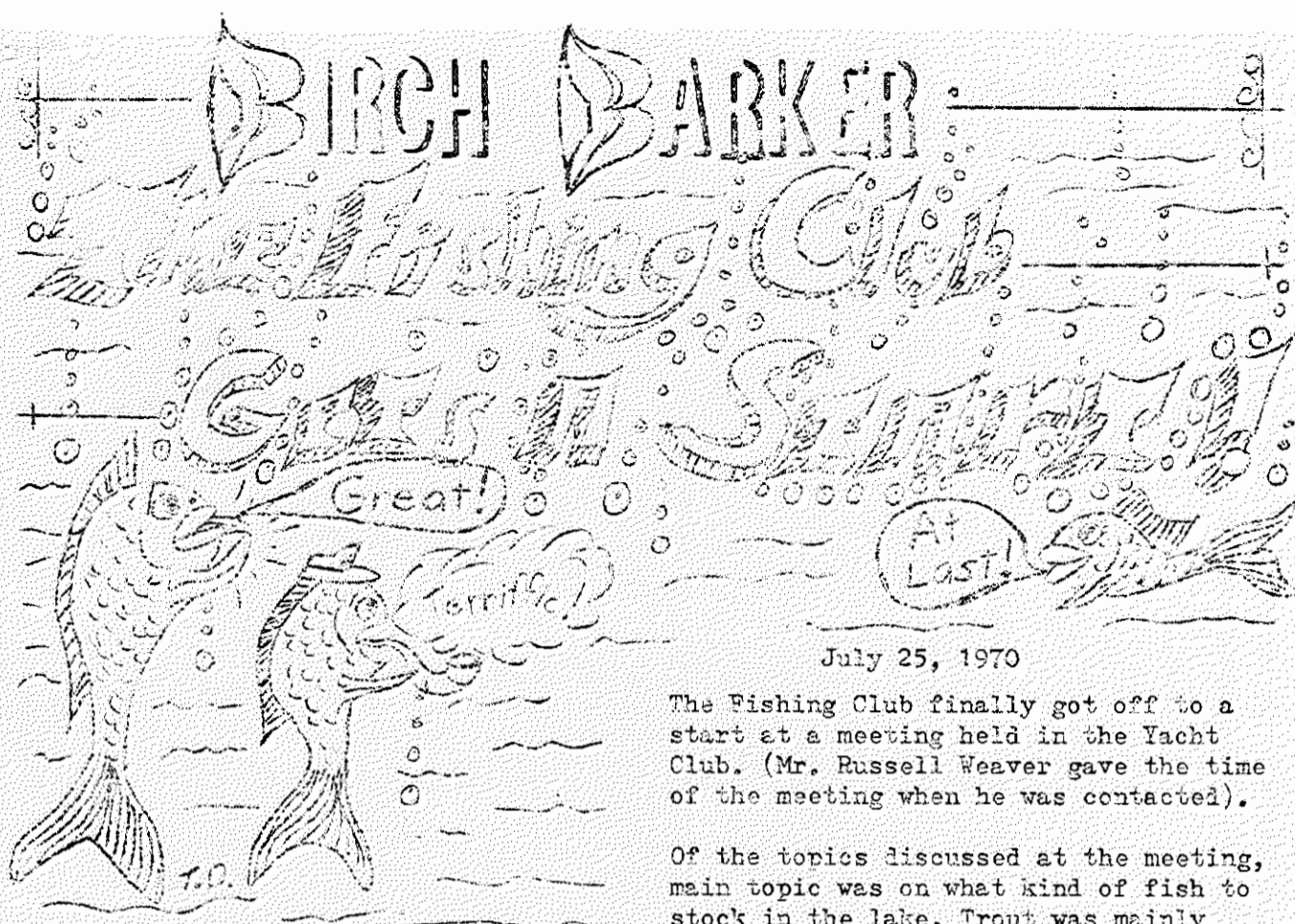


# BIRCH LAKE



July 25, 1970

The Fishing Club finally got off to a start at a meeting held in the Yacht Club. (Mr. Russell Weaver gave the time of the meeting when he was contacted).

Of the topics discussed at the meeting, main topic was on what kind of fish to stock in the lake. Trout was mainly wanted as a game and prestige fish, but statistics show that it is unprofitable

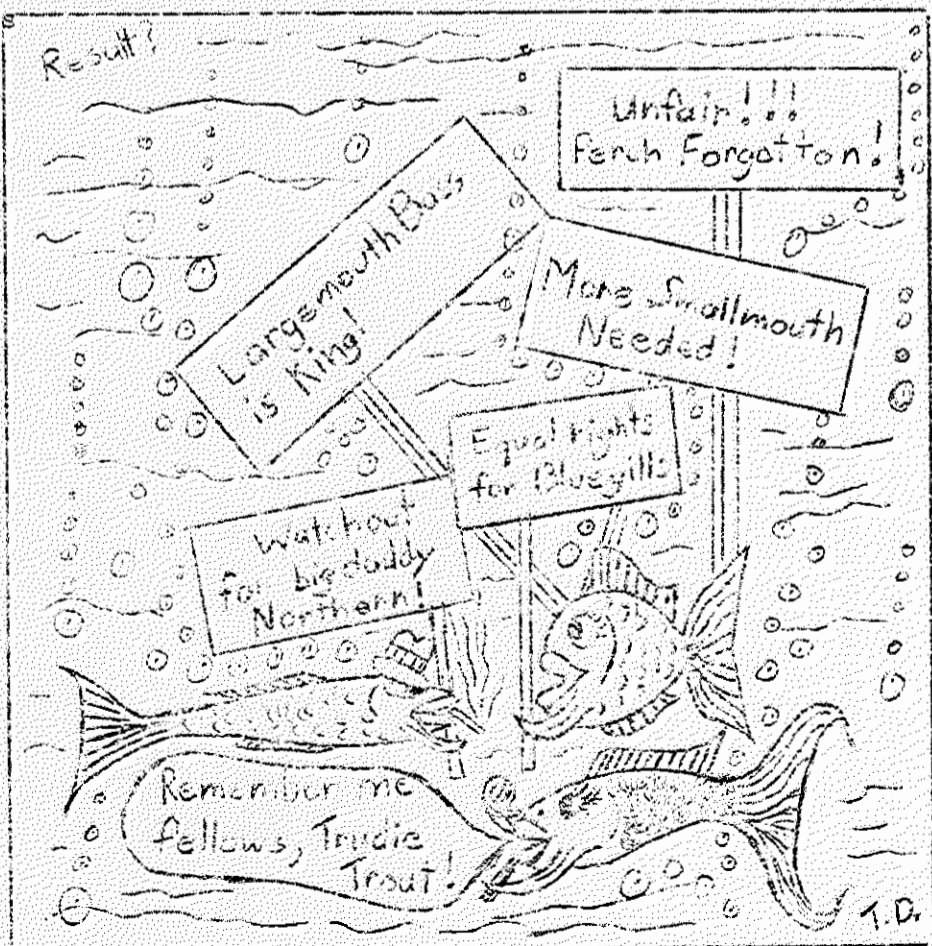
to stock trout in the lake for several reasons. Smallmouth bass and largemouth bass are wanted placed in the lake more frequently, and in larger sizes. Walleyes and northern pike were also brought up. They were not widely considered because of their diet and because they are not natural to this lake.

Too many bluegills and scavengers, such as gar and suckers, feed on eggs and decrease the lake's fish population. Another point brought up about the decreasing fish population is the netting in the lake which takes place during the winter months. Many fish, not licensed for netting, are kept but even if the fish not intended to be netted are released, the great majority of them would die anyway.

The Fishing Club wants to invite a Conservation Officer to one of their meetings to seek his views on different fish stocks. He has to be a qualified person who knows Birch Lake and what it can support.

The general mood of the Club is to work with the Yacht Club and the Conservation Department. The Club has written to the Conservation Department for information. The letter and its hopeful results will be discussed at the next meeting.

Terry DiRutigliano  
Junior Editor



(Heated Controversy!)

GREETINGS FROM YOUR FRIENDLY MARINE DEPUTY

We are now well into the summer and there seems to be more problems around the lakes than just boats. Many of our lake residents have called the office to complain about the operation of Mini-bikes on the roads around the lakes.

The state law is very clear in regards to the operation of a motor vehicle on the streets and highways of this state. To start with, before a vehicle can be operated on a public street or highway it must be registered with the Secretary of State's office, have a license plate bolted on to it and be insured. Once these qualifications are met, then the operator must have a license to operate such vehicle and he or she must wear a helmet while operating it. While these bikes are on the street they then must abide by all the laws and regulations governing motor vehicles.

If the vehicles are operating on public streets or highways they will be stopped and issued a summons for illegally operating a motor vehicle. If the youngster is under 16 he will be cited into probate court for operating a vehicle without a license. The owner of the bike or parent will be given a summons and cited into the Fourth District Court for allowing an unlicensed operator to operate a motor vehicle.

If young people have Mini-bikes and wish to drive them, they must meet all requirements or keep them on private property.

The law is not meant to restrict anyone from having fun or enjoying themselves, but it is for their own safety and welfare. We ask all parents to help us with this problem.

Ted Peak.

POLLUTION

Cottage owners on Birch Lake rely on septic tanks to remove their wastes and some garbage but how many of you know the exact location of your tank and its capacity? It is wise to know the relationship of your water well (depth and location) to your septic tank; during periods of high water or if the drainage around your cottage is not adequate, you and your family could be drinking sewage water that has not been properly cleaned. Even if you have the proper distance between your well and tank, do the contents of your neighbor's tank seep into your well? Different soil structures have very different drainage patterns and some are not adequate at all for sewage. Contact the Soil Conservation officer if you are in doubt. Many major and minor diseases can be contracted from impure water.

On the subject of drainage, does your septic tank drain into the lake due to underground water movement? The bubbles and foam that appear on the lake from time to time could be due to inadequate drainage--drainage toward instead of away from the lake.

Is your septic tank big enough for the number of people that you have living in or visiting your cottage? The number of guests that you invite to your cottage should be limited by the amount of water and wastes that your tank can handle--if you care about the lake and the surrounding area.

- DO: Clean your septic tank regularly
- Use white toilet tissue as color dye pollutes the water
- Peel the plastic liner from disposable diapers before placing them into the toilet
- Dispose of facial tissues in the trash - not the toilet

LAKE NEWS



SKI CLUB MEETING - July 19, 1970

The Ski Club held their first meeting at 2 o'clock (Indiana time) at the Yacht Club. Plans for a number of events were discussed, dates and prices were set. Although we got a late start, we hope to have a successful year. **WANT YOUR HELP!!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 25 Meeting for Making Posters and Selling Memberships  
Under 12 -- \$1.00  
Over 12 -- \$1.50  
Time: 4 o'clock Indiana Time  
Place: Yacht Club
- August 1 Car Wash  
Hayride
- August 8 Boat Parade  
Ice Cream Social
- August 15 Ski Show  
Hot Dog Sale

Prices and times will be published at a later date.

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THE BIRCH LAKE ANNUAL DINNER MEETING WILL BE held August 22 at the Birch Lake Basketball Camp Dining Hall. Plan to come and bring the whole family. Tickets will be sold in advance.



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The Friday Morning Recorder Consort met at the Sindlinger Cottage on Woodland Cove for their weekly rehearsal and picnic on July 17th. Those attending were: Mrs. Lee Muldoon, Mrs. Carroll Hyde, Jr., Mrs. William Shepard, Mrs. Robert Demaree, Mrs. Robert Hamilton, Mrs. Phyllis Wampler, Mrs. Martin Scheuer, Mrs. Paul Kenny, Mrs. Ralph Eades, and Mrs. John Marshall, all of South Bend, and Mrs. Donald Schwartz of Mishawaka.

Michael Scott Vylonis and his mother have spent the past week visiting her parents, Charlie and Dorie Purdy, while Mike has been at Albany, New York on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steele, Mrs. Ida Byam, Mrs. Olga Byam and Mrs. Elsie Burgess enjoyed a cookout at the Starr Wentworth cottage Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Ross spent Saturday at Wentworth's cottage.

Tori King is happy to be able to ski and swim after being "grounded" because of her emergency appendectomy on Father's Day.

Toni King spent the weekend at home. She is living in Mount Pleasant this summer and taking a class at Central. Toni is also a life guard at the Country Club pool but nothing compares to Birch Lake. This fall Toni has a contract to teach in the Charlevoix Public Schools.

The Jamar Kings spent Sunday at Merediths' in Granger for their annual pig roast.

Sunday Clifford and Avanelle Cowen attended the 48th Annual Cowen Family Reunion at the farm home of Mrs. Guy Davis of Culver, Indiana.

Mrs. Fred Taylor and Lisa, John and Aron will be with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carpenter, this weekend.

Anina Scofield's friend, Patty Leath, visiting from Henderson, Tennessee, got up on skis on her first try. Anina's brother, Mike, thought it was impossible.

The new daughter of Joseph and Lillian Toth, Kathleen Rene', is cutting her first tooth.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Walters of Mishawaka were guests of The Fulmers on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cohen of South Bend are spending the week in Cottage #328.

Miss Gwen Gaston of Goshen is visiting with Mrs. Mary Lott and her daughter, Marjorie Miller, at Duaromin Cottage.

It has been another beautiful week to remember. One can hardly believe the sizzling temperature reports when one is enjoying the cool breeze at Birch Lake. Helping the I. T. Bowers (at Cottage 307) to enjoy it were Mrs. John Bowers, I. T.'s 93 year old mother, and Mrs. Teresa McCombs of South Bend.

Guests of the Everett Kaczmarek's are Mrs. Kaczmarek's sister, Mrs. Laura Szymanski, from Chicago, Illinois, who will stay for one week and the Kaczmarek's daughter, Zita, and 3 month old son, Frankie, from Gary, Indiana who will stay for two weeks while husband, Frank, is at Army Reserve Camp in Wisconsin.

The following came to us last week but too late to print:

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bodza of Cottage 137 were very sad to get up Thursday morning to find their car window smashed to pieces. It has been reported to the police. Hope this does not happen again.

Our sincere thanks go to Miss Lynn Erhardt and Miss Janet Fisher for their help on the Birch Barker last week.

Primary election will be August 4th at the Town Hall on Robbins Lake Road. New voting machines will be in use for the first time.

If anyone has outgrown but still good toys for small children, such as stuffed or pull toys, and would like to find a good home for them, please let us know. We are planning on taking back some such toys to Arizona this fall for use in Christmas baskets for the children on the Indian Reservations and the children of the migrant Mexican workers. Many of these little ones have never owned a toy and we would like to help see that they have some this Christmas. We will be glad to work on them if they can be fixed up. The Colemans - Cottage 310R, Woodland Cove.

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HEY MOMS - Tired of missing the sun and fun? Is it too hot and muggy to get that ironing done? What about cooking, scrubbing floors? Graduate student home for a month is willing to do any of the above, or to babysit. Age 24 - Reliable. Call Carole Myers 476-2494 (East side of lake).

EDITOR'S SOUND-OFF

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP

S in promoting Lake Safety -- there appears to be a real response to suggestions in careful boat operation and observance of laws and regulations. The experience of the past indicates that problems are generally caused by a few non-resident boaters who migrate from lake to lake. The Sheriff's Department is well aware of this and has been alert and active and we owe them an expression of appreciation. Their job is not easy.

We are sorry to have a case of vandalism reported. Auto window/s smashed on the east side of the lake. Might be a good suggestion that any suspicious cars be noted and their license numbers and descriptions be written down, together with the date and hour of observations. Can come in mighty handy in court as evidence.

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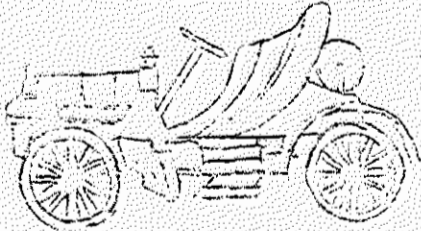


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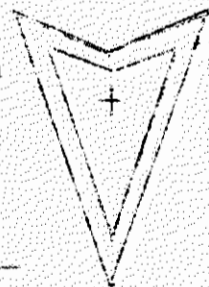
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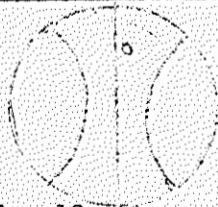
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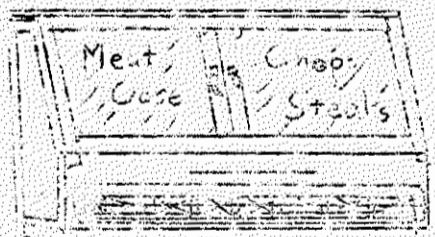
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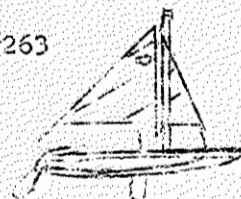
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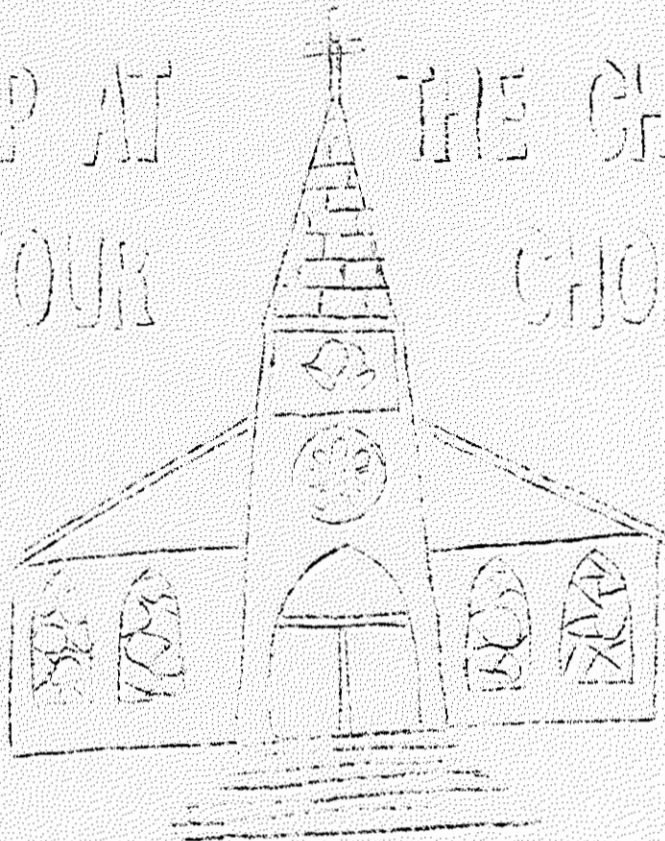


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