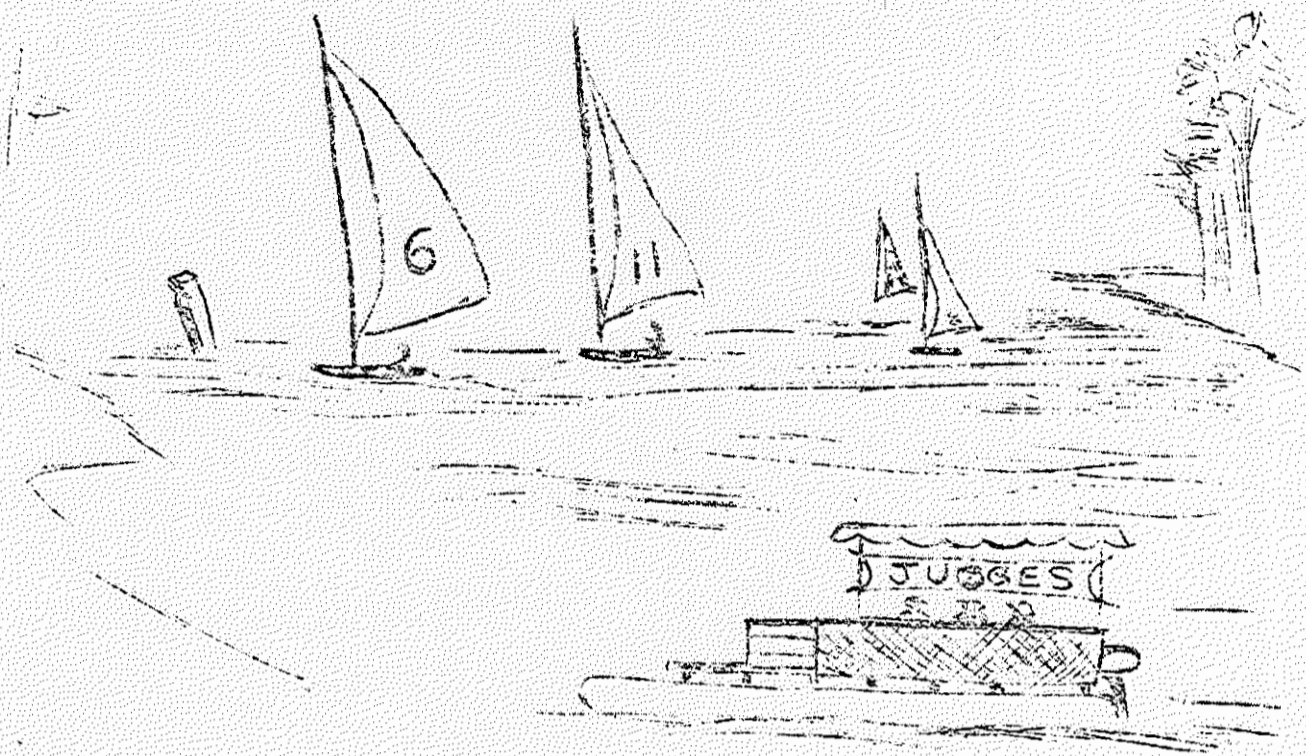


THE BIRCH BARKER



August 8, 1970.

POLLUTION

"Why can't I clean my paint brushes, garbage cans, etc. in front of my cottage - after all, it's my water and I have a right to do what I want with it." Maybe it would be better if there were boundaries around each cottage owner's "water" so that anyone making the above statement could actually see what they're doing to "their own water." Now think about that statement again, is it really your "own water" in front of your cottage? Realistically, it's everyone's water and each person is contributing to it's pollution. After all, after you've dumped something into the lake, don't you want the waves to carry the grass clippings, leaves, etc. away -- to "someone else's water?"

You might want to save this article to read until Sunday since it sounds like a sermon, but then the Golden Rule does seem pertinent in regard to pollution. It is your responsibility to consider the effects of what you put into the lake. It is your responsibility to inform your neighbor (tactfully, if possible) that you are doing your part to keep Birch Lake clean and that you want him to do his part also.

Let's work together for a cleaner Birch Lake.

P.S. - Visit the "People for a Clean Earth" booth at the St. Joe County Fair for helpful suggestions on what the homeowner can do to curb pollution.

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A READER'S REACTION

Since there was such a large writeup about lake pollution in last week's Birch Barker, we who love Birch Lake and do everything to keep it clean and beautiful are sad to stand by and see swarms of detergent bubbles on our shore line, day after day, coming in from north, south and west. We are residents of the east side of the lake and see this beautiful

lake being destroyed by lake residents seasonal and permanent who have drains from washing machines, bath tubs and sinks draining directly into our lake.

All Birch Lake residents should help stop pollution of our lake before it is too late. Birch Lake will not be beautiful -- it will be polluted with no fishing or swimming.

I am willing to have my drains inspected. How many of you lake residents are willing?

East Side Resident

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SUNFISH UNOFFICIAL SAILING RESULTS

Place	Boat No.	Name	Race 1 8/2	Race 2 8/2	Average & Bonus	Races
1	21923	Carpenter	-	-	1552	9
2	14766	Claro	-	1	1516	10
3	14310	Troeger	-	-	1511	8
4	130	Machalleck	1	4	1479	10
5	25075	Tunnecliff	-	2	1369	7
6	20909	Cowen	5	3	1337	12
7	25131	Spratt	-	-	1291	10
8	22898	Foote	3	7	1287	8
9	21351	King	2	9	1216	12
10	14580	Troeger	4	5	1184	11
11	24252	Kruggel	7	8	1148	12
12	17992	Harlan	6	6	1141	10
13		O'Brien	-	-	1088	6
14		Axelberg	-	-	1038	6
15	29079	Courtney	-	-	964	9
16		Williams	8	-	935	11
17		Mulane	-	-	794	1
18	16039	Ball	-	-	763	3

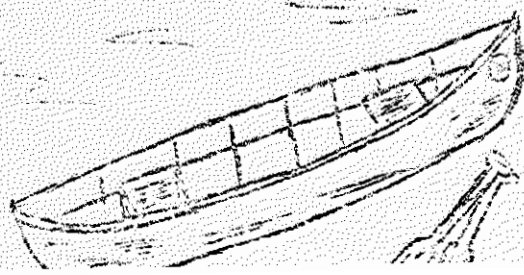
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The 15' Indian Fiber-Glass Conco which was raffled off August 2nd was won by Bud Leonard of Diamond Lake. Congratulations!! The lucky number was drawn by Dick Carpenter.

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A B L Y C DIRECTORS MEETING will be held August 15 at the Yacht Club at 10 a.m. Michigan time (11 a.m. Indiana time). The Nominating Committee will report on the slate for the 1971 season.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.



ATTENTION!!! ALL GOLFPERS AND DUFFERS

Get your foursome together. The Second Annual B L Y C Golf Stag and Dinner will be August 14, 1970. The golf will be played at the Park Shore Golf Course, Diamond Lake. Tee times 12:00 noon til 2:00 (Indiana time). Dinner and refreshments will be at the Yacht Club at 7:00.

See Bob Axelberg, Cottage #355, for tickets. Price \$7.50 includes golf and dinner — dinner only \$5.00.

Scott Troeger
Teen Editor

FISHING CLUB NEWS

A meeting of the Fishing Club will take place at the Yacht Club Wednesday, August 12 at 7:30 p.m. (Michigan time). The letter sent by the Fishing Club to the Conservation Department was answered. Its results will be discussed in depth at the next meeting (date announced above).

The letter gives full detail of Birch Lake's fish statistics such as, sizes, percentages, number caught, etc. These statistics are based on a recent survey

made by the Conservation Department.

From the results of the surveys and fishing reports received from the last few years, they have concluded that trout survival has not been very good. The cause of the low survival might be one of many factors (depletion of zooplankton food sources, small size and condition of stocked fish, time of the year of stockings, etc.). The high number of largemouth bass taken in our netting survey indicates a good sized largemouth population present. Bass are extremely hard to net and even in a good largemouth lake the same size as Birch we would only expect to catch one half as many bass as were collected in Birch with the same number of nets.

The next meeting will also encompass the problem of cisco netting on Birch, and how to enforce stricter regulations concerning this problem.

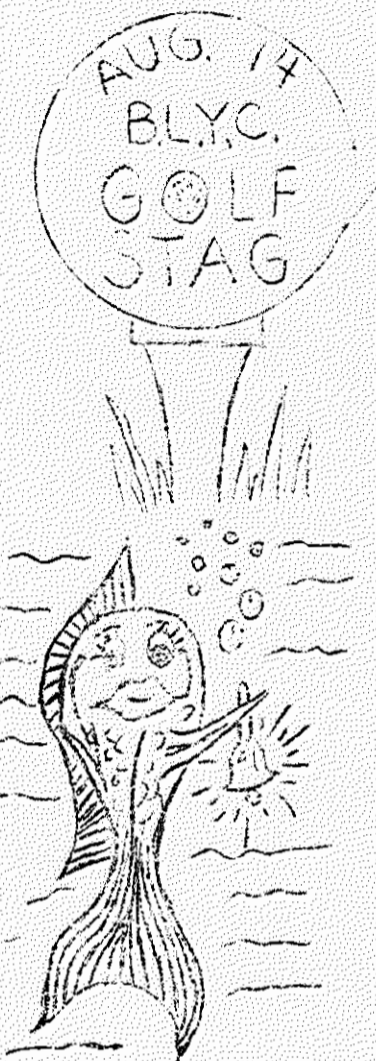
With the Conservation Department's letter as a point of discussion the Fishing Club's next meeting should be an interesting one. A large turnout at the meeting would be greatly appreciated.

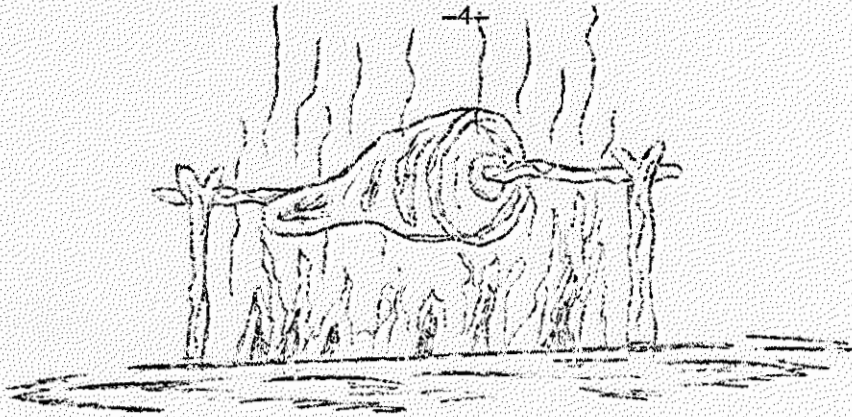
ANGLER'S PRAYER



"LORD GIVE ME GRACE..TO CATCH A FISH SO BIG..THAT EVEN I..WHEN TELLING OF IT AFTERWARD..MAY NEVER NEED TO LIE!!"

Terry DiRutigliano
Junior Editor





BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB ANNUAL DINNER AND SQUARE DANCE

Place: Birch Lake Basketball Camp Dining Hall
 Time: Serving continuously from 5:00 to 6:00 Michigan Time
 6:00 to 7:00 Indiana Time
 Cost: \$2.50 adults - \$1.50 children 12 and under
 Tickets must be purchased by August 15. Tickets may be purchased from the following ladies:

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 Mrs. Bruce Harlan
 Mrs. Herbert Howard
 Mrs. Jack Troeger

West Side: Mrs. Herman Kruggel
 Mrs. Dan Claro
 Mrs. Jack Asire
 Mrs. Floyd Fulmer

North Side: Mrs. Bill King

East Side: Mrs. Glenn Myers
 Mrs. Barry Schaar
 Mrs. Bernie Weesner

Nun-U-Kumok Hill: Mrs. LaMar King

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BIRCH LAKE NEWS

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Walter Gaeitke in the loss of her son, Paul, of South Bend, Indiana and Birch Lake. Paul died Wednesday, July 29 in South Bend. He was born in South Bend, Indiana on March 4, 1945. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Walter Gaeitke of South Bend; a brother, Walter of St. Charles, Illinois and three sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Hoel of Kokomo, Indiana, Mrs. Magdaline Corbin of Cincinnati, Ohio and Mrs. Gloria Prewitt of Muncie, Indiana. Funeral services were conducted Sunday in the Community Congregational Church by Rev. Paul Harris.

Bill Lloyd spent the past week visiting his mother in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. and Mrs. John Nyberg and family spent the week at the Waggoner Cottage. On Wednesday they entertained Dr. Nyberg's office staff; Diana Kirk, Mary McCarthy, Barbara Wooley, Charlotte Csabi, Debbie Frayman, and a good time was had by all.

Lt. Jeff E. Asire, Yuma Proving Grounds, Yuma, Arizona, is visiting his parents this week. Nancy C. Asire, of Kansas City, Missouri spent the weekend at Birch Lake too.

Its 3 weeks of vacation rest at Birch Lake for Rose Klappauf?? Kathleen and Ed Fenrich (the former Kathleen Klappauf) will visit Grandma Bernaciak for a few days.

The Rieth Plumbing and Heating picnic was held Saturday for the employees and families at the Rieth Cottage 301, and was attended by sixteen adults, and fifteen children. The chicken-bar-b-q turned out delicious, and the weather was wonderful for boating, skiing, swimming and horseshoe playing.

Mr. R. G. Walker spent a couple of days with his step-daughter, Mrs. Rieth, Cottage 301, and enjoyed an old fashioned "oil lamp" lighted evening while the electricity was "off Again" and the weather was lousy.

Sunday guests at the Rieth's were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Meek of Goshen, Mr. and Mrs. Don Wardle, Janine Wardle and Joy Booko of Three Rivers, and Mrs. Chas. Tansley of Battle Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Inman and daughter, Debbie, will be staying at the Rieth's "Bobby-Sitting" while Bud and Louise Rieth are on vacation at Kentucky Lake, Kentucky for a few days. Mrs. Inman is the former Carol Rieth, so this will be a vacation for her too.

Mrs. Lavon Breece and her father, E. T. Purdy, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. John Purdy of Dowagiac to the Harry Yapple residence at Munster, Indiana Sunday. While there they visited her sister, Mrs. Yapple in St. Margaret's Hospital in Hammond, Indiana. Mrs. Yapple had the misfortune of falling Thursday in her home and breaking her leg.

Leslie and David McGann of Goshen are spending some time with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Lafferty.

For the first time in 5 years Mr. and Mrs. Al Williams will be reunited with their two sons who are currently in the armed forces. Along with Jim and Jerry will be their families. Jim's wife and child, Nancy, and Gwen and Jerry's family, Connie his wife and his three children, Carmen, Jeff and John. They will be staying at Mr. Williams' Cottage #0 for the remainder of August and will enjoy the pleasures of the clear waters of Birch Lake.

James Gohn of Cassopolis spent the week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Gohn. Mrs. C. R. Stevens of Cassopolis spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Gohn.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Duncan of Mishawaka were Sunday guests of the C. R. Cowens, #308.

The Ken Bernaciak Family will be with Klappauf's, Fenrich and Grandma Bernaciak at Birch Lake for one week's vacation.

Kris Ball of Elkhart, age 12, caught several bass last week, including a 17" largemouth. She is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Eberhart. (One of the editors of the Birch Barker is mighty envious).

The Jensens returned safely from a 6 weeks vacation in Covina, California with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Greening (Ray and Bob). They report a wonderful trip. Sunday the Jensens entertained "The Chiakong Group" with 20 present. This group has been gathering since 1923.

Libby Holtz of Elkhart was a guest of Mike Newman at Cottage 46 last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Eph Gass of Mooresville, Indiana spent the week with the John Balls. Grandma made 2 pies - a coconut cream and a lemon merange.

They were delicious! Terry Yeager, Ann Butler and Sandy Noel were John, Jr's. guests.

We were happy to see Mel Hibschan at the lake again last Friday night. He hopes to spend more time here in the near future.

Chuck Hibschan underwent an emergency appendectomy on July 27 in Kenosha, Wisconsin. He is reported to be doing good.

Don and Mary Alice Erhardt, Cottage #4, returned from a visit to Spring Lake, North Carolina where they visited their daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Tom Wilcox. Tom is stationed at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. The Erhardt Family at Cottage #4 were hosts at the 21st Annual Scott reunion. 46 guests were present.

Our thanks this week to Mike, Anina and Dawn Scofield for their help in assembling and stapling the Birch Barker. Even the dog tried to help. Sally Hayden had good intentions but arrived just as the last one was finished. A mighty good crew of workers.

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EDITOR'S SOUND OFF

A Birch Lake east-side resident writes, "I am willing to have my drains inspected..." "How many of you lake residents are willing?" A good question!! A very good and vital question!!

The time is coming, sooner than we think, when it will be a matter of NECESSITY that we have a sanitation inspection of ALL drainage into Birch Lake.

Who wants a miniature Lake Erie? What property owner can afford it? LETS HAVE AN INSPECTION NOW! If it was important to Diamond Lake property owners isn't it equally important to You?

Of course there will be opposition. Anyone who knows he is draining into the lake either from bathroom, sink or laundry facilities is going to scream. If you can afford the luxury of a lake property can you afford a dirty lake?

Its simple -- either we residents hand together -- or -- we can easily "hang" separately. Everyone has a right to clean water.

MEMO TO A NON-RESIDENT

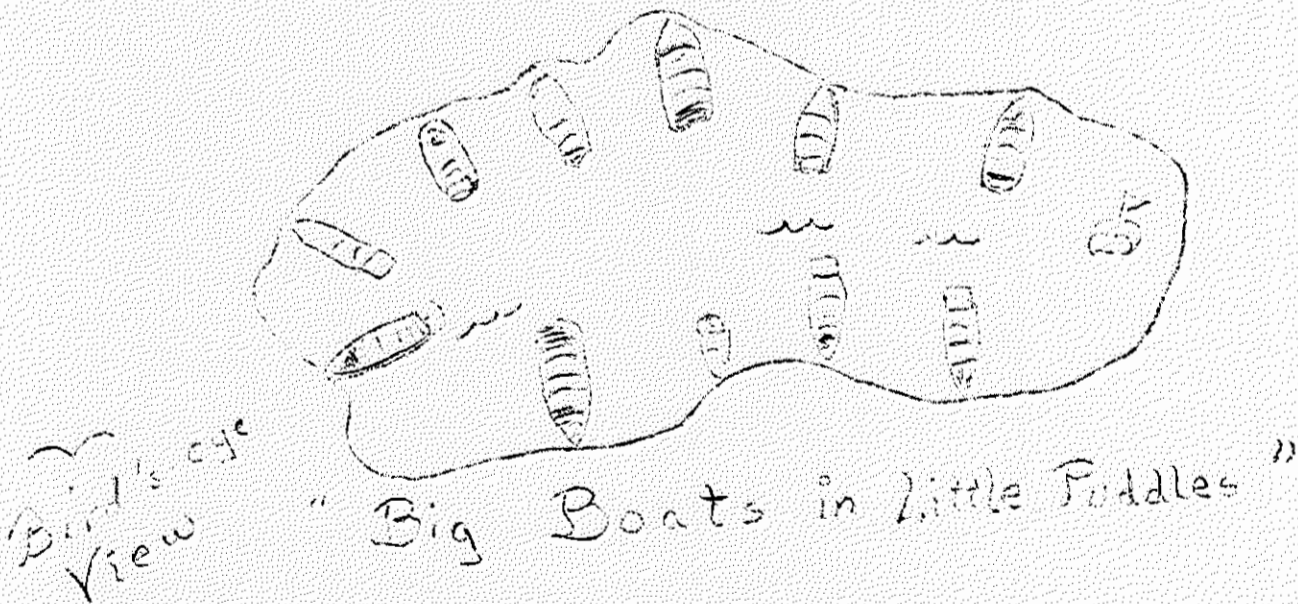
Last week-end you persisted in driving over an area in which Scuba-divers were searching for a lost outboard motor - despite the fact that warning float with a conspicuous flag was present. Your boat registration number was taken. Unless you wish to inspect the interior of the Cass County Bastile we suggest you do not try any further act/s of this kind, at Birch Lake, or any Michigan lake. (Praemors, praemonitus est - forewarned is forearmed).

MEMO TO TOWNSHIP AND COUNTY OFFICIALS

What is necessary to establish a limitation of motor horse-power contingent upon lake acreage area? If the present trend continues in a few more years we will have Great Lakes and Ocean-size yachts on our 400 acre lake. Some place along the line there must be a stopping point.

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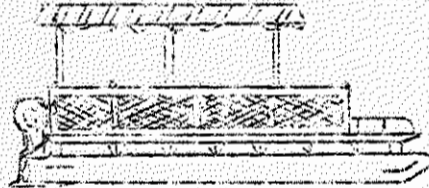


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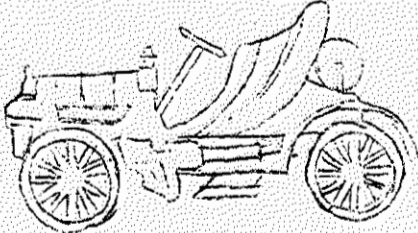


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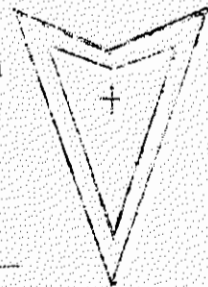
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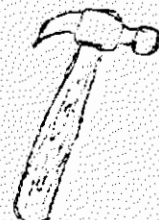
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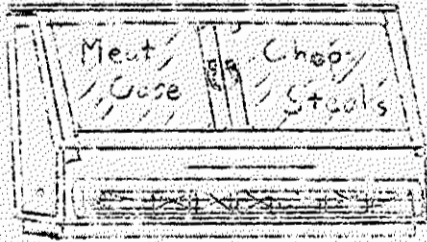
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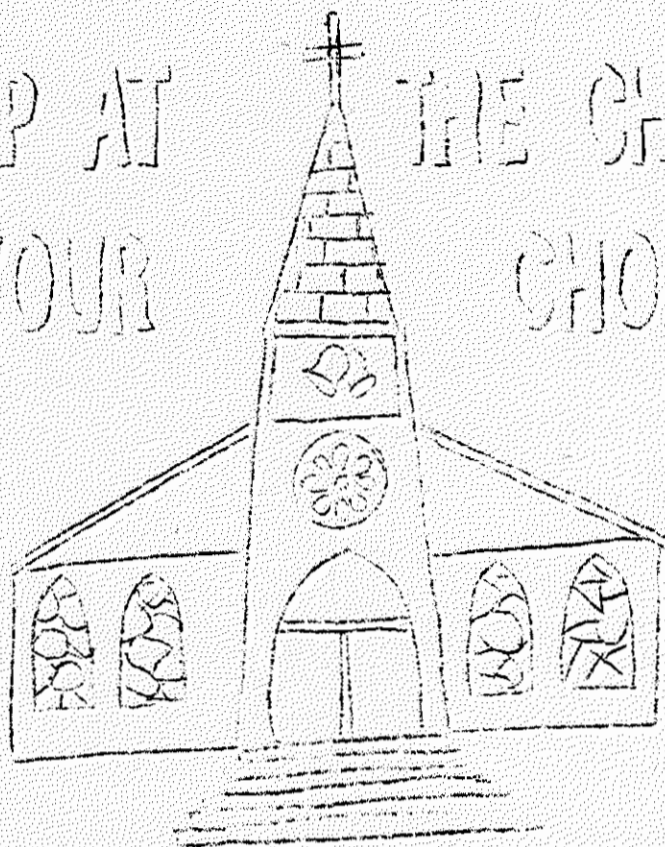
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