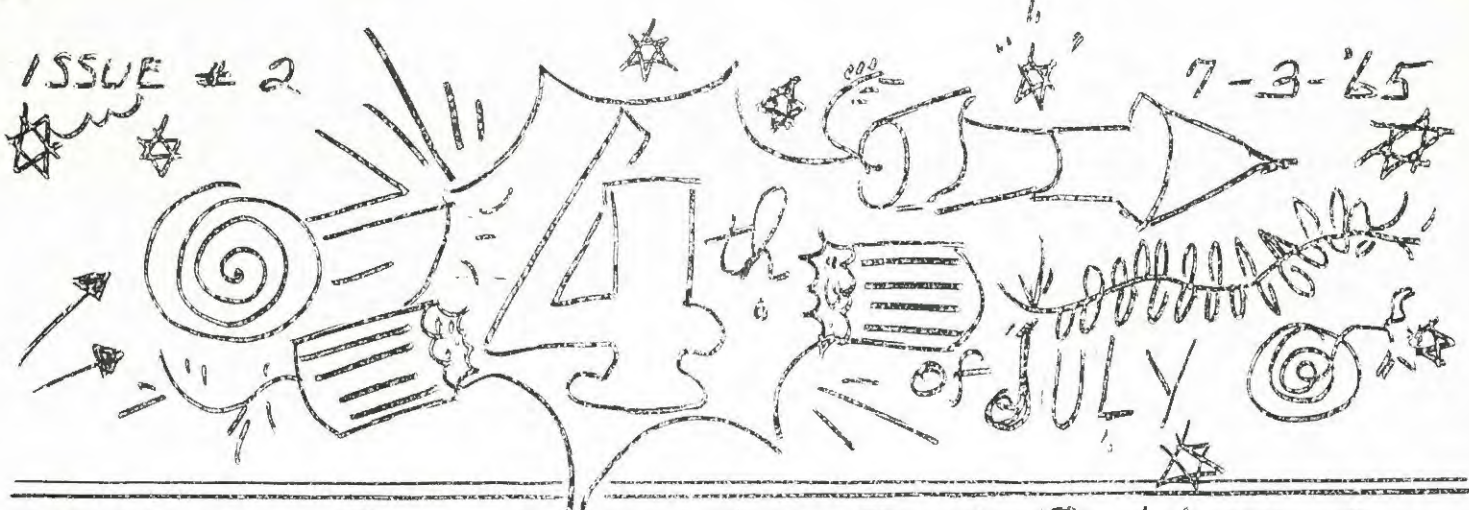


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THE BIRCH BARKER

from Beautiful Birch Lake - Vandalea Mich.

TOMORROW NIGHT - July 4th -
is the night

"YOU SHOULD HAVE 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) at 9:30.... (in case of bad weather the display will be July 5th). Sure do want to thank these fine neighbors again for the use of their shoreline. Contributions for fireworks continues to come in but in case you were not home when your director called or for some reason do not as yet have your money in "the pot" please see your director or get in touch with me at my cottage # 153. We want this to be an evening which will long be remembered.....a spectacular of this kind will set this day apart, not as just another day for a picnic or a good swim but a time when we should remember those fathers, sons and brothers who gave their precious lives that we might enjoy our freedom and liberty.

* Charlie Purdy, your Commodore

We can be looking forward to some
MORE FUN TO COME !

MRS. HERB HOWARD is our new Social Chairman and she has selected a fine group of wide-awake and willing ladies to help her. The summer is far too short but let's make the most of every minute and really cooperate with this group as they strive to make our lake more interesting.



THE JUNIOR YACHT CLUB

is responsible for the sale and distribution of the Birch Barker. Of course the first



issue was free as we wanted everyone to be sure to get a list of their directors, officers and the financial report of the Yacht Club. Had 240 issues printed and was lucky to be able to save one for the files. This is a really easy way to write a letter you know...just send the news to your friends and add a few lines and they will be happy to have heard from you... incidentally will help "the fund" out a little too. Sure want to take this opportunity to thank Clyde Bower for taking our news to the U. S. Rubber Co. office in Mishawaka to have it printed. A good many of our families have subscribed for the season....\$1.50 for 10 issues....single issues are 15¢. Should you wish to advertise in the paper, will be happy to print it for 25¢

HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR YACHT CLUB MEMBERSHIP? The new cards have been printed and will be ready for distribution any time after the 4th.

Many have already paid their dues and the directors will be getting your cards to you. We appreciate getting these memberships in early in the season so that your money can "get to work" for the Club. If your director misses you, be sure to see him....a complete listing was printed in the first Barker. Jr. Yacht Club memberships are also available...price is 50¢.

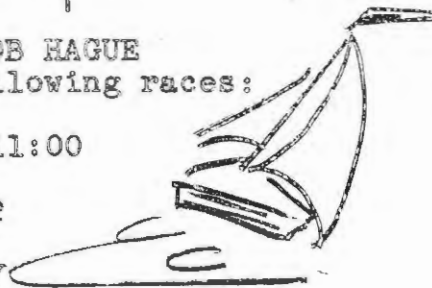
BOAT PARADE WILL BE EARLIER THIS YEAR. BE PLANNING AND WATCH FOR DATE ! ! !



OUR FLEET CAPTAIN - BOB HAGUE reports results of the following races:

Sunday - June 27th - 11:00

- 1st ... E. Troeger - 9432
- 2nd ... Hague - 15500
- 3rd ... W. Troeger - 7377
- 4th ... Milne - 13835
- 5th ... Rick Doolittle - 9603
- 6th ... Getzinger - 10360
- 7th ... Weaver - 10955
- 8th ... Howard - 14009



Sunday - June 27th - 2:30

- 1st ... E. Troeger - 9432
- 2nd ... Hague - 15500
- 3rd ... Milne - 13835
- 4th ... Getzinger - 10360
- 5th ... W. Troeger - 7377
- 6th ... Rick Doolittle - 9603
- 7th ... Howard - 14009
- 8th ... Foote - 7378



OUR JUNIOR FLEET CAPTAIN IS BRIAN HAGUE. Results of Jr. Sailing Fleet follows:

Saturday June 19th

- 1st ... Brian Hague - 15500
- 2nd ... Jeff Troeger - 9432
- 3rd ... Mary Milne - 13835
- 4th ... Scott Troeger - 7377
- 5th ... Barry Hague - 14009

Saturday

- 1st ... Brian Hague - 15500
- 2nd ... Scott Troeger - 7377
- 3rd ... Pam Foote - 7378
- 4th ... Jeff Troeger - 9432
- 5th ... Barry Hague - 14009
- 6th ... Mary Milne - 13835

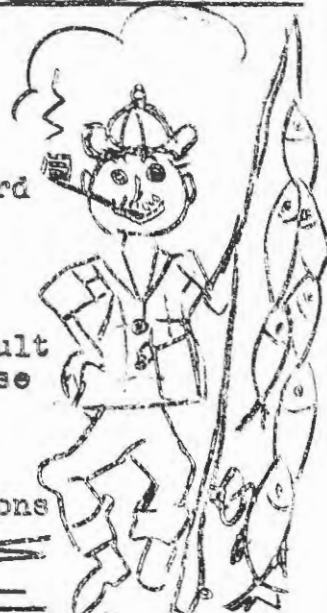
June 26th

OUR FISHERMEN WILL BE INTERESTED TO LEARN OF THE FOLLOWING LETTER RECEIVED BY OUR MAHLON EBERHART from the Dept. of Conservation at Plainwell, Mich., dated April 20, 1965.

"Your letter of March 27th, 1965, has just recently been referred to me for reply. In checking the management record for Birch Lake, Cass County, I find it is on a three year planting schedule and will be stocked again in 1966. Fish produced are requested nearly one year prior to stocking because of the lag in spawn-taking and released at a desirable size. To plant your lake this year would only result in reducing or eliminating a planting somewhere else because we have not previously scheduled your lake for this year.

I do hope that the correspondence from Dr. Cooper and this letter explains the situation. If you have further questions feel free to contact me at any time."

Signed by John MacGregor, District Fish Biologist



FRIDAY NIGHT IS FUN NIGHT AT THE YACHT CLUBHOUSE 8:00

Please come so we may greet and meet our neighbors

WANTED: ODD JOBS

Please get in touch with Brian Hague, cottage # 20 or give note to the paper boy. Thanks!

WE WILL BE HAPPY TO PRINT YOUR AD FOR 25¢

HOME WANTED !!!

for 2 loving and adorable kittens. Already housebroken. You can throw your mouse traps away... they are guaranteed mouse-catchers. See Scott Troeger at Haines' cottage # 125.

PLEASE NOTE:

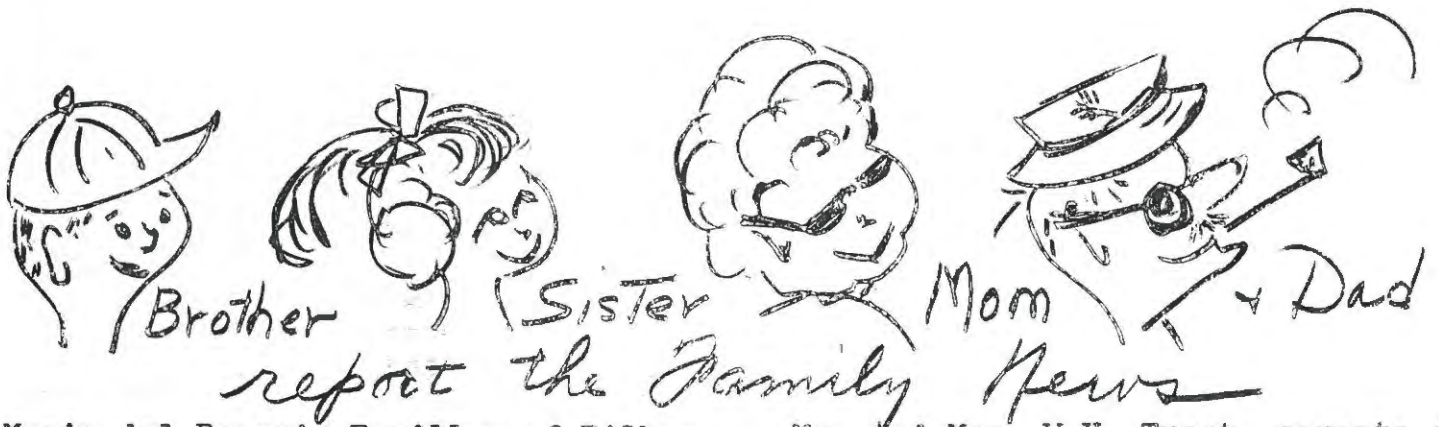
FOR YOUR SAFETY OF THE CLUBHOUSE BEEN OUTLAWED.



FLOOR

AND THE PRESERVATION SKATEBOARDS HAVE

We are sure you will all cooperate in this



Maria del Rosario Equillor of Bilbao, Spain, will be the guest of Bud and Louise Rieth and family for about 3 weeks in July. Maria is the "Experimenter Student" from Spain and will be the community ambassador to Elkhart and will live with 2 Elkhart families to get a first hand experience of American families. We are proud to be her hosts, and hope to give her an American viewpoint that the average American has.

Did you know?? Holtz's lawnmower will actually cut down trees that are two inches in diameter?

THE TRAVELOG "NORTH OF THE NORTHWEST" presented by our Ed Fish at the Clubhouse last Sat. evening was wonderful beyond words. Had a good attendance. Everyone enjoyed the fine narration given by Mr. Fish...the background music was beautiful and the colorful scenic pictures will long be remembered. Think everyone was in the mood to start right out for Alaska. Thank you again Ed for your generosity in showing the movie...it was truly appreciated. The free will offering amounted to \$35. and was given for the benefit of the Yacht Club.

The guests (?) at the Rieth's over the weekend were Louise's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Wardle and three daughters, Sandra, Luann, and Janine from Three Rivers...and her aunt, Mrs. Tansley from Battle Creek. Our steady guest is Larry Inman of Osceola, Ind. who will be our future son-in-law. Everyone worked like crazy and we've been accused of "slave-driving", but cottage 301 is shaping up by leaps and bounds, and we like it here with all these nice people.

Mary Ann Purdy spent the weekend at Birch Lake. She is attending the 8 week summer session at Western Mich. University and is residing at Siedschlag Hall. Mary Ann will be an Elementary Music Major.

Paul William Houser, better known as "Bill" has offered to help with the Jr. Yacht Club during afternoon hours.

Mrs. Henry Graper, Mrs. Edith Redding and Miss Katherine Vollmer of Fort Wayne Ind. are guests of the Fred Lunz's.

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Trost, parents of Mrs. Charles Purdy, formerly of So. Bend, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception and dinner held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Merriman in Northridge, California. The Merrimans will be visiting the Purdys in July.

Mrs. Harry Gable of Munster, Ind. & Mrs. Gerald Breece called at the Charlie Purdy's last Sun. afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Eberhart attended the wedding last Sat. in Mish. of Sandra Iden and Robert Pherson. Mr. & Mrs. W. Eberhart were attendants.

Georganne Wirick and Tori King held a "splash party" on Sat. June 26th, at their cottages. 20 guests attended and a scavenger hunt and weiner roast followed the "big splash". Diane and Wanda from Mishawaka helped chaperone. A wonderful time was had by all.

Howie Andersen III is visiting his grandparents for the summer. His sister Tracey and mother and father, Howard and Hazel, will be here for the 4th..from North Royalton, Ohio.

Jim and Jean, Jayne and Jessie Foots are vacationing at Lester Meyers--- The Foots have gone to attend a wedding in Jackson, Michigan..Jim's cousin is being married.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dennert Jr. and Joan Marie of Detroit are spending the 4th of July weekend with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. James Woodward of South Bend were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Dennert on Sunday, June 27th.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor C. Snow and children Cathy and Chris are spending the week at Mrs. Virginia Reeds cottage. Mr. and Mrs. Bert E. Somers from Corpus Christi, Texas, have been visiting Mrs. Reed. The Somers are the Aunt and Uncle of Mrs. Reed. They recently celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary topped off with a dinner party at La Cantina in Paw Paw. Mrs. Reed is leaving for a vacation in Canada on Friday, July 2nd.

Chester, Anna, Mary Ann Majewski and Bobby Pionek were guests at the Bernaciaks.

The Klappauf family has started its annual summer vacation. Juanita Plechi of Chicago was a weekend guest of the Klappauf's.

Dr. and Mrs. Terry Harris are in the Pennsylvanian for 2 wks. Their guests are Mr. and Mrs. Gus Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Zeke Ketchum who will arrive in time to enjoy the 4th of July.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Ray Young, Roger, Karen and Robin from Dallas, Texas, are spending a week at the Crowel cottage # 370. The Young family are spending their vacation while enroute to Boston, Mass., their new homesite.

Mrs. Susan Sampson, and John & Jeff Benjamin, all of South Bend, were weekend guests of the France's.

Mrs. Ed Henselin and son Eddie spent a week's vacation with the Kruggels.

Alex Silaski of Elkhart was a guest of Kim Kensill for the weekend. Kim left for Howe Military Summer Camp on Sunday. Will be there 6 weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. William McCloughan are at # 132 for 2 weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mutz were guests of the Bob Carpenters this past weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Taylor and their three children, Lisa, John and Ron will be here for the 4th of July.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schafer from Elkhart will be the 4th of July weekend guests at the W. J. Humphrey cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Alexander of Vincennes, Ind., were guests of Mrs. N. A. Bright. She is Mrs. Bright's sister.

Kay Ellen Hatfield of Broadview, Ill., will be visiting with the Brown's - # 127 - this last week of June.

Linda Lott of North Olmsted, Ohio, is visiting at the Lott cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Heaton and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hatcher of Mishawaka, Ind. were weekend guests of the Cowens.

The Asires, Jack, Evelyn, Nancy, Jeff, Martha and Buzzy (the dog) received warm greetings as they returned to their Bottom Dollar cottage # 325, last Sunday, from their home in Centerport, N. Y. Mrs. Asire's parents are the Floyd Fulmers.

Fred and Kathi Oster from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were the weekend guests of the Harold Holdermans and the Hubert M. Weavers. The Osters flew in by private plane with Larry and Nina Weaver, landing at the airport in Dowagiac.

Dr. and Mrs. Tom Troeger spent the week at Troeger's cottage. They are moving to Indianapolis from Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Courtney will be on vacation at the lake for most of the days between now and July 15. They are looking forward to many sunny days. Jeanne will be with them part of the time. She is teaching Fine Arts, Sewing I and II five days a week in 4H program at Penn High.


On Sunday afternoon LaMar and Nancy King had as guests for a cookout John and Marilyn Walls and their 5 children...other guests, Shirley and Larry Turner with Scott and Kelli, Ron Stanard and E.C. and Hope Cowley, all of Three Rivers. Guests from Mendon were "Speed" and Joan Miller with Margie, Marie, Lloyd & Maxine Hart with Debbie and Jimmie. Anne Spalding and Pat Glass were there too. Marie was guest of honor as her birthday is the 30th. Also a surprise was added for Nancy's past birthday. This is 4th King (LaMar, that is)

The North Shore O'Briens moved to the lake on Wed., 5 out of 7 that is! Anne and Patty however are counselors at Camp Eberhart and return Saturday. As usual, all of the O'Briens are glad to be back at good old Birch.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Weldy, # 268 No. Shore will be in New York City from July 3rd to July 10th attending the Kiwanis International 50th Anniversary convention at Madison Square Gardens. After the convention they are going to Bar Harbor, Maine, and to Montreal and Quebec. Mr. Weldy is vice-pres. of S. B. Kiwanis Club and will go as a delegate from this Club. Their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Vrydaghs will be living in the cottage. Mr. Vrydaghs is a writer for Elkhart Trut

OH WHERE - OH WHERE HAS MY CAT GONE??
LOST: One male Siamese cat...dark brown and cream markings - sealpoint. The cat has been lost since Tues. night, June 22. Please return to Lynch, Box 177, Birch Lake.
There is a REWARD offered!!

Aren't Moms just wonderful?? Ask Brian Hague. He needed a sailing partner and Mom came to the rescue, proving she could be a ship-shape skipper too. She even has the bruises to prove it.


This is your paper, PLEASE
have news written & ready for your reporter on Saturday
Thank you 