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Carriage Stones...

Last month Kellee Sanderson asked our readers if they could locate the seven carriage stones that exist on the Island. So, how many of the following locations did you name?

Linde-Camp	Jorski
Gorchester	Finger
Sweet Valley Inn	The Old Nest
Across from Cemetery	

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

All who donated their time and money to make the Island Festival so enjoyable. The fireworks were spectacular!

Winners included Edward Basta from Cleveland - the Dream Vacation; Lauren Lucas - \$100 for selling 155 tickets; Steve Petrie, Eileen Anderson, and Annie Ludu - door prizes.

A Sad Farewell ...

Dean Mc Killips, Howard Jones, Rita Murphy and Paul Kafun have all passed away this July. The families have the sympathy and prayers of the Islanders. And, again, the VFW Auxiliary provided a wonderful luncheon for those attending the burial of Rita Murphy.

Council Notes - August (Unapproved)

- 47 arrests were reported since last meeting, 3 life flights & 3 coast guard runs
- compensation for EMT's discussed
- bids to go out for paving grant for airport
- proposal of \$5 tax to be added to car licenses
- proposed ordinance requiring proof of insurance to allow rental of scooters, etc
- discussion regarding restriction of garage and yard sales
- first reading of Gorchester rezoning request

Upcoming Events

Treasure Island Day - Saturday, September 10th. Also, celebrate St. Patrick's Day early with Irish food and entertainment in local taverns.

Butterfly Festival - Saturday, September 17th. Old Stone Church; auction, raffle, bake sale, speaker.

Bike Rally - Sunday, September 18th. Tour the Island looking for mystery clues.

Softball Celebration - Saturday, September 24th, 12:00 noon.

.....Coradine's Corner

Somehow or other, I forgot to write up the "SAGA OF OUR ANNIVERSARY BOUQUET" in the last issue. Since the 26th of June (our anniversary date) fell on a Sunday this year, our daughter, Coralee, wanted us to have a surprise of flowers at church that morning. She wanted to call someone on the Island to pick up the flowers, so she got on the phone and called the Police Department. They put her on "Hold" then cut her off! She called again, and the same thing??? She then tried Joann and Ken Neuffer and was told no one by that name had a phone on Kelleys??? She never knew "Jake" Martin's real first name, so the operator couldn't give her his number. Finally, she thought of the Matso's and got their number and called, and Bea was happy to help her out. So, Coralee put Bea's name on the delivery slip and Bea got it safely to church. However, she forgot to remove her name from the delivery slip; Pastor Walton saw her name and called Lucille Mathews to see if Bea and Russ had an anniversary Sunday, and Lucille said "No, that is for the Myers." So, Sunday morning at church, Pastor had us stand and be recognized - then come to the altar rail opposite our seats, and said he had a surprise for us; and presented us a huge bouquet in front of the pulpit and said it was ours from our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Such a beautiful surprise!

But, that was only one of many that day. We always go to the Island House for our anniversary dinner, so headed there an hour or so after church. After a very delicious and leisurely meal, we asked for our bill and our waitress, Carol Fresch, said we didn't have one, because our very good friend, Jessie Martin, had called and told Carol she was taking care of everything! We were overwhelmed and all I could think of was that Lee and I must be doing something right with our lives to be so deserving of our wonderful children and wonderful friends!!

On the way home from the Island House, we took the long way around. It was raining, but when we turned from Titus Road onto the Shore Drive and the lake front, the sun came out and as I looked up at the sky, there was a beautiful rainbow, the first I've seen in ages! A fitting finale for a wonderful 57th Anniversary Day!

On the strip of lawn between our driveway and our son Bob's, we have a lilac bush and all around the bush we have orange day lilies and here and there among the lilies are milkweed plants. I was about to pull them out when I first saw them, but before I got to do that, I noticed from my kitchen window that the Monarch butterflies were busy around that area. Looked up in my butterfly book and learned they like the milkweed plants; so, have left the plant there and every year at this time, those beautiful golder Monarchs are fluttering around the milkweed plant. You know BUTTERFLY, is a misnomer; it should be FLUTTER-BY because that's what they do!

Riding around the Marina one day, I noticed some washing or the line at DeBoard's home. Wondered if Caroline was better and out of the hospital - as I had just sent a get-well card to her
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ADDISON KELLEY AND HIS MANSION

We hear much about Datus Kelley as co-founder of our island, but very little of his oldest son, Addison. Except that he built a magnificent stone mansion on the south shore, what is commonly known about him? In fact, it appears that Addison Kelley was involved in most of the businesses and other interests on the island.

He prepared the way for his father and those to come after. It was he who directed the building of a dock at Killam's clearing (at the foot of Division St.), so that the island's first products, timber and firewood, could be shipped. He saw to the construction of his father's house and that of a two-story log boarding house to lodge the first workers and their families. He acted as his father's and Uncle Irad's agent in buying and selling land here; was the operator of the first store and post-office from a small building on the dock; was one of the first to go into grape culture; was the first president of the Kelley Island Wine Company; and had the first and only celery field (in the marsh east of his mansion).

In 1837/38 he built the first frame dwelling on the island for his home, and it was here that his five children were born. This house stood on the site of the present home of Ramie and Ila Dick. We don't know what it looked like but do know that it was built by master carpenter, Jesse Woodford, and must have had a stone foundation and perhaps a stone fireplace - as stone mason, Joseph Willet, was also employed. Jesse liked the island so well that he settled here and built his own home (just recently razed) on Woodford Rd. (As a bit of romantic aside, his daughter, Angeline, married Addison's son, Frederick, and their daughter was to be the grandmother of our own Caroline DeBoard.)

Addison was also instrumental (1852/53) in enlarging his father's second home at the present site of the Village Park, to become the first hotel, The Island House. Here he was proprietor for several years before building and taking up residency in the fine home we now know as the Kelley Mansion. Completed in 1867, this show place of the lakes was built when Addison was at the height of his career, and not, as some popular accounts would tell us, as a wedding present from his father. An interesting first-hand description of the mansion taken from the Sandusky Weekly Register of September 16, 1867 can be found in the addendum for this National Register Inventory form on file at the Kelley Island Public Library.

In later years Mr. Kelley was plagued by ill health, but his time was spent in studying and writing until his death in 1895 at the age of 82.

Addison's son, Francis Millard Kelley, born on the island in 1844 moved into his father's mansion in 1888.

He had married Mary Boake in November of 1882, and brought her to the mansion along with her sister, Lucy. From the late Anne Pohorence and Steph Kekelik we have an interesting account of their lives in the mansion. According to Mrs. Pohorence, the Kelleys were wonderful to work for. Mrs. Kelley was lovely, dainty, and faultlessly groomed with snow white hair and the bluest of eyes. Her maiden sister and her mother lived with the family. Both sisters were artistically talented. They spent their time in reading, sewing and painting, and, according to Mr. Kekelik were frequently seen sitting in the cupola with their hand-work. Mrs. Pohorence further describes the home as polished, richly furnished, and always spotless. The dining room was set with immaculate white linens and heavy silver service, which it was her weekly duty to shine.

Because of the difficulty in heating their large home, the women spent their winters on the mainland. But Mr. Kelley remained to attend his extensive land holdings on the island and serve as the superintendent of the Kelley Island Wine Company.

Written by Betty Pape

Land Transfers

Melody - David C. Hartzell from Robert C. Neubrandner \$21,000.

829 Melody - Brian M. Roggenburk from Lee R. Verlinger, \$85,000.

233 Melody - Brian M. Roggenburk from Lee R. Verlinger, \$30,000.

(This data appeared in the Sandusky Register.)

(Continued fromCoradine's Corner)

June Campbell, our visiting nurse, stopped by that afternoon and I asked her how Caroline was, and she said, "She's just fine and was over at Cedar Point and rode all the rides but one!" More power to you, Caroline!

We were sorry, though, to hear that Marge Newcombe wasn't so well. I had seen her at the post office hobbling with a cane and I asked her what had happened, and she said, "Cancer of the bones, but I'll make it." We certainly have spunky ladies on Kelleys Island!

Auf Wiedersehen my friends.

Coradine

Bravo!!

The Island Singers gave another of their great performances on August 13th at the Old Town Hall and with the NEW curtains in place.

Ed Frindt is requesting your help in completing the restoration. Please send donations to:

Curtain Call

P.O. Box 505

Kelleys Island, OH 43438.