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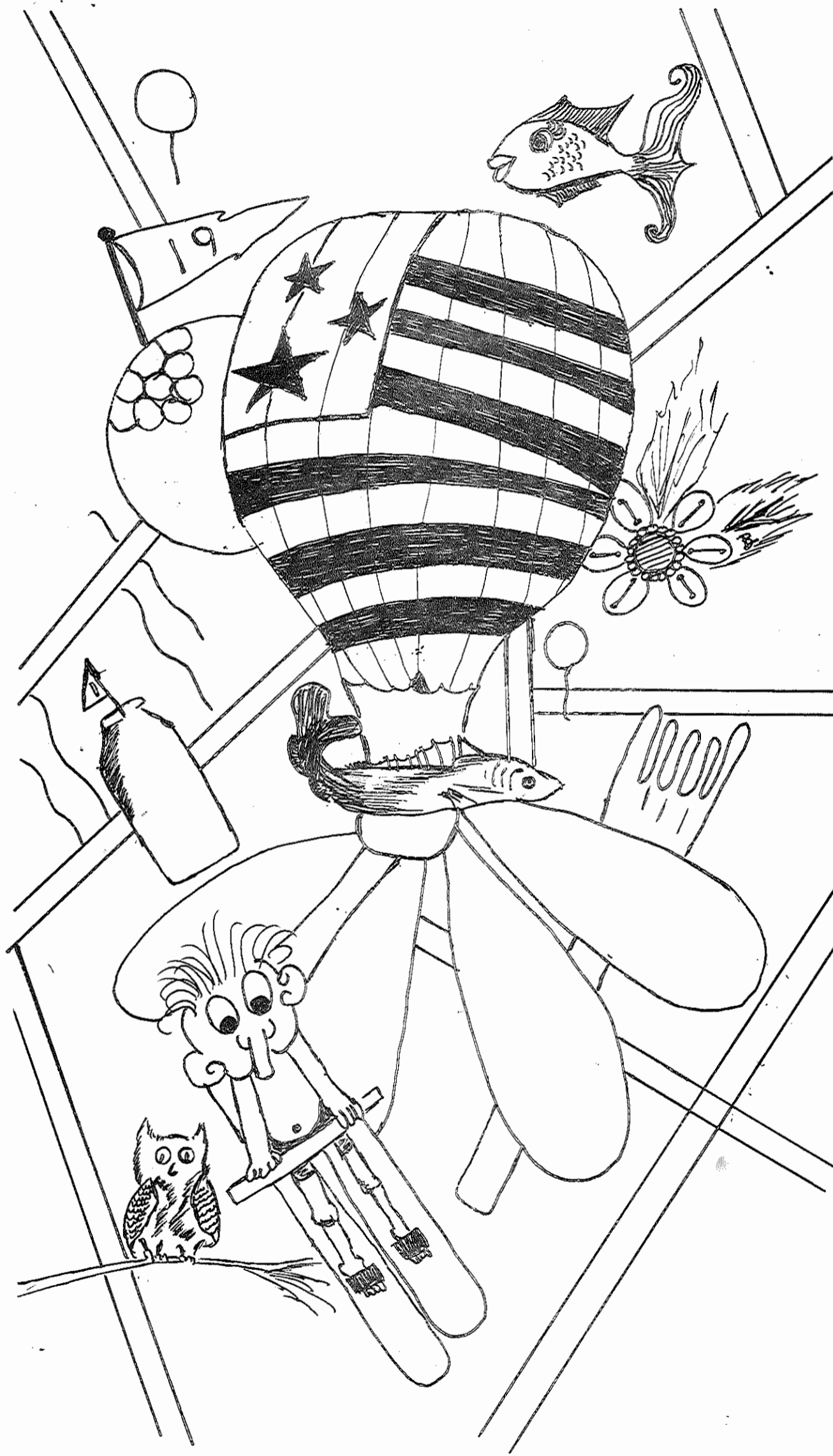
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NEWS FROM AROUND THE LAKE

Chris Snow, age 9, vacationing with his Mom and Dad, Mr. & Mrs. Taylor Snow, and his older sister Cathy and younger brother Mathew..... landed a 17", 4 lb. small-mouth bass from the pier on Saturday, August 12.

Miss Trudy Nelson, of Newport Beach, California, is spending a few weeks at Birch Lake with her Aunt and Uncle, the Taylor Snows, and her Grandmother, Mrs. Fred R. Reed.

Sunday, August 20, was party time at the Troyer household. The occasion was little Scott's first birthday. Celebrating his birthday with him were: Mom and Dad, Grandma and Grandpa Troyer, Grandma Scofield and Aunt Laurie, Great-Grandma and Great-Grandpa Osborne, Great Aunt and Uncle Osborne, Aunt Judy, Debbie, Kathy and Uncle Tracy. A good time was had by all, especially Scott, who didn't want to stop eating his birthday cake and all the ice cream.

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Nolen and family of Knoxville, Tennessee, were the guests of Bud and Louise Rieth on Saturday. Nolens are Gregg Rieth's wife's family who have been here during the winter for ice skating and tobogganing, but this is their first time for swimming and skiing.

Nephew Tom Jones of Lima, Ohio, stopped at Cottage #46A to visit Pat and Chuck Stevens and cousins Jeff and Chris on his way to graduate school at the University of New Mexico.

Frank and Wilma Aitchison, also the twins.. Susan and Frank, IV, came out Sunday to enjoy the gorgeous weather and swimming at good 'ole Birch with Les and Margaret Jensen and Kay and Bob Greenig.

Arriving from Zig Zag, Oregon, just in time to celebrate his third birthday was Jay Sheridan Cox and his parents, Tom and Reva Cox. Sharing in the gala celebration were his Grandmother, Mrs. Clara Cox, his cousins Jennifer and Beth Staton, and their parents Bob & Jane. The Cox's are looking forward to a great Birch Lake vacation and invite all their old friends to stop by for a visit.

Dr. & Mrs. Bob Wentz and sons, Mark, Mike, and Murray visited at the Beehlers Friday night and far into the morning Saturday. Bob was formerly Superintendent for the Penn-Harris-Madison School Corp. and is presently "Supe" at Pomona, California.

Did you know that the first BIRCH BARKER began one day back in 1944 as an answer to a group of South Side young lakers sitting on the Cox's front porch asking "what can we do?" Mr. Cox said why not have a newspaper for the lake? ---OK--- What can we call it? --- How about the BIRCH BARKER, said Mr. Cox. Those present on that historical afternoon were: June & Bud Zesinger, Jane & Tom Cox, Pat Scannell and Beverly Foote. With the aid and encouragement of parents, the first publication went to press. The first issues were printed in the basement of the Lafayette Building, South Bend, Indiana.

Editor Chuck Schott
 Assistant Editor Jane Cox
 Reporters June Zesinger, Pat Scannell and Beverly Foote

The first issues contained news of the lake -- jokes and anecdotes, fish "phonies" and articles written by Gregory Cox on the history of the area, history of Williamsville, Birch Lake, Birch Lake Cook Book, pictorial map of the lake, news from Tannadoonah and Kiloqua. The first paid advertisers were Tubby's General Store on Shavehead Lake, Lanky's Williamsville Store, who advertised block ice --- cut from Birch Lake and delivered, "Lazy Lodge" and Schell grocery in Jones. The idea caught on and as interest in the BARKER grew, more "KIDS" volunteered to help. The Cox's printed the BARKER for the first couple of years and then the Schott's bought a mimeograph to use at the lake. From 1953 to 1957 no BARKERS were published. Then in 1958 Julie (Ebling) Weaver and a group of Junior Yacht Club members reorganized the paper and it has been a yearly Yacht Club publication ever since. I personally would like to thank Mrs. Jane (Cox) Staton, Barbara Zesinger and Mrs. DeWulf for the information, so if you ever wondered how the BIRCH BARKER got started... now you know. All I can think of is how happy "we" are that we found Birch Lake many years ago.

Sincerely,
 Herb & Doris Howard

Thanks so much for this additional piece of history!!!!!!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

There will be a final Directors' Meeting at the Yacht Club on Saturday, September 2 at 10:00 a. m. Your new officers and directors for next year are as follows:

Commodore	Terry Montague
Vice Commodore	Bob Ross
Secretary	Dennie Weesner
Treasurer	Ginny Spratt

Directors:

West Side	Rick Doolittle & John Scofield
North Side	Bob Temple
East Side	Mort Hunt, Barry Schaar, Joe O'Brien, & Bernie Weesner
South Side	Herb Howard, Dominic Dirutigliano, & John Machalleck

*****Also on Saturday, September 2 there will be a meeting for all of those interested in organizing the JUNIOR YACHT CLUB for next year. Meeting will be at the Yacht Club at 1:00 p. m. . *****

Don't forget that news for the BARKER must be in to cottage #140 by NOON on SUNDAY. The September 2nd issue will be the final issue for the 1972 summer.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Odd jobs wanted ---- Call Dean Myers at 476 2494.

BEWARE!!!!

It has come to the attention of some South Side residents that human wastes are being dumped in our beautiful, clean lake. It is questionable whether the raw sewage is from the east side or from the public beach on the south side. There should be toilet facilities added to the dressing rooms that are already provided on the hill in back of the beach. We need suggestions on what to do. We can't let our lake become a public toilet ... it's too big to flush!!! It was reported earlier that a man on the south side took a sample of sudsy water and sent it to Lansing for analysis. Now he can take a "stool specimen" from the lake to be tested. Maybe the person who is at fault can be pin-pointed by the evidence.

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It has also been noticed that a group of horses have been using the public beach for a watering tank, wading pool and who knows what else we hope that this has been stopped.

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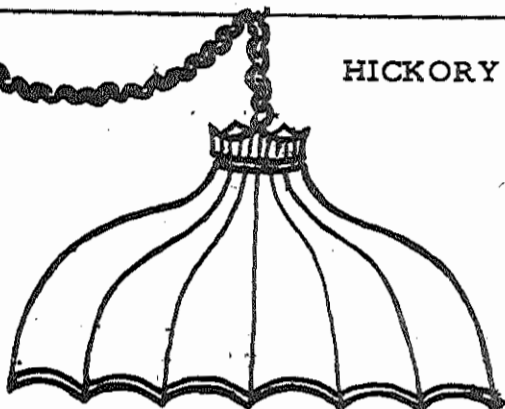


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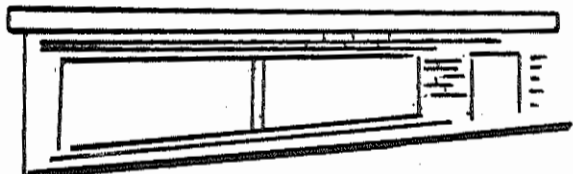
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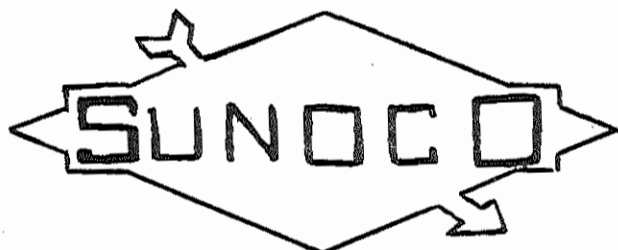
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