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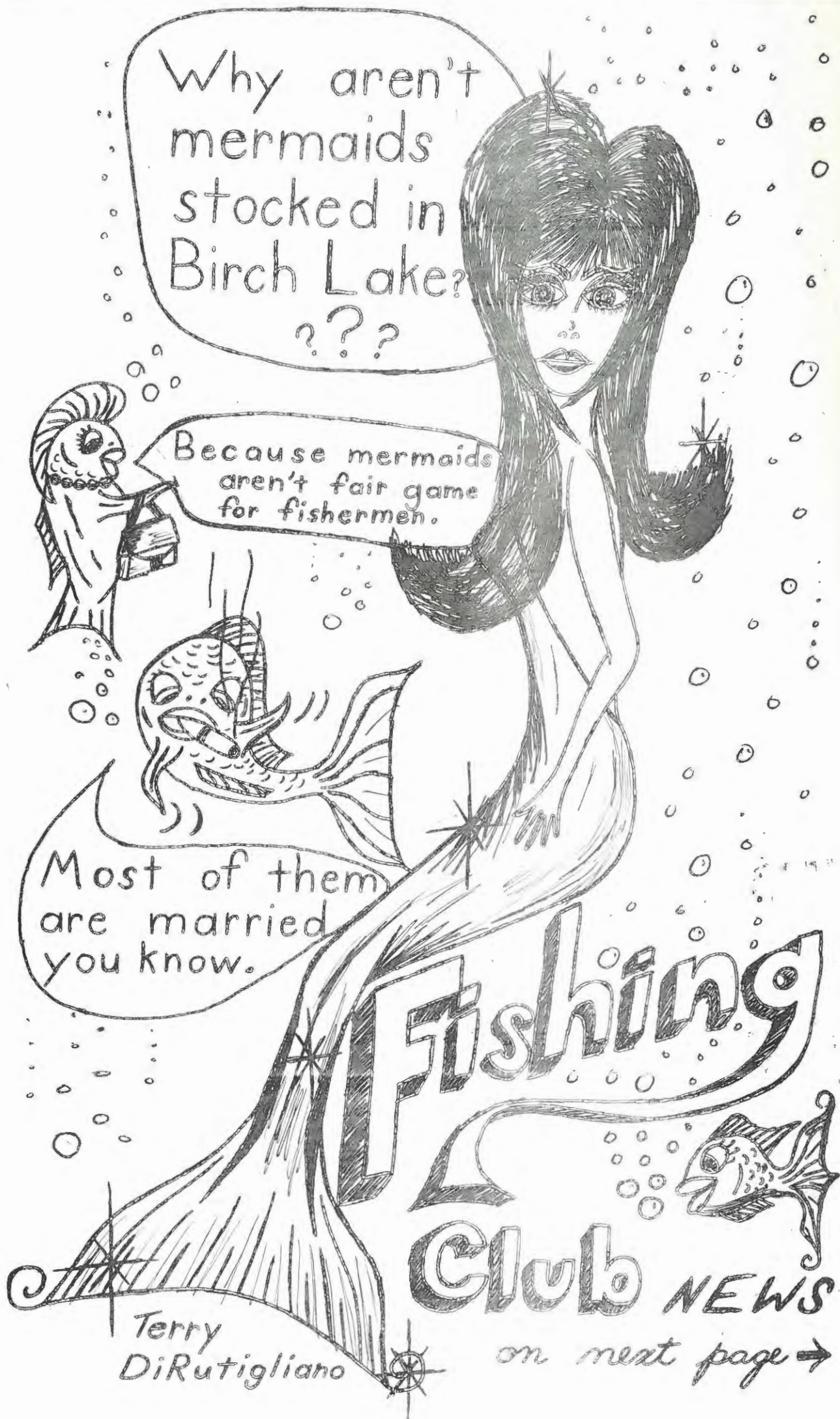
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Why aren't mermaids stocked in Birch Lake???

Because mermaids aren't fair game for fishermen.

Most of them are married you know.

Fishing

Club NEWS

Terry DiRutigliano

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE LAKE

Sue Sink from Findlay, Ohio was a weekend guest of Jill Tunnicliffe's. After the usual number of times, Sue finally made it up on skis but ended up with two bruised legs.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Landesman have welcomed their new grandson, 8 month old Mathew Allen to his first summer at Birch Lake. He is the son of daughter Linda and son-in-law SSgt. Clarence Gregory of Grissom AFB, Indiana - a short enough distance from the lake to enable them to spend most weekends here. Welcome to Birch Lake, Mathew - this is the first summer of many!

Camp "Big T" made a big hit with Jeanne Weaver last week. When Mom arrived Saturday she was met by a long, sad face. So Grandma and Grandpa came through with an early birthday present and gave Jeanne another week at Camp. When asked about getting homesick, Jeanne said, "How could I? Birch Lake is my home!" AMEN!!

Eileen and Chuck Fitzer of Chicago Ridge and Kevin Bernaciak surprised Grandma Bernaciak over the weekend.

Weekend guests at the Klappauf's house were Gene, Rosemarie Buksa and family from Chicago. Also Darryl Potts from Carbondale, Illinois spent a few days. All said Birch Lake was beautiful!

Belated birthday congratulations to Rose Klappauf who celebrated her birthday on Friday, July 14 with family and friends. Happy Birchday, Rose!

Ed, Kathleen and Lisa Fennich will be going home Sunday after a week's vacation at Birch Lake but will be coming back in August.

Our nicest thank-you and congratulations to Jennifer Staton for her illustration on the front page of the BIRCH BARKER - number 4 issue. If only the people would heed the fine suggestion - don't pollute! We on the East side of the lake are still getting someone's soap or detergent residue, all along the shore. No one likes to bathe or swim in others' dirt. Wouldn't it be simpler to go to the laundromat? Rumors are pinpointing the sources of this pollution and no one would want to point these areas to the authorities, and incur the wrath of our lake neighbors. We all want to be good neighbors and enjoy the beauty and healing waters of Birch Lake together.

Sincerely and with hope,  
Mrs. Joseph Harris

\*\*\*\*\* FISH CLUB MEETING \*\*\*\*\*  
Saturday, July 29 at 3:00 p.m. at the Yacht Club. A report will be presented concerning cisco netting. All fisherman are urged to attend!  
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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bowers and children Teri and Mike from Terryville, Connecticut entertained his wife's family at the I. T. Bower's cottage #307 over the weekend. Lots to eat, very little sleep, skiing, pontooning - even just plain swimming is better in Birch Lake says Mom Hertel, Don Hertel and children Peggy, Richy, Ronnie and his friend Cindy, Linda and her friend, Rich Reed from Chicago, Don's friend Ruth Rhoades with her children Sandy and Donna. One precious week of Paul's vacation has vanished but more fun has been planned for the next two weeks including the Riley High School class reunion.

CLASSIFIED ADS:

FOR SALE: Maple sofa and chair - \$10.00 - Cushions need recovering. Cottage #180.

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WANTED: Odd jobs - contact Dean Myers - cottage #159 or phone 476 2494.

FOUND: Plastic raft - owner may recover by identifying. Contact Fulmers-#302 - 476 2181

## SUNFISH SAILING RESULTS - July 23, 1972

		<u>First Race</u>	<u>Second Race</u>
29392	Doolittle	1	3
25075	Tunncliffe	2	1
24252	Kruggel	3	5
130	Machalleck	4	7
14766	Kruggel	5	6
20909	Cowen	6	4
29079	Courtney	7	10
26161	Burchell/Asire	8	2
-----	Troyer/Spratt	9	15
14580	Troeger	10	9
-----	Blue/White	11	11
25165	King/Echols	12	12
33939	Harlan	DNS	8
-----	Camp Tannadoonah	13	14
22425		DNS	13

POLLUTION

A lady on the East side of the lake recently wrote an article in the BIRCH BARKER about soap suds, wash water and an odor on the lake.

First the suds: Many complaints have been made over the years about soap suds, especially on Mondays. Many of these complaints came from residents on the East side. Several people have tried to find the source but without success. Last year one of our directors took on the responsibility of surveying the East shore for pipelines to the lake, along the shoreline. Nothing specific was reported. A man on the South side of the lake collected a sample bottle of sudsy water and sent it to Lansing for analysis. He has not yet had an answer. Any resident can get a sterilized bottle from the Health Department and send a water sample to Lansing for analysis at no cost. The director of Camp Tannadoonah sends samples of the lake water to the state periodically. As far as we know there has not been a bad report. The Health Department said they will take another water sample at the outlet soon. Some residents feel that this sudsing is caused by waves on the water and is natural . . . . but who can be sure?

Secondly - Septic tanks and dry wells: There have been suspicions that sewage water has been seeping into our lake at different times. The Health Department recently reported that two cottages had to install dry wells on the back side of the road because of faulty drainage, or drainage too close to the lake shore. There is another cottage which had a septic system which was not approved by the county. They are requiring the owner to change the system before it will be approved. We know of one Michigan lake community (Houghton) which had to install a public sewage system. It appears that this is a coming requirement for lake communities.

Thirdly - Scum: We all know there is some scum accumulating on the water and along the shores. Probably most of this is unburned oil from outboard motors, because it is more noticeable on Sundays and Mondays, after and during heavy usage by boats. The more time the outboards spend on the lake, the more we can expect scum. This pollution could be a serious problem in the future and could contribute to a bad condition to our lake. This condition is helped by the smaller amount of oil used in newer motors.

Summary: There are laws which are designed to prohibit or control all pollution in the air and water. Every resident should be conscientious about what goes into our lake, including solid waste such as paper, cans, cardboard containers, cigarette butts, etc., as well as septic tank waste and wash water. Most of our complaints are not specific enough to take action. We need to know what cottage or person is polluting the lake before legal action can be taken. We cannot just accuse. It is a healthy condition to complain, especially about pollution and our ecology. However, we do encourage you to be more specific. Complaints should be made as the lady did, and everyone should complain about things which affect our lake and environment so that they can be improved. It is everybody's job!

Health and Safety Committee

SPECIAL NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THANKS

to

Herb and Doris Howard for the wonderful job they did cleaning up the Yacht Club ..... The place looks like a Yacht Club now!!!!!!

Bruce and Juanita Harlan for putting together another fine Square Dance. It's just too bad that more people couldn't join in for all the fun!!!!!!!

Just another reminder to put Saturday, August 19 on your calendar! That's the night of the summer Dinner which will be held again this year at Camp Tannadoonah. Last year we had over 250 Birch Lake people and friends join us for food, fun, square dancing and the awarding of the sailing trophies!!!!

LADIES GOLF OUTING \*\*\*\*\* THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

TEE-OFF TIMES: 18 holes 8:30 - 9:30 a. m. 9 holes 10:00 to 11:00 a. m.

PARK SHORE GOLF COURSE - CASSOPOLIS

LUNCHEON AT 1:30 - DIAMOND HARBOR INN

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FIRST ANNUAL BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB ADULT OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, August 5, 1972 from 5:00 to 7:00 p. m. - Open House at the Yacht Club. Free beer or pop - or - bring whatever you prefer ..... admission for each couple will be one plate of "goodies" - Crackers.... Cheese.... Snacks of any kind....

There will be a Directors' Meeting on Saturday, August 5 at 10:00 a. m. at the Yacht Club. Tickets for the Annual Dinner will be distributed at this time so please make every effort to attend.

\* THURSDAY - AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup> \*

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\* SATURDAY AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup> \*

# BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB

PRESENTS

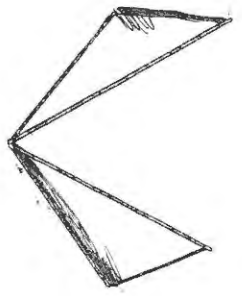
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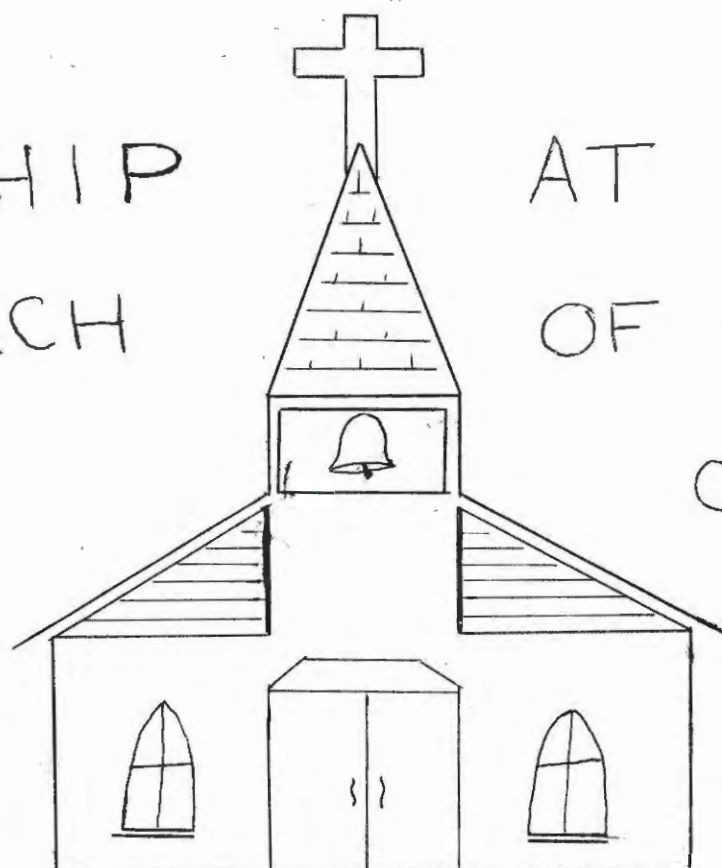
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Evening Worship - 7:30 p. m.

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Morning Worship - 10:00 a. m.

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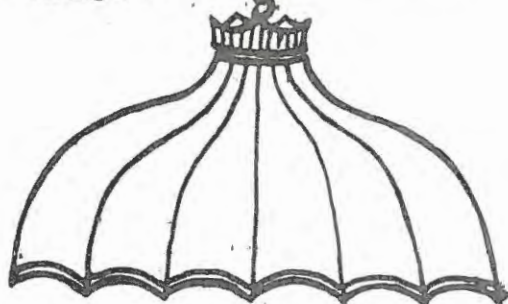
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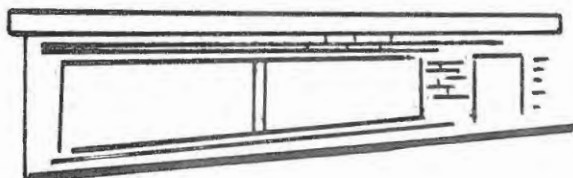
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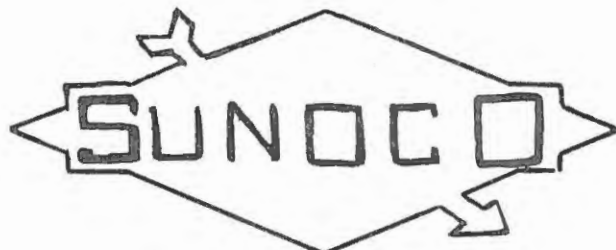
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