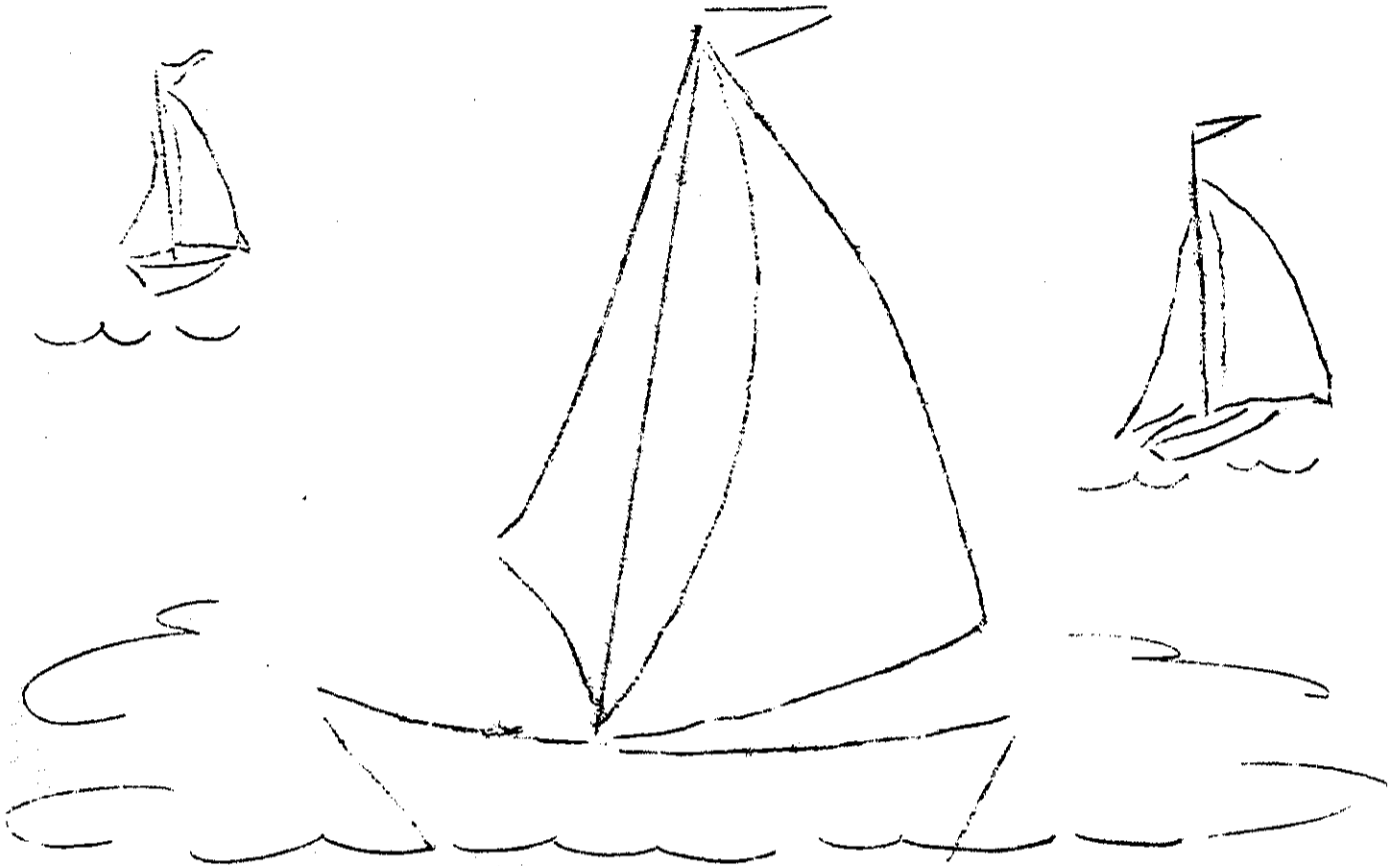


THE BIRCH BARKER

from Birch Lake, Vandalia, Michigan

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WE WELCOME THE DISTRICT III JUNIOR SNIPE CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA.

WE ARE BOTH PROUD AND HAPPY TO BE HOST TO THIS FINE ORGANIZATION.

WE WANT THEIR SHORT STAY WITH US TO BE AS ENJOYABLE AS POSSIBLE.

I know that we lakesiders will be sitting with binoculars in hand to watch the progress of these sailors. We have been asked by officials of our Yacht Club to show every courtesy to these visiting sailors. I am sure we will want to keep our skiing and pleasure boating to a minimum so as to enable them to take advantage of all wind and wave situations. Thanks!

BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB Schedule of Events 1968 District 3 Junior Championships

FRIDAY, JULY 12..... Registration till 10:00 P. M.

SATURDAY, JULY 13 ... Registration till 10:45 A. M.

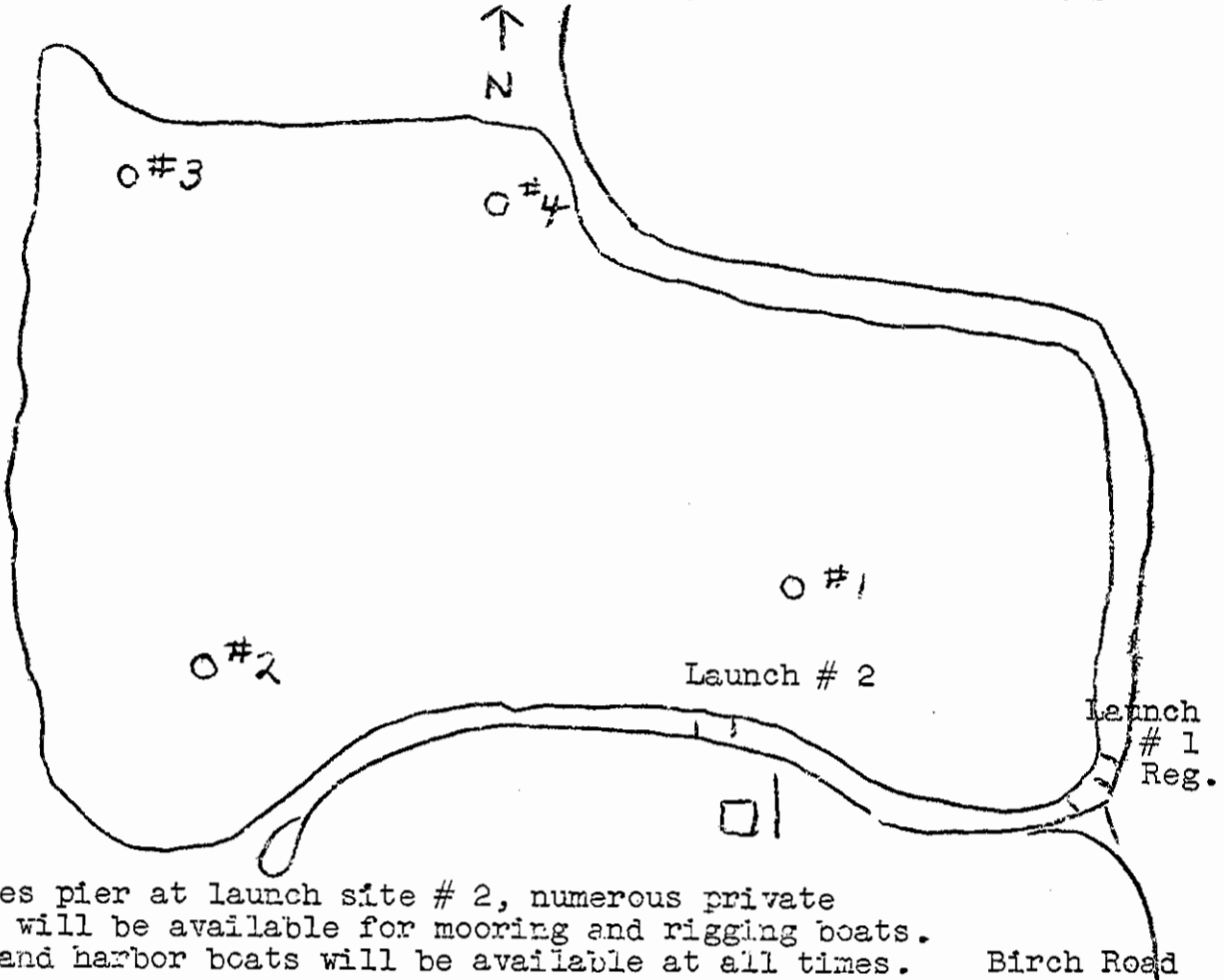
- 11:00 A. M. - Skippers Meeting - Launch # 2
 - 11:30 A. M. - 1st Race
 - 1:00 P. M. - Lunch - Yacht Club
 - 2:30 P. M. - 2nd Race...3rd Race follows
 - 6:30 P. M. - Dinner - Yacht Club - All Juniors invited
 - 9:30 - 1:00 P. M. - Dance at the Yacht Club
 - Music by The Boston Cream Pie
 - 12 & up EVERYBODY WELCOME - Price \$1.25
- (Schedule continues on next page)

SCHEDULE CONTINUES:

SUNDAY - July 14

10:30 A. M. Skippers Meeting - Launch # 2
11:00 A. M. 4th Race
5th Race follows.

Lunch and Trophy Presentation after 5th Race at Yacht Club



Besides pier at launch site # 2, numerous private piers will be available for mooring and rigging boats. Help and harbor boats will be available at all times. Birch Road

BLYC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET ON JULY 5, 1968.....

The meeting was called to order by Com. Fulmer at 8:05 P. M. Present were P. Forbes, I.T. Bowers, H. Howard, M. Eberhart, G. Stout, H. Price, J. Troeger, C. Cableman, and R. Cowen. The following members of the Jr. Yacht Club were present: Jane Kaczmarek, Jean Kaczmarek, Barry Hague, Howard Andersen, Sue O'Brien, Tim Burchell, Jill Tunnicliffe, Jeff Troeger and Kevin Conran. Minutes of the meeting held June 29, 1968 were read and approved.

The Jr. Yacht Club members presented a request for the purchase of a newer jukebox. I. T. Bowers made a motion to purchase a used jukebox with the stipulation that the Jr. Yacht Club assume part of the cost. P. Forbes seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously. The cost of the jukebox should be in the neighborhood of \$150.00. The Jr. Yacht Club will be raising some money with their forthcoming garage sale.

Col. Sanders from Elkhart will cater our annual dinner to be held at Jones Hall August 17, 1968.

The motion to adjourn was made by M. Eberhart, seconded by P. Forbes and carried unanimously.

R. L. Cowen, Acting Secretary

BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB WILL MEET EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT AT 8:00 AT THE CLUBHOUSE. . . . EVERYBODY IS WELCOME.



THE JR. YACHT CLUB

ARE MAKING BIG PLANS....

THERE WILL BE A BIG NIGHT OF FUN



ON SATURDAY - JULY 20th STARTING AT 8:00 AT THE CLUBHOUSE

The age limit for this activity will be 12 years and over.....

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will leave to return at 11:30. Your Jr. Yacht Club Membership card plus 50¢ will get you on the wagon....non-members will be charged 75¢.

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WHILE IT IS FUN TO BE A JR. YACHT CLUB MEMBER, WE ALSO HAVE WORK TO DO.

WE WANT THE SR. YACHT CLUB MEMBERS TO KNOW THAT WE APPRECIATE THIS LAKE AND ALL THEY ARE DOING FOR US....SO WE ARE HAVING A.....

Jr. Yacht Club Sale

THIS IS A GARAGE SALE TO BE HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE

FRIDAY, JULY 26th from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, JULY 27th from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

This will be a door-to-door campaign so be ready to tell the one who will be working in your neighborhood just when he can come and pick up your items. They are making every effort to have it all in by the 20th of July as it will have to be marked and ready for display. If you are not contacted about this or wish to have more information, please get in touch with



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Guests over the 4th of July weekend at the Davie Van Buren cottage were Mr. and Mrs. Alex Schram, Doug, Jeff and Pam of Haslett, Michigan.

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Wood of The First United Methodist Church, Cassopolis, Michigan were the guests of the Shewmans, Fulmers and Mr. Gollatz on Wednesday evening. They enjoyed the fireworks aboard the Gollatz Pontoon Boat.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur James Roach, Jr. and children Arthur, James III and Katherine Ann of Bryan, Texas, are visiting her parents, the Al Budzinskis at cottage 267. Mr. Roach will attend a past doctoral workshop at Indiana U., Bloomington, Ind. while Mary Ann and the children stay on at Birch Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Trebel, Jan and Craig of Joliet, Illinois, were 4th of July guests at the Budzinski cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hillring had 17 relatives and friends for an 84th birthday party for Mrs. Hillring's father, Mr. W. E. Quick on Wed. evening. There were 84 candles on the cake too. Everyone really enjoyed the fireworks.

The Hillring's guests for dinner on Saturday and the evening were Mr. & Mrs. James Surface and Holly and Mrs. Oscar Hillring of Indianapolis.

Guests at the Sindlinger cottage were Miss Hilda Lamb of Terre Haute, Indiana, and Mrs. Guy Hutchinson and Mrs. Eleanora Stickley of South Bend. Their bicycle on pontoons "The Water Strider" was kept busy most of the day.

At # 309 - Russ and Barb Ulery, cousins of the Hibschman "boys" spent Sunday skiing and sailing.

Fourth of July guests at cottage #307 were daughter Fran and her husband Russ...son Paul, his wife Betty and children Mike and Teri, grand-daughter Julie Kinner and her guests Vicki Porman, Randy Szalai and Jim Rans, all of South Bend. Randy will be leaving for Viet Nam on July 23rd.

Everyone enjoyed the fireworks from their ringside seats on the pontoon out in the middle of the lake. By actual count, there were 75 beautiful aerial sprays with some having multiple clusters. The reflection in the water was really something to remember.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Johnson of Minneapolis, Minn. were guests over the 4th at the Verlodt's. Mrs. Johnson, the former Judiann Peters, was a Birch Laker.

Fourth of July guests at the Crull cottage - # 314 - were their son Merrill and wife and children Drew and Missey, also their daughter Martha (Mrs. Tim Shugren), her husband and children Toni, Pat and Elizabeth.

Greg Toth was showing his trophy to his friends which he received from the Evening Optimist Club of Elkhart for his participation in the Soap Box Derby in Elkhart.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Duncan, of Mishawaka, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Cowen, # 308 over the 4th of July holiday. Am sure you could hear us "oh-ing" and clapping, along with all the other lakesiders, as we enjoyed the beautiful fireworks display. We are already looking forward to next year's celebration.

Forty people celebrated the 4th of July at the Double "D". Between good food, two pontoon bikes, the pontoon boat and speed boats, everyone seemed to find plenty to keep busy. From the greatest distance was Mrs. Thelma Waite of Sun City, Ariz.



The BLYC wishes to thank the O'Brien Paint Co. of South Bend for the paint donated to brighten up the Clubroom.

Also wish to thank Miss Kastner (the future Mrs. M. Verlodt) for her capable suggestions and the interior decorating. It's prettier now than ever and will put you in a gay mood the minute you step inside the door. Thanks again!!!

Arriving on Sunday morning at the Bowers cottage 307 were their daughter Marjorie and family from South Bend, Grand-daughter Julie's guests were Miss Holly Heemstra, her friend Randy and Jim Rans all of So. Bend. Margie brought the steaks....I. T. broiled them.... and we all enjoyed them.... swimming and pontoon rides completed the day.

IMPORTANT NOTE FROM OUR DEPUTY ON THE LAKE, TED PEAK:

The lake will probably be crowded this weekend with about 40 additional sailboats entered in the District III Regatta.

The Sheriff's Dept. requests that you let caution and consideration be your guide while skiing or operating your speed boats.

Boaters and skiers are reminded that they have a responsibility to themselves and other boaters to keep boating and skiing the safe sport that it is. Remember water skiing is a team sport. There are 3 members to this team; the skier, operator and observer.

You are again reminded that ALL boats should be operated in a COUNTER-CLOCKWISE manner. This reduced the possibility of any head on collisions.

We have had two more names turned in to add to the listing of our boys from Birch Lake that are in the service. Issues of the Birch Barker are being mailed to them with the compliments of the BMYC.

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IS YOUR DIRECTORY HANDY ? ?

From time to time we receive corrections which you will want to note:

Cottage # 335 A owned by John and LaVeda Scoffield....their corrected home address is 530 South West Blvd., Elkhart, Ind.

Cottage # 157 - Owner's name should be listed as Valentine and Mary Bornaciak. Please correct alphabetical listing to read the same.

The Yacht Club wishes to thank the Kruegers for the electric range which they had installed at the Yacht Club.

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and FAST job of
getting our Club-
house back in
shape and ready to
entertain the Dist.
III Championship
Regatta this week-
end. A big THANK YOU goes
to you, Bob.

LCST: One Pair Plaid Bermuda
Shorts--with belt and bill
fold in them. Belong to Jim Shu-
man of Three Rivers, a guest of
the Rieths at cottage # 301. They
were lost somewhere on the road
out of the Cove up to M-119 on
July 3rd. Please return to Jim
or the Rieths.

SAILING RESULTS FOR 4TH OF JULY (5 RACE REGATTA)

SNIPES

1	Jeff Troeger	7921
2	E. Troeger, Jr.	7453
3	Wayne Milne	6711
4	Tom Athanas	6482
5	Jim Howard	6415
6	Brian Hague	6340
7	Craig Speck	5926
8	Mike Verlodt	5315
9	Bob Hague	5133

SUNFISH

1	Keith Claro	7534
2	Tom Troeger	7230
3	Bill Carpenter	6865
4	Scott Troeger	6855
5	Bob King	6658
6	Dick Conway	6500
7	Kevin Krugel	6206
8	John & David Hay	5577
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10	Jim Hibschan	1024



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Family News



Herb Cleveland is now in Viet Nam serving in the Postal Service. His address is in the listing of our boys in the service which you will find on another page. He would like to hear from his friends on Birch Lake.

Dennis Wentworth and his family are back from California for a two weeks vacation with his parents at # 306. He and his Dad are enjoying the fishing too. Got a dozen big fish in just a short time including some 14 inch bass' and a beautiful big rainbow trout.

Had a note from the Partridges of Wee Wood. They are still at their residence in St. Petersburg, Fla. but hope to return to Birch Lake early in the Fall. Chuck has been ill but is gaining strength every day. They say they are enjoying the Birch Barker and would love to hear from their friends.

Arriving from Kalamazoo on Wednesday evening to enjoy the fireworks display at his parent's cottage were the Stephen Machalleck family. Stacy and Gina enjoyed sparklers with Debbie and Sue Foote while waiting for the big display and Baby Paula slept through the entire affair. Needless to say, the adults had as much fun as the youngsters and are already looking forward to next year's display. Two year old Stacy stayed with Grandma and Grandpa Machalleck when her folks left Thursday night and will stay until they return for her on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Asire of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and Mr. and Mrs. V. Hanson and children of South Bend enjoyed Sunday afternoon visiting with their lovable cousins at cottage 325.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roddiger (Fran Olson) are proud parents of a baby boy. Mary Olson is in St. Louis to welcome them home and will put details in a later issue.

Mr. and Mrs. George Chapman and - girls of Elkhart enjoyed the fireworks at Ball's cottage # 98.

Thanks to Mrs. Olson, the summer house was a success! All eleven and twelve year olds are welcome to another meeting at Balls # 98 on Monday at 2:30 P. M. (Indiana time). Dues is 30 ¢ for refreshments so please bring it with you when you come.

Captain Douglas Eichorst, a pilot in the Air Force, after serving a year in Viet Nam, spent one week end with his grandmother Mrs. Mais. He spent the weekend before leaving for the Azores to serve two years with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Eichorst at cottage 76. The family likes it there very much and are very happy to be with Daddy again. They love the people and beauty they find there. Doug's brother, Captain Bradley Eichorst, after a year in Viet Nam, is now at Fort McClelland, Ala. Lt. Kurt Eichorst is at Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Michigan.

...FIREWORKS...

I hope we could be heard all around the lake during the FIREWORKS because we have always waited and looked forward to this celebration every year. We enjoy it so much. I don't think we could ever buy this much fun for \$3.00 anywhere else in the world. We always have at least 20 people gathered at our house for this event, and it's so beautiful and unusual to watch these fireworks from a "boat seat" or a "pier". And when you stop to think what the 4th really is--you can be so thankful to be an American, and pray for the day we'll really be celebrating the end of another war. Let's keep this National Holiday. I'm sure unselfish people would donate for other worthy causes also, if they think this is wasteful.

Thanks to all the people responsible for putting on this event and to those who contributed to it.

Mrs. Bud Rieth, cottage 301

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Green and children Bill Jr., and Timmy of Fort Wayne, Ind. were guests of Bud and Louise Rieth at cottage # 301 for the 4th of July holidays. Other guests included the Wardles--Don, Irene, Sandra, Luann and Janine of Three Rivers, Michigan. Mrs. Charles Tansley of Battle Creek, Mrs. Delores Solaman and David of Elkhart, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Inman of Osceola, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Inman and Debbie of South Bend, Bill Cooley, John Raneer and Jim Shuman of Three Rivers and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Heffner of Elkhart.

Arlene Yokus of Chicago and Rose Klopports were weekend guests of the Val Bernaciaks. Kathleen Klapporf and Kevin Bernaciak are ending their vacation this week end. Aloha Birch Lake.

Peggy Caenepeel is back at Birch Lake again after a visit with her cousin Martha in New York. The Asires arrived on July 3rd bringing Peggy with them.

Dr. Tom Troeger, his wife Pat and four children, Tracey, Troy, Tammy and Todd have moved back to South Bend. Troegers at 23 entertained with a cook out on the 4th to celebrate their return with Janet and Jack Troeger and boys.

Saturday guests of the Steve Machalleck family at his parent's cottage were his neighbors from Kalamazoo, Loren and Lonnie Kerst and their children Jonna and Josh. They came equipped with their sail boat but the winds weren't in their favor. However, the day was enjoyed by all with swimming, boating, skiing and eating.

Monty, Chriss and Dean Waggoner are vacationing at "Chaos", the Waggoner cottage.

The Taylors from Ft. Wayne - Jean, Fred, Lisa, John and Aron enjoyed the 4th of July weekend at the Bob Carpenter cottage. Judy and Ed Carpenter and Debbie from Marion were also home for the 4th. Debbie stayed over for several days.

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"Cammy" Athanas and her Mom and Dad, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Athanas welcomed the William Terry's Friday noon at the South Bend Airport. Cam's grandparents from Rochester, New York enjoyed the weekend at Birch Lake. Mrs. Clayton McCoy and Mrs. Harvery Krueger were guests of the Kruegers on Sunday.

Mr. Lee Ponsler of Crawfordsville, Indiana was the guest of the Badgers at cottage 6 for the week end of the 4th. Mrs. Badger will leave for Omaha, Nebraska on Mon. to visit Michael and Sandy.

Scott Troeger left Sunday for 2 weeks at Camp Eberhart. To compensate for the sudden quiet, his parents invited the Jim Freeman family of South Bend to spend the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Tam and son Eric from Stevensville, Michigan visited with Mrs. Edith Mae Davis at her cottage.

The Jensens at # 42 entertained Mrs. Jensen's family "The Aitchison Reunion" over the 4th. The J. D. Baraettes, Jr. and Sr. - the F. E. Aitchisons, Jrs. and Srs. and Mrs. Jim Morris and children (Jim being in Thailand, was absent)

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Meiser were at Jensen's cottage over the weekend. They are on their way home to Hemet, California. The Arnold E. Sayers were out to enjoy themselves also over the weekend.

Jack and June Wentworth and sons Dale, Myron and Ronnie and his wife Judie spent the 4th of July at the Wentworths.

Shirley and Jim Blue and daughters Dawn and Lisa spent the weekend visiting with Shirley's brother Dennis Wentworth and his family at the Wentworths. We were bulging at the seams but enjoyed every minute of it.

The A. Cole Thielmann's from Arlington Heights, Illinois, (107 S. Belmont) were guests of the Dr. T. J. Harris' on the 4th of July weekend in the Pennsylvania.

Lt. Lynn B. Weesner received his silver wings on April 6th from Reese A. F. B. in Lubbock, Texas. He has been through survival training at Spokane, Washington and is now at Eglin A.F.B. in Florida. He will go to Viet Nam on July 30th.

On May 26th Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Weesner went to Lubbock Texas to attend the wedding of their son, Lt. Lynn Weesner to Miss Ann Tuttle of LeMesa, Texas. Ann will graduate from Texas Tech. next January and then plans to teach school until Lynn is back from Viet Nam. We were also in Texas on April 6th to (very proudly) attend Lynn's graduation from pilot training.

On July 3rd Mrs. J. W. Lott celebrated her 86th birthday. Guests for her birthday were Miss Linda Lott of Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Woodruff and Jon from West Lafayette, Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Turnock from Elkhart and Mrs. Stephen Heider and son Steve and her family.

Ellen McDowell left Monday morning to go back to her home in Canoga Park, Calif. She's the mother of Arline Machalleck and from previous visits has made many friends around the lake. She says she has enjoyed the lake and all the doings and is looking forward to coming back soon. We're going to miss her and the flamboyant figure in her brown and orange bathing suit. HURRY BACK!

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CASS COUNTY SHERIFF ROBERT DOOL will put on Life Saving Course and demonstration at the Birch Lake Yacht Club on Tuesday, July 23rd - 2:00 P M

This course is for everybody and all are urged to attend.

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We have intentionally included some mistakes so as to not disappoint those who are looking for them.....Just jokin', you know. Bet you are tired of reading so since we have run out of space will call this an "issue" and see you next week.

Bye bye for now

Your Editor,

Helen Bowers - #307