

# THE ISLANDER II

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## THE HIMMELEIN HOUSE

Visitors to Kelley's Island often ask of the origin and history of the large place on the south shore known as the Himmelein Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Himmelein, parents of the John Himmeleins who reside at Cricket Lodge, first came to Kelley's Island in 1859. They resided temporarily above what is now the corner store, then the only village store. The next year they purchased the only available property on South Shore Drive, the site of the present Himmelein house. The house was first built in 1860. Two wings were added in 1874 and the third floor was added in 1882.

It was used as a hotel until about 1915, and was known all over Ohio as a summer resort. People from Cincinnati, Columbus, and points so far south as Texas, were regular visitors here. They would bring their families in June and stay until school started.

Dances, masquerades, and lawn parties were some of the affairs held there. In the spring and autumn the Hotel was open for the fishing season, but only the family resided there in the winter.

There were six children in the Himmelein family. Jennie, the eldest girl, met Mr. F. W. Cook of Evansville, Indiana, here and married him. Their oldest son is now Rear Admiral Cook, Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics in Washington, D.C. They spent summers here for many years.

After Mrs. John Himmelein died in 1909, the Hotel was run first by their son John, then Richard. After 1915, it was divided into separate apartments to be used as summer residences by the immediate family.

## ISLAND ——— —CHURCH HISTORY

Once there were eight different denominational churches on Kelley's Island. One of the first ones, built in 1863, was the Catholic church, which is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Seeholzer.

Some of the Kelley family conducted services, for the Episcopalian faith. Also in 1863, a union Sunday School was organized for the Protestant people. Mr. M. K. Holbrook was the superintendent for five years. He was then ordained as a minister of the Congregational Church. This church building used to stand between Sam's Auto shop and Joe Matso's home.

The German Reform Congregation was the next church to be organized in 1865. This edifice still stands on Division Street across from the pond.

Then in 1866, the Evangelical church was started. This denomination supplies the pastors for the only Protestant church on the Island.

In 1925 there were three churches: Catholic, German Reform, and the Union Independent. At present there are just two, Catholic and the Community Church. The German Reform Church doesn't conduct services any more, but the Ladies Aid Society of this denomination still hold their meetings.

## THANK YOU — — —

We regret to say that this is the last edition of the Islander II for this summer. We wish to continue next year if we get as much support and cooperation as we have had this summer. Thank you for your fine enthusiasm and suggestions; we appreciated them immensely.

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DOGS AT HOME

Dogs are often referred to as "man's best friend" despite the fact that many would rather chew your leg off than look at you. They are, though, on the whole, gentle beasts with a love for their masters and his friends. They are intelligent to a degree, but cannot be expected to respect other people's property unless trained to do so.

On Kelley's Island there are very many dogs ranging from the highest pedigreed aristocrat to the lowest "Heinz's 57 Varieties". A few are trained to stay home and some are even tied; but still many roam about and dig up lawns and flowers. We of this paper, being firm dog lovers and enthusiasts suggest a "dog stay at home week" just to see how it works. If not successful, then we say turn them loose again, but let's try it and see the results.

Here is the solution to the cannibal and Missionary problem. The cannibal who can row, takes the other two cannibals across one at a time, and brings back the boat. Then two Missionaries row across and a cannibal and one missionary return. The rowing cannibal rows across with the Missionary, and the other cannibal and Missionary row back. The remaining two Missionaries then cross the river and the rowing cannibal goes after the other cannibals one at a time.

## INSCRIPTION ROCK

By NORMAN E. HILLS

Historical and physical evidence put the approximate time when the inscriptions were carved as the year 1600.

The work was doubtless done by a member of the Erie nation that at that period inhabited not only the islands but both shores of Lake Erie.

It is not a record of wars and conquests as has been stated, because all human beings represented are shown in peaceful employments such as pipe smoking and mutual aid and because not one weapon has been depicted.

It is probably a record of a peace agreement made by and between the Eries and one or more nations of Aboriginees.

It is known from the "Jesuit relations", so called, that a peace between the Mohawk Confederacy of New York and the Erie Nation existed before 1653.

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# People We Know - - -

Dick Kelley had as his guest in the summer home of his grandparents for a few days, Howard Fields of Lakewood, Ohio.

The ladies of the Lenten circle of Grace Church in Sandusky were guests of Mrs. John Himmelein at Cricket Lodge Saturday, August 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Hamilton of Cleveland Heights and their daughters Dorothy, Ruth and Jean, and Jean's husband, Mr. T. J. Miller, and Mr. Harold Burens, spent the last week-end at the East End Hamilton's homes.

Nick Mazur, who is a manager of a Kroger Store in Bellvue, spent last Sunday with his parents.

Dr. Berger and his wife from Sandusky visited here in their speedboat Sunday.

Harold Schoewe and Eddie Kekellik spent the last week-end in Hammond, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pfeiffer and Mr. Roland Zimmerman of Sandusky were guests of the Fred Himmelein's for the week-end at Himmelein House.

Mr. and Mrs. Millie are celebrating their silver wedding anniversary this Saturday, with a family dinner. Among their guests are: Elizabeth Millie, Alfred Rozul, the Yatson family, and the John Millie family.

Virginia Lange entertained guests in her home last week-end; Mary Andrews, Jack Wallace, and William Keller, all of Sandusky.

Mrs. Luther Conrad and her children have returned to their home in Marysville, Ohio, after spending the summer with Mrs. Conrad's mother, Mrs. Fenwick.

Rev. R. Bauman of Boise, Idaho, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hohn Bauman, recently.

Misses Betty Sherer and Jo Kellar of Indianapolis, have been guests, for the past week, of Miss Kay Haas. The three girls returned to Indianapolis this week.

Master John S. Maquis of Indianapolis, Indiana has returned to his home after spending the summer at Haas home.

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## People We Know (Cont'd.)

Mrs. Guy Miller and her daughter, of Columbus, were guests of the Williams' for a few days this week.

Mr. Laury Ehrbar has spent his weeks vacation with his family here on the Island.

Miss Nancy Williams was called to Youngstown recently to attend the funeral of her grandmother Williams.

Mrs. George Cleary returned recently from a visit in Cleveland.

Mr. Albert Maag, brother of Mrs. Heckel of the Island, died early this week.

Josephine Pohorence is no longer an agent for the Avon products sold by the California Perfume Company. The agency has been given this year to Rita Seeholzer.

Miss Ann Riedy, lately graduated from the Island High School, will begin studies this fall at the Sandusky Business College.

Miss Mary Seeholzer will resume studies at the same college.

It is rumored that George Durkett, a star player of the Island Nine, is anticipating moving to Toledo or Detroit.

All available cottages here on the Island have been rented for the Labor Day week-end. Among the many visitors are: Col. Ed. Gauche of New York City and his brother Frank of Cincinnati, who are staying with their sisters Mrs. Ryan and Miss Theresa Gauche; Mr. and Mrs. Gus Sun are with the John Himmeleins at Cricket Lodge; Col. and Mrs. E. G. Fuller of Toledo are visiting at East-a-Ways.

## SPORT HIGHLIGHTS - -

The Kelley's Island Main Team is going to play the Cloverleafs Sunday, September 6, at Sandusky. It is a league game. They have already won one game from them.

The main team will play the Fostoria Indians, Labor Day, and from different reports they are about the best team that has challenged the Island Nine for many years. I think the fans should turn out in greater numbers that day, for it will most probably be a good game.

This might be the last game which will be played on the Island field, although they might have a game with Dover, which was formerly the North Homestead Team.

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