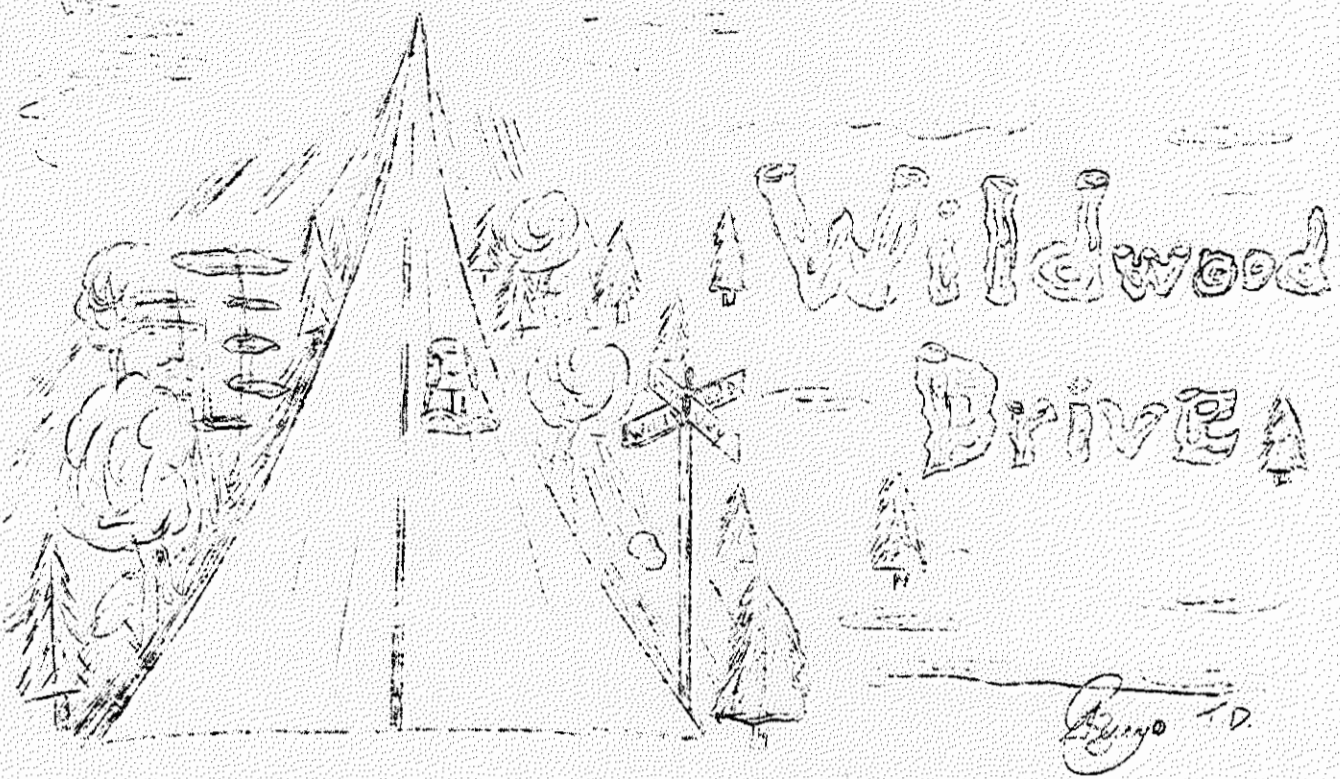
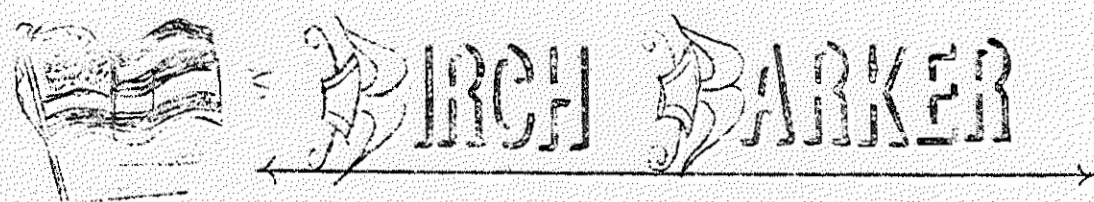


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Most of the residents of Woodland Cove are happy with the new blacktop on Wildwood Drive, connecting the Cove with Harvey Street. We are especially happy that it was done in such a manner that we still have the same winding, scenic drive down thru the woods, of which we are so proud, and without the removal of any of the trees.

It took years of negotiations with the Michigan State Highway Department at Lansing, the Cass County Road Commission and the Porter Township Board to accomplish this and we wish to thank the Cass County Engineers, the Porter Township Commissioners and the Porter Township Board for their interest, patience and cooperation to accomplish this.

This project was done thru an agreement between The Woodland Cove Association and the Porter Township Board who contracted with the Cass County Road Commission to do the grading, draining and blacktopping according to specifications and after conference with the State Highway Department, at a cost to the Woodland Cove Association of \$2190.00 which had to be paid before work was started.

However, we are disappointed and unhappy because a very few residents of The Cove have not paid their share or only a portion of their share. We are very grateful to the several parties who are neither members of The Woodland Cove Association nor residents of the Cove who contributed so generously. We hope that after driving down the new Wildwood Drive the others will feel obligated to pay.

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A NON-RESIDENT'S REACTION

I have the good fortune to have relatives who own a cottage on this beautiful lake so I usually get to spend two or three peaceful and enjoyable weekends a year here. This summer the pleasure of the trip was compounded by the smooth, easy ride down to the lake on the new blacktop road.

When I asked about the road I was told that almost all of the cottage owners had chipped in and shared in the cost of the blacktop. I wasn't at all surprised to hear that this had been a community effort, but I did find it strange that not everyone took part.

After all, everyone who lives here will benefit and anyone who ever tried

to angle his way among the chuck holes on the old dirt lane would have to know the pavement was needed.

However, I guess it is not really so surprising after all. There are always a few who don't seem to care. There are always a few who throw trash in the water, or who speed on the access roads behind the cottages, or cut their boats across the paths of others. There doesn't seem to be much that can be done about it, but it is sure a good thing not many people are like that.

At any rate, this note is simply intended as a "Thank You" to all of those "Birch Lakers" who, because they appreciate what they have, make it so pleasant for wistfully envious visitors like me.

J. Blue

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### POLLUTION

Now that the lake season is drawing to a close, all Birch Lakers should ask themselves the following questions:

1. Have you checked your motor boat, power mowers, cottage heating system, etc.? Are they working properly and not spewing out large amounts of unburned fuel?
2. Have you thrown all litter in bags or trash cans--not into the lake or roads?
3. Have you been using detergents that are low in phosphates, or better yet, soap? Remember that in switching from detergents to soap, you must remove the detergent build-up or clothes will turn yellow. This can be done by washing clothes once in 4 tablespoons of washing soda; then wash in soap flakes or powder plus 2 to 4 tablespoons of washing soda.
4. Have you been saving old newspapers and magazines instead of burning them? The Salvation Army picks up old newspapers and magazines and the Packaging Corporation of America buys waste papers.
5. Have you avoided persistent and/or excessive use of pesticides and fertilizers?
6. Have you had your septic tank and water wells checked this summer?
7. Are you buying products that come in either re-usable or returnable packaging or bottles? The going rate is  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per aluminum can for Sterling or Drevry's at Bremen Iron and Metal, 3113 South Gertrude Street; Hurwich Iron Company, 1610 Circle, South Bend; and South Bend Bailing and Iron at 1421 South Walnut. Helminen at 683-5499 in Niles can be called for pick-up.
8. Have you been enjoying outdoor recreation that does not require mechanization? Canoeing, hiking, walking, swimming, and sailing are activities that do not pollute--and they also help to take off unwanted inches!!!

Ideally, it would be nice if all Birch Lakers could answer yes to the above 8 questions. Realistically, let's all get to work and by next summer be able to score 100!!!

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### A READER'S REACTION

It seems the great write up about pollution of the lake did not help! Detergent suds are still bubbling almost every day of the week on the east side. Don't people really care about polluting this beautiful lake? Will we have to take drastic steps and have each home drain inspected (SEASONAL OR PERMANENT RESIDENTS) like the inspection on Diamond Lake, or will people cooperate? What is the next step residents of Birch Lake??

East Side Resident

SAILING NEWS

SUNFISH SAILING RESULTS AS OF 8/9/70

<u>Place</u>	<u>Boat Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Race 1</u>	<u>Race 2</u>	<u>Races</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	21923	Carpenter	1	4	11	1576
2	14766	Claro	3	2	12	1547
3	14310	Troeger	2	5	10	1527
4	130	Machalleck	8	1	12	1494
5	25075	Tunnecliff	4	3	9	1413
6	20909	Cowen	5	13	14	1430
7	25131	Spratt			10	1291
8	22898	Feote			8	1287
9	21351	King	10	6	14	1235
10	24252	Kruggel	12	11	14	1218
11	14580	Troeger	11	12	13	1173
12	17992	Harlan	13	9	12	1138
13		Hague	9	7		1110
14	29329	Axelberg	6	8	8	1103
15		O8Brien	6			1088
16	29079	Courtney	7	10	11	1018
17		Williams		14	12	937
18		Mullane			1	794
19	16039	Ball			3	763
20		Lennon			2	722

SNIPES AND SUNFISH RESULTS AS OF 8/16/70

SNIPES

SUNFISH

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place</u>		<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place</u>	
		<u>1st Race</u>	<u>2nd Race</u>			<u>1st Race</u>	<u>2nd Race</u>
13835	Milne	1	1	14766	Claro	1	1
15218	Hague, Brian	2	4		Hague, Barry	2	3
15500	Hague, B.J.	3	2	21923	Carpenter	3	4
9432	Troeger	4	3	14310	Troeger	4	7
13836	Holtz	5	5	21351	King	5	10
18399	Varga	6	6	130	Machalleck	6	5
				25075	Tunnecliff	7	2
				17992	Harlan	8	11
				29392		9	9
				24252	Kruggel	10	13
				14580	Troeger	11	8
				20909	Cowen	12	6
				22429		13	12
				25131	Spratt	14	15
				29079	Courtney		14

The first "Mrs." Sunfish race was held on Sunday, August 14. Twelve boats adorned with "Birch's Bathing Beauties" and their "Mates" sailed to the beat of Bob Axelberg's band - an unexpected extra. Let's hope this can become an annual event with appropriate trophies and perhaps even a starting gun!!

Our unofficial report lists the following standings:

#20909	Peg and Dick Cowen
#14580	Janet and Jack Troeger
#22429	Jo and Max Knoop
#130	Mrs. and Steve Machelleck
#14766	Barb and Dick Green
#17992	Juanita and Bruce Harlan
#25165	Gussie and Bill Echols
#29392	Jean and Bob Axelberg
White Sail	Nancy and John O'Brien
#28079	Norma and Albert Courtney
#25131	Ginny and Archie Spratt
#21351	Le and Bill King

#### L A K E N E W S

The B.L.Y.C. is sponsoring the Annual Dinner on August 22nd. Herm Kruggel and Bill King, owner-operators of the Basketball Camp, are donating their facilities for the dinner and do not assume responsibility for accidents, injuries, and/or property loss or damage while their donated property is being used.

The B.L.Y.C. has purchased the Luxenberger pontoon boat for official club use.

The Second Annual Golf Stag and Dinner was held on Friday, August 14. Those in attendance had a fine time - we hope more of you can attend next year. Thank you, Bob Axelberg, for planning this event.

#### A "THANK YOU"

The beautiful flowers sent by the Woodland Cove Association and the Birch Lake Yacht Club were very much appreciated at this time. Many thanks from

Mrs. Walter A. Gaedtke and families

Travel movies of a TWA De luxe Charter Tour of the Far East and Switzerland were enjoyed by Cove residents on Tuesday night in The Woodland Cove Summer Theater. They were taken and shown by Jack Asire. Thanks Jack and Evelyn.

Jack B. Asire was the speaker at the Niles Rotary Luncheon last Monday. His subject was TWA's new Jumbo Jets, the Boeing 747.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Needler of Lakeville, Indiana were luncheon guests of The Fulmers on Wednesday.

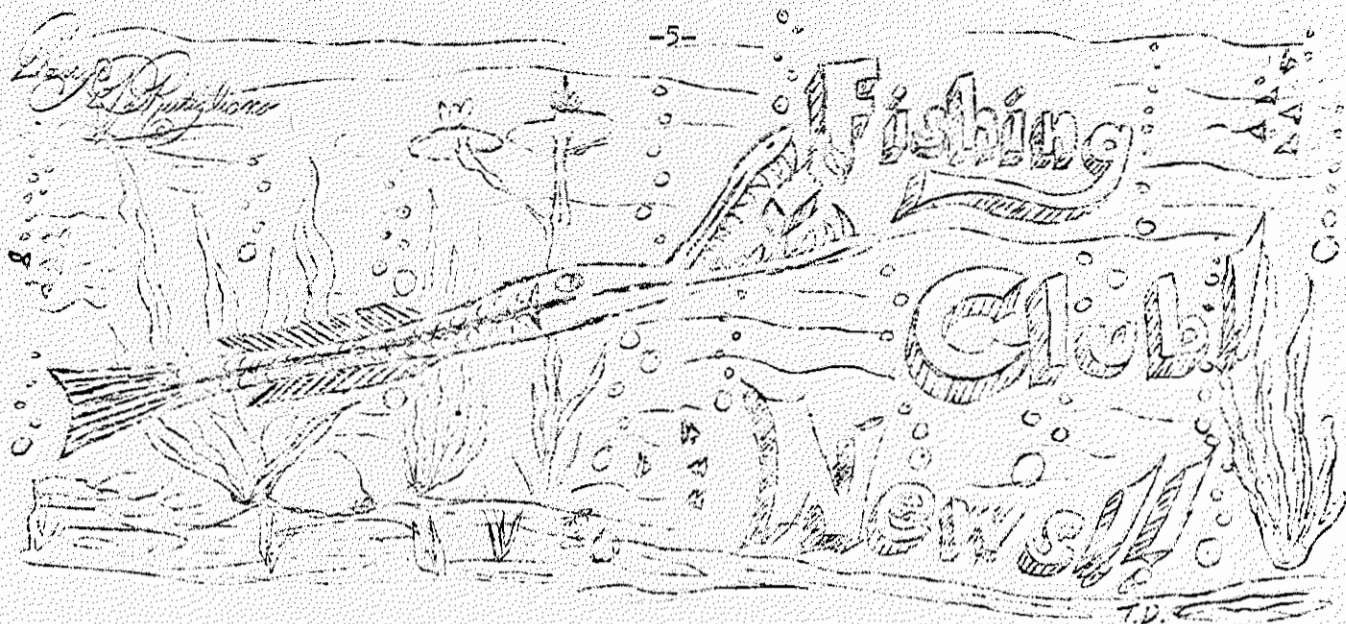
The Valley Screen Process Company picnic was held at the Heckber's Cottage #302R in the Cove Saturday, August 15th. Fun was had by all.

Miss Dorothy Gohn of Chicago is spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gohn.

Beverly and Ken Kroustedt of Minneapolis, Minnesota and Baby Karen were guests of Beverly's grandmother, Mrs. Howard M. Lehr.

Dorothy and Wade Rober and son of Mooresville spent the weekend visiting the John Ball's. Good sailing, good food and good company were enjoyed by all.

31 members of the Shewman Klan invaded Cottage #303 Sunday for their annual reunion. Guests came from Akron, Denver, Peru and Indianapolis, Indiana. Hope they all had fun.



The Fishing Club had their second meeting last Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the B.L.Y.C. with a large number attending and many representing people who could not make it. All those attending for the first time were informed of the first meeting's results, and what was planned for the future.

The first topic of discussion was to send representatives from the Fishing Club to the Conservation Department in Plainwell, Michigan, to discuss with Mr. Schroeder, the Department Manager, the following:

1. Try to get some fish stocked in the lake
  2. Find out why fishing is not as good as in previous seasons
  3. Why there are not as many of our naturally grown fish being caught
- Gar fish are another problem Birch faces. They are of no importance to the natural balance in Birch. They greatly feed on eggs freshly spawned and eat their weight in fish a day. Where are all the Gar fish hunters?

A petition will soon be passed around the lake for the SOLE PURPOSE of making the Conservation Department realize that the general mood of Birch is to better its fishing.

Terry DiPutigliano - Junior Editor

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Steve Gattman, 14, son of Dr. and Mrs. George Gattman, left Saturday for football team try-outs for West Side Jr. High School of Elkhart. Steve hopes to be guard or tackle. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Wright and family of Maryland spent the past week with the Dr. Gattman's of Woodland Cove. Mrs. Wright is the sister of Mrs. Gattman. The Wright children, Dick, Jim and Carol, also were guests. Don Bloedel, brother of Mrs. Gattman, arrived for a short visit also.

The Past Presidents Club of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Tent 24 of South Bend spent the day with Mrs. O. J. Mais on August 6th. Guests were: Mrs. Earl Johnson of Niles; Mrs. Lynn Hoke; Mrs. George Wenrick; Mrs. Seyler Wiltefong; Mrs. C. K. Curtis; Mrs. Richard Wagener; all of South Bend. Mrs. Minnie Wendt and sons, Robert and Luis, and wife Margaret, spent Sunday with Mrs. Mais.

Bob Rieth and Dean Myers went to Chicago to the basketball game given by The South Bend Tribune for the carriers and appreciate their substitute carriers for the day, who were Chris Blackwood and Norman Monroe.

Dave Whisler of Elkhart was the guest of Bob Rieth, Cottage #301, for a couple of days during which time they enjoyed the lake and also went to the Cass Fair. Mrs. A. R. Rieth was hostess for the Susannah Wesley Circle of the Calvary United Methodist Church of Elkhart on Wednesday afternoon for a potluck dinner. Mrs. Jack Herrli, Mrs. Anna Lundblade and Mrs. Oscar Fore were the only ones

that could attend, so the meeting was postponed until next month - but the dinner was enjoyed anyhow.

The Jim Blue's and girls, Lisa and Dawn, from Barrington spent the weekend at their parents and grandparents, the Starr Wentworths.

Glad to report that Anina Scofield made it up on skis this week. Congratulations.

The Birch Barker was assembled this week by Anina Scofield, Margaret Blackwood and Steve Gattman. Our thanks to all of you. Anina will probably be too busy making use of that early birthday gift she received to help this week.

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1 Yellow Adolf Kiefer Ski - if found please contact cottage #11

El Diablo Slalom - has initial (E) on emblem. Contact Cottage #264 or call 476-2400.

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EDITOR'S SOUND - OFF



NOW HEAR THIS !!! Cass County Sheriff, James Northrop, put out a mighty informative 25 page book entitled "Cass County Sheriff's Safety Guide." Among the subjects included in the book are: Michigan's Implied Consent Law, Accident Reporting, School Bus Law, Michigan Marine Act of 1967, outline of gun laws in the matter of purchase, carrying and licensing of guns, both firearms and pellet and BB guns. Did you know that under Michigan Law an air pellet-pistol is considered a concealed weapon and subjects the person carrying it to the same penalty and license requirements as any other firearm? Sure - and the Editor didn't know it either!! Also, that a BB pistol

or hand gun can't be legally possessed or used outside the parent's property boundaries by anyone under 21 years of age unless the minor is accompanied by a person OVER 21 years of age?

Birch Lake has fortunately been almost free of problems relating to guns, with only an occasional youngster in a boat carrying a pellet or other air gun and it is likely that their parents did not know of this Michigan Law either. So perhaps this will be helpful.

Some time ago an article appeared, I believe in the National Rifleman magazine, reporting that trap and skeet shooting over ponds and lakes resulted in the lead shot-gun pellets which were distributed in the lakes producing a lead poisoning in water-fowls, ducks, geese, etc. and in some fish that picked up the shot in seeking food. Just another form, unexpected, of man-made pollution of water. Manufacturers are trying to find a substitute for lead in making shotgun pellets.

And a "thank you" to the Sheriff and his department for helping to reduce the "Ignorance of the Law..." which we all have (including lawyers and judges). Remember (from the book) the three "C's" --

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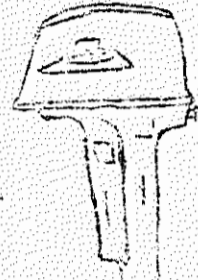
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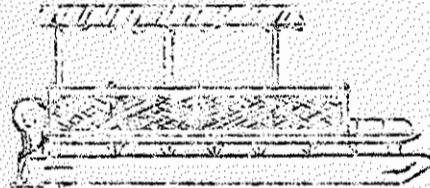
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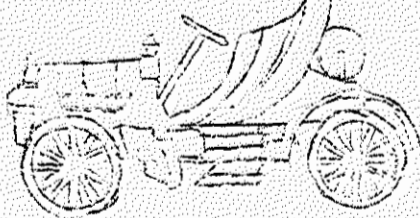
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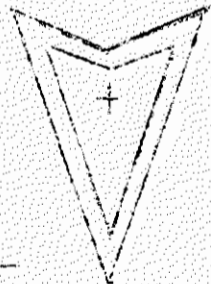
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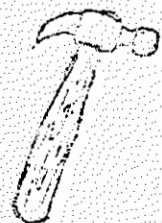
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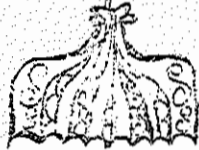
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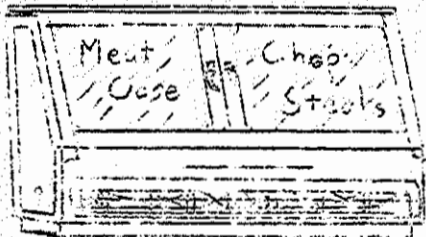
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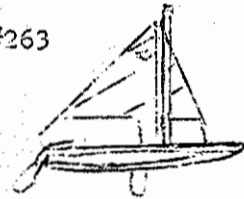
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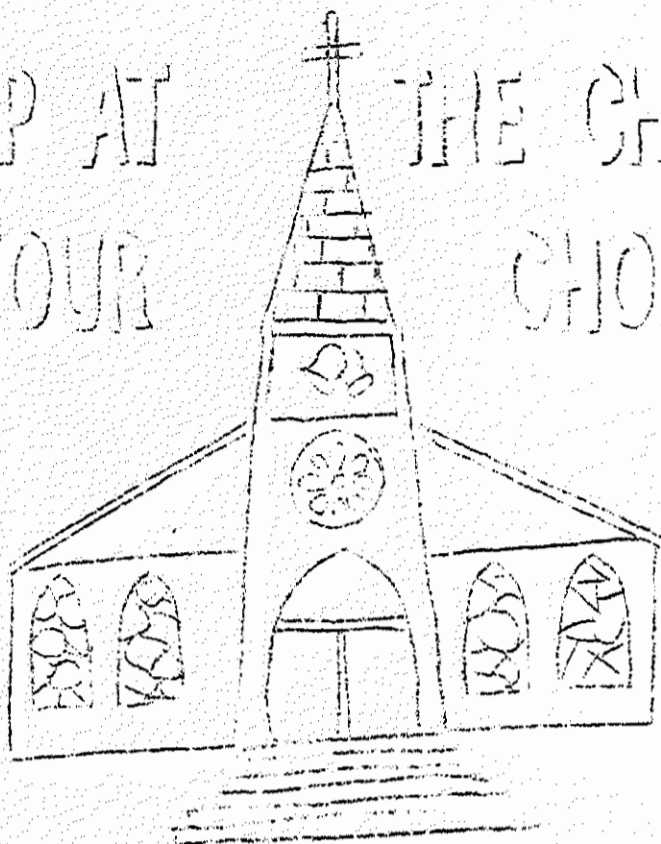
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