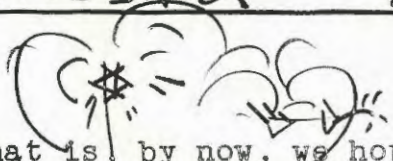




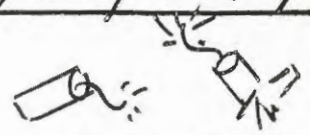
# THE BIRCH BARKER

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TONIGHT IS THE NIGHT

EVERYONE HAS A RESERVED SEAT



that is, by now, we hope you have selected a good viewing spot to see the beautiful fireworks display which will be shot from the west side of the lake (the Dvorak property) Sure do want to thank these fine neighbors again for the use of their shoreline. Most everyone has gotten their contributions in but in case you were missed or haven't had time as yet to get your money in "the pot" see your director or you can find me at cottage # 307. It's sort of difficult to keep track of such a large family as those of us at Birch Lake so you might not have received the letter which was mailed early in the spring advising you of the summer plans. If you are new or for some reason did not get on our mailing list, be sure to see me and we'll take care of that little matter right away.

We have lots more fun planned for the coming weeks. The time will be far too short but let's make the most of every minute. Mrs. John Machalleck has promised to help us do just that very thing. She is the new Social Chairman for this year. The following ladies are working with her on this committee: Doris Bratcher (south side) Helen Weesner (east side) Le King (north side) Doris Habich (west side) and Mary Wirick (hill). I have given them the suggestions you turned in to me and I know both junior and senior citizens will want to take part in whatever these ladies plan and make it a success.

Did you get your first copy of the Birch Barker? It was a free issue, as we wanted everyone to be sure to get a list of their directors, officers and financial report of the Yacht Club. I had 287 printed and believe me, had to scour the lake to find a few extra copies. I understand some are using them to mail to friends...they can add a little line or two on the back and it makes quite a newsy letter for those of us who are too busy (?) to write. The price has been established now and your paper will cost 15¢ per issue. You may also subscribe by the season. Sure want to take this opportunity to thank Clyde Bower who is taking our news to the U S Rubber Company office to be printed.

Well, believe this is about all the "barking" I have for the Birch Barker so let's get on with the news.

\*I. T. Bowers,  
Your Commodore for '64.

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DON'T GET ALL HOT AND BOTHERED BAKING YOUR GOODIES FOR THE 4TH OF JULY

REMEMBER!! The Pine Row Home Demonstration Club has a bake sale today at the NETERER'S Cottage # 99....from 9:00 until 12:00..... Better get there early...if you wait, it might be too late!

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THE JUNIOR YACHT CLUB

wishes to thank Mrs. Weesner, Mrs. Carpenter and Mrs. Erhardt also Mr. and Mrs. Hague and the Machalleck's for chaperoning the Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday night dances.

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D O N ' T L E T H I M G E T A W A Y !!

How's that big FISHING CONTEST getting along ? ? ?

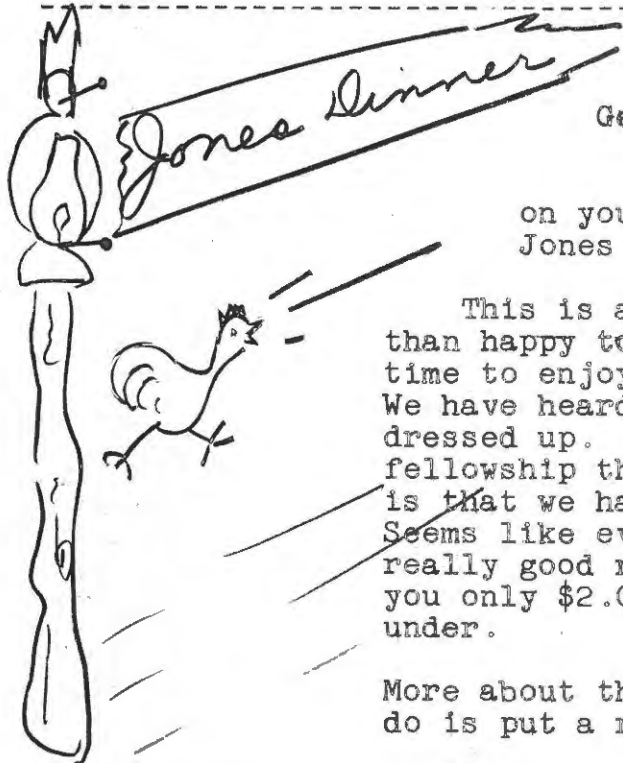
It will be just as much fun as you make it. . . . .

The man to see is Art Glenton, Chairman of the Fishing Contest, which started June 27th and will end August 30th. There will be a beautiful trophy awarded for the largest fish caught in each of the three categories...bass, bluegill and trout. The fish must be measured with the mouth shut and from tip to tip...must also be alive when registered with Art at cottage # 152.

THE JUNIOR YACHT CLUB, under the leadership of Ken Ratajczak, wishes to thank all his willing workers for the fine way in which they delivered the first Birch Barker of the season and collected the news. Remember, folks, this is your paper and it can only be as interesting as you make it. Wish to apologize to Tori King for getting her cottage number wrong in the last issue. It is not # 263 but # 1 (high up on the hill). We also have a new recruit to add to our list of "News Hounds".... Tom Hayden from cottage 300.

PLEASE PLAN AHEAD AND HAVE YOUR NEWS READY FOR US ON SATURDAY! We can deliver your paper and pick up your news all at one time...we won't be knocking on your door so often that way and it also gives us a little more leisure time for fun. Thanks.

\* Ken Ratajczak, President



DO IT RIGHT NOW Get a pencil and put a ring around the date of

AUGUST 8th

on your calendar. This is the date of the Annual Jones dinner with square dancing afterwards.

This is an earlier date than usual but we were more than happy to secure it. Just gives us all a little more time to enjoy those we meet. This is not a "fancy affair" We have heard some say they just didn't want to get dressed up. Just come as you are! It's the fun and fellowship that counts. Another thing we are happy about is that we haven't had to raise the price of the tickets. Seems like everything else is going up these days. A really good roast beef dinner with the trimmings will cost you only \$2.00 for adults and \$1.35 for children 12 and under.

More about this later but for right now, all you need to do is put a ring around August 8th

\* LaMar King, Jones Dinner Chairman

THERE'S A NEW



or some news or comments that should appear in the Barker just slip it in the mail box.

at # 307 Woodland Cove Drive. The I. T. Bowers' are most always home, but sometimes they are out sailing or skiing. If you have a note for them

\* Your Editor, Mrs. I. T. Bowers

GARBAGE AND TRASH DISPOSAL SERVICE is offered by Ed McIntyre, Box 182 Cassopolis, Michigan.

There is a flat rate charged for the months of June, July, August and 1st week of September in the amount of \$8.00. Of course, should you wish to start now, it would be figured on a pro rated basis for the remaining weeks. If you would like to use this service, just drop him a card addressed to the above and he will be happy to stop and make necessary arrangements. He collects at our lake on Thursdays.





OUR FLEET CAPTAIN - DAVE MILNE

gives the results of the following sail boat races

June 21st - starting time was 2:30

- 1st ..... E. Troeger - 9432
- 2nd ..... Hague - 12399
- 3rd ..... Howard - 14009
- 4th ..... Milne - 12835
- 5th ..... J. Troeger - 7377
- 6th ..... Getzinger - 10360

June 28th - starting time was 11:00 A. M.  
(afternoon race cancelled for lack of wind)

- 1st ..... E. Troeger - 9432
- 2nd ..... Hague - 12399
- 3rd ..... J. Troeger - 7377
- 4th ..... Howard - 14009
- 5th ..... Milne - 13835
- 6th ..... Getzinger - 10360
- 7th ..... Weaver - 10955

\* The "dark horse" in last Sunday's race, Snipe # 2273 belonging to Frances Bowers and skippered by Chuck Hibschan, decided not to race at the last minute due to discussion on who should bail and who should sail. ha ha They hope to correct the difficulty in time for next week's races.

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BROTHER



SISTER



MOM &



DAD

all report the Family News:

Keith Claro's lonely days are over. The mumps kept his friends away but he is glad to report that he can again have company.

Lillian Olson, New York, and Esther Elkins of Tuscon, Arizona, were guests of Hazel Krumpetz on Sat. June 27th. Other friends visiting were Kay Mc Donough, Fern Collins, Marion Jordon, Christine Smither, Dorothy Harbaugh and Ethel Hardwick all from Elkhart.

Miss Sally Hayden, age 5, having heard so much about the famous Birch Lake Fishing Contest, was so impressed that she took her catch, which was a 3 1/2 " sun fish to be entered. Her neighbor, Commodore Bowers convinced her she should try again.

Mr. Carl Koller and his fiancée Sota Blanca Maria Lucio of Mexico City, are spending the week of the 28th with the Thomas R. Smiths.

Mr. Harry Lasker, daughter Vera Ellen and son Harry Allen spent an enjoyable Sunday afternoon with the Gavitt's.

Miss Dawn Scoffield celebrated her first birthday yesterday. The Scoffields are enjoying a week of their vacation at their cottage. They were most happy to get back to these cool shores after spending a very hot day in Chicago last Sunday attending the circus.

The Dick Cowens of Muncie, Ind. spent last week end with their parents, the C. R. Cowens.

Joe Williams, son of Marge and Bill Williams who formerly lived in cottage # 301 was visiting with Tom Hayden at Woodland Cove during the past week.

Miss Karen Arick and Miss Susan Vyverberg of South Bend and Miss Charlene Lake of Tulsa, Okla. were guests of Miss Frances Bowers at cottage # 307 last Wednesday and Thursday.

Donald Baughman bought a new symphonic record player on June 25th. We'll be hearing some pretty music now.



## FREE ICE CUBES FOR THE WHOLE LAKE !!

Your editor was away from the lake just long enough last Saturday to miss the spectacular hailstorm of the century. Without much fanfare, small hailstones grew larger and larger until they were the size of golf balls, and piled up to a depth of 2 or 3 inches on the ground. Didn't want to print anything I couldn't vouch for so my neighbor Mrs. Cowen referred me to her freezer to see the evidence first hand. Did anyone get a picture? I thought fall had arrived early this year when I saw all the leaves that had to be raked away.

TRAFFIC RESTORED! Sally Hayden, age 5, directed traffic while brother Tom Hayden, age 11, sawed in to small pieces a tree that had fallen across the road leading to their cottage on Woodland Cove. It took 4 hours to complete the job but both came through nicely and the tree was removed. Tom is a tenderfoot in the Boy Scouts. This was indeed his "deed" for the day.

Miss Marsha Kinner enjoyed last week with her grandparents, the I. T. Bowers of cottage 307.



Bob Doolittle Jr. was married June 20th to Peggy Stollenmyer in Westlake, Ohio. Rick Doolittle was best man. Miss Ann Doolittle is to be married to Ross Roberts on July 11th. They will move to Hawaii where Ross is stationed as a Judge Advocate for 3 yrs. Rick will be an usher in this wedding. After having been in these weddings, we hope Richard will not be in the "marryin' mood" for a good many moons to come. Rick is a waterfront counselor at Camp Eberhart for the summer. Someone said they believed the Doolittle's were trying to have the most news in the 2nd edition of the Birch Barker. Ha ha

Guests at the C. W. Hemminger's are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kelly from Tucson, Ariz. Mrs. Kelly is a sister of Mrs. Hemminger.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gray visited at the Zelasko's cottage last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Alexander visited Mrs. Bright this week. Mrs. Alexander is Mrs. Bright's sister.

The newest thing in fashions being featured on the east side of Birch Lake this season is concrete shoes. Credit for this fad goes to Mrs. Nadine Brown.

Cindy and Sandy Barter are spending the week end with their grandparents, the Charles Purdy's.

The Bob Carpenter's brought Mrs. Elmer Goldsmith and Mrs. Clarence A. Paul from Indianapolis to be their guests this last week.

40th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WAS CELEBRATED ON June 28th by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Partridge from Safety Harbor, Fla. Their summer home is cottage 310. Their daughter Mrs. Joe Caenepeel, 2249 Ingldwood Place, So. Bend, entertained with open house at her home. Both of their sons were here for the party and are spending the week with their parents. They are Cloyd and his family from Santa Ana, California and Ed and his family from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey are "poodle-sitting" for Antroine Ferdinand Cochran for the week end.

WE WISH A HAPPY 91st BIRTHDAY to Mr. E. T. Purdy. His birthday was on June 30th.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bartlett and daughter Patty and her guest Karen Campanello of Elkhart will be at the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fischer Saturday evening for dinner.

Mr. Henry Roddiger, Gary, and Miss Leoda Smith of Logansport are week end guests of Fran and Margi Olson, cottage 141.

The Myers entertained the Ed Wade family from Elkhart on the 28th.

Howie Anderson III is visiting his grandparents on the farm.

The Ward Scofields entertained the John Sr., John Jr. and Gene Seckowski families last Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. Terrence J. Harris and son Brett are vacationing in the Pennsylvanian. Dr. and Mrs. Mayberry and son will be their guests next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Quinlan and family are vacationing in the Lakeview next to the Pennsylvaniann.

Miss Annette Miller of So. Bend spent the week end with the Laddesman's.

Craig's parents were over-night guests at the Craig Cole's cottage. They enjoyed a day of swimming and skiing in Craig's dad's boat.



Mr. and Mrs. Allen Morouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Dixon left on Fri. to make their home in Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Morouse will attend School of Electronics in the Navy Air Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Chrusinski....Gene, Val and Bobby Piontek will be visiting guests at the Val Bernaciak's on the 4th of July week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mariotti and children Janet, Nancy, Lisa and Richard Jr. from Mishawaka were afternoon guests at the I. T. Bowers' cottage last Sunday. Mr. Mariotti visited Camp Kiloqua in the interest of Water Safety and was sponsored by the Mishawaka Chapter of the American Red Cross. He demonstrated safety measures in boating, canoeing..... the desirable features of life jackets, ski belts and vests to the campers and the staff. He spoke briefly on the "do's and dont's" of safe canoeing and what to do in case a canoe should tip over, or be swamped, also applied the same information to a row boat.

Mr. Mariotti has just returned from the American Red Cross Aquatic School at Camp Limberlost, outside of LaGrange. This is a Purdue-owned camp. This session was from June 7 to 17th and was attended by approximately 170 students and 30 faculty members, most of them being professional Red Cross people. I understand the waterfront director at Camp Kiloqua attended this school last year and that the assistant water front director for this year has just returned from above camp. He told us he would be most happy to give either a dry land or water demonstration to our lake residents. If you think this event would be helpful, please let me hear from you.

We welcome the Chet Waggoner family from South Bend. They are the new owners of cottage 305 which was previously owned by the late Jim and Helen Beard.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Asire of South Bend and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Bland of Mishawaka were guests of the Floyd Fulmer's last Saturday. Rev. Arnold and family from the First Methodist Church of Cassopolis also visited last Sat. afternoon and enjoyed a good swim.

The Ray Letherman's will be entertaining the following guests on 4th of July:  
Mr. and Mrs. P. BeMiller and family  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yarin " "  
Dr. and Mrs. J. Miller, all from Wakarusa  
and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Preston and Mr. and Mrs. C. Lenhart of Elkhart.

We have a new member in our Birch Lake family. Congratulations to the Ray Letherman's. Their new baby boy's name is Lad Ray.

Martha Badger of Cottage 6 is working as counselor at Camp Tannadoonah this summer.

The Lloyd Krueger's are expecting their daughter Martha home for the 4th of July after a 2 wk's camping trip in Colorado. Phyllis has returned to Ann Arbor for summer school which is required by her course in physical therapy. Both will be home for the 4th.

Dr. and Mrs. Richard E. Lahr and children from Marion, Indiana, are spending the week of the 4th with their parents, the Dr. Lahr's at cottage # 313.

Last Sunday guests at the I. T. Bowers' cottage # 307 were Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson and children Natalie and Laurie, Mrs. Blanche Hertel, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bowers and children Teri and Mike, all of South Bend.

Gayle DeCoudres has just graduated from her grammar school. She was voted the most courteous girl in the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Osborne from Hales Corners, Wisconsin, are spending the week end with Aileen and Al Osborne.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex E. Budzinski of cottage # 267 announce to their Birch Lake friends, the engagement of their daughter Mary Ann to Arthur J. Roach of Galveston, Texas. The wedding will take place on August 15th in the Holy Cross Church, South Bend.

There was a big party at the Double D's cottage (Mr. and Mrs. Don Coleman) last Tuesday eve. A delicious potluck dinner and bridge was enjoyed by the following guests: Mrs. Irene Hawkins, Mrs. Mary Manhout, Mrs. Thelma Waite, Mrs. Velma Roggemann, Mrs. Ethel Virgil and Mrs. Violet Gadburgy, all of Granger, Indiana.... Mrs. Eilene Thompson of South Bend ...Mrs. Leona Faller of Mishawaka and Mrs. Nina Vineyard of Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Hagerty entertained with a cook-out last Sunday in honor of their son's 24th birthday. Mrs. Roy Hagerty, Elmer's mother, also had a birthday this past week so it was ONE BIG BIRTHDAY PARTY. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hagerty and daughter Diane of Three Rivers, Michigan....Mr. and Mrs. Roger Lutz of White Pigeon, Michigan and the Ray Hagertys of Elkhart.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duncan of Mishawaka were Monday evening callers at the Cowen's.



Vicki Gabor of Michigan City, Indiana, is spending several weeks with her Uncle and Aunt, Bev and Herm Kruggel. Vicki is 11 years old.

Jim Cox of cottage # 45 is working in Oklahoma City for the summer. 2/Lt. Tom Cox of U. S. Marine Corps is stationed at Camp Fuji, Japan, for 13 mo. tour of duty.

The Wayne Milnes have returned from a two week camping trip through the New England states and back via Canada through Quebec and Ontario. As always, they were glad to get back to Birch Lake and the good swimming with their traveling companions, the L. E. Collet family from Griffith, Indiana.



We see - - there are a few items for sale  
(a small charge of 25¢ covers your ad)

The Kollar's at cottage # 120 have a drop leaf, gateleg extension table which is in very good condition and is priced at \$25.00

The Cowens at cottage # 308 have a buffet for sale....very reasonable. They also have Fill Dirt free for the taking.

C. Partridge at cottage # 310 "Wee Wood" has for sale:

Double bed...chest....4 dinette chairs. Also available - chrome dinette  
double bed, springs and mattress....a dresser; also  
and mattress for a double bed....dining room suite....  
overstuffed...a rose colored rug 11 x 14 and a

you will take care of my little 1958 Volkswagon, I will sell it to you for \$525.00. I must part with Hawaii with me. It has a new rebuilt 1960 brake linings, 1963 tires, seat belts, radio, old washers, gas gauge, cigarette lighter and personality.

, Ann Doolittle, or any of the Doolittles at the west side of the lake or phone 255-1114

Carol and Kathy Larson are once again at Sunset View cottage....from 3:00 P. M. a ride.