very concerned about the waining response to last year's plea for donations to the Curtain Call Project. He points out that improving the Old Town Hall benefits all: residents, businesses, organizations. The hall is used for dances, shows, school events, lectures, meetings, candidates' forums, etc. Let's all get behind this worthwhile cause! New stage curtains are an absolute must and will be first in order with other improvements to follow. Your donations are tax-free and should be sent to:

KILA Curtain Call Committee
% P.O. Box 505
Kelleys Island, OH 43438

Museum Plans



Excitement is growing among our 'historians' as plans unfold for our Island museum. The new building will be faced with native limestone similar to that used on the German Reformed Church. The location will be on property adjacent to the church on Division Street.

Island artifacts are being collected and stored in readiness for the exhibits on fishing, quarrying, and wine making industries of the past. Many items collected so far belonged to the Kelley family who founded the island.

Fund raising will be the priority this year and so far \$42,000 of the needed \$200,000 has been collected. There will be a Recognition Potluck June 18th. Donations are most welcome and can be sent to the K.I. Historical Association, P.O. Box 328, Kelleys Island, Ohio, 43438. What a thoughtful way to remember deceased members of the community with a memorial in their name.

It is hoped the building and artifacts will be in place next summer.

Coradine's Corner

A great big "WELCOME" to our newest "Island Settlers" - Michelle (Shelley) and Donald (Don) Stein - daughter and son-in-law of our own Lucille Mathews! They arrived last month and are just about settled in with Lucille. We are happy to have you both with us.

Barbara and Bob Behlen took a few weeks off last month to vacation in the Bahamas and came home looking great - and beautifully tanned. Barbara was so very kind as to bring us both a lovely gift - a "Hang-up" made of shells and flowers and ribbons; and it has a place of honor on our kitchen wall. Thanks, Barb!

Quite some time ago, in October, I saw an article in the Morning Journal telling about a project that the ZONTA Club of Sandusky was sponsoring. They were asking people to help knit or crochet 7 x 9 inch pieces from left-over worsted yarn, any color, any pattern. They were to be returned to a yarn shop in Sandusky and would be passed out to ladies to make blankets which would be donated to the poor. The project was called "Warm Up America" (W.U.A.). Years ago, in 1925 to be exact, the ZONTA Club of Cleveland made it possible for me to go to Miami University in Oxford, Ohio by giving me a four-year scholarship loan, and I decided it was time to do something for ZONTA. So, I enlisted the aid of Ann Haas and June Campbell, and between the three of us, we made quite a bundle. Lee and I dropped them off at the yarn shop a week ago, and of all things, found out that the lady who runs the shop is a ZONTA member, and was also a graduate of my alma mater, Miami U. Wonderful!

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On Saturday, April 30th, Lee had his 88th birthday and it will be one he will long remember. On the Thursday before, Joann and Ken Neuffer gave him a dinner party together with three other birthday (April) babies, Ken (the 15th), Don Stein (the 17th) and Lucille (the 11th)! The food and fellowship were wonderful and Lee and I both thank Ken and Joann for their thoughtfulness. Then, on his birthday, Saturday, the 30th, Ron and I took Lee out for dinner at the Water Street Cafe and on the following day, Sunday, our church members gave Lee a surprise luncheon after church; and Lee really was surprised and very grateful to everyone who had helped to make it such a success. A special "Thank You" was due for Connie Morsher, whose idea it was, and to Pastor Walton, who gave his blessing on the venture. So -- all in all -- it was a birthday that Lee will long remember!

Ran into Ramie Dick at the Country Store a week ago and was so delighted that he looked just great; not at all what you would expect after all he'd been through. More power to you, Ramie! Later on that same day at the Post Office Ila (Ramie's wife) came to our car and said, "I had to come over to tell you how much I enjoyed your column in "The Island Scene". Thanks, Ila, you made my day!! Luv ya!

Looking up at the beautiful clouds today reminds me of a quote I read, "Clouds are the dust from God's feet". Such a heart-warming thought.

Till next time - Coradine.

The Main Team

by Jessie Martin

When warm weather arrives, Americans abandon the football helmets and basketball hoops in favor of the catcher's mitt and the baseball bat. It has been so - as far back as memory goes. Kelleys Islanders are no different from anyone else when it comes to enthusiasm and love of seeing their favorite batter hit a home run.

For many years, Islanders really played ball! Then, there was a lull because of either a lack of players or leadership. Within the last few years, there was a revitalization of the sport. Now there is even talk of making drastic changes in the old ball park, which is really a historic landmark. My purpose isn't to debate this issue, but to share throughout the summer months some of the games played and won, especially during the year, 1936, by the famous Kelleys Island ball team.

The team was composed of Charlie Martin, the manager, Eugene Riedy, Jay Norris, Clarence Duignan, "Scoop" McKillips, George Durket, Oliver "Ollie" Schlesselman, "Bud" Erne, Art McKillips, Sam Bauman, George "Slim" Yoscovits, and Al Riedy. This was considered the Main Team; sometimes called the Island Nine, Class A League. There were other island teams such as the Red Wings, a member of the Bay Shore Baseball League; but it was the "Main Team" that drew publicity.

I have in my possession several clippings from the Star Journal as well as other newspapers which bear sports page headlines like these: "ANOTHER VICTORY FOR ISLAND TEAM"; "KELLEYS' BOYS WEAR THEIR NEW UNIFORMS AS THEY BEAT WOODVILLE 8 -3"; "KELLEYS ISLAND IN WIN OVER LORAIN"; "KELLEYS ISLAND WINS 16TH GAME: LEAPS TO CLASH WITH ISLANDERS".

As usual, there was some bickering and challenging. A couple of headlines read "ISLANDERS PROTEST OUTCOME OF GAME HERE WITH H & S SQUAD"; "MANAGER OF LOCAL EAGLES CHALLENGES ISLAND CLUB, \$100 SIDE BET PROPOSED"; "ISLAND BALL CLUB PILOT ANSWERS CHALLENGE; TILT WITH \$300 ANTE PROPOSED". This made headlines before the squabble of Lorain's Casino Gambling.

Have I piqued your interest? If so, "stay tuned". Space won't permit divulging anymore of the successes and failures (few of them) in this issue, but we hope to give some interesting details in the months to come.

(To be continued)

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