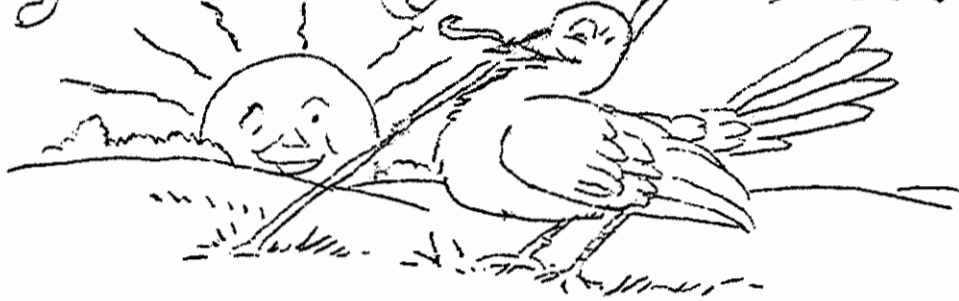




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YOUR FRIENDLY DEPUTY SHERIFF would like to remind you of a few laws some people seem to have forgotten.



This year you are required to have both a 170° mirror and an observer while pulling a skier.

Secondly, it is necessary that all boats have life preservers on board. This includes every vehicle used on the water except an airplane. Another common violation is that of people using ski belts as life preservers. **THEY ARE NOT COAST GUARD APPROVED.** It is necessary that life preservers be Coast Guard approved.

People on the lake can be a big help if they remind any visitors they might have of the laws. Many of them from out of state are not familiar with Michigan Watercraft Laws. Remember, the owner of the boat is liable for any damage that might occur as a result of any such operator.

The BLYC  
*65* **Tipsheet**  
 NEWS BULLETIN



JUNIOR YACHT CLUB

About 30 people enjoyed the hayride last Saturday night. It was a perfect night for a hayride. The Junior Yacht Club would like to extend their thanks to Kay Lockmundy, Bonnie Newman, and Mr. and Mrs. Manning, the chaperones for the hayride.

We have just returned from the District III Championships at Traverse City and were overwhelmed by the many compliments bestowed on the many fine people who helped put on our regatta. We would like to add our thanks to the others and above all thank the many people who housed or offered housing. We did not use all the housing offered.

We have the following people who have agreed to chaperone the Yacht Club for the dates listed.

- July 23----Mrs. Tunncliffe
- July 25----Mrs. Purdy
- July 30----Leslie Weesner
- Aug. 1----Mr.&Mrs. Price
- Aug. 6----Mr.&Mrs. Scofield

For those of you who prepared for sailors and received none, we add a special thanks. We assigned them as they came and there will be a next time.

The Yacht Club will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:00, Michigan Time.

Many thanks,

Connie&Earl Troeger

We are badly in need of chaperones for the periods after August 8. Anyone wishing to volunteer to chaperone for any Tuesday or Thursday after the 8th of August, please contact Darlene Scofield of cottage #185 or phone 476-9629.

RESULTS OF RACES JULY 21  
 SNIPES

Brian Hague	1	3
Craig Speck	2	8
Tom Athanas	3	4
Barry Hague	4	7
Wayne Milne	5	6
Don Olson	6	2
Don Holtz	7	1
Mike Verlodt	8	9
Boy Scouts	9	10
Jim Howard	DNF	2

I would appreciate it very much if any of the ladies who have agreed to chaperone on the dates specified, contact me if they are unable to be there. If at all possible, give me a weeks notice so I can try to find someone to take your place.

Thank you,  
 Darlene Scofield, Social  
 chairman

Cottage #185 Phone 476-9629

SUNFISH

Scott Troeger	1
Bob King	2
Bill Carpenter	3
Dick Cowen	4
Kevin Kruggel	5

BOARD MINUTES

July 19, 1968

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The meeting was called to order by Comm. Fulmer at 8:05 p.m. Present were M. Eberhart, H. Howard, C. Gableman, L. Myers, L. King, and R. Cowen. The minutes of the meeting held July 5, 1968, were read and approved. Discussion was held on the Boat Parade, Jr. Yacht Club garage sale, and the Annual Dinner.

It used to be papa dealt out a stern code of discipline to junior. The electric razor took away his razor strap. Furnaces took away the woodshed. Tax worries took away his hair and the hairbrush. That;s why kids are running wild today. Dad ran out of weapons.

M. Eberhart reported that he, Mrs. Luxenberger, and F. Fulmer, as representatives of the Health & Safety Committee, met with an attorney concerning sanitation and drainage problems.

Motion to adjourn was made by H. Howard and seconded by L. King.

R.L. Cowen, acting secretary



Members of the Town & Country Club from Niles, with their husbands were entertained by the Kruegers and the Parnells at a pot-luck Wednesday, July 17th. All enjoyed the good company, good food, and the beautiful lake weather.

Mr. & Mrs. Morgridge, from Niles, parents of Mrs. Parnell, are spending a few days with them this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cowen, #308, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cowen and family, #354, attended the 46th Annual Cowen Reunion Sunday, at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Thompson on the Maxinkuckee Road, Argos, Indiana.

Mr. George Cowen, of Argos, Ind., is spending a few days with his with his son and family at Birch Lake, #308 and #354.

A week at beautiful Birch Lake was enjoyed by the Paul Bowers family, son of I.T. Bowers #307. They spent several days entertaining friends from South Bend, Joe and Kay Thus and children Mary and Joey, Jerry and Arline Rosenmeier and children Greg, Kathy, and Tim, enjoyed swimming, boating, and skiing.

Helen and I.T. were in town with daughter Fran who has been in the hospital for a week recuperating from an operation. We're all hoping Fran will be out soon and back up here for a nice rest.

John Scofield returned Saturday from a weeks fishing trip to Man Trap Lake, Minnesota. His comment was, "The fishing was good but I'm tired eating fish." His wife Leveda and their three children loafed all week at Birch Lake. Her comment "We caught a lot of fish, but thank goodness, nothing big enough to clean".

Guests of the Shewmans' 303, over the weekend were Mrs.

Shewman's sister and family from Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. John Languel, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Languell, Paul and Susie, and Mr. and Mrs. Don McConnell and Kimmie. All had fun, we think.

Tom Hayden of cottage #300 is back from spending a week at a dude ranch near Bozeman, Montana. He enjoyed horseback riding and other activities but is glad to get back to Birch Lake.

Pfc. Steven Gregg Rieth of the Marines, son of Bud and Louise Rieth, cottage #301, phoned home and wanted to thank us for having the Birch Barker sent to him. He said the paper reached him before his parent's letter with all the news. He sure misses Birch Lake and the Barker sure is welcome and appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. N.J. Larkins from Indianapolis will be the guests this weekend at Bob Carpenter's cottage #112 for their first trip to Birch Lake.

Celebrations were in order as the Richard Cowens dined at Diamond Harbor Inn accompanied by Dave Falkeneau and Jan Davis. Dave surprised Jan with an engagement ring that evening also.

Tim Layman is spending the week with Steve Cowen #354. Their plans of skiing, sailing, fishing, and camping out will make a busy week.

Joe Crammers entertained Sunday, the following guests from Elkhart: Mr. & Mrs. Claire Cranmer, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Deuel, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Edson, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Fields, Mrs. George Deuel, at a picnic dinner and Pontoon Boat ride.

Mrs. Rose B. O'Brien, from Philadelphia, Penn., visited her son and daughter-in-law and grandchild, Sue for two weeks. She enjoyed the sun and water and remarked that the fishing was really great.

Kathleen Klappaof and her girlfriend, Arlene are leaving for California, August 2. They will visit Los Angeles, San Francisco and other points of interest.

WOC Jeff Asire, tells us that he is glad for the news of Birch Lake via the Barker. Birch sounds cooler than Texas.

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Mrs. Cleland K. Nelson, daughters  
Trudy and Laurie left Friday, July  
19, for New York to meet Mr. Nelson  
who arrives from Italy on the 20th.  
They plan to spend some time in  
New York City and on to Washington  
D.C. before returning to Birch  
Lake, the 30th. The Nelsons from  
Fullerton, Cal. are visiting Mrs.  
Fred R. Reed and the Taylor Snows.

Gay Kempton, from Finlay, Ohio  
visited Jill Tunnicliffe at Birch  
Lake for three days thru the week-  
end of the 20th. Gay took a jar  
of sacred Birch Lake water home.

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Pam Szmarek, South Bend, spent  
the week with Darlene Scofield  
here at beautiful Birch Lake.

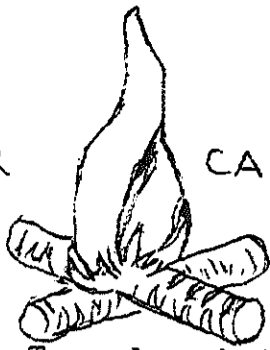
Visitors for the weekend at Grand  
pa and Grandma Bernaciak, were  
granddaughter Kathleen Klappauf  
and friends Tom, Sandy and Linda  
all from Chicago.

Ray and Rose Klappauf are spend-  
ing a week of their vacation at  
their dream house at Delevan Lake  
Wis. and then a week with Mom and  
Dad at Birch Lake. Catch a big  
fish, Ray....

Sarah and Krista Blacketer from  
Lowell, Ind. spent a week at Gards  
cottage #99. They enjoyed swim-  
ming and boating. They are both  
looking forward to coming back.

Guests at the Gohn cottage #142  
over the weekend were Mr. & Mrs.  
Mark Russey of Chicago, Mrs.  
Gohn's brother and wife. Mr. &  
Mrs. Everett Russy and children  
James, Mark, and Tommy of Kalam  
azoo, spent Sunday With the  
former's sister, Mr. & Mrs. Gohn.

## OUR CAMPS



Camp Tannadoonah is one of the oldest residents on Birch Lake. This is the 48th summer that girls have come to Tannadoonah to enjoy swimming in the cool water of Birch Lake and exploring the beautiful woods surrounding the camp. Each camper and staff member tries to uphold the Birch Lake Code of safety in swimming and boating. Camp Tannadoonah opened June 30th and will close August 17th. The two week period of camping has just concluded on July 20th for 60 girls, ranging in age from 7 years to 15 years. One hundred and fifteen campers are now in camp for Period 3, a one week session. During the two week period the girls had fun swimming, boating, canoeing, sailing, fishing, building fires, making handcraft articles, participating in sports and exploring nature. Special activities for the older girls were fencing, modern dance and synochronized swimming.

The camp is directed by Miss Dorothy Denton, Executive Director of the South Bend Camp Fire Girls Council, Inc. The staff includes: Business Manager, Christine Dresch; Nurse, Mrs. Lorraine Woodard; Waterfront Director, Marcia Boehnlein; Waterfront, Mary Weiss Hodgson, Christine Dredge, Anne Bedner, Judy Vyverberg; Bluebirds, Linda Kreighbaum-Director, Linda Myers, Lucy Lynch; Handcraft, Ellen Sue Ray, Director, Kathy Hackett; Sports, Barbara Jo Sheribino, Judith Ann Hagenau, Linda Koehler; Campcraft, Susan Sacco, Nancy Powers; Nature, Linda Wallace; Dramatics, Cassanora Reinhart; Cooks, Mrs. Neva Boothroyd, Mrs. Emma Green; Kitchen aids, Nancy Smith, Leslie Wolfram.

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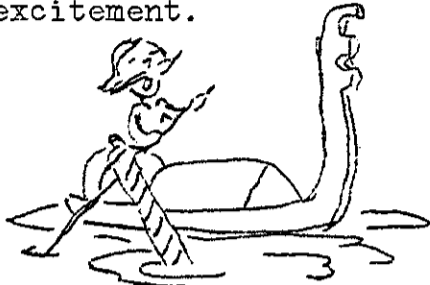
Camp Kiloqua, of the Mishawaka Camp Fire Girls will be closing up shop at the end of this week. The Camp has been opened for three fun packed weeks.

We have had girls ranging in ages of seven to fourteen years old. The interests vary among the different age groups,

but we have tried to satisfy every young lady that has attended camp.

The planned activities which the whole camp participated in were as follows: hiking, cookouts, waterfront, talent shows, and boating, just to name a few.

As the story ends, so does the camping season, but we hope to be back next year for more fun and excitement.



THE BOAT PARADE COMMITTEE MET JULY 15TH, AND I THINK WE HAVE CHANGED EVERYTHING (A WOMAN'S PRIVILEGE). THE PARADE WILL BE ON SAT. AUG. 10, AT 5:30 Ind. time, 6:30 Mich. time, and if the weather give us any trouble this year, we can have the parade the next day (Sun. 11) at the same time. THERE WILL BE THREE TROPHIES FOR 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place and certificates for other entries. WE ARE BUSY ASKING FOR JUDGES AND ASKING EVERYONE TO DECORATE A BOAT, FLOAT, ETC. SO GET BUSY AND HELP MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS OR WE MIGHT HAVE TO FORGET IT NEXT YEAR.



Tickets are now available for the Annual Birch Lake Yacht Club Dinner and Dance to be held at the Grange Hall in Jones, on August 17th. Get them from:

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C. Gableman	476-2135	122
C. Purdy	476-2130	153
L. Myers	476-2197	177
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W. Echols	476-2400	264
S. Wentworth		306
R. Cowen		354
G. Stout		357

## BIRCH LAKE AND THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

One of the principal greivances of the Southern Slave Owners before the Civil War was the Underground Railroad.

Quakers from Pennsylvania came into Michigan and purchased sections of land around Birch Lake and Calvin Center. When the runaway slaves from the South were carried by the Underground into Michigan, a farm was given to them and many families have retained this land to the present day. The Underground railway was a route over which the colored men and their families were carried on horseback or by wagon, after night from one station to another. These stations were usually about twenty miles apart. Two principal routes were used, one coming up from Cincinanti through Indiana and the other from St. Louis, through Illinois. These two routes converged just east of Cassopolis at the home of Stephen Bogue. A monument now marks this spot on route M 60, this was the Michigan terminal of the Underground railroad. Bogue and Josiah Osborne were the principal operators and the most important men in this undertaking.

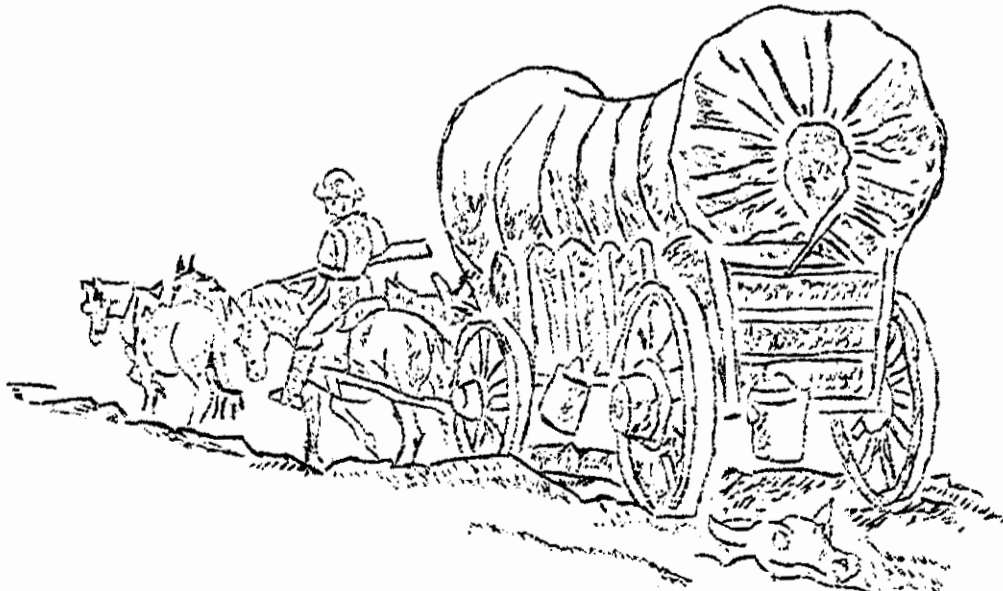
Osborne was located on the farm that is now known as Hiltrings Lakeland Gardens. He operated a nursery here as far back as 1850, furnishing shade and fruit trees for the surrounding country.

In 1847, slave owners from Bourbon County, Kentucky organized an expedition to come to Michigan to recover some of their runaway slaves. They arrived in the month of August and camped near Shavehead Lake. They knew exactly where the runaways were living as they had sent a spy up the previous winter. The spy had made maps and reported their location to the slave owners.

The Kentuckians captured several men, women and a baby living on the Odell farm. The alarm spread and from all over the Birch Lake area angry farmers gathered, armed with guns, scythes and clubs. The Kentuckians were stopped and surrounded at the Osborne farm (Lakeland Gardens). Their wagons were overturned and later dumped into Birch Lake.

The colored people were again free and the slave owners left to return to their homes the best way they could. After returning to Kentucky, they wrote many threatening letters to the farmers around Birch Lake, which fanned the flames of the coming Civil War.

The wagons that were dumped in Birch Lake were visible for many years on the east side of the lake. Even in recent years, reports that pieces of these wagons have been sighted and brought up from the soft marl bottom.



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