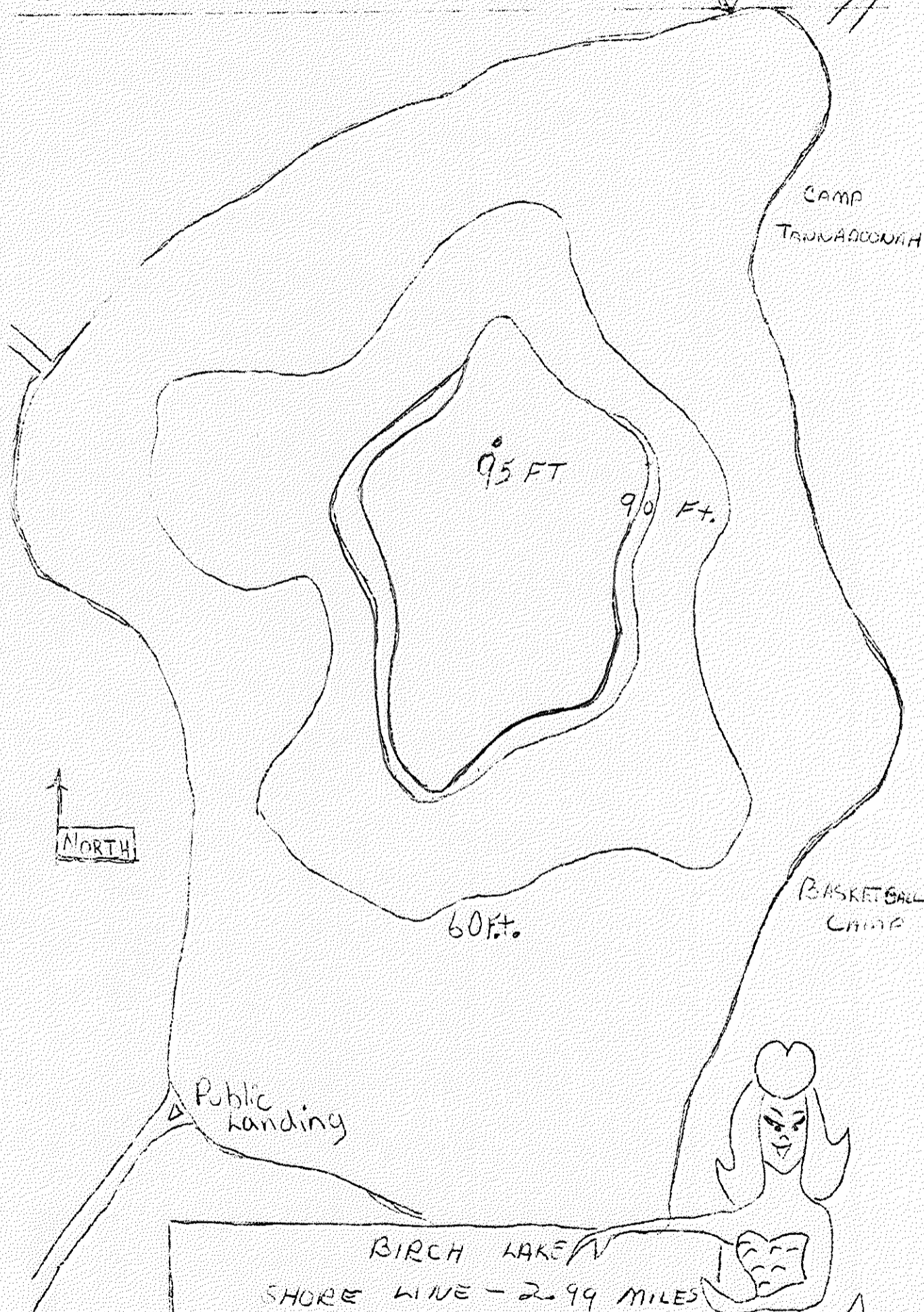


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# 6 - THE BIRCH BARKER

July 31st

1971



BIRCH LAKE  
 SHORE LINE - 2.99 MILES  
 ACRES - 295  
 DEEPEST SOUNDING - 95 FT.  
 WATER SURFACE  
 ELEVATION - 96.5



Information from Institute for Fisheries Research.

W & N  
 Scatfield

As we hit the half-way mark of the 1971 summer season at Birch Lake it gives me a chance to give a preliminary thank you to all who have worked with me and the other officers of the Yacht Club. Too few people realize how much hard work goes into the various sailing programs, the social events at the Club, and the normal everyday running of the Yacht Club---the behind-the-scenes---people. My thanks to all of them.

A very special thanks to the brave souls who planned and directed the Children's Party last Friday evening at the Yacht Club. Mrs. Herman Kruggel and Mrs. Dan Claro were Co-Chairmen, assisted very ably by -- Mrs. Robert Staton, Mrs. Clara Cox, and Mrs. John Scofield. Approximately 50 youngsters attended the party and participated in the fun and games and refreshments. Thanks, gals, for a beautiful job!!

My first paragraphs purposely gave no credit to the people who, every week, bring you the news of the lake and its people...the staff and management of the Birch Barker. I reserved a special thanks for them. Dorothea and Don Coleman for two years have been the faithful mainstays of the Barker serving in the capacity of co-editors. Combining their editorial and artistic crews with Floyd Fulmer and his production crew has made for a very smooth operation and I consider myself very fortunate to have had this fine group during my term of office as Commodore. It is, therefore, with much regret that I pass along the information that Mr. and Mrs. Coleman have asked to be relieved of their editorial duties. They feel that they have served their time and think that it would be best to allow someone else to share the editorial side. I did my best to try to change their mind, but I do understand and am very thankful that they were kind enough to serve as long as they have. So this is not only a thank you to the Colemans, but a plea for a volunteer or volunteers to serve as editor(s) for the next season. If you are interested in taking over the editorship of the Birch Barker next season, please get in touch with me at Cottage 50 or by phone, 476-9714. All replies will be welcomed!!

We have a date scheduled for the annual dinner...August 21!! And quite a surprise for the location, so mark the date on your calendars and we will be giving you more details in next week's Birch Barker. AUGUST 21...REMEMBER!!

Bruce Harlan  
Commodore-BLYC

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The following was contributed by an East Side resident:

The lake and summer season is more than half over and I think that most of us can say that we have again had a good time swimming, boating, etc. on Birch Lake. The Lake is treating us good but are we treating the lake just as good? Hopefully, all Birch Lakers can answer yes to 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 into bags or trash cans--not into the lake or on the 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 washing soda; then wash the clothes in soap flakes or powder plus 2 to 4 tablespoons washing soda.
4. Have you been saving old newspapers and magazines instead of burning them? Donate the papers to a paper drive or have the Salvation Army pick them up for you (in town).
5. Have you avoided the persistent and deadly pesticides? Have you cut down on your usage of pesticides and fertilizers--they might end up in the lake where people are swimming.

- 6. Have you had your septic tank and water wells checked this summer? Cass County Health Department recommends a regular schedule for septic tank cleaning and checking.
- 7. Are you buying products that come in either re-usable or returnable packaging or bottles?
- 8. For those morning coffees and get-togethers, take your own coffee mug and skip the styrofoam cups; use cloth napkins.
- 9. Flatten cans and box for disposal--takes up less room.
- 10. Do you peel the plastic liner from disposable diapers before placing them into the toilet? Better yet, use cloth diapers.
- 11. 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!!

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OLD TIMERS' SUNFISH SERIES

The first race of the series was sailed on July 25, with 7 stalwart sailors. Due to popular request, and weather permitting, the over 21 male contingent will race again on Sunday. Get your boats rigged and waiting to challenge the champions at 4:00 August 1.

Race results - July 25:

1	14766	Dick Green
2	14580	Jack Troeger
3	29079	Albert Courtney
4	17892	Bruce Harlan
5	25165	Bill Echols
6	22429	Max Knoop
7	No. number	John O'Brien

Mark your calendars for upcoming events:

August 8	Women's Race
August 22	Couples' Turnabout

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There will be a meeting of the Fisherman's Club on Saturday, July 31 at 2:30 p.m. at BLYC. Plan to attend

LAKE NEWS

They just couldn't stay away. Mr. and Mrs. Danny Warner of Cedar Lake, Indiana and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sergent and family, also from Cedar Lake, returned to Birch Lake early Saturday morning to Cottage #99. They left Sunday night with that old familiar saying "We'll be back"!!

Mrs. Vernon M. Ball of Elkhart, Indiana was an afternoon guest of the John Balls. Sandy Noel of Elkhart has been a guest throughout the week. Both enjoyed the water and good meals.

Stacy Machalleck is back on crutches again!! She had repair surgery on her foot Thursday at Borgess Hospital, Kalamazoo. She is doing fine and hopes to get home Sunday. There's always a silver lining to all bad things -- her sisters Gina and Paula, and brother Pete got to stay with Gramma from Wednesday to Friday nite so Stacy's parents could be with her. Did they ever enjoy the new slide recently acquired and in the water at Gramma's!!

"It never rains but it pours" -- Brian, 14 month old son of Mike and Katha Machalleck, was hospitalized in South Bend Thursday and Friday due to convulsions from a high fever due to an unknown infection.

Tests showed tonsillitis and possibly chickenpox to be the cause. He's home now and doing O.K.

The Machalleck cottage was the scene of the Green Giant Office Party Saturday afternoon. Jill and Ole Olsen and their daughters were honored guests of 30 co-workers and their spouses or guests at a Farewell Party. They are transferred to the Blue Earth, Minnesota plant. Water activities, games, and just talk kept everyone happy until a corn roast and loads of wonderful food took precedent. Needless to say, those here for the first time fell in love with Birch Lake and the old timers renewed their feeling and all want to come back.

Notice - To John Ball! Could you possibly have been out on the lake when you were taken by surprise? Paula Machalleck found a Pipe while playing in the swimming area last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carpenter at Cottage #112 are going to Vincennes on July 31st to the wedding of their oldest grandson, David Carpenter. He will marry Miss Susan Bailey of Vincennes. They attended Indiana State University. David was a regular visitor at Birch Lake for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. William Emge and daughters, Bridgette, Monica, Jaque and Julie are in cottage #132 as the guests of her parents, the Jack Kensills. Another daughter, Susan (Fenton), her family and Mrs. Karen Hussey of Elkhart were last week's guests. Needless to say, all had a good time, and wished for a longer time!!

Good friends and neighbors of the Everett Kaczmarek's from Michigan City had a wonderful and enjoyable few days here at Birch Lake last week.

The Everett Kaczmarek's guests for the week were their daughter, Rita Milchak, and her two children, Frankie, age 20 months, and Eric, age 9 months, from Gary, Indiana. They will be enjoying Birch Lake while husband, Frank, is spending two weeks at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin with the Army reserves.

Guests at Wee Wood the past few days have been Mrs. Ed. Partridge and their daughter, Patti, from Cincinnati. They were visiting the Partridges while their men folks, Ed. and Phil., are on a two weeks scouting trip to Philmont Scout ranch in New Mexico. Julie Partridge of Woodside, California was also a guest. Jodi Caenepeel is returning to Cincinnati with Patti and Sara for the rest of the week.

July 15 guests at the Jensens were Canasta group "The Jokers." Pot luck supper and cards kept everyone busy.

July 18th Les and Margaret Jensen entertained 16 members of their Chiakong Club, which has been meeting regularly since 1922. Guests were Edna and Wayne Stoller, Abe and Leah Cohen, Carl and Ethel Hillring, Evalyn and Walt Swanson, Mrs. Ruth Finch, Mrs. Vida Bure of Indian Lake, Mrs. Hallett Hummer, Miss Alpha Limpke of Laporte, Mrs. Virginia Elliott of Elkhart and Lillian, sister of the Swansons. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradfield.

The James Holdermans are spending 2 weeks at the Harold Holderman cottage.

Ken, Mary Ellen and Kevin Bernaciak will vacation at Birch Lake for 3 weeks and hope to enjoy the rest. Its birthday time for Mary Ellen Bernaciak on July 27. Belated best wishes and much happiness. Happy Birthday and very best of everything to Ken Bernaciak on July 31.

Talk about a low blow! John O'Brien The Elder entered the "Old Timers" race on Sunday against some of the "Old Pros". His start wasn't bad, but somehow he fell behind and was running last. As the Committee boat came into view, but still some way off, John tried to maneuver into position to cross the finish line only to see the Committee boat anchor coming up. The motor started and the boat headed for shore. This really culminated the O'Brien's sailing day because son-in-law, Carter Wolf, who subbed for Major in the first two races, also came in a distant last in both. The whole situation was particularly embarrassing because visiting the O'Brien's on Sunday was Father Joe Hattie of Ottawa, Canada. Father Joe is attending Notre Dame this

summer, working on his Doctorate and has been saying Mass at Camp Oberhart on Sundays. Even his prayers couldn't help the O'Brien sailors - so what will?

Buzz Rasmussen was back again - this time with only a \$7 shirt - and brother Rob.

Results of the Friday night session of The Woodland Cove Canasta Club are not available due to the effects of Sputnik.

Dan, Suz and Kelly Robinson of Madison Heights and Don, Donna and Kim McCampbell of Columbiaville thoroughly enjoyed their weeks stay- At Birch Lake. Time was spent at both the Languell and Shewman residences. Side trips were taken to the winery in Paw Paw, Kellogs in Battle Creek, Notre Dame and several other interesting places. The highlight of our vacation was the friendliness of the Birch Lake residents.

Recent luncheon guests of the Cox-Staton cottage included Mrs. Noble Reynolds, South Bend; Mrs. William Christman, Buchanan, Michigan; and Mrs. John Streibel, Woodstock, New York.

Welcomed back from a week of fun at Camp Tannadoonah is Jennifer Staton, Cottage #45. A list of new friends, songs and skills can be added to her summer memories. Jennifer and Beth Staton have almost grown fins as a result of 2 weeks of Red Cross swimming instruction given by the able instructor, Anne O'Brien Wolf. New swimming strokes, water safety, self confidence and endurance were among the skills learned in the courses. A hand of appreciation goes to Anne for offering the courses this summer.

Long-time friends of the Olsons, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Nellans, Kokomo, spent the weekend with Bill and Mary at #47. They will return in a couple of weeks to enjoy the beautiful Birch Lake air and water.

A belated "many thanks" to everyone who helped - and were so concerned when I "flipped" the car last fall. It was a frightening experience, but the assurances of friends and neighbors, Arlene Machalleck, the Schrocks, the Harlans, Jessie Huston, Inez Fergus, Mr. Shay, who hauled me out of the car, the Ebelings, and Mr. Carpenter, to name only a few, gave me the ability to keep my head and not "rock the car." My sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks, again - Mary Olson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Lafferty attended the Stanley reunion at Columbus Grove, Ohio. Monday they went to Crooksville, Ohio to attend the National Pottery Festival.

To All Seasonal and Permanent Residents: Lazy Lodge property on Harvey Street East of Birch Lake IS NOT A DUMP. It is private property. There are two signs posted! NO DUMPING!!

New Telephone Numbers to Add:

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FOR SALE: Kenmore sewing machine in maple desk cabinet. Good condition \$20.00. Contact Cottage #132 Jack Kensill. 476-2114.

SUNFISH FOR SALE: No other has beaten this one in five seasons standings - Keith Claro's "Green Demon". Cottage #376.

FOR SALE: About a cord of fireplace wood at Hillrings.

FOR SALE: 1 Singer Treadle sewing machine \$12.00 - 1 green print lounge chair, slip covered \$8.00 - 1 Childs rattan chair, slip covered \$6.00 - 2 pair new green print lined drapes 48 x 63 \$4.00 pr. See at Cottage #76 or #64.

FOR RENT: Cottage #64 - all of September - oil heated.

EDITOR'S SOUND-OFF

We thank you, Commodore, for the nice things you have said about us in your letter - and we have enjoyed our two year's work with the Birch Barker. We couldn't have made any progress without the assistance of a lot of active youngsters and the folks here at the lake.

But the "old order" must and should change for the New - and we sincerely believe others should be given the opportunity to develop their talents and The Birch Barker. So 1972 can bring in new style, format, and, praise The Lord, New Editorials!

Well now, I'm still thinking about name plates, etc. on piers, facing the lake. Anyone think of any reason not to have them?

THANK YOU - Counsellors, Officers, Staff and Youngsters who arranged for and provided the splendid serenade that was so enjoyed by shoreline residents of the lake. Our compliments to the camp members for their cooperative, friendly public relations activity which certainly makes the Camp a member of the Birch Lake Family. So, again, to Camp Tannadoonah - our thanks and congratulations for your addition to the status of Birch Lake.



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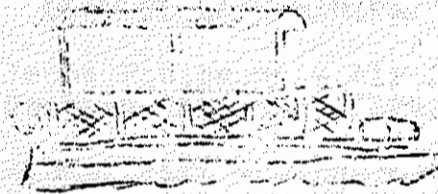


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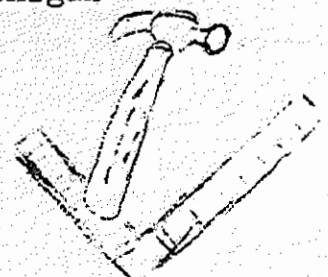
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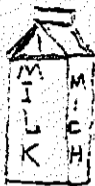
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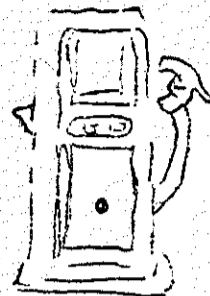


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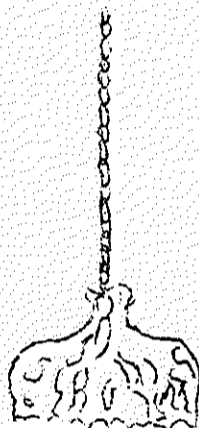
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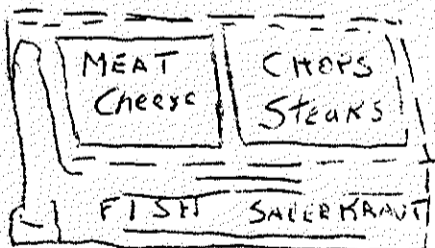
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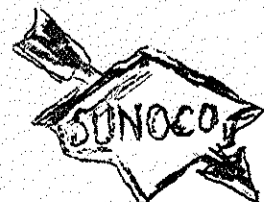


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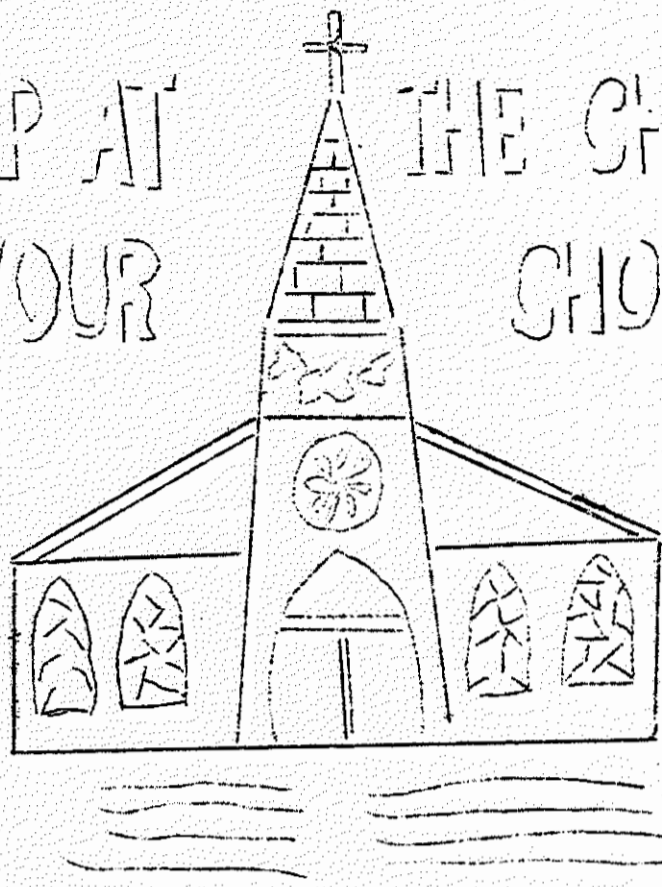
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