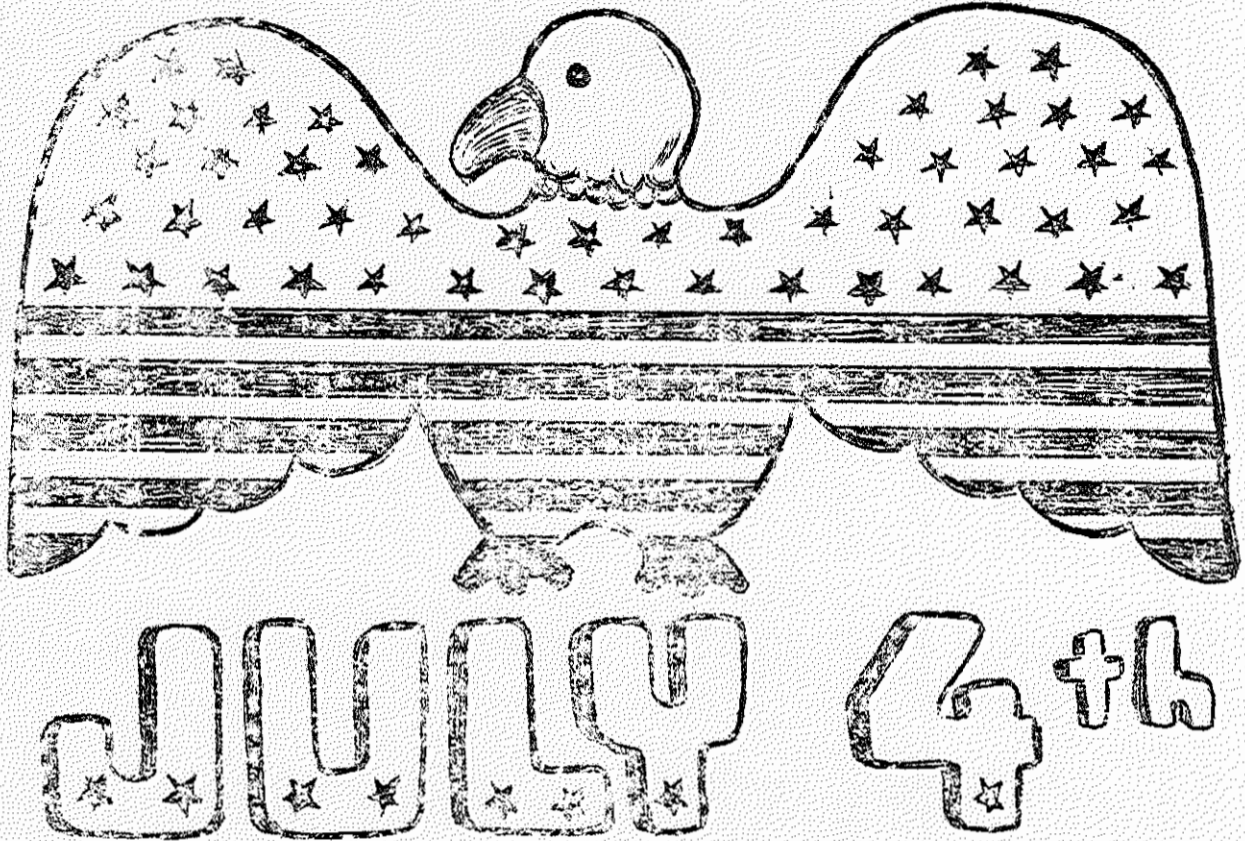


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# THE BIRCH BARKER

July 3, 1971.



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Greetings from your friendly Marine Deputy:

With the increasingly hot weather we have been having lately the Sheriff's Department has had many more complaints than usual concerning boats. Many of our complaints have been about boats running at high speed after dark. Some with running lights and some without. Last weekend there were 12 citations issued for these offenses, all after 10:00 P.M. Before you do it, ask yourself if the pleasure you will get from it will be worth the harm it may cause another person. If you are still not convinced, then ask yourself how much it will cost you if you get caught?

The month of May was Water Safety Education Month in Michigan. To date this year more than 600 teenagers have completed the safe boating course given by the Sheriff's Department. If you are between the ages of 12 and 16 contact the Sheriff's Department at 445-2481 to find out where and when the next class will be.

July 4th to July 10th is National Safe Boating Week. This is also the busiest time of the year for our lakes. Please do your part in making National Safe Boating Week a success.

Cleopatra's barge was the last word in pleasure boating 2000 years ago, but times have changed. Today, for more fun afloat, your boat must have proper equipment. Do you carry a life-saving device for

each passenger? A fire extinguisher? Proper lighting? Make sure before you take your boat out again. Safe boating week would be a good time to check your boat over to see if you have all of the required equipment.

Remember the ABC of water sports. ALWAYS BE COURTEOUS.

Ted Peak  
Cass County Marine Deputy

BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB

Treasurer's Report for 1970

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Spring Dinner	\$ 351.85	Taxes	\$ 103.37
Dances	11.84	Electricity	73.94
Membership	444.50	Insurance	88.00
Jr. Membership	14.25	Fireworks	427.25
Fireworks	505.00	Spring Dinner	362.85
Birch Barker Sub.	149.75	Memorials	10.20
Birch Barker Adv.	81.00	Barker Supplies	148.31
Pop Machine	7.90	Pop	15.00
Golf Stag	205.00	Dances	15.50
Boat Storage	195.00	Jr. Club	9.40
Sale of Boat	150.00	Trophies	159.23
Raffle (canoe)	299.00	Float Boat	945.90
Annual Dinner	516.15	Club Maintenance	23.28
Sailors Dues (Sunfish)	80.00	Annual Dinner	441.41
Miscellaneous	65.00	Canoe (inc. Raffle tickets)	162.04
		Golf Outing	256.12
		Miscellaneous	41.09
	<u>\$3,076.24</u>		<u>\$3,282.89</u>
Balance January 1, 1970		\$2,080.11	
Receipts 1970		<u>3,076.24</u>	
		\$5,156.35	
Less Expenses 1970		<u>3,282.89</u>	
Balance		1,873.46	
Bank Balance			
January 1, 1971		\$1,873.46	

Virginia Spratt, Treasurer

SAILING NEWS

SUNFISH SCORING - Sunfish standings are determined by a point system as follows: The first place boat gets the square of 40 or 1600 points; the second place boat gets the square of 39 or 1521 points; the third place boat gets the square of 38; the fourth place gets the square of 37 and so on down the line. The points gained for each race are added and divided by the number of races sailed which gives the average points. A bonus of 10 points per race sailed is awarded and added to the average to come up with the final points.

NOTES FOR SUNFISH SAILORS

Your sailing fee of \$5.00 is payable today. Please bring the money to Cottage #354 (Cowens).

During the race, when rounding a mark if any part of your boat (including boom and sail) should hit the mark you must go around the mark again to stay in the race. It is a foul to hit a mark and unless you round the mark again you are disqualified. So if you should hit a mark just swing around it again and stay in the race.

A minimum of 12 season races must be sailed to qualify for final season standings.

SUNFISH STANDINGS

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>No. of Races</u>	<u>6/27 Race 1</u>	<u>6/27 Race 2</u>	<u>Average Plus Bonus</u>
1	Troeger, T	4	1	1	1601
2	Carpenter	4	6	2	1468
3	Machalleck	1	4	0	1379
4	Cowen	4	8	5	1377
5	Hague	4	2	3	1343
6	Kruggel	4	5	6	1339
7	Doolittle	4	3	11	1256
8	Harlan	1	0	6	1235
9	O'Brien	2	0	0	1109
10	Foote	2	0	0	1096
11	Spratt	2	0	0	1088
12	Troeger, S.	4	10	9	1050
13	Courtney	4	7	7	1024
14	Tunnicliffe	4	11	8	1018
15	Williams	2	9	10	1012
16	King	2	0	0	981

SNIPER STANDINGS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Race 1 6/28</u>	<u>Race 2 6/28</u>
Troeger	1	1
Varga	2	3
Speck	3	DNF
Bickert	4	2
Howard	5	5
Post 50 Scouts	6	4

LAKE NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

Gladys J. Stacks of Niles, Michigan became the bride of Richard D. Parnell of Niles, Michigan on June 26, 1971 at 4 p.m. in a garden ceremony at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Parnell, at Birch Lake, Michigan. A reception in the garden followed immediately. Attendants were Kathy Parnell, Maid-of-Honor, Mrs. Michael Webster, Mrs. Douglas Teeple, Mrs. Patrick Waldron, and Mrs. Becky Hatten, Bridesmaids; Cammie Athanas, Flower Girl; John G. Parnell, Jr., Best Man; Douglas Teeple, Patrick Waldron, Michael Webster and Robert Rood, Groomsmen. After a trip through the Smoky Mountains to Florida and to the Bahama Islands, the couple will reside in Niles.

Bonnie Jo Newman of South Bend, Indiana became the bride of Robert A Hague, Jr., also of South Bend, on June 26, 1971 at 6 p.m. in Grace United Methodist Church. The reception was held in Morey's Party House. Attendants were Julie S. Smith, Maid-of-Honor; Jill Modan, Diane Buczkowski and Cindy Ball, Bridesmaids; Brian W. Hague, Best Man; Greg M. Newman, Barry A. Hague, and Donald Olson, Ushers; and Brent W. Marks, Ring Bearer. After a trip to Miami Beach, Florida the couple will reside in Dowagiac, Michigan.

Debbie Sue Carpenter of Marion, Indiana became the bride of Anthony Glavin of Cambridge, Massachusetts on July 3 in Marion, Indiana. They will reside in Cambridge. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carpenter attended the wedding. Debbie is their granddaughter and has spent many of her summers at Birch Lake.

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Lisa, John and Aron Taylor will spend the 4th of July weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carpenter, Cottage #112. They will be accompanied by their parents, Jean and Fred Taylor from Fort Wayne.

Bernd Stolzenberg, who was an exchange student from Berlin, Germany, and lived with Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Rieth, has returned and is in training in New York City with the Lufthansa German

Air Line. Mr. Stolzenberg and Miss Helga Ladiges were the week-end guests of the Rieth family.

Dorothy Gohr of Chicago visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gohn, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jon P. Harris and family will spend two weeks starting on July 2nd in the Pennsylvanian.

The I. T. Bowers' cottage #307 reports: The Fun's Begun and we already hate to think of the reason that will end the season. Enjoying the lake on Saturday and Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sule and daughters, Cathy and Sherry; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kline and sons, Terry and Jeff; Mr. and Mrs. David Kinner; and Mr. and Mrs. Russ Holder, all of South Bend. Brian Kinner, his sister, Marsha, and her friend, Greg, enjoyed Monday at the lake.

The Jim Blue Family, Jim, Shirley, Liesa and Dawn, spent this week with Shirley's parents, Starr and Mildred Wentworth. Adult Fishermen Beware - Liesa caught and landed a 3 pound Bass.

Mahlon Eberhardt caught two Bass on one cast last week, using a rubber worm with a multi-hook harness.

Kim Price is home for thirty days after a year's service in the Army in Vietnam. He will report to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma at the end of his leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hauser and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ginalski of South Bend were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cowen, Cottage #308.

On the lighter side - Avanelle Cowen submits the following:

Having a party - or a picnic? You might be interested in the latest recipe to serve a large group of people.

ELEPHANT STEW

First, take one medium sized elephant - Salt and pepper to taste - 2 rabbits (optional).

Directions: Prepare the elephant by cutting it into bite size pieces. Add enough brown gravy to cover. Simmer slowly for three weeks. This will serve 3,802 people. If more are expected, add 2 rabbits, but only in case of emergency. Most people don't like hare in their stew.

If you could locate an elephant, we could plan this for the Yacht Club Dinner. Thought you might enjoy this little gem!!

LATE NEWS

The first social event of the season got off to a great start last Saturday nite as 85 Yacht Club members and their guests tried their luck at the gaming tables. Joe and Betty O'Brien, chairmen of the first annual Las Vegas nite, and their able crew of Joan and Bill Tunnicliffe, Tish and Bill Hayden, Catherine and Bernie Peczkowski, (friends from Corey Lake) kept the wheels humming, the cards flying and everybody entertained throughout the evening. And we weren't even raided !!

The next important event is the fireworks display Sunday evening the 4th of July and as last weeks Birch Barker mentioned, Floyd Fulmer has arranged to have a band of the Dixie Land variety serenade the waiting throngs via a pontoon boat.

A square dance will be held July 26th at the Yacht Club with Mr. Bert Mahnesmith calling. This has always been a very popular event and Bert makes even the two-left footed variety males right at home, so mark your calendars and plan to attend.

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LOST - one homemade shoe ski about 12 x 7 inches. If found contact Bill Carpenter Cottage #12 or Charlie Echols Cottage #26.

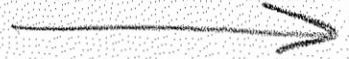
BABY SITTING. Would you like relief from your children while you do house work or errands? If so - call Cindy Spratt - 476-2113 Cottage #268 - 35¢ an hour.

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Now read This -

EDITORS SOUND-OFF



There have been several requests for a reprint of last year's item on "Riparian Rights" and, accordingly, a reprint is in this issue.

You will note that a "Riparian" is defined as a person (and also a corporation) that owns land located (fronting) on a lake, river or stream. In some states the State owns and controls water-front lands, generally on lakes and rivers and usually where dams have been constructed for power source/s for electricity and no citizen has "riparian" rights in such cases.

You will observe that naturally you have an EXCLUSIVE right to use what you own and this appears to include the water above "bottom-land" including shallow water off-shore from your beach. A distinction is made between ownership and right to use in the matter of a right to anchor offshore from your beach.

Some ideas pop up now and then, for example:

- (1) Wouldn't it be helpful if cottage owners had their names on their piers as an aid to their location?
- (2) Wouldn't it be safer for boaters if all rafts and floats more than 50 feet from shore had some illumination at night?
- (3) Wouldn't it be wise to establish by law or ordinance a requirement that persons swimming after dark remain behind moored rafts, moored floats and buoys?

# RIPARIAN RIGHTS

REPUBLISHED BY REQUEST

(A riparian is a person who owns property fronting upon a lake or stream)

## WHAT ARE RIPARIAN RIGHTS ? ?



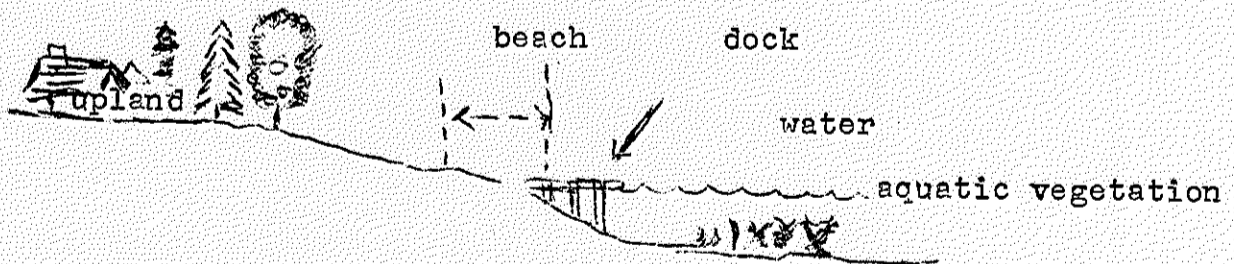
### YOU OWN

- the upland
- the buildings and dock
- your vegetation
- the bottomland offshore from your lot
- the aquatic vegetation growing on your bottomland
- the mineral rights under your bottomland
- the water over your bottomland
- the ice on your water surface
- the right to fish, hunt, boat, and swim on the entire lake surface in common with all other riparians.



### YOU HAVE EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO USE

- your upland
- your beach
- the shallow water offshore from your beach
- to anchor offshore from your beach



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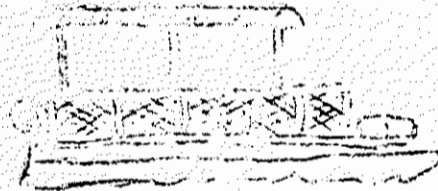
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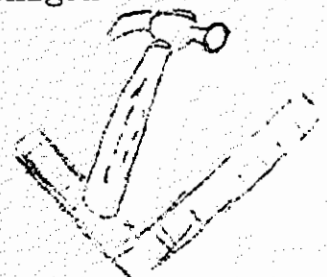
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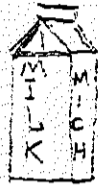
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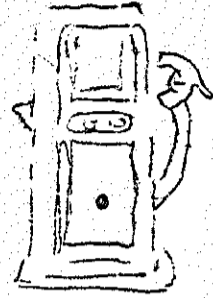


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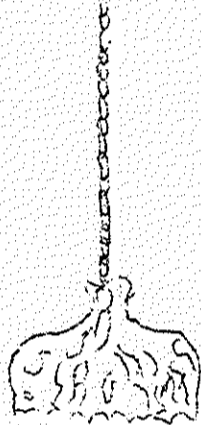
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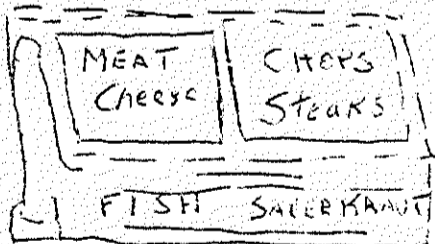
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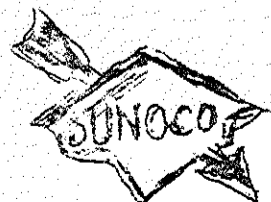


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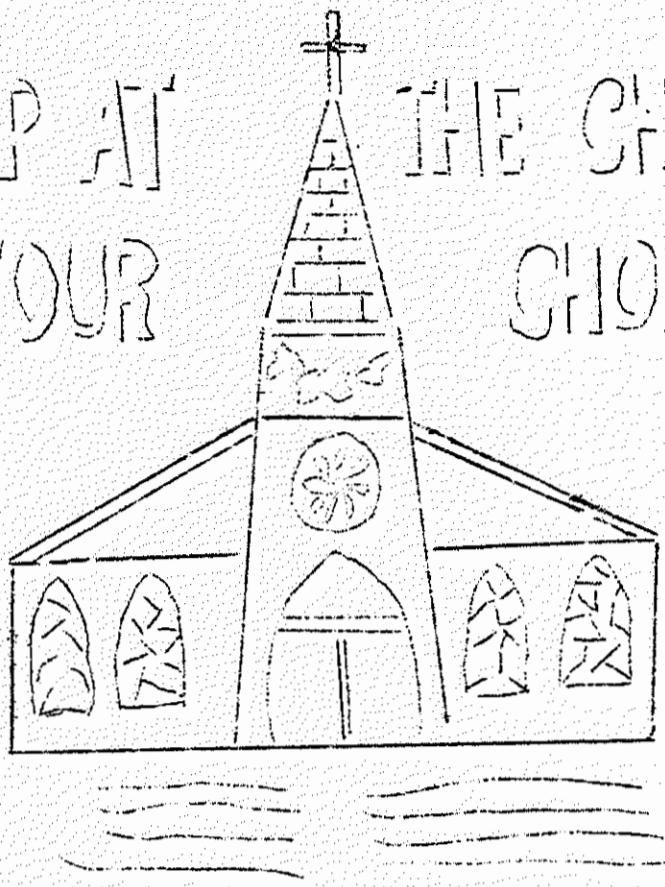
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