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## "THE ARK"

Among the many interesting houses on the Island is the old Hamilton House, now known as "The Ark", built in 1882.

Several years ago Mrs. Hugh Meek of Columbus became interested in it and was finally able to lease it from the Lime Company.

The place was, at that time, badly in need of repairs, which were made. The result is a home of great charm and distinction.

Seven marble fireplaces grace the rooms over which are hung lovely old Currier & Ives prints. There is a massive walnut staircase at the top of which is a charming ballustrade. The windows are long, and reach the floor, creating an atmosphere of cool dignity.

Surrounding the house are many lovely maple trees, making a shady, comfortable lawn.

Certainly the efforts of summer people to preserve the dignity of an old home deserve the words of appreciation to those who hold the Island dear.

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## TO THE RESCUE

A cruiser ran aground just north of Hamilton's Point, Sunday, July 10, and a passing speedboat reported it to the Coast Guard at Marblehead. In the meantime, Roy Hamilton Jr. came to the rescue in his rowboat and helped them off. When the Coast Guard arrived the trouble was over. Nice work, Roy!

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## MYSTERY - NO. 1

There have been, within the past year and a half, several hundred visitors to the Curiosity Shop owned by Norman E. Hills.

Some are interested in the curiosities from Florida, others in geological specimens, while many think the relics of prehistoric peoples who once lived on Kelley's Island are the most interesting. Almost everyone is astonished at the enormous size of the skull that was dug up on September 3, 1937, not far from Inscription Rock.

One of the most interesting specimens in the collection is a rock found by Mr. Frank Haig in the quarry in 1937. This rock is filled with pure iron.

At first, it was thought to be a meteoric fragment, but analyses made by the most eminent authorities in the United States to whom samples were submitted, agree that the iron is man-made.

This rock was found in a pocket in the limestone together with a number of glacial boulders, after the steam shovel had stripped off the top soil. This location precludes the possibility of its being made by modern White Man. It seems almost certain that this iron bearing rock or slag was brought with the boulders by the glacial ice. There is no other way known to account for its presence on Kelley's Island.

If the iron is man-made, and if it was conveyed by glacial ice to the spot where it was found, it is quite definite evidence of iron making in pre-glacial time.

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## HIGHWAYS AND BYWAYS

The first of June this year saw the WPA start in on much needed highway repair work. Since then there have been marked improvements on Lake Shore Road, Division Street and Kelley Road, as well as many others. Roads have been widened and leveled off, and many chuck holes have been filled in, relieving tourists of bumpy, jogy auto rides around the Island. The work is not yet complete, but we certainly hope that progress will speed them on their way. There is one road that was started but as yet is unfinished, namely, the East Shore Road. About five years ago when this road was cut through, most people took it for granted that it would result is more than a "cowpath", as it is now. At the screening dumps, there is plenty of material for repair work and it doesn't cost anything. Ten loads of this stone would hardly make a dent in the big screening dump, yet it would certainly make a better road of what is now dirt between quite a few deep ruts. This improvement would make an excellent project for the Island WPA to work on this fall.

## AN ISLAND WALK

Moonlight walks are often associated with lovers. But try walking alone on a balmy July evening.

One feels the cool, damp breeze as it blows up from the Lake.

One sees the dark trees silhouetted, ogrelike, against the pale moonlit sky. The half moon monopolizes the heavens, and only the strongest stars are able to peek through the haze. Far off the beams of lighthouses flash - a bit of man's work in an atmosphere of God.

The sounds of waves dashing upon the rocks come faintly, as a sombre background for a symphony of night noises. The high, monotonous din of crickets, the occasional lowing of sleepy cattle, and the lazy murmur of trees stirring in the wandering wind, blend in harmony more beautiful than all man's music.

The pungent night air wafts by, bringing the scent of the omnipresent water, the tarry tang of drying fish nets, the clean ripe smell of fresh reaped wheat, and the cool sweet odor of earth.

All this, as natural as life itself; as unlike the brassy din of cities, as dark nights are unlike bright days, is here for man to appreciate - if he will.

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WHERE THE ELITE  
MEET AND EAT

## PEOPLE WE KNOW

Mrs. Normann Blair and son "Topper" arrived Saturday, the 16th, to spend a month with her grandmother, Mrs. Laura Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Metro Kekelik spent a week at Hammond, Indiana with relatives, and have returned to the Island.

Arnold Sheele is staying with his parents on the Island this summer.

Mr. Andrew Bokar has been spending the summer here with his sister, Hulda Bokar.

Miss Kathryn Haas has successfully passed entrance examinations to Mt. Sinai Hospital in Cleveland for nurses' training. She will begin her studies on September 12.

Miss Martha Lichti, a former Island school teacher, has been visiting at the Frank Hamilton's.

Mr. William F. Becker has left the Island to spend several months at Steamboat Springs, Colorado, with his daughter, Mrs. J. Bozzard.

Col. E. G. Fuller and Capt. R. B. Williams returned Saturday the 16th from a two weeks term of engineer training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Col. and Mrs. Fuller spent the weekend of the 16th here.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Warnsman and Mrs. William Puls and her two daughters, Lola and Carol, weekendend at Bay View Cottage.

Miss Ora Lee Collins of Cleveland visited at Hiawatha Cottage over the last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Hritsco have left the Island to live in Sandusky.

Mr. Fatenini, the man who repairs shoes on the Island, intends moving into the house vacated by the Hritsco's.

Miss Maymee Guerin spent two weeks with friends in West Virginia.

Rev. and Mrs. Larason have been at the Sharon Center Camp meeting. Services were kept by Milton Blatt, Heinz Bokar and Ruth Beatty.

Miss Margaret Jackman will be succeeded this year as school teacher by Miss Zierolf of Hammler, Ohio.

Miss Helen Marshky has returned to spend the rest of the summer with her parents. Also Miss Margaret Perkesen is vacationing with her mother and brother here on the Island.

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## SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

Many people on the Island suddenly acquired croquet-itis. About seven o'clock in the evening you will see quite a few people standing, thinking, or walking on the lawn just to put a croquet ball through a wicket. This sounds like a slam on the game, but on the contrary, it is good entertainment. Some have gone so far as to have tournaments. Some people play it like golf with hills and ruts to play and many other things which will hinder the player and help to make it more interesting. There are many new ideas being thought up as the enthusiasm for the game increases, and they should soon have regulation rules for every little catch in the game. The bystanders who just stand and watch the others should join up with the already large army of croquetists.

### PEOPLE WE KNOW (Cont'd)

Miss Agatha Jackman, sister to the former Island teacher, is the guest of the Sam Myers'.

Mr. Chas. Himmelein, a former Islander, spent a few days here at his old homeplace. He is from Altoona, Pennsylvania, and a brother to Art Himmelein.

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