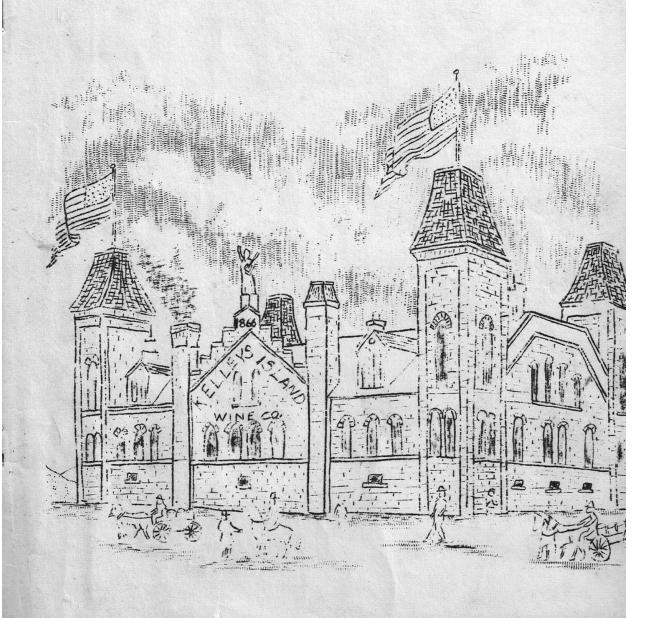
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SCHOOL NEWS

There was no school on Jan.13 due to heavy snow drifts and cold weather.

We have received some science equipment for which we are thankful. This includes magnetism equipment, a static machine, radiometer, lightning rod demonstrator, capillary tubes, and other types of things dealing with science.

We are also happy to have the new screen for motion pictures and filmstrips. Our old one was in bad

shape.

Room 1 (Grades 1-4)

The children of Room 1 have a science kit which contains a screw, pulley, inclined plane, and some other things. They also have a sundial.

An "ant farm" came from California during the Christmas vaca-

tion.

The room received a weekly reader which was about the late President Kennedy and his inaugural address.

The 4th grade is studying about California and the Spaniards

who settled there long ago. The children who lived in those times didn't have to go to school. The priests usually taught them.

Everyone is trying to improve their handwriting and also their multiplication tables. They practice writing every afternoon.

Bradley Pohorence - 6

Room 2 (Grades 5-8)

On Dec. 20 we had our Christmas party. Afterwards we exchanged gifts.

We had painted our windows with tempera paint and after the holidays we washed them off.

During the week of Jan. 13th to 18th, Barbara Knapp and Bradley

Pohorence had the measles.

We are working on health posters. Alice Feyedelem and Kathy Kilko have completed their posters on the different kinds of "food groups." Elizabeth Ann Kilko has completed a poster showing what happens to our bodies when the adrenal glands go to work.

Other posters show the human digestive system and blood system, glandular system, vitamins, teeth,

and many other topics.

Nearly everyone is working on

some kind of health poster.

Lizabeth Martin received a letter from her pen pal in France. She read it to the class and one of the things that surprised us was this question that the French girl asked: "I read in the newspapers that most American girls get married at the age of 13. Is it true?"

Barbara Feyedelem received a letter from her friend in Honolulu,

Hawaii.

Elizabeth Ann Kilko just reveived a letter from a girl in Germany.

These letters were also read to the class.

Barbara Feyedelem - 7

Room 2 has a new telephone hookup for our science class.

Kevin Kleba and Chuckie Martin hooked up the two telephone stations and we are all learning how simple telephone communication

really is.

Each telephone station has a transmitter receiver and a telephone coil to which we hook up our lines and dry cell batteries. The phones work very good and if we had enough wire we could talk from one room to another.

Chuckie Martin - 5

High School News

We are sorry to say that the measles is spreading around on the Island. Laurie Riedy, grade 9, was home for several days with them. (Her brother and sister also had them).

In shop, Jim Kekelik is making an arrow case, Jim Bugel is making creepers, Ned Perruchon is making chairs, and Michael Feyedelem is making a gadget for tracing drawings and lettering on to a stencil.

The boys plan to paint the backboards of the baskets at the Town Hall basketball floor.

Lizabeth Martin - 8

NOTICES

In our last issue (Nov.) of the "School Spirit" we made some errors which we would like to correct.

We incorrectly referred to Mr. William Ernstburger as Mr. "Wayne

Ernsberger."

We also reported that on the Nov. 5th Girl Scout scavenger hunt Lizabeth Martin and Monta Sue Betzenheimer won second prize. The second prize was won by Lizabeth Martin and Sandra Holmes.

In the high school news we reported that a pheasant dinner was cooked by the high school girls and that the pheasants were brought

by Jim Bugel. The pheasants were brought by Jim Bugel, Jim Kekelik, and Ned Perruchon.

We did not issue a December school paper. Our school Christmas play took all our extra time and, as you all know, December is a very busy month. We are combining our December and January issues and plan to have a special issue later in the Spring to make up for this "double feature" issue.

Mrs. Pargny McCune wishes to thank all of the Kelleys Island friends for their kind rememberance of Pargny. They were very much appreciated.

The sketch of the Kelleys Island Wine Company on this month's cover was done by Alice Feyedelem and Elizabeth Ann Kilko. Capt. Hemilton loaned us a letter dated about 73 years ago on which was an etching of that wine cellar as it looked after it was completed.

In order that we might draw the wine cellar as accurately as possible we placed the original drawing in our opaque projector, enlarged the drawing to suitable size for our cover, projected it on to a sheet of paper taped to the blackboard, and then traced the image.

We would like to again remind our readers that an unlimited supply of extra copies of our school paper are always available.

COMPREHENSIVE COLUMN

Five per cent of the people think; 10 per cent think they think; the rest rely on slogans so they won't have to think.

A little smile adds a great deal to your face value.

a program for the P.T.A. They will sing some favorite songs and play the piano. The program will be in March.

On Dec. 7 the Girl Scouts set the tables for the Christmas dinner at the Town Hall. People complimented them on their table decorations.

Mrs. Kilko had a surprise birthday party on Dec. 10th.

On Dec. 17, the girls Christmas supper was held at Mrs. Kilko's house. Everyone enjoyed it.

On Jan. 21, we had a flag ceremony and then we decided to clean the cupboards in the school's home economic room.

The Gypsy and several other badges are being worked on so as to be completed by February.

Katherine Kilko - 5

CUB SCOUT NEWS

At our meeting on Dec. 11 we started working on our wash-tub and scale planters. The wash-tub planter is a round tub nailed to a base with four legs. You can plant flowers in the tub.

Kevin Kleba, Chuckie Martin, Bradley Pohorence, and Mark Betzenheimer were absent.

At our next meeting on Dec.18 we finished sanding and waxing our planters. This was our last meeting of 1963.

Mark Betzenheimer and Bradley Pohorence were absent.

Jan.8th was our first meeting of the new year 1964. Each of us scouts made a spool tractor. They are made out of old thread spools, rubber bands, and two match sticks. When they are wound up they are supposed to roll along the floor but some of ours didn't.

Mark Betzenheimer brought apples for a treat.

Kevin Kleba, Chuckie Martin, and Bradley Pohorence were absent.

At our Jan. 15 meeting we scouts discussed what we were going

The Girl Scouts have planned to make at our next meeting. We were each assigned to bring a cup of egg shells.

Jimmy Holmes brought candy

bars for a treat.

Bradley Pohorence and Mark Betzenheimer were absent.

Kevin Kleba - 7

ISLAND NEWS

Many people were stranded on the Island Sunday, Jan. 12 as a result of a weekend of heavy snow squalls and high winds which were reported to have reached a velocity of 62 miles per hour in Sandusky. This caused considerable drifting of snow on the roads, driveways, and airport runways.

On that same Sunday morning, Jan. 12, several people made frantic efforts to remove their fish shanties from the ice not too far off shore on the west side of the Island.

Frank Haas and his buddy Tony had to get their shanty and that of Peter Kekelik off the ice. The ice was in bad shape and the winds were strong so they tied a length of rope about 70 feet long between them with an inner tube tied in the middle of the rope. Then they made their way to the shanties and brought them in safely. The ice went out shortly after the shanties were "rescued."

On Jan. 14th Norbie McKillips broke through the ice while coming in toward shore after leaving his shanty. No fish, but plenty cold water about waist deep!

What fishing there has been so far this winter has resulted only in very small perch.

Four Bald eagles were seen on the north shore of the Island recently. Robert Erne spotted them as they perched in the trees along the beach near the 4-H Camp. They were probably looking for fish. He recognized two of them as being (Conit. next page)

Bald eagles but wasn't sure of the other two. He came to the school at 4 o'clock and he and Mr. Boker went back down to the beach with field glasses to have a closer look at them. All four of them were together. It was a pretty sight! Two were adults and two were the full size of adults but did not have the white head and tail of adults. This usually takes about three years.

Robert Erne shot a goose off Long Point earlier this winter. It was a Canadian goose and weighed about 12 lbs. On its leg was a band with the following markings: "Jack Miner, Kingsville, Ontario, Canada, Fall, 1963" (when goose was turned loose) and the inscription "Have faith in God."

Every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock the local sewing bee meets at the home of Mrs. Beatrice Matso. Usually everyone brings their own sewing material.

The sewing bee was started last year and those who take part in it are Mrs. Jessie Martin, Mrs. Mary Schock, Miss Mary Marchky, Mrs. Eileen Johnson, Mrs. Florence McKillips, Miss Lizabeth Martin, Mrs. Charles Martin, Sr. (Liz), and Mrs. Beatrice Matso.

The sewing bee does not meet during the summer months.

On Jan 2, 3, and 4 Barbara and Alice Feyedelem visited Miss Ruth Dorsey in Berea, Ohio. They also went to Cleveland Hopkins Airport and the Terminal Tower on a sight-seeing trip.

Since our last paper came out about two months ago, we have lost three of our Islanders. They are Mr. Pargny McCune, Mrs. Jessie Mc-Killips, and Mrs. William Overcasher.

We regret the deaths of these Islanders.

Mr. Alvin Betzenheimer, former Islander, has been in the hospital in Sandusky for a leg operation.

Mrs. Ruth Hunter, who had left the Island several months ago to live in Vermilion, has been in bed with a heart ailment.

We wish both these people rapid recovery.

The Kelleys Island Volunteer Fire Department held its annual community pot-luck at the Town Hall on Jan. 11th. The Fire Dept. furnished the ham, turkey, and the refreshments, and the Islanders pitched in with the other necessities. Dancing and a good social get-together was enjoyed by all. In fact, there was enough food left to have another lunch the next afternoon at McCune's, open to anyone who still had an appetite.

The Islanders decided that we need more social get-togethers during the winter months. So, on Sat. Jan. 25 the Islanders again got together at the Town Hall. It was to have been a muskrat dinner but the muskrats were postponed for 2 weeks, and sandwiches, pot-luck style, were served instead. A record player is used on these occasions to furnish the dance music.

The Fire Dept. recently held a raffle to raise funds for much needed fire - fighting equipment. The present equipment is obsolete and worn-out. There were 250 tickets available and \$211 was cleared.

Another raffle is planned for

the near future.

The Island Volunteer Fire Department is urgently in need of fire-fighting equipment suitable for fighting brush fires and field fires. The events of the past summer taught us a lesson. The Fire Department nearly lost a fire engine during a bad grass and brush fire not too long ago. One of the engines conked out and no one was immediately able to get the engine started again. In the meantime the fire was nearly up to the engine. However, someone came to the rescue and got the engine going again. (Con't. next page)

The big headache was and is that during such out-of-the-way fires one engine hauls the water, the other engine does the pumping. But pumping can only be done "on the set."

The Fire Department is planning to buy a new type of fire truck which has a Jeep truck chassis and four-wheel drive, holds a couple hundred gallons of water, and has a thousand feet of hose.

The question is whether to buy a high pressure pumper (which has high pressure, low volume) or a 500 gal. pumper (lower pressure but higher capacity).

The Fire Department plans to raise further money by sending out letters for donations. There will be a lottery of some kind in connection with the letters.

YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED!

As we go to press we learn that Mrs. John Bugel is still confined to bed except for a few hours each day. She has difficulty in walking due to a recent heart ailment. We are all thinking of her.

Mr. William Perruchon is working in Vermilion for at least a part of the winter. He has been gone about a month.

At the P.T.A. meeting for the month of January, Mrs. Kilko showed a motion picture film "The Ohio

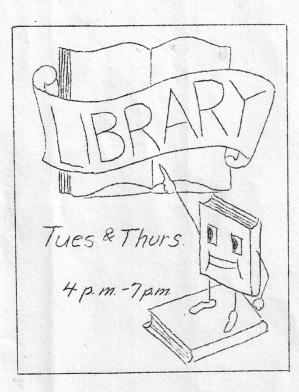
Story."

Three of our Islanders have been subpoensed to appear in Erie County Common Pleas Court as material witnesses in the case involving the crash of one of Dietrich's planes. It was during this plane crash on the ice off the east side of Kelleys Island two years ago, in the very early part of February, that the plane's passengers (two young women) and the pilot died.

It's not the things you don't know that get you in trouble, but the things you know for sure.

Sooner or later the young man with pull loses out to the young man with push.

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A History of the Kelleys Island Grape and Wine Industry

Kelleys Island once had a reputation of having the finest quality grapes and wine east of California.

In 1912 Prof. W. B. Alwood, chief of the United States Government Bureau of Chemistry, and who for four years had studied the content of Lake Erie grapes, stated the most superb Delaware grapes of the world were grown on the Lake Erie Islands. The Catawbas were ranked as second by him.

He further stated that the soil and climate, and conditions generally, favor the islands to produce the essentials for wine that even the famed vine lands of

Europe cannot excel.

How much wine did the Island produce during the peak of its industry? How many wine cellars were there on Kelleys Island? What happened to the cellars? What happened to the grapes and the wine industry on the Island?

We will try to answer some of

these questions.

Grapes were introduced on the Island by Datus Kelley in 1842.

The first roots and cuttings were Isabella and Concords, but the commercial possibilities of grapes were first developed by Charles Carpenter who planted Catawbas in 1844.

The first grape vineyard was planted near the road just west of

Navorska's house.

In 1846 \$5.00 worth of grapes was sold; \$51,080 worth of grapes was sold in 1861 (128 acres).

Total receipts from grapes and wine in 1867 was \$100,000.

Total receipts from the grape crop in 1870 was about \$150,000.

In 1872 there were about 650 acres of grapes, nearly one-fourth of the Island's total area. That

year the receipts were \$78,000. In 1873 the Kelleys Island Wine Co. alone sold 65,000 gellons wine, 1,800 cases champagne, 500 cases brandy, with a total value of \$30,000. That year the grape crop brought in \$58,000 (\$200 per ton for Catawbas).

(For the first time, in 1873, the stone business for the entire Island exceeded that of the grape crop).

In 1874 the grape crop was the largest per acre of any crop since 1863. The estimated value of the crop was \$135,000 --- \$210 an acre gross --- still far short of the \$400 per acre in 1861.

Three years later, in 1877, the Island had one of the smallest crops for many years, an average of

\$60 per acre gross profit.

Since then, until about the late 30's, the Island's grape and wine industry had many prosperous years as well as poor ones, espe-

cially before 1900.

Mr. Hugo Seeholzer recalls how during the good old days the Steamer Arrow tied up at the Wine Dock for an hour and a half while a continuous, steady flow of wine barrels (full, of course) were loaded on board.

What happened to the grape and wine industry on the Island?

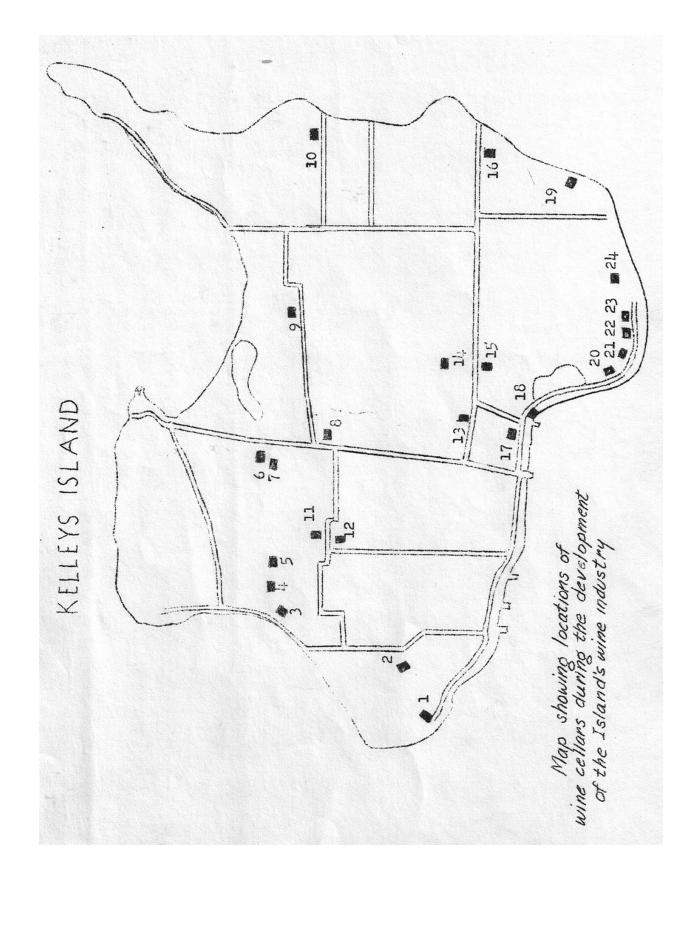
Competition with California wines --- cheaper freight by rail, cheaper production, prohibition, worn-out vineyards and the increasingly higher costs of replacing them --- as well as higher cost of labor, the lack of interest and know-how of the more recent generations as compared to the know-how their grandparents had --- all of these things helped in the downfall of the Island's grape industry.

The map which we have drawn for you shows the locations of the larger wine cellars on our Island. Most of them were in operation at the same time, but not all of them.

The roads shown on the map are the roads that were on the Island during its "hay-day" --- from about the late 1860's to 1900.

We will comment briefly on each of the wine cellars shown on our map. Information is lacking on some.

Numbers are used to refer to the location of each wine cellar on the map.



(1) Charles Carpenter had the first wine cellar in the house now owned by Olga Weichel back of where Norman Sharmac's trailor now stands. Carpenter built this wine cellar in 1851. It was the first wine cellar ever built north of Cincinnati. While they were building the Kelleys Island Wine Company's big cellar, Carpenter leased this property to the above company in 1865 and 66. The building still stands.

(2) The Kelleys Island Wine Company was the largest wine cellar ever built on the Island. Its capacity was 500,000 gallons. The cellar was started in 1866 and completed in 1872 at a cost of over

\$60,000.

The cellar burned on Sept. 1, 1876. The three upper cellars and their contents were completely destroyed. The Islanders didn't have any fire-fighting equipment of any kind. Damage was estimated at \$25,000 to \$30,000.

The cellars again burned in July, 1915, again restored, and then burned once more in August,

1933 --- for the last time.

- (3) Schaedler & Rhein Co. was built in 1887. John Schaedler bought the property from the estate of John Titus. Louis Rhein, the wine maker, came from France. This cellar had a capacity of 75,000 gallons. One third of the grapes used were grown by the firm. After the death of the above, the cellar was closed. Prohibition finished the operation. The building is now Kamp Kellisle.
 - (4) Dodge's wine cellar. In-

formation lacking.

(5) Kastning's wine cellar.

Information lacking.

(6) The Sweet Valley Wine Co. was built in 1868 by Jacob Rush.

Otto Brown bought from J. Rush and organized the Sweet Valley Wine: Co., a local stock company, in 1879.

0. Brown enlarged the cellar from a capacity of 60,000 gallons to 140,000 gallons.

They cultivated 150 acres of

their own grapes.

About 1900 they leased the Koster Wine Cellar which was known

(1) Charles Carpenter had the for a while as Sweet Valley Wine first wine cellar in the house now owned by Olga Weichel back of where Norman Sharmac's trailor now stands.

Carpenter built this wine cellar was renamed the Monarch Wine Co.

The Monarch Wine Co. was operated by Mr. Hauser until the middle 30's when the cellar was taken over by Roland and Lee Brown until its

final closing.

(7) Charles Fisher had a wine house in the 1890's 200 feet south of the Sweet Valley Wine Cellar across from the cemetery. He served wine at tables, made this wine in the cellar underneath until about 1906.

(8) Henry and Frank Riedy had a wine cellar in the building that now stands just to the south of our school building. They shipped wine

as well as for local use.

(9) William Becker Wine Co. was originally built by Titus Hamilton in 1870 on the property of J. Hamilton. Hamilton sold to Becker in 1882. In 1888 William Becker was president, Wm. Becker, Jr. was manager, Henry Scheele was sales agent. In addition was put on in 1912, Becker having enlarged its capacity from 22,000 gallons to about 75,000 gallons.

The cellar burned April 17,

1924.

Remains of the new addition were taken down in 1936 and used to build the south wing on the so-called Villa on Long Point. The Villa was originally Robert Hamilton's home.

(10) John Stoke's wine cellar is at the foot of Lincoln Road. He first made wine in 1868 and built a new and modern building in 1886, enlarging the original cellar to a

capacity of 65,000 gallons.

Charles Stokes operated this wine cellar after his father's death until the time that he moved away in 1925. The place was sold in 1936 and taken down and made into a dormitory on the back of the Stokes house by the Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament.

(11) Dan Maag had a wine cellar where John Bugel now lives, having bought from Dan Huntington in the 1880's and for a while oper-

ated the Ranft winery which will be mentioned next. Maag built a new press house behind his house

in about 1910.

(12) John Ranft had a wine cellar under his house in 1866 at the head of Huntington Lane at the intersection of the present Bookerman Road. About 1880 he built a new press house and wine cellar just west of the house. He sold bottled wine, with entertainments on the second floor. This included dancing, wrestling, prize fights, etc.

Ranft's building was moved about 350 feet west and attached to the Henry Roswurm home and used as a company store. The house became the Lime Company's office and later burned.

(13) Pauline Riedy's wine cellar was built about 1880. This is the building that is located just west of the Catholic Church.

No other information is avail-

able.

(14) Charles Seeholzer had a wine cellar in the house where Carl Seeholzer now lives. This was about 1870. Later, Charles Seeholzer, Sr. built a new cellar behind the house of Charles Seeholzer, Jr. where Art McKillips now lives.

In 1898 the cellar was operated as Charles Seeholzer & Son until they went out of business

about 1907.

(15) Henry Voight hada winery where Gene Riedy lived. This was

built about 1870. (16) James McGettigan built a wine cellar with dwelling on top in the late 1880's and sold to Herman Hess in the early 1890's and operated until about 1900. This was later sold to Smith (Maud Hamilton's father) about 1920. Mrs. Maud Hamilton now lives there.

(17) Henry Lange built a house and wine cellar about 1866 near the corner of Water St. and Addison Rd. Ifter his death, his son Henry, Jr. carried on the business until 1892 when he died.

This cellar had a capacity of

40,000 gallons.

The building is now owned by

Hugo Seeholzer.

(18) Herman Koster came to the Island about 1860 and shortly after built the house now owned by Anna Pohorence. He built a wine cellar behind the house, later known as Koster's Barn. This wine cellar was equipped with wooden shafting and gears, all operated by horse power.

In 1883 he built a stone wine cellar at the head of what is now

known as Koster's Dock.

As we mentioned earlier, this cellar was rented to the Sweet Valley Wine Co. about 1900 until 1905 and sold to Lay Bros. about 1920. The cellar burned in 1932 and razed by the C.W.A. on April 20, 1933 to give unemployed Islanders work.

(19) James McGettigan. No details available except that he made wine in large enough quantities to

(20) Charles B. Wells built a wine ceilar on Water St. on land purchased from Addison Kelley about 1863. This property was sold to Schaedler and L.Beatty and finally sold to Otto W. and Louis Brown and Wm. Kastning, becoming the Union Wine Co.

The cellar burned in 1906. What is left of the building (just west of Suhr's house) and the land on which it stands now belongs to

Sherman Brown.

(21) Louis Beatty's wine cellar was built in 1862, later sold to George Suhr, Sr. It is now owned by Seamans.

L. Beatty originally bought the land from Datus Kelley.

The cellar had a capacity of

70,000 gallons.

(22) August Schaedler's wine cellar was built in 1868 with a capacity of 65,000 gallons.

The land was bought from Ad-

dison Kelley.

The cellar was last operated by William Voight until about 1910

The place changed hands several times, including a transfer to John Bauman. It now belongs to Ecklers.

23) Fred Schipple had a wine "Grand Cld Kelleys Isle" (23) Fred Schipple had a wine cellar in the house now belonging to Schoewes. The winery was started about 1870 until about 1895.

The land was bought from James

(24) James Estes built a wine cellar in 1874, capacity figure not available.

The property was later transferred to Louis Brown, then to Navorska.

If any of our readers can make corrections in what we have written about the different cellars, or can add any information, we would be

grateful.

We would like to point out that although we used the following references: History of Eric County, L. Aldrich, 1898; A History of Kelleys Island, Ohio, N. Hills, 1925; and Scenic, Historic, Classic Kelley's Island, A.F. Elfers, 1913, we nevertheless had to rely heavily on some of our Islanders to fill in many gaps concerning local wine cellars.

We are grateful to Capt. Frank Hamilton for the valuable information he gave. By searching through his private collection of papers and documents, plus his own memory, he made it possible for us to tell you readers much about the Islands wine cellars --- information that cannot be found in the above references.

We are also grateful for the information given us, directly or indirectly, by Mr. Hugo Seeholzer and Mr. Nelson Dwelle, who've gone out of their way to be helpful.

To Lizebeth Martin, Grade 8,

goes the credit for interviewing these people and gathering the in-

formation.

....The Staff

POEMS BY ARMOLD F. ELFERS

The rose may bloom for England, The lily for France unfold; Ireland may honor the Shamrock, And Scotland her thistle bold; But the shield of Kelleys Island Shall be with Grapes inscrolled.

The sun shine is the brightest, The moonlight falls the softest, The summer days come oftest, The breezes whisper the lightest In Grand Old Kelleys Isle.

Homely girls are fewest, Maidens! eyes are bluest, Their hearts are truest, nd you always feel the youngest, In Grand Old Kelleys Isle.

The appetites are keenest, For the kitchens are the cleanest, The hams are always leanest, The bass are the sleekest, In Grand Old Kelleys Isle.

The game is always gamest, The wardens are the lamest, The bulldogs are the tamest, The policemen are the shyest, In Grand Old Kelleys Isle.

The water is the clearest, The high-balls are the highest, The wine is ever dearest, Yet it often acts the queerest, In Grand Old Kelleys Isle.

The pocket books are thickest, But they empty out the quickest, For the wives they are the slickest, In Grand Old Kelleys Isle.

"The Call to Kelleys Isle"

To stroll where the silver-wing sings,

To fish where the black bass

abound, abound ind list to the lilt of the waves, Way out in the hush of the earth, Surrounded by the deep blue sea, From here comes the call of rest, way from the noisy old town, Away from the din of the street, When the leaves and grasses are green,

and the aroma of grapes is sweet, Then comes the call to Kelleys Isle.

(Note: Arnold F. Elfers, a longtime Islander until his death, always felt as most of us do: "Earth hath no fairer spot than this!")



