

THE BIRCH BARKER

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NEXT



MEETING



OFFICERS and DIRECTORS
OF BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB
will be July 16 at 3:30 at Clubhouse



* PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW AND PLAN TO ATTEND

COMMODORE JOHN BALL - Cottage # 98 - intends to "keep the ball rolling" so let's cooperate and support him. Following is Secretary Fulmer's report from the last meeting which was held on July 2nd:

"The meeting of the officers and directors of the Birch Lake Yacht Club was held at the clubhouse July 2nd at 3:30 P. M. Money collected for memberships and fireworks was turned in by directors and sparklers given to directors to be distributed to cottages which had contributed to the Fireworks Fund. Treasurer's report was presented by Mahlon Eberhardt. Parking lot has been graded and is ready for use. Floyd Fulmer reported that permits had been obtained from Porter Twp. Board and Firechief for shooting of fireworks and that fire truck would be at location where fireworks are to be shot. Read committee reported that they had personally contacted three members of Portage Township Board and were given encouragement on getting Walnut and Harvey Roads blacktopped next year and to urge EVERYONE to attend the Porter Township Board Meeting at Porter Township Hall on Tuesday, July 12th, at 8:00 P. M.

The next meeting of the Yacht Club will be held on Sat., July 16, at 3:30 PM

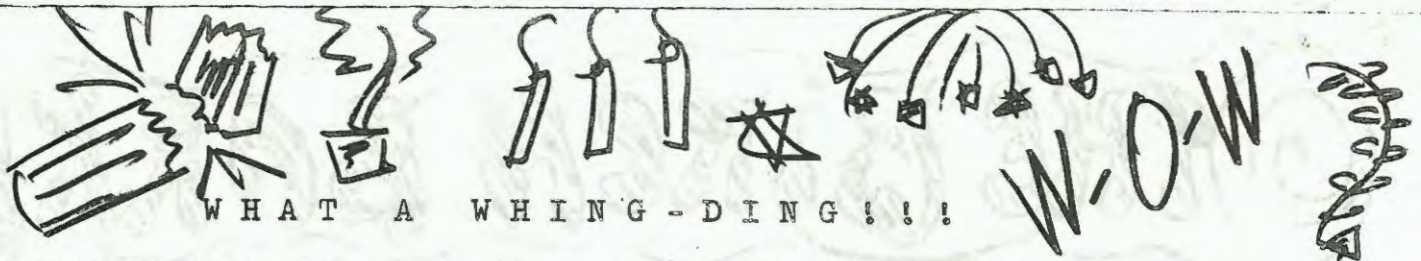
* Floyd Fulmer, Secretary "

In case you hadn't noticed and to keep you informed, we had a bulldozer with an 11 inch blade spend 23 hours pushing the dirt around at the Yacht Club. I hope you will agree it does wonders for the parking situation. If you want to see it, I would suggest seeing it before the next rain. After a rain, we may have a "mud" problem.

Dale Bratcher has been working hard on the plumbing at the Club. Doug Weaver has all the wire necessary to hook up the stoves and refrigerators. Dale Bratcher brought up a second refrigerator. We now have 2 sinks, 2 stoves and 2 refrigerators. Thanks Dale!

Most of the money has been turned in for fireworks and Yacht Club memberships. If you have been missed, just whistle and we will be more than happy to drop by and collect. (Please refer to first Barker for listing of Directors so you may know who to notify). You may want to start impeachment proceedings. We are spending your money faster than we are collecting it. However, we hope a working kitchen and parking facilities are worth it.

For any folks who might be interested.....the Champagne Regatta didn't cost us a penny....was all paid for by the sailors. Bob Hague, our Fleet Captain, put forth a lot of effort and turned out a very well organized program. We appreciate it too, Bob.



WHAT A WHING-DING!!!

Wasn't it just glorious? The long 4th of July weekend is here and gone but I'm sure the memory will linger long!!!

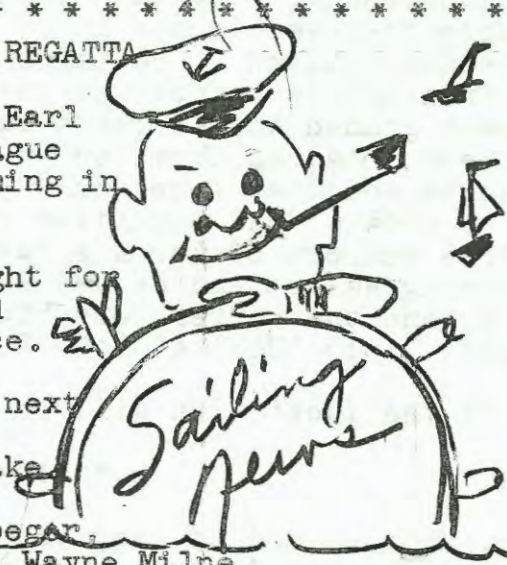
Can you remember when you placed a giant cracker under a tin can and hoped you could run fast enough to get away? You took great care of a piece of sweet-smelling punk and spaced out the precious 2 and 4 inchers with lady-fingers to make them last longer... (remember the fizzlers?)... the pin wheelers wouldn't spin... the sparklers sputtered... the Roman Candles only had 3 stars when you had plainly understood each one had 10 stars that would go sky-high and they barely missed the top of the woodshed? Then there was the big parade with the brass band, decorated bikes and doll buggies... horses pranced and clowns danced... then too there was the lawn parties with gallons of home made ice cream and good cold lemonade. When the day was over everyone sat back and sighed was thankful they had had a safe 4th of July. Nowadays the Fourth is less boisterous. It should mean so much more to us than the smell of gunpowder and loud bangs. Liberty is ours only so long as we can hold it and every day should be an Independence Day so let's be thankful we can celebrate in a safe and sane way and a big THANK YOU to all the Birch Lakers who helped make this beautiful display of fireworks a success. Started to count the "pretties" but there were so many and got so busy clapping along with all the other "shoreliners" that I lost count. Am sure we will all be looking forward to another party next year. If you don't agree, you may register your complaint with the Commodore. By the way, did you hear the pretty singing coming from the direction of our girl's camps? They were surely in good voice... nearly caused a calamity though when they sang The Star Spangled Banner... you should never stand up in a boat you know.....Ha Ha

THE FOURTH OF JULY SNIPE REGATTA

at Birch Lake was won by Earl Troeger Jr. with Brian Hague second and Tom Howard coming in third.

The winds were fairly light for the 2 races on Sunday and moderate for the Mon. race.

There will be no sailing next week-end because of the Districts 3 on Diamond Lake. Birch will send 4 boats. Skippers will be Earl Troeger, Bob Hague, Tom Howard and Wayne Milne.



- (1) E. Troeger, 9432
- (2) B. Hague, 15218
- (3) T. Howard, 14009
- (4) W. Milne, 13835
- (5) B. Hague, 15500
- (6) D. Holtz, 13836
- (7) M. Machalleck, 9602
- (8) M. Foote, 7378

DID YOU SEE THE SECOND FLEET OF SAILBOATS ON BIRCH LAKE ?

Saturday, July 2nd, was the first attempt ever to begin a second fleet of sailboats on Birch Lake. Some of the Jr. Yacht Club members have attempted to contact all Sunfish, Sailfish, Dolphin, Porpoise, and other boats of similar design to sail in these races. All interested sailors should assemble at the starting line on the Saturdays of the scheduled Junior Snipe races at 2:00 P. M. The starting gun for the Snipes will be the 5 minute gun for you. If you are interested and were not contacted, please get in touch with Jeff, Tom or Scott Troeger on the South Side, Cottage # 22.

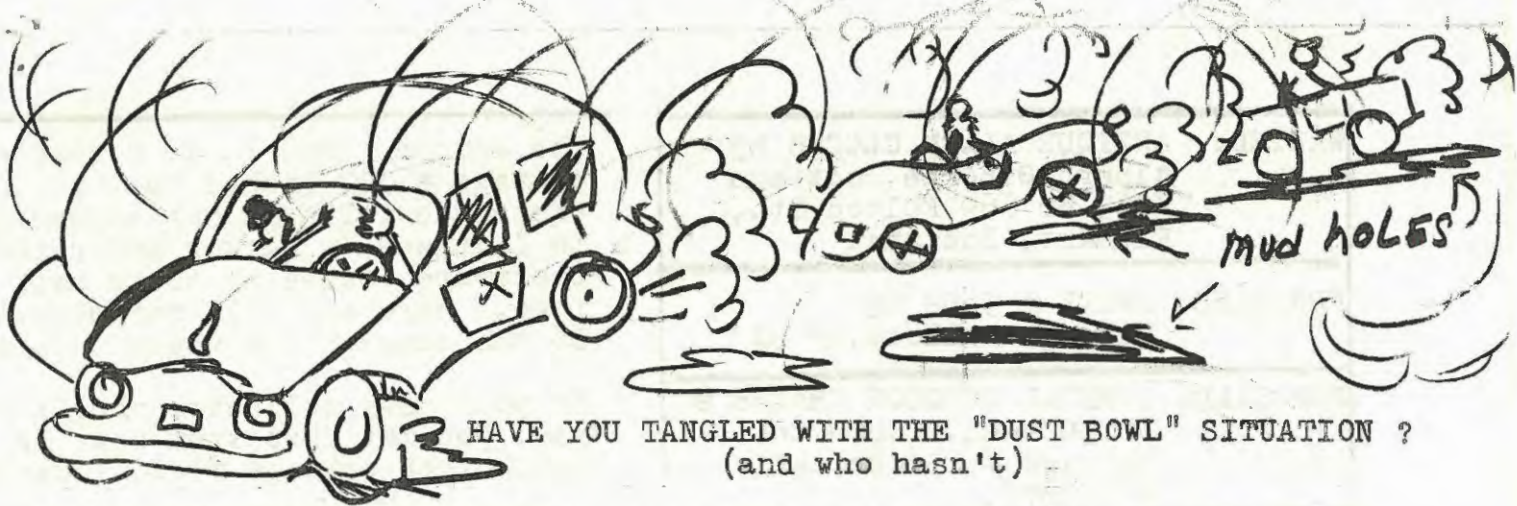
All of these races will be for fun. If enough interest is shown we can register a blast for next year. This will be a wonderful chance for all new sailors to learn about racing and join the fun of good competition.

- SUNFISH
- (1) Scott Troeger
 - (2) Tom Troeger
 - (3) Olson
 - (4) Ball
 - (5) Asire
 - (6) Varga
 - (7) Tunncliffe

RESULTS OF SAT., JULY 2nd



- JR. SNIPIES
- (1) Troeger, 9432
 - (2) Hague, 15500
 - (3) Milne, 13835
 - (4) Holtz, 13836
 - (5) King, 15218
 - (6) Foote, 7378



HAVE YOU TANGLED WITH THE "DUST BOWL" SITUATION ?
(and who hasn't)

We now stand a good chance to remedy this situation but we need your presence to help support our presentation to the Township Board.

CAN WE COUNT ON YOU ? ?

The BLACKTOPPING of Harvey and Walnut Roads will be given due consideration at the meeting with the Township Board at the Porter Township Hall. To help you locate same....go south on BIRCH ROAD to SHAVEHEAD ROAD...then left on SHAVEHEAD ROAD for two miles to ROBBINS LAKE ROAD. You will see a school house on S. E. Corner....turn right on ROBBINS LAKE ROAD to the Portage Township Hall. (not far....only a mile or so)

MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 12th at 8:00 o'clock.

Don't sit around and frown about smelling the dust

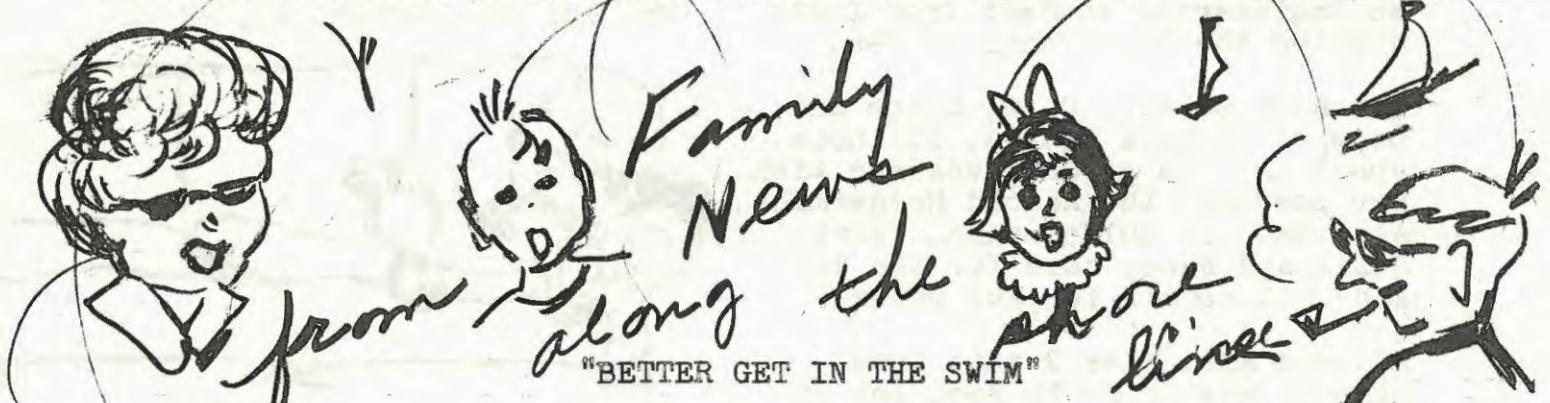
Put on your shoes, grab your hat, make this meeting a "MUST" !

SORRY TO SAY WE HAVE HAD SOME COMPLAINTS ABOUT PEOPLE NOT GETTING THEIR NEWS

Following is a list of your "Snoopy Sniffers" who are responsible for getting your Birch Barkers delivered to you.

SOUTH SIDE	EAST SIDE	NORTH SIDE	WEST SIDE
Denny Bratcher - 00	Tim Bershell - 200	Tom Budzinski - 267	Brian Stout - 357
John Ball - 98	Pete Winiarski - 200		Johnny Heckber
Jeff Troeger - 22	Steve Tunnicliffe - 180		302 R
	Steve King - HILL #1		

Hope this will help to get the situation straightened out. Understand many of our folks have purchased season subscriptions. Makes it easier that way.



Guests at the Shewman's cottage # 303 were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shewman and son Andy and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shewman, all from Akron, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fulmer at cottage # 302 entertained Mr. Fulmer's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Bland from Mishawaka also Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Metzler of Niles, Mich.

The Partridges at Wee Wood are entertaining their son Ed, his wife Sarah and their children Patti and Phil for the next several days. They are from Cincinnati.

Mrs. Pearl Wirick visited her sons and family, Alton and George Wirick on June 24th and 25th.

WANTED: ANTIQUE ALARM CLOCKS by Albert Osborne, cottage #365 or 669 Fulton St., Elkhart, Indiana.

FOR SALE: SNIPE # 9602 by Mike Machalleck, # 51

FOR SALE: 6 METAL OUTDOOR CHAIRS @ \$2.50 each. Come to Cottage # 250 or call 476-2877.

The Editor, Mrs. I. T. Bowers at cottage # 307 wishes to thank all those who followed her suggestion in last week's Barker and printed the proper names in their news item. Hope all will remember to do the same in the weeks to come

If your news collector should miss you, you may drop your news in the mailbox at cottage #307. Thanks.



THE NEWS IS OUT!

Howie Andersen can stay all summer with his grandparents, Howard and Virginia Andersen. Howie Jr. and Hazel and Tracey are visiting over the 4th. They brought their new big boat from Lake Erie. They hate to leave Howie here but he will stay!

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Yoder and family with their house guests, a young Exchange Student from France and an Engineering student from India visited the Bill Tunnicliffes.

The Alan DePoys, Dave, Diane and Doug of Olumpia Fields, Illinois, spent the 4th of July weekend with her parents, the Harold Holdermans. Also the Jim Holdermans, Terri, Suzie and Nancy came for the 4th and will remain for two weeks.

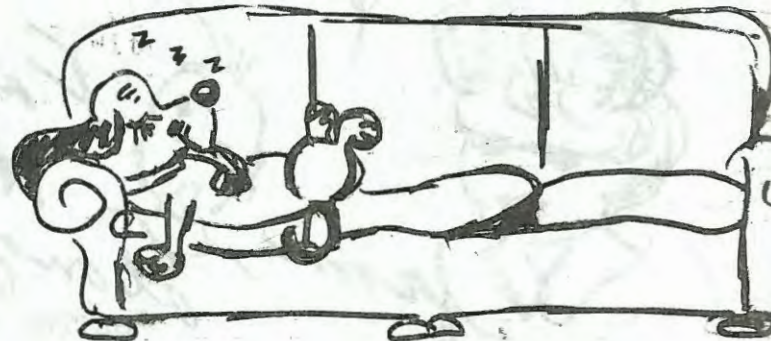
Mr. and Mrs. Alva Greene from Lincoln Way in South Bend are enjoying several days at the Shewman's cottage.

The Myers (Joe, that is) of cottage # 159 entertained the whole Myers clan at a potluck on Sunday, the 3rd. Guests included his parents, the Vern Myers of Mishawaka, who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Other guests were from South Bend and Niles and Barroh Lake.

We found a bunch of keys in the road back of our house the last weekend of last summer and were unable to locate the owner at that time. Owner can claim the keys at Glen Myers' cottage # 159.

Mrs. John Kensill, cottage # 128, fell at her home in Elkhart and broke her ankle. She is now convalescing at Birch Lake.

Visiting the Carl Shank family are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald O'Dell and Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Snyder Jr.



Two birthdays were celebrated at the Everett Kaczmareks on the weekend of June 25th. The Kaczmarek's grandson Johnny who was 4 and their pet poodle Lindte Lou who was 3. Guests were the Donald Kaczmarek family from Michigan City, children from Cleveland, and Richard Kaczmarek and Cindy Christenson of Detroit, Michigan.

Gregg Rieth of Cottage 301 will be leaving Monday, July 11th, for a 3 week "Teen-Tour of Europe" and will visit 7 different countries. He has been working real hard earning enough money for this trip, and maybe this trip will console him a little bit, since he hasn't been able to go water skiing due to a knee operation from a football injury last December. He's enjoyed driving the new boat though. While Gregg is gone to Europe, the Rieths will go to Penn. to get their new German Exchange student who will be their son for one year and go to school in Elkhart and graduate with Gregg next year.

The Rieth's had company over the 3rd and 4th of July and had so much fun that we were probably noisier than the Birch Lake fireworks, which we all thoroughly enjoyed. Our guests were Tom Heffner and his fiancée Carol Doke of Elkhart (Tom was home from the Army) Carol and Larry Inman of South Bend... Dick and Virginia Boles of Dowagiac... Don Wardle family of Three Rivers and his daughter's boy friends, Ravon and Patty Hall of Elkhart and daughter Carrie...and I couldn't keep track of anybody else.

The I. T. Bowers' family all gathered at cottage # 307 for a delightful 4th of July weekend....daughter Margie, her husband Dave Kinner and children Greg, Julie, Brian and Marsha....their son Paul, wife Betty and children Teri and Mike also their daughter Fran whose guest was Jim Hile from South Bend. They were a water-logged bunch but no one minded for the only plans for the long weekend was eating, swimming and skiing. Grandson Brian was on Beach Duty due to a little "run-in" with his go-cart. Stitches will soon be out and then he'll be making up for lost time.

Birch Lake was mighty popular with Cottage # 95 visitors this week. First came Otto Martin's grandson Michael Vance of South Bend and his fiancée. Then on Thursday another grandson, Francis Horning of South Bend and he and Otto got in some pretty decent fishing. On Saturday came Roger Horning and on Sunday Janice Horning came up and a friend, Richard Feldman. Meanwhile Otto's daughter Frances came from Chicago for a few days as did Birch Lake enthusiast Kathleen Winter. All in all it was a lot of fun at # 95.

Weekend guest of the John Machallecks was his mother, Ella Machalleck of Niles. Steve, Patty and Stacy Machalleck were dinner guests Sunday and Stacy had a wonderful time with two great-grandmas present plus the regular contingent of grandparents, aunts and uncles. Arriving to enjoy the lovely fireworks display along with the rest of the family and to see his mother, Ellen McDowell, a summer-time visitor at her daughter's, was Carl Anderson and his wife Peggy of Niles, Mich.

A. L. Courtney family celebrates with 4th of July picnic... all the Courtney brothers and sister and mother will be present plus guests of any member of the family...just keep hopin' the weather holds out....we need the whole outside for all the clan.

Mrs. Robert Staton and daughters have been spending the past two weeks visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Cox. Jim Cox is spending the summer in Europe.. working in Sieburg, Germany and touring on weekends. Lt. Tom Cox who has been in Viet Nam with the 1st Marines will be back home in August and hopes to spend some time at Birch Lake. His wife, Reva, is now in Richmond, Va. with her parents.

The Jensens are having their family reunion as usual over the 4th of July...the Aitchisons families...the Barnettes and families...all will enjoy the fireworks.

Dr. and Mrs. Tom Troeger, Tracey Troy, Tammy and Todd spent the 4th of July weekend at # 23. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Angus of Cleveland and Pastor and Mrs. Brueseke were also guests of the Troegers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hartranft are the new owners of the Ed Dreves cottage # 129. They have a daughter Patty who is 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Price are also new Birch Lakers...as they have purchased the Beyers cottage on the east side. They have two children, Kim who is 15 and Cindy, who is employed at Miles Laboratory.

Kate Kensill is "enjoying" (?) a broken leg.....

Rita Stout was hostess to her Church group of 30 on June 26th. This week she is hostess to Dennis Tudor of South Bend. He is presently attending Indiana State University.

Saturday guests at the Deckers, cottage # 355, were Dean Gano family, Don Chapman family and James Przybylinski family all of Niles. Sunday and Monday guests were the Don Chapmans and Kenneth Snyders, all of Niles, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Doolittle entertained Dr. and Mrs. J. Robert Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Knox of Mishawaka on Sunday, July 3rd. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bryant of So. Bend were July 4th guests.

Guests at the Budzinski cottage on July 3rd were Mr. and Mrs. Julian Korn and daughter Judy of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and grandson Pat Goralski....also Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zielinski and family of South Bend. All agreed it was a spectacular fireworks display!

Guests for July 3rd at Frank Bliler's were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wood and family, San Jose, California....Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wood and family and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wood from Hoopston, Illinois.....Mr. Charles Wood of Chicago....Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ludgate, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bloom and family and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Swanson and family, all from Mishawaka....Mr. and Mrs. James Wood and Jim Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wood from South Bend. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wood, Sue, Mike, Steve and Carol will stay for the next two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaston DeWulf and family Cathy and Jerry of Hillside # 73 held the DeWulf family reunion last Sunday. All were happy to escape the heat of the city and to attend the reunion and the 80th birthday celebration of Mr. DeWulf's Mother, Mrs. Natalie DeWulf. Those attending were their daughter and son-in-law Chris and Bill Mayer, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Calley and daughter Alice of Mishawaka....also Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Long of Osceola. Naturally, everyone was invited to view our fireworks display.

Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson and son of Denver, Colorado were guests of the Krueger family over the holiday.

Dr. and Mrs. Scott Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Sam VanderWeg helped celebrate Lloyd Krueger's birthday which is July 9th.

Jan Hansing from Elkhart spent the weekend with Sally Hayden.

Debbie Bratcher's house guest this weekend was Elaine Fellmy of Lebanon, Indiana. Elaine and Debbie are classmates at Ball State University. Debbie's Friday night guests were Bill Daddio and Mike Asher of South Bend. The Bratcher's entertained the Robert D. Moores and children Kent, Darryl, Dawn and Eric on Sunday. Bill Daddio and Jim Groves also joined the party.

Rick Doolittle has returned from a three week trip to Hawaii where he visited his sister and brother-in-law, Lt. and Mrs. Ross Roberts. He did some body surfing and board surfing at Waikaki Beach and also had his first experience in scuba diving. He reports that the life in Hawaii is wonderful but there's still no water like that in Birch Lake. He is now working as a senior counsellor and water ski instructor at Camp Eberhart, Corey Lake.

The Kruggels are expecting another visit from the stork. In their absence, their cottage will be enjoyed by the Jack Jaquai family who will be staying for two weeks.

Visiting at the Specks over the 4th were Miss Becky Turner of Monroe the Larry Wile family of Vicksburg and the Lloyd Leach family of Plymouth, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Goss of Mooresville, Indiana, are spending a week with the John Ball family at cottage # 98. O Boy! Grandma's good lemon meringue pie!

The W. K. Milnes and L. A. Milnes returned July 1st from a 3 week's visit in California. They covered 6500 hot miles. They rode with W. K. who had a new Camper Trailer Tent and 9 passenger wagon. Eight of them camped and cooked all the way. They visited the elder Milnes' daughter Donna and family of four children at Sacramento, California. and spent several days with Eva Milne's brother L. R. Kiser at San Clemente, California. This was their first visit with their daughter in seven years. Needless to say, they have grown up and a good time was had by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Eichorst and son Mark spent a few days with Chet's mother, Mrs. O. J. Mais.

REMEMBER THE MEETING WITH THE TOWNSHIP BOARD AT THE PORTER TOWNSHIP HALL

NEXT TUESDAY EVENING - July 12th -

at 8:00 o'clock

We need to let them know there are a good many loyal Birch Lakers wanting Harvey and Walnut Roads blacktopped.

This will be a "Mr. and Mrs." affair. So better plan to be there!

LET'S SEE OUR TAX DOLLAR GET IN ACTION.

See you next week!

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