

# THE BIRCH BARKER



TROPHIES BOAT PARADE WATERMELON

SATURDAY AUGUST 10th ( or Sunday, Aug. 11th, in case of rain)  
5:30 Ind. Time or 6:30 Mich. Time

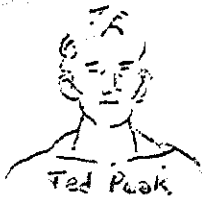
LET'S HAVE A BIG BOAT PARADE THIS YEAR. IF YOU HAVEN'T DECORATED A BOAT BEFORE, PLEASE TRY IT AND JOIN THE FUN. AFTER YOU DECORATE YOU BOAT, LINE UP AT THE PUBLIC BEACH AT THE DESIGNATED TIME, AND THE MARINE DEPUTY WILL GIVE YOU A "NUMBER" AS YOU LINE UP TO GO AROUND THE LAKE, SO THE JUDGES CAN IDENTIFY YOU, AND DECIDE WHICH FLOAT WILL WIN THE TROPHIES FOR 1ST, 2ND, & 3RD PLACE.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PARADE, THE TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED AT THE YACHT CLUB. THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE INVITES YOU ALL TO COME, BRING YOUR FRIENDS, MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS, ADMIRE THE TROPHIES AND

EAT WATERMELON

20¢ per BIG SLICE

SEE YOU AT THE CLUBHOUSE



Ted Peak

Your friendly Deputy Sheriff may not sound so friendly this week. There have been a few things that have happened in the last several weeks that have upset many people of Birch Lake. A couple of days before the District III Regatta that was held here, someone burned two of the sailboat bouys. This was completely uncalled for. They were replaced with some old ones that had been held in reserve. Now, one of these has been cut loose from its anchor rope. Some people seem to enjoy ruining the enjoyment of others.

There is one other thing that I would like to point out on the helpful side. It is always wise practice to stay outside of swimming rafts. People slowly cruising around the lake, usually of an evening, are the ones doing this. Chances are, no one will be hurt, by doing this, but it is not a good practice. There may be someone swimming under water and you can't see them. PLEASE DON'T TRY TO CON THE DEPUTY. IF YOU ARE WRONG, ADMIT IT AND ACCEPT THE FACT.

On the more pleasant side now. Eight Birch Lake youngsters are to be congratulated for completing the Pleasure Boating Safety Course this week. They are Bill Arveson, Jean Arveson, Sandy Green, Cathy Green, Scott Troeger, Randy Morrical, Tom Budzinski, Randy Williams and Bob Englett from Shavehead Lake. There have been a total of some forty young people that have now completed the course this year. They can be a tremendous influence on the other boaters of the lake if they practice safe boating.



# RUMMAGE MAKES MUSIC

Birch Lake sent 8 snipes to the Annual Diamond Lake Open Regatta, this past weekend. Forty-nine boats participated, including the Canadian National Champion and many top sailors from the midwest. Local sailors did very well with Bud Leonard of Diamond Lake and Keith Claro of Birch Lake taking 1st place. Tom and Jan Wurster, of Diamond were 2nd. Earl and Tom Troeger of Birch finished 3rd. Tom Townsend and Wood Cox finished 4th and 5th. Both boys participated in our Junior Regatta.

Also participating from Birch were Jeff Troeger and Kevin Conran, Barry Hague and Darlene Scofield, Brian Hague and Randy Morriscal, Martha and Tom Athanus, Craig Speck and Bob Hague, Wayne and Dave Milne, and Don and Jon Holtz.

This weekend will be the Annual Sunfish-Sailfish regatta at Diamond Lake. Many of our sailors will be there. If you would like to see some beautiful sights, come cheer our local sailors on, in the boats with the many colored sails.

### SAILORS TAKE NOTE

DIAMOND LAKE JR. YACHT CLUB  
3rd ANNUAL SAILFISH-SUNFISH REGATTA  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

Skipper's Meeting at 10 A.M. (Mich. Time) Entry fee \$5 Rules MAYRC  
Five trophies will be awarded for each class.



DIAMOND LAKE YACHT CLUB  
CAMBRIDGE FIVE WILL PLAY

9:30-1:00 (Mich. time) Aug. 3rd  
Donation \$1.50

Plan to stay--or come back and bring your friends!  
All Birch Lake Jr. Yacht Clubbers invited to the Dance.

The Junior Yacht Club Rummage Sale held last week was successful in netting over \$150 profit for the purchase of the Juke Box at the Club House. Those who worked on the sale felt it was a good way to raise money. The "left-overs" were given to the Church of God in Vandalia for their rummage sale, and it was greatly appreciated. The mothers who spent time working, marking and selling and all who contributed items for the sale deserve much praise for a job well done. THANKS!!!!!!

We are still badly in need of chaperones after August 8. If you can help us out, please contact Darlene Scofield of cottage #185 or phone 476-9629.

The following are chaperoning:

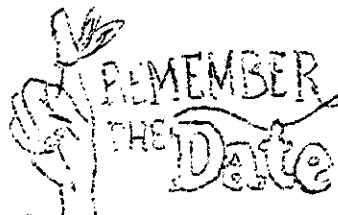
July 30	Leslie Weesner
Aug. 1	Mr. & Mrs. Price
Aug. 6	Mrs. Brown & Mrs. Hartranft
Aug. 8	Mrs. W. Scofield

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### BLYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES July 26, 1968

Meeting called to order at 8 P.M. by Comm. Fulmer. Present were H. Howard, M. Eberhart, G. Stout, W. Scofield, and H. Anderson. The Annual Dinner was discussed. H. Howard asked for volunteers to help remove dirt from back of the clubhouse. H. Howard was appointed to take charge of grading and to replace 1/2 door locks. Meeting adjourned.

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August 17 Dinner 5-7 P.M.

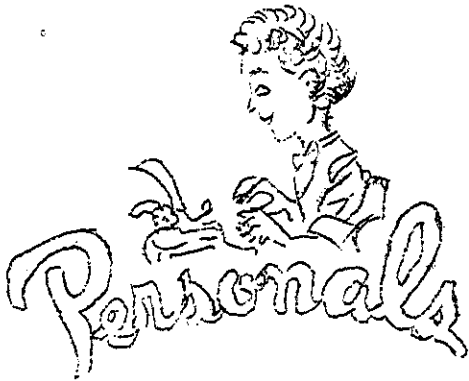
ANNUAL BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB

DINNER AND DANCE

Music by THE DREMLINS

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Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.50



Harold Cranmer's spent Saturday evening and Sunday with Joe Cranmer's after returning Friday from a two week vacation in Rocky Mountain National and Yellowstone National Parks.

Arriving Friday afternoon at the Machelleck Cottage were daughter-in-law Patty and the three grandchildren--Stacy, Gina, and Paula. A weekend at the lake was just what they needed after being alone all week. Daddy Steve was in Columbus, Ohio on a business trip and arrived home on Monday.

Friday evening the John Machallecks welcomed their daughter and son-in-law Marianne and Bert Desmond and their guests Ned and Terry Ryan and seven month old Tracy, all of Ottawa, Ill. for a weekend visit. Joining them on Saturday, were Jerry and Kathy Peterson and John and Marcia Williams, all of Niles. Arriving for the day, from Kalamazoo, were Mrs. Bruce (Mitzi) Wolf and 15 month Lisa and three year old Davey. Also, from Kalamazoo, were Elaine and Jim Houston, who stayed for the weekend. All the girls were classmates of Marianne. All the lake activities were enjoyed by all, plus some touch football, ending with a sprained ankle for John Williams and the endless task of catching up on all the news of each family since their last get-together. With 14 adults and six children, all under three, you can be sure there was something doing every minute.

Mrs. Chas. Lansley of Battle Creek, spent the weekend with her niece Louise Rieth of Cottage 301. She tried to make a whole lot of "old fashioned sugar cookies" for Louise but everyone ate them up as soon as they came out of the oven--- and I couldn't keep track of all the "tasters". So the cookies are all gone.

The Osborns, cottage #365, visited their place Sunday for a birthday celebration. The center of attraction was a large train-cake, baked for the occasion. Julie and Cathie Troyer were the birthday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hillring went to Royal Center, Saturday afternoon. They have moved into their lovely new home overlooking Birch Lake. We wish them every happiness in it.

The Kruggel's niece, Leanne Truex, who is nine years old, spent last week with them. Her parents, along with Lynn and Brent, came to pick her up on Saturday. Everyone had a good time sailing and swimming. This week the cottage will be jumping as Eddie Henseline 10, and George Gabor 12, both nephews of Herm will spend the week.

Visiting the Doolittles last week were their son, Bob, and family from Vincennes, Indiana. Bob, his wife, Peggy, and daughter, Jennifer, enjoyed the perfect weather and good company of parents and visiting friends.

If anyone fears the huge piling of pier beginning to mount up in the Cowen's #354, yard will reach over two hundred feet into the lake, we'll relieve your mind. They will (eventually?) be made into two piers, one for the Ray Frick's at Donnell Lake, and the other for Dick Cowen. The two fellows, with the help of Clifford Cowen, (and anyone else who comes along, asks questions, and knows how to use a hammer) are hoping for an early launching date (surely before everyone else takes their's in).

Beverly and Ken Kronstedt of Minneapolis, Minn. were guests this week of Beverly's grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Howard Lehr.

The Cowens, #308, are expecting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mirth, from Kissimmee, Florida, the first of the week.

Nancy Asire thoroughly enjoyed spending the weekend at Birch with her family. Was a pleasant change from hot Kansas City and summer school. Was just over too soon.

Mr. Lee Ponsler of Crawfordsville, was the guest of the Everett Badgers at cottage 6, on the week of July 26.

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6 and cottage 268 (the Weldys)  
are the proud parents of Jennifer  
Lee, born July 11. The Weldys  
returned from Omaha the weekend  
of July 26.

Margaret Grube from Wheatfield  
Ind. spent the week with the  
Jensen's at cottage #42.

Mrs. Vernon Ball of Elkhart and  
Mr. Otto Martin of Mishawaka,  
formerly of Birch Lake, spent  
Sunday afternoon and evening  
with the John Balls #98.

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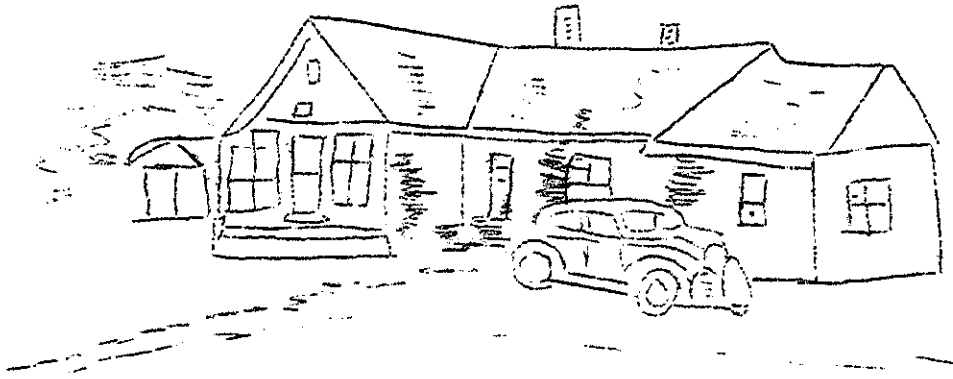
Mr. and Mrs. John Stack and  
children from Chicago Ill. will  
spend a few days with their  
Uncle and Aunt the Kaczmareks  
at cottage 102.



Our Marine Patrol Officer, Ted  
Peak has accepted the position  
of Head Football Coach for  
Cassopolis High School. We  
wish you the best of luck, Ted.

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Daffy-nition  
LAKE: A body of water where  
it is sometimes illegal to catch  
fish but more often miraculous.



### EARLY WILLIAMSVILLE

We'd like to turn back the pages of history just a few short years and give you a glimpse of Williamsville over a century ago. The earliest records in this township are the entries of land in 1828 by John White (who was probably the first settler in North Porter) John East, and Nathan Williams. At this time, Josiah Williams built the great mill just south of the main streets of Main and Mill and it was operated by W.W. Camp. The old mill by the creek has played an important part in the history of Williamsville. Many sacks of feed and flour have been ground by the great stone run by the water power coming down the mill race from Birch Lake and the Mill Pond. Austin Searer came here in 1880, bought the mill and the ground feed, made cider and sorghum syrup.

Where Breece's store now stands, was a large two story brick building, the William Merrit Store. This store has changed hands many times since it was first established back as far as 1860 by Josiah Williams, the gentleman who laid out the village in March 1848, that bears his name. Some of these people are: Wm. Merrit, William Merrit Jr., J. Fred Merrit, Milo Merrit, Oscar Loupee, Tom White, Albert Snyder, Hyton Jones and the present owner Mrs. G. Breece.

The General Store played a very important part in the history of this community because it was the center of all business transactions in the early days. Part of the time it housed the Post Office, and most of the time the only telephone in the vicinity.

Down on the corner of Main and Mill Streets, in the house now owned by Harry Griffit, was an Inn operated by a man by the name of Austin. No doubt many a weary traveler spent the night in this haven. Directly across the street was a grocery or general store, as they most were in those days, operated by Rhuben Weikle, and later by Tom White. In the center of the block was a telephone exchange installed by Perry Storey.

Zackery Brown started a barber shop in this same block and operated a feed store and livery in connection with the barber shop. Other ventures were a saw mill run by Albert Reck and Jerome Cousins, a cabinet and paint shop operated by Will Rhinehart, and a copperage by Hardy McCally.

There were two physicians in the village. Dr. Moore lived at the southwest corner of Main Street and a Dr. Fort.

Amy Richmond had a barber shop and ice cream parlor combination in 1912.

Mail was carried at this time on horseback or by horse and cart; the route running through Williamsville to Vandalia. The carrier was James W. East.

There was a Methodist Church on the northeast corner of Pine Tree Road, on land donated by Wm. R. Merritt. Cost of the church was \$5,000. The Quaker or Friends Church was built in 1850. These people have left their imprint on this section through these many years.

In 1904, the Birch Lake Embroidery Club was organized. It has a large membership and as the years passed it has become famous for church work and helping the sick and needy.

In 1907, a Grange (Patrons of Husbandry) was organized with forty members holding lodge in the Tom White store on North Main Street.

The population of Williamsville in the '90s was about 300. In 1902 a string band was organized, consisting of three harmonicas, three banjos, and three guitars. The three Searer brother, the three Pullin brothers, and the three East boys were the performers. The boys had the honor of furnishing music for C.C. Conn of Elkhart at his Shavehead Lake cottage on several occasions, and played for many social entertainments and dances.

The two story brick building, on the site of the Breece store was struck by lightening about 1925 and destroyed. Later, the present building was erected to service the community. Now the Mrs. Breece has closed the doors of the store, Birch Lakers feel a real loss. All youngsters from 2 to 82 loved to "go to Lanky's" to shop for goodies. Such great decisions had to be made in front of the big glass penny candy counter, and Grandpa Purdy with his pictures was always in the corner with a smile and a cheery word for everyone. Williamsville truly has a proud history.

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