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Editors Comments:

I've heard many comments, gripes, approval and dismay in the yacht club changing over to the Birch Lake Association. Many feel the new name will be a credit to our club in working towards lake problems, water quality control, lake activities and

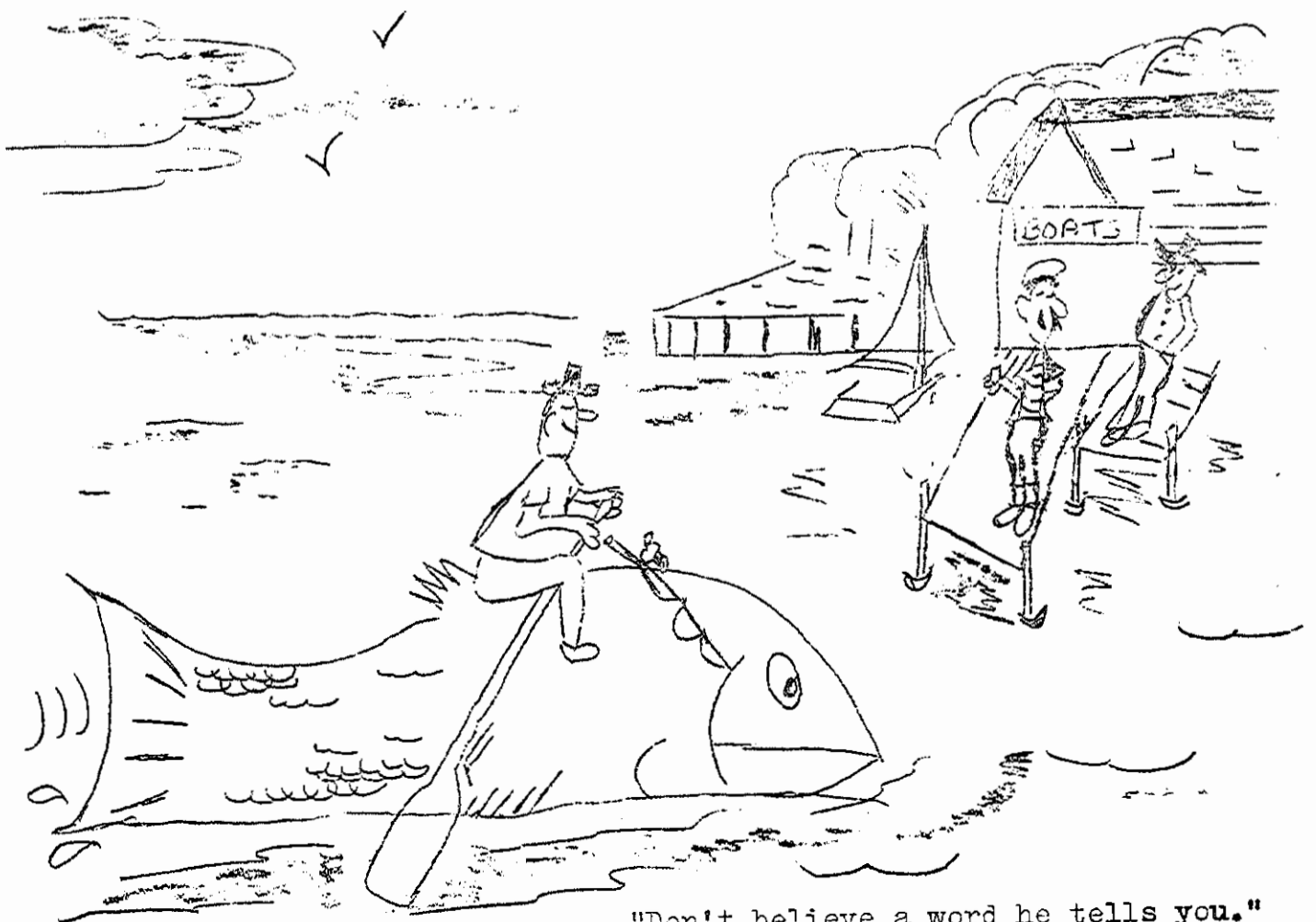
functions. Others feel that the yacht club at present doesn't do a darn thing and that the people that want to belong to a "Yacht Club" are doing so only for the name and prestige. I've heard some say the word "Association" is to impersonal, and the title "Birch Lake Property Owners", "Birch Lake Riparians" or "Birch Lake Community" would be better.

Many are under the impression that the Birch Lake Yacht Club membership card entitles them to go to other yachting lakes & or clubs around the states and be accepted into their social functions. This is misleading because we do not belong to national yachting clubs and we are not incorporated.

Some feel they are use to and like the old name "Yacht Club" and why should we change? Many feel that "what's in a name", "what difference does it make as long as its for the good of the lake."

Send your comments into the Editor so we can publish these & get everyones feelings aired out before the fall dinner when the vote will be taken. The Birch Barker is the best means for letting all of us know how you feel about this change. I'm setting aside a special space for these comments----let's hear from everyone.

Please send in that news, or your comments. Give these to your carrier or put them in the news basket outside of my door #181. Deadline for news is Monday night. Also make sure your article is readable.



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	PLACE	TOTAL POINTS	AVER.	BONUS	AVER.&BCNUS
Kevin Kruggel	2-3	11527	1441	80	1521
Dave Lovejoy	11-DNS	9969	1424	70	1494
Dave Troeger	3-2	8376	1396	60	1456
Bill Carpenter	4-1	10842	1355	80	1435
Mike Machellack	7-5	7747	1291	60	1351
Leo Zelasko	6-9	10126	1266	70	1346
Tim Troeger	1-4	8830	1261	70	1331
Kurt Kruggel	5-8	9777	1222	80	1302
George Varga	8-7	8612	1077	80	1157
Al Courtney	DNS!DNS	5343	1069	50	1119
Bill Hammes	10-6	5950	992	60	1052
Ron Whiteman	13-11	7378	922	80	1002
Bill Tunnclyff	DNS!DNS	4503	901	50	951
Clem Haines	9-10	5080	847	60	907
Joe O'Brien	12-12	5453	779	70	849
Dave Olson	14-13	4720	787	60	847
Scott Visick	15-14	5115	731	70	801
Dick Carpenter	DNS-DNS	3734	747	50	797

Wind-Wind-Wind-too much or too little a tough day to compete with both conditions and other sailors working against you.

Kevin Kruggel proved equal to the elements and took over first place from Dave Lovejoy.

We have some fine duels for positions throughout our fleet. Two guests sailors competed with us and while their standings do not count we enjoyed having them.

LADIES GOLF OUTING

Park Shores Golf Course. Tuesday August 17, 1976.

Tee off time: 8:30 IN 9:30 MI

\$2.00 Green Fee, .50 cart fee, \$3.12 elect. cart (pay cart fee separately at course). Restaurant and total fee to be announced latter. Reservations may be given to Ginny Spratt. Shirley Ross and Bert Myers are collecting prizes. Donations will be appreciated.

MENS GOLF OUTING

The mens golf outing has been set for August 6th at the Park Shore golf course in Cassopolis. Tee off time 12:00 noon MI 11:00 IN. If you need a cart call the golf course or stop in at least one week before the outing. The dinner will be held at the Stone Inn Dockside. Tickets will be 10.00 and will be available from Dave Olson #126 or Phil Carey #350 (on the hill). Ken Troyer and Phil Carey will be collecting prizes. All donations will be appreciated.

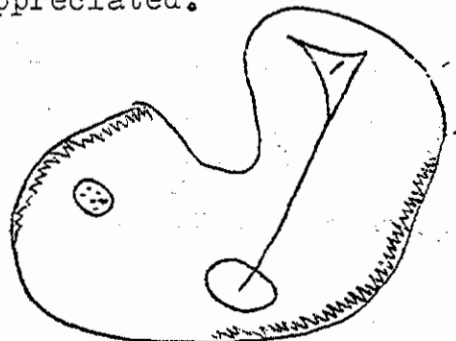


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HISTORICAL INTEREST Pioneer Log Cabin

The Pioneer Log Cabin, located on the east shore of Stone Lake, is a well-known spot to travelers and those interested in history of years past. The cabin was an idea conceived by Charles O. Harmon, originally as a temporary structure to hold the Pioneer Day picnic in June of 1923. A plea was made by Harmon through the county newspapers for every pioneer, or descendant, to bring a log to Cassopolis for the construction of the cabin.

Response to request was overwhelming and it was decided to make it a permanent structure to hold historical relics of the area.

The first log for the building was pulled into town by a team of horses on Lincoln's birthday in 1923. It was a 52 foot beechnut log. 146 logs were accumulated by the time "log cabin building days" was set. Ed Gergusen of Jones, who had gained experience in the northern part of the state building log houses, was commissioned to build the structure.

May 23 some 3,000 persons were on hand for the laying of the first log, a black walnut. The structure was completed by early summer and a number of relics were brought in by area residents for viewing. A list of donors of the logs used in the building is displayed in the cabin.

The cabin is a replica of pioneer homes. Doors were hung on wooden hinges, the chimney was constructed of mortar and sticks and the fireplace was built of field stones.

Many exhibits have been added since 1923 and the cabin has been expanded to provide more space.

BIRD WATCHERS

Many Birch Lovers have seen several red-headed woodpeckers this summer, more than in past summers. The woodpeckers' tat-tat-tat can be heard distinctly as they cling to vertical trunks propped by stiff tail feathers. The red-headed woodpecker is a summer resident who arrives around April and stays until October. It usually lays 4-6 white, unmarked eggs that are 1 inch long in a gourd-shaped hole. The nests are padded with chips and can be from 5 to 80 feet up in trees, poles, or posts. The woodpeckers eat insects such as ants and beetles and acorns and other wild fruits and seeds.

Another bird that has been observed and watched closely is the Great Blue Heron that averages 42-50 inches tall with greenish legs and a blue tint on the wings, very long necks and a tuft of feathers on its' head. Its' young are white. So far this summer, three have been seen. It lays 3-6 pale greenish or greenish blue eggs in a nest of sticks that are in trees near water, occasionally on the ground. The heron eats mainly fish and aquatic insects.

HERONS WADE INTO ENVIRONMENTAL FORECASTING

Herons, those slender, long-legged wading birds common to marshes and estuaries, may be biological barometers of future environmental change.

Research at the Department of the interior indicates that fish-eating birds could become an environmental early warning system in areas where pollutant buildup has begun.

By being at the top of a food chain beginning with water algae and bacteria, the birds reflect a concentration of whatever contaminants are in their environment.

Although studies of pollutant effects on birds have been conducted for some time, only recently have scientists begun large scale collection of information on wading birds. Data so far indicates that not all birds are affected in the same way by pollutants. Some accumulate low levels of such material while others in the same environment, build up and tolerate higher levels more easily.

To get more information about the birds, scientists have established a breeding colony of herons, in captivity. They also are monitoring heron nesting behavior with time-lapsed photography and have introduced into herons' nests an egg containing a miniature transistor to record incubation patterns.

(C.A.T. Tales April 1976)

CONSERVATION IN THE NAME OF THE BICENTENNIAL

Each of us will mark the nation's Bicentennial in his or her own way. Two U.S. corporations are doing it through donations of land and wildlife conservation.

Anheuser-Busch, a St. Louis, Mo. brewer, has donated \$47,000 to the National Wildlife Federation's Bicentennial Eagle Project for acquisition of a 150 acre eagle refuge along the Wisconsin River, outside Sauk City, Wisconsin. As many as 80 eagles have occupied the site at one time.

Union Camp Corporation, a forest products firm based in Wayne, N.J., has donated the 1,700 acre Turtle Island, the southernmost sea island on the South Carolina Coast, to the Nature Conservancy. Except for its beaches which attract fishermen, picnickers, and beachcombers, the Island is little changed from what it was in Revolutionary times and supports an abundance of birds. The heads of both corporations have described their donations as "gifts to the American people" during their Bicentennial year.

The Federation will turn over the Ferry Bluff Eagle Refuge to its midwestern affiliate, the Eagle Valley Environmentalists, for management on a contract basis. EVE's membership is concentrated in Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota, and it already operates the Number 1 eagle roosting site in Wisconsin, the 1,400 acre Eagle Valley Preserve 120 miles from the new sanctuary. The Nature Conservancy has turned over Turtle Island, valued at \$400,000, to the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Department for management as a wildlife refuge.

Both land acquisitions are part of larger bicentennial projects. With a grant from the Exxon corporation, the NWF last summer established a three-year Bicentennial Eagle Project to establish a computerized "eagle data bank" and acquire eagle lands for protection throughout the country. It has been given official recognition by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration as a Bicentennial project. Last year, using funds raised in cooperation with Southland Corporation, the Federation acquired for the Department of the Interior's National Wildlife Refuge System 1,100 acres of Missouri bottomland in South Dakota. Named the Karl Mundt Wildlife Refuge after the senator who was one of the sponsors of the 1969 Endangered Species Act, it is the largest eagle refuge in the wildlife refuge system.

The Turtle Island donation is part of Union Camp's own Bicentennial project. The firm holds 1.6 million acres of land in six southern states, and it plans to make additional selected land donations for conservation. Last year, it completed the donation 50,000 acres in the Dismal Swamp of Virginia and North Carolina, which it initiated in 1973. This land, turned over by the Nature Conservancy to Interior, is one of the last, large wild areas remaining in the eastern United States.

(Conservation News Feb. 1976)

LEGISLATION IN MICHIGAN

Legislation that bears watching and reaction to your Senator is SB1116--Mosquito Abatement Bill. Chairman Otterbacher can be reached by writing to Michigan Senate, Capitol Bldg. 48902. This bill would allow filling of swamps in the name of mosquito control. It would also allow a builder to come in and fill it in at public expense and turn around and make money on the deal.

This might be speculation, but, let's proceed cautiously on this bill. Overkill is usually a response with hysteria. Added information may be obtained by calling Dr. Philip Clappitt at Cranbrook University--645-3224.

(C.A.T. Tails April 1976)

LAKE NEWS

The I.T. Bowers family at #307 are looking forward to son Paul his wife Betty and children Teri and Mike coming back from Connecticut for vacation on July 18th for a week.

A special thanks from #307 to all those responsible for the beautiful fireworks. Was a special night to remember! And to think we didn't have to drive miles but could sit right in our little corner of the world to enjoy them. Also loved the boat parade and thought the timing was perfect.

Rose Klappauf had a Birthday July 14th. Belated Birthday Wishes Rose and may all your wishes come true. Mother Bernaciak.

After a pleasant visit from Don Olson, he is now in Palo Alto, California for 2 months' training before leaving for Thule, Greenland. He will be working at a missile tracking station there.

On July 6th the Roddigers from Lake Saint Louis, Mo. came for 10 days. Henry & Fran enjoyed sailing and Eric, age 8, and Brian, age 5 1/2, both got up on Machalleck's flexaboard.

The Snyders, from Kokomo, joined the group on July 12th..... wishing they had brought their long jeans with them! Nevertheless 9 1/2 year old Debbie and 7 year old Brent went swimming.

I forgot to mention in last weeks news how the cottages all cooperated on decorating their cottages. The Klappaufs really decorated. I hope some of you folks got to see their home. Lots of work and effort was put into those homes that decorated.

Birch Lake residents be on the alert for plant thieves who operate in the night! In the past two weeks potted plants have been taken from our premises, many destroyed in the attempt of lifting them from the earth. We cannot imagine anyone doing such petty things, we only hope that the person or persons doing these acts give our missing plants tender loving care which they are used to.

Residents on the East Side.

FOR SALE: Seven pairs of drapes, all alike, 74X36 inches. Basically green in color. Can be seen at cottage 146. W.J. Humphrey on mail box east side.

At the Klappaufs' daughter Kathleen and son-in-law Ed came out to celebrate Mom's birthday also granddaughters Lisa and Holly helped Granny blow out the candles. Have a Happy Birthday Rose.
Your Husband Ray

The Machalleck home has 3 of their 4 children home at once this week.

Marianne with husband Bert Desmond and children Buffy and Hilary and dog Muffins joined the menage already here.

With Mike and his family and Kathy with hers plus Freckles we're an even dozen plus 2 dogs and a very busy, noisy place.

Only one missing is Steve and his family from FL. Their plans to come this year had to be cancelled and we all are sorry they can't be here.

FOR SALE: Diving platform. Built 3 years ago-used only one season. Has styrofoam underside. Price \$50.00. Crulls #314

Mrs. Mary Ann Redmond of Woodbury Long Island NY (and son Peter) visited with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cranmer over July 3rd at the Cranmer cottage.

LOST: Innertube, lost on North side of lake on Sun. or Mon. Tractor size. Zesinger is written on the inside. Call 476-2377. We will pick up.

FOR SALE: One pair Tahoe fiberglass water skis. Twist-tight bindings. Two years old. Excellent like-new condition. \$35.00 contact Zesingers cottage #268 on north shore. Phone 476-2377.

Happy Birthday to Cathy (Troyer) DeSutter. Hope this will be the best.

Happy birthday to Bill Osborne on July 18th. Which one is it this year Bill?

GARAGE SALE: Friday July 23rd and Saturday July 24th. At the Ken Troyer' cottage # 181, from 9 am till 5 Michigan time. Many clothes, knick knacks, some dishes, book case, big blue chair, household items and toys-toys and more toys.

COUPLES SUNFISH RACE

The couple Sunfish race has been set up for August 8th at 3:00 Indiana 4:00 Michigan. Anyone wanting to sign their boat up for others to use during the race should call 476-2639 or contact Ken or Darlene Troyer chairpersons of the event. All persons interested in helping on this committee please call the above persons or Judy Olson from the east side. Let's all participate in this event and make it the biggest race ever. Don't forget this is a great time to get your mate out on the lake alone! Prizes will be award for certain catagories.

HERBICIDES LIST

Some of the chemicals that are listed are available yet not registered with the state of Michigan as acceptable chemicals for aquatic weed control. The following list includes those that are registered in the state of Michigan:

- Blue vitrol or bluestone (copper sulfate)
- Granular endothall (Aquatool Granular)
- Diquat
- Cutrine
- Liquid 2, 4-D ester (Esteron 99 concentrate)
- Granular 2, 4-D ester (Chem Pels 2, 4-D or Aqua-Kleen 20)

But before applying any chemical in your lake--check first to see if its use is legal and of course, make sure you have a permit to use chemicals. Permits can be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources. Call the local office.

The DNR is in the process of revising their pamphlet, "Aquatic weeds and their control", which should give more information in the area. Pamphlets of this sort are free and available at the local office.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

- Teriyaki Meat Marinade
- 1 c. beef broth
- 1/3 c. soy sauce
- 1/4 c. chopped onion
- 1 clove garlic crushed
- 2 T. lemon juice
- 2 T. brown sugar
- 1 t. seasoned salt (or salt)

Mix and marinate meat; refrigerate overnight. Drain meat and charcoal broil baste each side when turning. Works well with chuck steak, round steak and other beef cuts.

You might say tat one of the biggest problems in an organization is "Communication"---lack of "it" or better ways to...

The following article touches on the subject very well. Read over and digest:

FOR BETTER COMMUNICATION DO NOT USE THE FOLLOWING "KILLER PHRASES"

- We've never done it that way before.
- We tried it once and it didn't work.
- It's not in the budget.
- It's alright in theory but it won't work in practice.
- It's against policy.
- Too modern.
- Too old-fashioned.
- You don't understand our problem.
- We're too small for that.
- We're too large for that.
- Let's wait and see what develops.
- The board won't buy it.
- It will mean more work.
- The new members won't accept it.
- The old members won't accept it.
- I happen to know the superintendent is against it.
- It's too early.
- It's too late.
- Yes, but....

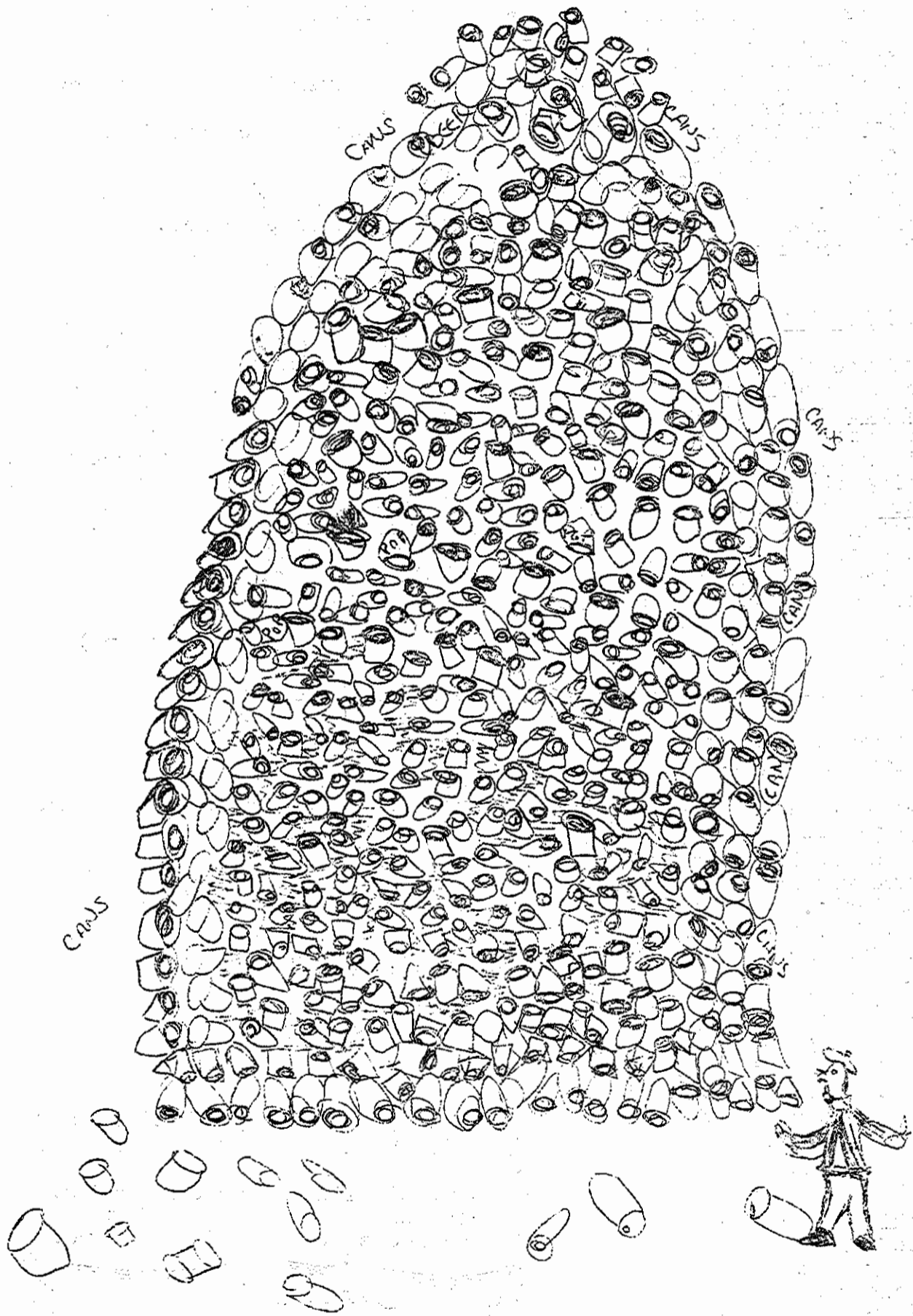
(Robert Stuart)

DIETERS MOCHA ICE

- 1c. strong coffee
- 4oz. club soda
- 1c. skim milk
- drop of maple (or other) flavoring
- 1/2c. craked ice

Mix all of above in a blender and blend. Pour over ice.

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