

SCHOOL



As we all know, James Estes bequeathed the money for our school to be built. Previous to the construction of our school, several small schools buildings on the island were used.

In July, 1900 the board accepted \$5000 as partial payment. It was found that the \$10,000 would not be enough to build and equip this school, so the board met with citizens of Kelleys Island and it was decided to bond the village.

Mr. Henry Jordan was hired as Kelleys Island's new school's first custodian. He received \$350 per year. In 1901 Mr. Arnold Scheele was hired to teach the first, second and third grades at \$35.00 per month.

Here are some interesting high lights found in a report of School Board of Kelleys Island, 1853-1906.

"On March 18th, 1877, the board passed a ruling to suspend any pupil from school who threw parlor matches on the floor or who left after the afternoon recess without permission."

"At the meeting of January 5th, 1889, the superintendent complained for so much tardiness, so the board told him to set the clock back ten minutes."

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Hugo Seeholzer



Left to right: Mr. Lloyd Hilliard, Mr. Bruno Parro,
Mrs. Kathleen Lange, Miss Mary Rice, Mrs. Jessie Martin

POEM ABOUT THE TEACHERS

Listen, my people, and you shall hear,
Of the wonderful teachers we have this year.

On the eighth of September school commenced,
The children were happy to be back on the bench.

Our same principal, Mr. Hilliard, is here,
We're glad he's been with us in our high school years.

A new upper class teacher, Mrs. Martin by name,
We welcome her back to "Kelleys" again.

Mr. Parro was welcomed gladly by all,
When he appeared that day in the fall.

Miss Rice has come to assist us along,
We were so glad to see her, we all sang a song.

Mrs. Lange, who is so well known to all,
Has returned to teach again this fall.

WHAT THE TEACHERS DO

Lloyd K. Hilliard, executive head and teacher of Mathematics, Industrial Arts, typing, bookkeeping, is a native of Fletcher, Ohio. He is a graduate of Defiance College. He has been teaching at Kelleys Island High School for four years.

Bruno Parro, teacher of history, English, and mathematics, is a resident of Youngstown, Ohio. He is a graduate of Youngstown College. He has been teaching here for one year.

Jessie Martin, teacher of English, home economics, biology, and health is a resident of Kelleys Island. She is a graduate of Rio Grande College. Since the departure of Mrs. Spires, Mrs. Martin has fulfilled her position.

Mary Rice, teacher of the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades is a resident of Bowling Green, Ohio. She is also graduate of Bowling Green University. She has come to fulfill Mrs. Brown's position.

Kathleen B. Lange, teacher of the first, second, and third grades, is a resident of Kelleys Island, Ohio. Mrs. Lange has been teaching on the island for fourteen years.

Mr. Parro : Why was the period between 500 A.D. and 1200 A.D. known as the Dark Ages?

Sleepy Student: Because those were the days of the knights.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd GRADES



Back Row, left to right: Mrs. Kathleen Lange, Bonita Beltz, Dennis McKillips, Vivian Beltz, Daniel Brown, Donald Miller. Middle Row: James Bugel, Joan Erne, Kenneth Knapp, Randall Rickley, Charles Riedy, Pauline Schoewe. Front Row: Bernadette Erne, Richard Schlesselman Patricia Perruchon, Diane Hughes, James Kekelik, John Hilliard, Jeffrey Norris, Sharon Kleba, Jessica Riedy, and Ned Perruchon.

There are more in the primary room this year than the six upper grades in the school. There are eight first graders, the largest beginning class for years. They are Jeffrey Norris, Kenneth Knapp, Jessica Riedy, James Bugel, Ned Perruchon, Diane Hughes, Bernadette Erne, and John Hilliard. There are seven in grade two: Richard Schlesselman, Donald Miller, Dennis McKillips, Sharon Kleba, Pauline Schoewe, James Kekelik, and Bonita Beltz. Going into the intermediate room next year is the present third grade: Daniel Brown, Charles Riedy, Randall Bickley, Joan Erne, Vivian Beltz, and Patricia Perruchon.

The children work nicely together, the older ones helping the smaller ones to make adjustments early so their remaining school years will be pleasant experiences. The following truth is impressed on the childrens' minds. School Is Fun. With that philosophy the twelve years ahead of the child will pass rapidly.

By Mrs. Kathleen Lange

4th, 5th, and 6th GRADES



Back Row, left to right: Miss Mary Rice, Judith Schlesselman, Darrell McKillips, Linda McKillips, Middle Row: Beatrice McKillips, Donald Schlesselman, Donald Bugel. Front Row: Carol Perruchon, Dorothy Kekelik, Jane Erne, Marie Riedy, Robert Miller, Loren McKillips, and William Perruchon.

Grades 4,5, and 6 of Kelleys Island Local School consist of two fourth grade girls, six fifth grade boys and girls, and five six grade boys and girls. Although the classes are small, the subjects taught are wide and varied.

Arithmetic, reading, English, and spelling are courses on which all work is based and are required in all grades. Fourth grade arithmetic consists of multiplications, long division, and an introduction of fractions. The fifth graders learn beginning multiplication and division. As the student progresses, the courses become more advanced. The students in grade six are taught to do complicated problems in fractions and decimals.

The reading classes for all three grades are more similar. All have reading texts and workbooks. The stories are longer and the vocabulary is more diversified as the student advances in grade.

The language courses are based on the same principle. For example, the students are taught the correct method of writing reports. The older students, however, are required to do more detailed work.

7th and 8th GRADES



Back row, left to right, Mrs. Jessie Martin, Henry Schlesselman, Marline McKillips, Robert Erne, Front row, left to right, Anne Lange and John Betzenheimer.

The members of the 7th grade class are Anne Lange, Robert Erne and John (better known as Jack) Betzenheimer; the eight grade consists of Henry (Hank) Schlesselman, and Marline McKillips.

Anne is noted for her giggle, Robert for his quiet manner, and Jack is the one who "flubbed his dub". Marline aspires to be a future Donna Atwood, while Hank knows he'll be president someday, if everyone else agrees.

In sincerity, these boys and girls are well mannered, full of fun, and rank comparatively high scholastically.

The subjects studied by this group are English, Spelling, reading, health, literature, arithmetic and geography.

Their home room is located in the laboratory, and their home room teacher is Mrs. Martin.

By Mrs. Martin

FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE CLASS



Back row, left to right, Mr. Bruno Parro, Richard Bugel, David Brown, William Erne, James Erne. Front row, left to right, Nancy Bugel, Joan Betzenheimer, Shirley Seeholzer, and Coletta Seeholzer.

My home room, the ninth and tenth grades, consists of four girls and four boys. The girls are Nancy Bugel, Joan Betzenheimer, Coletta Seeholzer and Shirley Seeholzer. The boys are David Brown, Richard Bugel, William Erne, and James Erne. This group is the liveliest home room in the school; therefore the spiritual atmosphere that is associated with school is centered on these eight students.

On my deplorable days, I can always depend upon these for animation, for they are congenial to me who is their home room teacher.

I shall never forget the way they greeted me my first day here. Never have I received such a heart warming reception as a stranger. They made me feel at home.

By Mr. Parro

We regret that John Schock was absent at the time the pictures were taken.

FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE HABITS !

Joan Betzenheimer - - getting someone to type her Civics
Jim Erne - - teasing the girls
David Brown - - blushing when girls speak to him
Jack Schock - - taking trips
Nancy Bugel - - sewing pajamas together backwards
Shirley Seeholzer - - trying to get out of Algebra
Coletta Seeholzer - - sassing the boys
Bill Erne - - fooling around in Civics
Dick Bugel - - growing

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HABITS !

Marilyn Martin - - arguing in English class
Geraldine Erne - - looking out of the windows
Nick Bianchi - - reading books
Gladys Matso - - changing her mind
Carol Schlesselman - - contradicting Mr. Parro

WONDER WHY

Marilyn Martin is so fast at losing her temper?
Carol Schlesselman gets letters every day?
Geraldine Erne likes to go down town?
Nick Bianchi became President of the Junior & Senior Class?
Gladys Matso is such a good basketball player?

Peter owns a peacock. If the peacock laid an egg in
Bill's yard, would Peter or Bill own the egg?

Answer: Neither. Peacocks don't lay eggs.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR CLASS



Back row, left to right, Mr. Lloyd Hilliard, Gladys Matso, Carol Schlesselman, Dominic Bianchi. Front row, left to right, Marilyn Martin, and Geraldine Erne.

There are five members of the eleventh and twelfth grades, one in the eleventh and four in the twelfth. During this school year the students could choose their subjects from the three required courses and five elective courses. The required courses being English, American Government and physical education. The elective courses are as follows: bookkeeping, typing, personal guidance, home economics, and industrial arts.

The English class is a combination, grammar and English Literature. This class is taught by Mrs. Martin.

The American Government is a study of the relationship between the government and the people. This class is taught by Mr. Parro. All students take these two courses and upon completion receive one credit for each.

In bookkeeping the students learn and apply the fundamentals of accounting, both personal and business. This is a one credit course and is taught by Mr. Hilliard.

The personal guidance course is divided into three groupings: Knowing more about yourself, getting along with others, and making your way in life. Mr. Hilliard teaches this course and one credit is earned.

Typing is taught by Mr. Hilliard. All students have elected to take this subject. One-half credit is earned for typing.

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THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR CLASS TRIP

The Junior and Seniors plan on taking a class trip in May to Washington, D.C. and New York City. This trip is a regular scheduled trip sponsored by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

While we are in Washington, we will visit the Smithsonian Institute. Here we will see the Old and New Museums, Arts and Industries Museum, and the Air Museum. We will see the first telegraph instrument, the first telephone, and many famous airplanes, including Lindbergh's "Spirit of St. Louis," the first steam engine, and the first Franklin printing press.

After visiting the Smithsonian Institute, we go to the Archives Building where we'll see the Constitution of the United States, the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights, etc.

We will then tour the National Art Gallery. From there we leave for a complete tour of Washington, including the Embassies, Legation, National Zoological Park, thence to Arlington National Cemetery, where we will see the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, visit the Memorial Amphitheater, thence on to historic Alexandria. In Alexandria, we will visit either the Christ Church or the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Thence on to Mt. Vernon, Va. Here we will visit the home of George and Martha Washington, the slave quarters, grounds and the tomb of George and Martha Washington.

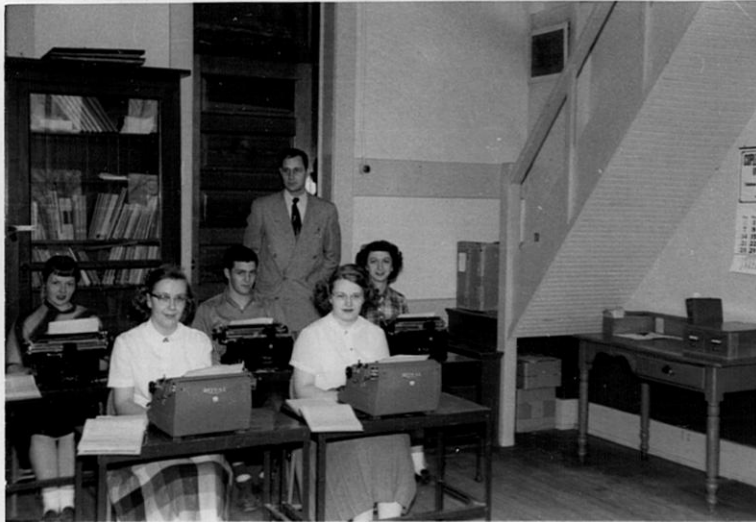
On the return to our hotel, we will pass the National Airport, Pentagon Building, Jefferson Memorial, and stop at the Lincoln Memorial.

The next day in Washington, we will visit the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Washington Monument. We will also visit the White House for a tour of the home of our President. We will then go to the Supreme Court Building. We will hear a lecture on the U.S. Capitol covering the Rotunda, Former Supreme Court Room, Senate Chambers and Work of Art. We will then visit the Library of Congress.

The third day of our trip will find us in New York City where we will take a complete tour of Uptown and Downtown Manhattan, including Central Park, Riverside Drive, Grant's Tomb, Columbia University; a walking tour through the Cathedral of St. John, Fifth Ave., Greenwich Village, Battery Park, for a close-up view of the Statue of Liberty and New York harbor; a short walking tour through Chinatown, thence through the Bowery, the lower East Side, passing the United Nations Building and terminating at Rockefeller Center. Here we shall attend Radio City Music Hall, seeing the famous Rockettes, Corps de Ballet, Symphony Orchestra, a stage show and a first-run screenplay.

On the fourth morning, we will take a bus to Circle Line Pier 83, located at West 42nd Street and Hudson River. Upon our arrival, we will board a sightseeing yacht and enjoy a three hour cruise around Manhattan Island where we will view the great city and part of New York, the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Welfare Island, New York skyline of famous skyscrapers,
continued

TYPING CLASS



Back row, left to right, Marilyn Martin, Dominic Bianchi, Mr. Lloyd Hilliard, Gladys Matso. Front row, left to right, Carol Schlesselman and Geraldine Erne.

HOME ECONOMICS CLASS



Left to right, Marcy Bugel, Shirley Seeholzer, Mrs. Jessie Martin, Coletta Seeholzer, Joan Betzenheimer, Geraldine Erne and Marilyn Martin.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR CLASS CON'T.

Home economics is taught by Mrs. Martin. The fundamentals of cooking, sewing and homemaking are the major points of instruction. One-half credit is earned.

Industrial arts is taught by Mr. Hilliard. The rudiments of handtools, powertools and woodworking are stressed. One-half credit is earned.

Marilyn Martin has the distinction of being the only eleventh grade member. Dominick Bianchi (Nick to the boys, Nickie to the girls) happens to have the honor of being the only male member of the class. Nick is also our school librarian. Geraldine Erne (Jake) competed in the Erie County Voice of America Contest as a representative from Kelleys Island.

Gladys Matso and Carol Schlesselman are outstanding in that all through their high school they have taken at least one extra subject and upon graduation each will have earned nineteen and one-half academic credits, (sixteen is the required amount for graduation). Carol has also achieved praise for receiving the highest grade from our school on two State wide tests; The Ohio History and Citizenship test sponsored by the Ohio University and the Good Citizenship Contest sponsored by the Ohio Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

By Mr. Lloyd Hilliard

JUNIOR AND SENIOR CLASS TRIP CON'T.

passing under the many bridges including the world renowned Brooklyn, Tri-Boro, George Washington, and other bridges which cross the East and Harlem Rivers; also the Polo Grounds, and Yankee Stadium. Enroute we see the many hospitals, stadiums, ocean liners, tugs, barges and other educational and interesting sights. We will sail within 200 feet of the Statue of Liberty on Bedloe's Island.

In the afternoon we visit the Radio City Area where we will enjoy an hour lecture "behind the scenes" tour of N.B.C. Radio and Television Studios. We'll see TV in action. In the same building, we will visit the Observation Roof where we will view the city of New York from 70 floors above the ground. We arrive in Cleveland Friday morning, our journey ended.

We wish to thank the people of the island for all the co-operation given us to help make this trip possible.

THE SENIOR CLASS OF '54

The Senior Class of nineteen hundred fifty four
Have been together twelve years, we hope more.
We tried to accomplish all we could
Some folks say we did mighty good.

A little poem about each one,
Don't believe it, it's all in fun.
To humor all is our policy
So let's all laugh Ha Ha He.

Nick Bianchi comes up first
To start us off with our third verse.
We all know that he will pass,
As being president of the Senior Class.

Geraldine Erne next in line,
We all know she likes to dine
The best of foods are in her line,
Steaks, roasts and all that kind.

Now the fifth verse comes to tell,
Of Gladys Matso, the islands sweetest bell,
With all her good old fashion charms
She wouldn't bend a flea to harm.

Now who is left? Let us see,
Carol Schlesselman, naturally,
It need not take a book to say
That she is top to us today.

Author: This is the plot of my story. A mid-
night scene. Two burglars creep steadily
toward the house. They climb a wall, force
open a window and enter the room. The clock
stricks one.

Sweet Thing: (breathlessly) Which one?

SENIOR CLASS



Left to right, Mr. Lloyd Hilliard, Gladys Matso, Carol Schlesselman, Geraldine Erne and Dominic Bianchi.

SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

The Freshman Class of 1951 consisted of three girls and two boys. The high school faculty for that year was Mr. William Houle, Executive Head, Mrs. Frank Horvath and Mr. Lloyd Hilliard. One of the main incidents of that year was the Home Economics class trip to Defiance, Ohio and Fort Wayne, Indiana. While in Fort Wayne we had the privilege of being on a side walk interview over station W.O.W.O.

In our sophomore year the students were the same. Our teachers were Mr. Lloyd Hilliard, Executive Head, Miss Barylski and Mr. Hughes. The Senior Class accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown went to Chicago for their class trip. The Freshmen, Sophomore and Junior classes gave a banquet in honor of the Senior Class of '52. It was held at Gambers Restaurant in Sandusky.

When we were Juniors, our staff of teachers were all men. Mr. Lloyd Hilliard, Executive Head, Mr. Kata and Mr. White. During that year we raised over \$100 for our Senior Class trip to New York and Washington. The Junior and Senior Classes combined gave a very successful program entitled "Junior and Senior Review." Gladys Matso was the Kelleys Island representative for the National contest "I Speak For Democracy", which was held in Sandusky. The island Parent Teachers Association sponsored piano lessons which was given by Miss Dolores Sutter from the Elmer Franks Studio in Sandusky, Ohio.

CLASS HISTORY CONTINUED

Now that we are Seniors, we are happy to say that Mr. Hilliard is still our principal. Mrs. Martin and Mr. Parro are the other two teachers. We regret that we now have only one boy in our class, since Ronald Ingram has gone to Cleveland to work. The Juniors and Seniors gave two performances in the town hall this year. A "Halloween Party" and "Curtain Call." The money made during our Junior and Senior years is going toward our class trip in May. Geraldine Erne was the Kelleys Island representative for the National contest "I Speak for Democracy," which was held in Sandusky. Although we are going to be happy to graduate in June, we are going to regret the fact of leaving good old "Kelleys Island High".

CLASS WILL

We, the Seniors of Kelleys Island High School, Kelleys Island, Ohio on graduation day June 5, will hereby make, publish, and declare this to be our last will and Testament.

I, Gladys Matso give my typewriter to Marilyn Martin. I think she will appreciate it. Also I will throw in my typing book, that she will not appreciate. The rest of my books I will leave them % Estes High. I think they will be put to good use. As for the rest of my belongings, such as my pencils, paper, and desk, I will leave them to whoever can put them to good use.

I, Geraldine Erne will my desk to Bill Erne. You can see out the window if you stretch your neck, Bill. Also I will my ability to sew a straight line by machine to Coletta Seeholzer. I will my A's in math to Shirley Seeholzer, that means algebra, too. I will my being late for school to Marilyn Martin and my shortness to Dick Bugel.

I, Nick Bianchi will my ability to get along with the history teacher to Jim Erne, use it real well, Jim. My curly hair I leave it to the girls to argue about, if they want it. My seat can be had by whoever gets here first next year. My abilities to study and not day dream I leave to Shirley Seeholzer and Nancy Bugel. I think they could use it at times. My good history book I give to Bill Erne, cause I know he likes history and the teacher as well as I do. My typewriter I want either Bill or Dick to have, because it is so close to the window.

STUDY HALL



Back Row, left to right: Dominick Bianchi, Gladys Matso, Mr. Lloyd Hilliard, Carol Schlesselman,
Front Row, left to right: Geraldine Erne, and Marilyn Martin.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS CLASS



Left to right: Dominick Bianchi, David Brown, Richard Bugel, James Erne, William Erne, and Mr. Lloyd Hilliard.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF

Marilyn Martin had black hair?
Carol Schlesselman didn't get a letter every day?
Gladys Matso didn't get in an argument with Nick every day?
Geraldine Erne would stay on a diet?
Nick Bianchi would like his history teacher?

WHERE FOUND

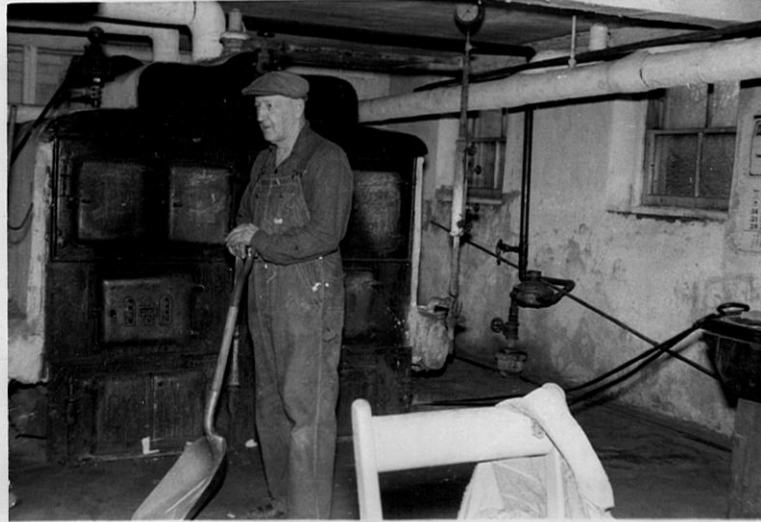
Marilyn Martin - - - - - Matso's house
Carol Schlesselman - - - - - writing letters
Gladys Matso - - - - - home entertaining Marilyn
Geraldine Erne - - - - - Brown's Store.
Nick Bianchi - - - - - playing with dolls

AMBITIONS

Marilyn Martin - - - - - Jet pilot
Carol Schlesselman - - - - - Farmer in the Dell
Gladys Matso - - - - - President of the U. S.
Geraldine Erne - - - - - Gill Netter
Nick Bianchi - - - - - Hot rod driver (if he
isn't one already)

CLASS WILL CONT.

I, Carol Schlesselman, will my desk by the window to whomever would rather gaze out the window than do their work. I will all my many pencils to Bill Erne. My A's I leave to Joan Betzenheimer. Put them to good use, Joan.



MR. HUGO SEEHOLZER

Mr. Hugo Seeholzer, who is our present custodian, has been with our Kelleys Island Local School since 1941. Before his arrival here, he was employed at the Kelleys Island Lime and Transport Company as a steam shovel operator. The quarries having shut down, Mr. Seeholzer was out of a job. He was informed that the island school needed a custodian, so he accepted the job.

When he started his first year of work the principal of the school was Mr. Corthell.

Being asked his opinion on the school since he arrived he said, "There have been many improvements since I came." On answering what he thought were the best improvements he replied, "The rest rooms." The next best he thought were the new hard wood floors that are now being put in.

We all have appreciated the wonderful work that Mr. Seeholzer is doing in our school.

SENIOR CLASS PROPHECY

On this first day of May, in the year of our Lord, 1954, I hereby prophesy the future of the members of the Senior Class of '54 as to what they will be thirty years hence in the year 1984 A.D.

By the manner of Jupiter and flashing lights of airplanes far over head, I can foresee all four Seniors flying high to far away places. Some shall make the head line, some won't. But to us they will all be famous. Now let us look into the future.

We are now gazing into the crystal ball. We see the great city of Vienna, Austria. In a small wooden house set back from a hobbled stone street we see a middle aged woman standing over an old man who is pounding away on a piano. She is unusual looking woman, for her face is drawn with pain, and her hair is graying fast. She seems to be having trouble teaching this man to play the piano. She has introduced him to us as Liberace. But who is this strange woman, 'tis none other than Carol Schlesselman.

We have traveled half way around the world to Dover, England to see the great event of the year. Here we have another Florence Chadwick. Down to the shore comes a touring car with our great swimmer in it. He is going to swim the English Channel. Out he steps, a short, lean, young man of thirty eight. Clad in a bright red bathing trunks and cap, He strikes us as an unusual character. He has walked to the edge of the shore. There he goes! Who is he? Why it is Kelleys Island's own Nick Bianchi.

We are now down in Rio de Janeiro and we notice an ocean liner coming into port. There is a very odd looking captain on this ship. We know that this captain is out of the ordinary because he is a woman. When she stuck her head out of the pilot house, we found to our great astonishment that it was none other than our own "Captain Gladys Matso" of good old Lake Erie.

And now back to the United States and we have stopped in Las Vegas, Nevada. The people of Las Vegas are known for gambling as you probably know. As we stop at a large brick building, known as the largest gambling house in the country we meet the proprietor, who seems to be a rather woe-be-gone looking person. Dressed in a white suit and smoking a king size cigar is----- you guessed it, Geraldine Erne.