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Birch Barker

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BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB
VANDALIA, MICHIGAN

From the Commodore:

What a great time we had at the Open House last Saturday! The hors d'oeuvres were great, the band was very danceable, and the company was quite sociable. For those of you who missed it, be sure to put August 6th on your calendar.

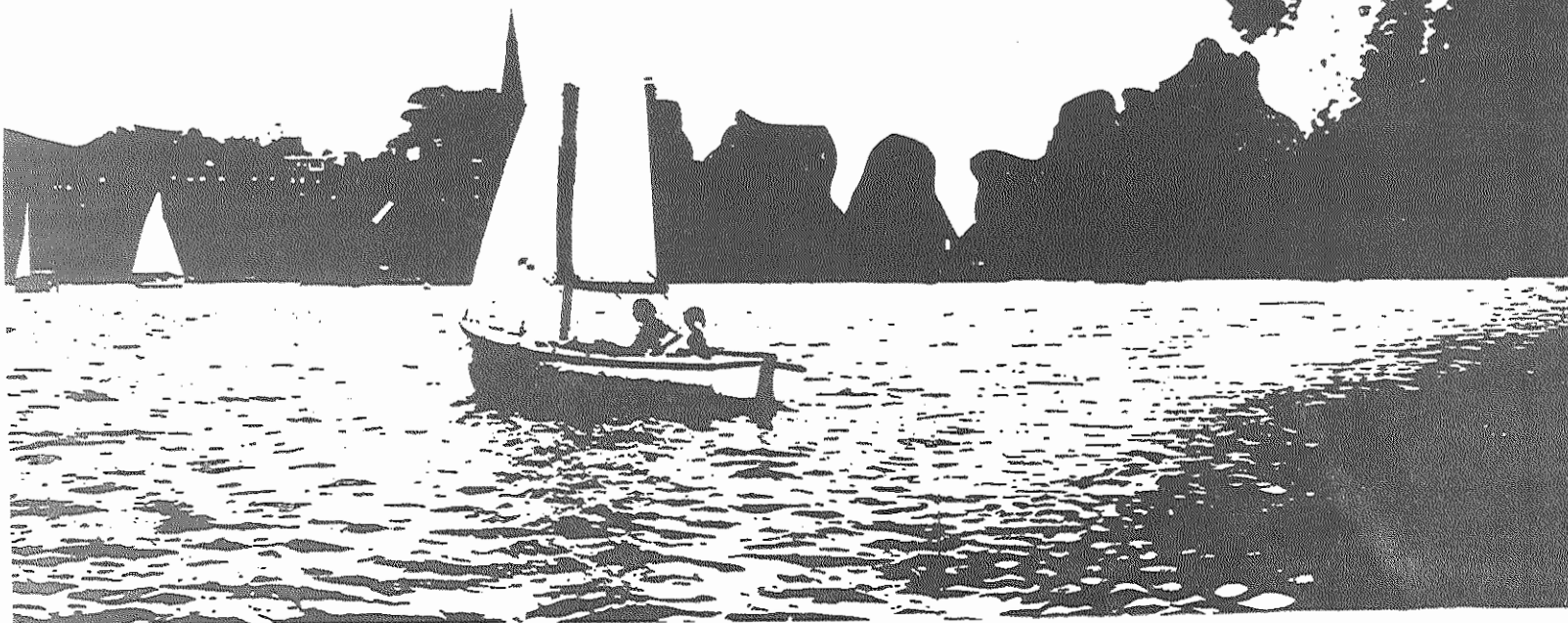
There has been a rumor that anyone without an automobile driver's license cannot drive a boat over 50 hp. According to Commander Parrish of the Marine Division, this is not true; he knows of no such bill having been proposed. He also stated that it is Michigan law for speedboats to remain 100 feet from the sailing buoys during a sailboat race. Any damage done to the buoys at any time should be reported, and the owner of the boat reported is responsible for all damages. Our buoys are expensive; please report all violations of this law.

Hope to see many Birch Lakers at the ice cream social tomorrow. (Sunday)

Judy Olson

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- July 3: 2 In/3 Michigan time OLD FASHIONED ICE CREAM SOCIAL at the Yacht Club. Julie & Doug Weaver, Chaircouple. Bring your pies and cakes and c'mon over. *Cakes accepted 12 noon*
- July 4: Have a happy and safe 4th of July. Display your flags. Since we have no organized fireworks display this year let's improvise. At 9/10 o'clock let's all gather around the lake in our own front yards and light our fireworks, sparklers, etc. Then we can all enjoy each other's displays.
- July 6: CRAFTS DAY at the Yacht Club. All children and mothers welcome. Teenagers needed to assist the younger children. Time is 1/2; see additional article in this issue about what to bring.
- July 9: LIKE TO PLAY EUCHRE? Interested in a tournament? We'd like to play perhaps once a week. Come to our first meeting a give it a try. It's lots of fun and profitable. At the Yacht Club 7:30 In/8:30 Mi.
- July 8: TEEN PARTY at the Yacht Club 8 In/9 Mi time until 10/11. Bring records, games and cards. The admission charge of 50¢ will include pop and a snack.
- July 15: BINGO NIGHT 7/8. Howards & Machallecks, Ch.
- July 22: MEN'S GOLF OUTING, Bill King & Barry Schaar, Ch.
- July 26: WOMEN'S GOLF OUTING, Angie Lovejoy, Ch.
- July: MONTE CARLO NIGHT, Joe O'Brien, Chairman
- August 6: BLYC DANCE with the Dick Whiteman Band. Jensens & Greenigs, Co-chaircouples.
- August 7: COUPLES SUNFISH RACE, Katha & Nike Machalleck, Ch.
- August 12: BINGO NIGHT 7/8, Howards & Machallecks, Ch.
- August 27: FALL DINNER at Cassopolis Fairgrounds.



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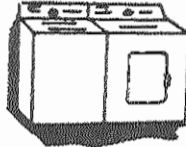
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secretary--Shirley Ross
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Birch Barker--Phyl Davis
Sue Howard
Doris Sante
Julie Weaver

building committee--
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Julie Weaver
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#12 Mildred Carpenter: 000-0 to 12
#19 Bob Martin: 13 to 23
#34 Frank Horvath: 24 to 39
#42 Kay Greenig-Julie Weaver: 40 to 54
#46A Chuck Stevens: 56 to 76
#96 Roy Henderson: 84 to 102
#120 Sue Dufour: 106 to 122
#124 Clem Haines: 124 to 137
#138 Leo Zelasko: 138 to 170
#181 Darlene Troyer: 172 to 200,201
#E-8 Sonya Wirick: 1 to 26 (hill)
#232 Gertie Temple: 200 to 200-8, 205 to 232
#268 Barb Zesinger: 235 to 272
#298 Loretta Drolet: 288 to 301
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- #355 Axelberg - Telephone change 476-2479
- #360 Greer, Robert & Dorothy, 19500 Beck Road, Northville, Mi. 48167
313-Fi 9-1564

MASS

Catholic mass is being held at Camp Eberhart, Corey Lake this summer in their outdoor chapel. Father Richard Conyers from Notre Dame is there each Sunday at 9/10 o'clock.

CRAFTS DAYS

The first Crafts Day was a big success. Two crafts were started, macrame! plant hangers and sand art. Next week stone painting and sea shell art is being added. If you're interested in sand art, bring your own glass jar; for stone painting bring a paint brush (and smooth flat stones if you come across some good ones). The materials needed for shell art are clean Birch Lake shells. Each child is to bring 50¢ per session to cover the cost of supplies. Further Crafts Days are set up on consecutive wednesdays, July 6, July 13 & July 20.

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WRIGHT'S FISHING CALENDAR:

Indications for the best fishing this week are the evenings of the 3rd, 5th, and 6th (Sunday, Tuesday & Wed.)

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FOR SALE:

1 Fishing Boat
1 Dumphy Boat, Johnson Motor,
Elec. Starter.
Make an offer. Jensens - #42

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DON'T go forth on the Fourth with a fifth or you may not be around to go forth on the fifth.

COME ONE! COME ALL! To the Birch Lake 4th of July Weekend Ice Cream Social --- Sunday July 3rd at the Yacht Club from 2 - 5 Indiana time. For the small sum of 50¢ enjoy the delectable baked goods of many lake residents and a sumptuous serving of cooling, refreshing ice cream. No need to make dessert for Sunday dinner. Be there early. We'd like to see you.

FROM THE VICE-COMMODORE:

At the open house festivities Saturday night I was presented with a plaque of appreciation for my efforts in remodeling the Yacht Club building. I would like to thank the membership for this award. However, without the efforts of many of the people in our club who also worked on our building, this project never would have been possible. I would like to extend a hearty thank-you to those people.

Now that our club house is usable, I urge all of you to participate in the social functions and utilize the recreation facilities that we have. At the present time there is pool, ping-pong, horseshoe pitching, and darts. Any donations of games will be appreciated.

Our club is on the way back; but as is the case of all organizations, it can only be as successful as the membership cares to make it. Let's all get together and make it a beautiful year for the Birch Lake Yacht Club.

Thank you,
Dick Whiteman

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LAKE NEWS:

Ray and Rose Klappauf celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 25th at their Birch Lake home, with relatives and friends from out-of-town and good neighbors and friends of Birch Lake. The food was good old-fashioned Polish style sausage, sauerkraut, etc. with home made cakes for dessert, and drinks aplenty. Polka music and singing were enjoyed by all 75. Everyone had a grand time.

Grandpa and Granny Klappauf's house was jumping last week when daughter Kathleen and son-in-law Ed Fenrich, Lisa, and Holly were vacationing for 10 days.

Back again for two weeks are the Roddigers, Henry, Fran, Eric, and Brian from Lake Saint Louis, Missouri. They'll be celebrating Eric's 9th birthday with cousins Jeff & Todd Olson and Debbie & Brent Snyder from Kokomo. Grandpa Olson is fixing early breakfasts for the boys again, and Brian says "Grandma makes the Best cookies".

We've all heard about "things that go bump in the night"...Well, at Cottage #126 it turns out to be Jeff Olson. Last Saturday night (at 2:30 a.m.) when Judy & Dave were calling it a night after the Open House, a crash sent them to the boys' bedroom where they found Jeff had fallen out of the top bunk. Though Dave didn't know just how to get to Elkhart General, he discovered that there are plenty of CBers on the air at all hours and they arrived there with no problems. Jeff will be sporting his cast for about 4 weeks.

The Douglas Weaver family, #44, were hosts Sunday for the Parish Picnic of St. John of the Cross Episcopal Church, Bristol, Indiana. The highlight of the picnic was the celebration of Jack Phillips' 77th birthday. The Weavers would like to extend their thanks to the Hubert Getzingers and Donald Erhardts for use of "the park" and the Dave Olsons and John Machallecks for use of grills to cook all the hot dogs, sausage and hamburgers consumed by the gang. All agreed Birch Lake was a splendid place to be on a warm summer day.

HERBIE'S WONDERFUL MACHINE

Our Yacht Club was presented a very wonderful piece of paraphenalia called a draft beer cooler, dispenser by our friend, Herb Howard. One only has to see the twinkle in Herb's eyes and the contented smile on his face when he talks about his machine to realize that the machine has given him and his friends many hours of pleasure, and probably some "morning after" pains.

The problem with Herb's Machine now arises. After years of service, it needed some repairs. After consulting with a repairman, it was estimated that the repair cost would be about \$80.

For all practical reasons, it was decided that to spend that much money on something that would only be used three or four times during the summer would be an excessive expense.

THE DEVIL MADE ME DO IT! The integrity of the Men of Birch Lake being at stake, I had the machine repaired.

Now some bad news: The repair bill, as all estimated costs, was \$30 higher PLUS we had to purchase new CO² tanks, which amounted to \$30.

Now some good news: Rosemary Varga, organist, and I would like to donate our earnings from playing for the Open House Dance to pay for the repairs. There is a balance of \$50 that I need to pay the thing off. I will accept all donations, however large or small, to complete the project.

Thank you,
Dick Whiteman.

MORE LAKE NEWS-----

Oh Happy Day! The Greenigs -- Kay, Bob and Lesley arrived safely Wednesday evening. Had a grand trip from their home in Upland, California via the Grand Canyon. Needless to say, Leslie and Margaret are looking forward to a summer "full to the brim".

This makes Lesley's third summer at good olde Birch. She'll celebrate her third birthday here in late August before starting the return trek homeward. How time do fly!

The waterfront at #307 was kept busy on Sunday (I. T. Bowers cottage). Guests for the day were Mr. & Mrs. Joe Sills, their son David, his wife and 2 daughters, Brian Kinner and his friends Becky Camp and Tim Reiter. Also Mrs. Russ Holder and son Steve, all from South Bend. Lots of good food and a 30-pound watermelon finished the day.

Helen and I. T. Bowers entertained Mrs. Blanche Hertel and her friends from South Bend. They enjoyed riding on the pontoon and the delightful Birch breezes.

ARE YOU WONDERING where the sailing results are?? No wind - no races.

BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB BUILDING FUND:

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- Dorothy & John Parnell
- Eileen & Harry Price
- Ginny & Archie Spratt
- Pat & Chuch Stevens
- Janet & Jack Troeger
- Julie & Doug Weaver

To add your name to the above list, please make a contribution of any size to the Birch Lake Yacht Club Building Fund and give to Ginny Spratt or any officer or director.

FISHERMEN'S LANGUAGE:

- Hiyamac.
- Lobuddy.
- Binearlong?
- Cuplours.
- Ketchanenny?
- Goddafew.
- Kindarthay?
- Bassencarp.
- Enysizetoum?
- Cuplapowns.
- Hittinard?
- Sordalite.
- Wachoozin?
- Gobbawurms.
- Fishanonboddum?
- Ryddonnaboddum.
- Igoddago.
- Tubad.
- Seeyaround.
- Yehtakideezy.
- Guluk!



IT'S CHERRY SEASON:

Ciresoaia, a village in northern Romania, can't kick its habit, hundreds of years old, of planting a cherry tree at the birth of every village child. The village is now surrounded by 65,000 cherry trees.

If the sun is really putting out all that energy, how come we get so lazy when we sit out under it?



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SKIING AFTER HOURS

This past week a speedboat pulling a skier left Woodland Cove at 10:00p.m. which caused interference with several fishing boats. This is past the legal time for skiing.

TRESPASSING:

It has been reported that acts of vandalism have been committed. If you are walking around the lake and pass through someone else's property, remember it is someone else's property! Bicycles should not be ridden through lawns, but rather walked through. If you don't respect another's property, the privilege of crossing someone's property may be revoked.

Connect the dots, using four straight lines. Do not lift the pencil from the paper once you start.



Recipe of the Week: Lemon Bars

- 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- 1 cup flour
- 1 stick melted butter

Mix and pat in brownie pan. Bake at 350° for 15 minutes.

- 1 cup sugar
- 2 beaten eggs
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 2 Tbl. flour
- 2 Tbl. lemon juice

Pour over the above baked mixture and bake at 350° for 25-30 minutes. When cool, cut into squares.

BIRCH BARKER NEWS: Turn in by Monday evening for the next paper. Collection points: Sante #3, Weaver #1A, Olson #126 and Davis #322. Next week's typist: Doris Sante.

BIRCH LAKE AND THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

One of the principal greivences of the Southern Slave Owners before the Civil War was the Underground Railroad.

Quakers from Pennsylvania came into Michigan and purchased sections of land around Birch Lake and Calvin Center. When the runaway slaves from the South were carried by the Underground into Michigan, a farm was given to them and many families have retained this land to the present day. The Underground railway was a route over which the colored men and their families were carried on horseback or by wagon, after night from one station to another. These stations were usually about twenty miles apart. Two principal routes were used, one coming up from Cincinnati through Indiana and the other from St. Louis through Illinois. These two routes converged just east of Cassopolis at the home of Stephen Bogue. A monument now marks this spot on Route M-60. This was the Michigan terminal of the Underground railroad. Bogue and Josiah Osborne were the principal operators and the most important men in this undertaking.

Osborne was located on the farm that is known as Hilrings Lakeland Gardens. He operated a nursery here as far back as 1850, furnishing shade and fruit trees for the surrouding country.

In 1847, slave owners from Bourbon County, Kentucky organized an expedition to come to Michigan to recover some of their runaway slaves. They arrived in the month of August and camped near Shavehead Lake. They knew exactly where the runaways were living as they had sent a spy up the previous winter. The spy had made maps and reported their location to the slave owners.

The Kentuckians captured several men, women and a baby living on the Odell farm. The alarm spread and from all over the Birch Lake area angry farmers gathered, armed with guns, scythes, and clubs. The Kentuckians were stopped and surrounded at the Osborne farm. Their wagons were overturned and later dumped into Birch Lake.

The colored people were again free and the slave owners left to return to their homes the best way they could. After returning to Kentucky, they wrote many threatening letters to the farmers around Birch Lake, which fanned the flames of the coming Civil war.

The wagons that were dumped in birch Lake were visible for many years on the east side of the lake. In more recent years, reports that pieces of these wagons have been sighted and brought up from the soft marl bottom.

FROGS HAVE IT EASY. THEY CAN
EAT WHAT BUGS THEM.

Words without ideas are like
sails without wind.

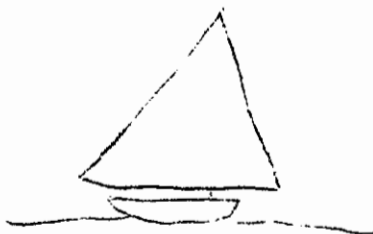
MICHIGAN

Admitted to the Union January 26, 1837

State Tree: White Pine

State Bird: Robin

State Flower: Apple Blossum



THIS WEEK:
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