



Birch Banker

ALL THE NEWS IN, ON AND AROUND THE LAKE.

A Publication by the Birch Lake Yacht Club

June 8, 1991

ISSUE: 1

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

WELCOME to another summer season at beautiful BIRCH LAKE. The Officer's and Directors of your Birch Lake Yacht Club have scheduled some fun events for the summer season. (See below) Other events are in the works and we will let you know specific dates.

Do you enjoy our clear water? Our Water Quality Committee is hard at work making sure it stays that way. (See the attached map showing septics which are in violation.) Please **DO NOT** throw cigarette butts in the lake!

ADOPT - A - HIGHWAY:

On April 29, 1991 the Board of Directors met to map out plans for our summer season. It was decided to join the Adopt - A - Highway program on those roads accessing to and adjoining Birch Lake. Many thanks to the following members who joined to cleanup these roadways in May.

Terry and Linda Curtis

Buzz and Linda Rasmussen

Tony and Sheryl George

John Gableran Steve Cranmer

Janet Reynolds Jim Mitchell

Sue Whitbeck Bob Waddle

Barb Zesinger

The second Directors Meeting of 1991 was held at the Yacht Club on June 1st. The clubhouse is clean as a whistle. Next week I will reveal cleanup members and some special plans for clubhouse improvements.

Bud Zesinger

Commodore 1991

1991 BLYC SUMMER SCHEDULE

- June 10 Step Aerobics with Claudia Gableman.
Mon.-Wed.-Fri. 10:00am (Indiana)
Steps provided at Yacht Club.
- June 15 Commodore's Cocktail Party
5:30pm - 7:30pm (Indiana)
Please bring Hors d'oeuvre or snack tray.
- July 6 Fireworks at dusk.
- July 7 Pancake Breakfast
- July 7 Fireworks Rain Date
- July 13 50's & 60's Dance
Rich and Pam Mullin (Chairpeople)
- July 26 Men's Golf Outing
Earl Troeger, Tom Howard, Keith
Weesner (Chairpeople)
- August 10 Triathlon
- August 10 Corn & Sausage Roast
- August 24 Fall Dinner

MEMORIAL

Our deepest sympathy goes to the families of the following Birch Lake friends who passed away this past year.

David Blessing - S015
Al Budzinski - N267
Dale Leatherman - S019
Harry Price - E136
Bob Ross - S101
Phyllis Speck - W400-A
Virginia (Ginny) Stokel - N266

Each moment of love lives forever in memory. (John Gray)

KRUGGEL FAMILY

Herm and Bev Kruggel's family is continuing to grow! This past Spring they had two new grandsons join the family. Parker Thomas was born to Shelley and Ted Durham on April 4th, and Cole Michael was born to Kevin and Sue Kruggel on May 22nd. Also, Kurt Kruggel will be married to Kristy Walters this Labor Day weekend on August 31st. They were introduced by Shelley on Labor Day, 1989, here at Birch Lake!

WELCOME

New Birch Lakers are Vanessa and Ben Wozniak who purchased Cottage E150. The Wozniak's were married in February and live in a suburb of Chicago. They have remodeled their new cottage and it is looking great!
Ben and Vanessa can be seen water skiing with their friends and neighbors, Glenn Andrews and Noreen Blessing (cottage E152) who are also from a Chicago suburb. Noreen is the daughter of Betty and the late David Blessing (south shore). Noreen and Vanessa grew up in South Bend. A big WELCOME to all of you.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

With the increasing popularity of wave riders and jet skis on the lake, the committee thought it would be important to provide some of the basic Michigan laws governing the use of these water vehicles. Basically the laws are very similar to those of motorized watercraft. As in all water activities, common sense and courtesy are the key factors.

LAWS AND RULES FOR WAVE RIDERS AND JET SKIS:

1. Vehicles will be driven in a counter clockwise direction at all times, the same as all watercraft. "Hotdogging" should be confined to the middle of the lake, at least 150 feet from other watercraft.
2. Vehicles will be driven at no-wake speed within 100 feet of entering or leaving a docking area.
3. Vehicles will be driven 150 feet from piers, rafts, and other watercraft.
4. Life jackets must be worn at all times while operating the vehicle.
5. At no time shall a vehicle tow a person on skis, boards or tubes.
6. Any driver must be 16 years of age or older, or possess a power boating permit.
7. * 1991 NEW LAW AFFECTING JET SKIS & WAVE RIDERS:
These watercraft may not cross the wake of another watercraft at wake speed within 150 feet.
8. Operators of water vehicles must at all times face the same direction that they are driving.

ALL OWNERS OF JET SKIS AND WAVE RIDERS NEED TO FAMILIARIZE EVERY PERSON THEY AUTHORIZE TO USE A VEHICLE OF THE RULES AND LAWS.

THE COMMITTEE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ASK AS A COURTESY, THAT WAVE RIDERS AND JET SKIS BE LIMITED TO USE DURING THE HOURS OF 9:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M. (INDIANA TIME).

RAINBOW TROUT

State of Michigan, Fisheries Division, reported that Birch Lake was stocked in 1990 with 7,500 Rainbow Trout. As of May 17th, 1991 another 6,550 Rainbow were added. Birch Lake will continue to receive 7,500 Rainbows until 1996, at which time, the state will re-evaluate the lake. Birch is considered a good producing lake for these fish. The Rainbows are initially 7½ inches long, but grow very quickly to the 10 inch legal limit.
Submitted by Buzz Rasmussen.

NEW GRANDDAUGHTER

Howard and Beth Blackwood of the Cove are the proud grandparents of Zachary's new sister, Sayla Marie, daughter of Chris and Julie Blackwood.

THANKS

Thank you to Jim Mitchell for mowing the public beach area.

63rd ANNIVERSARY

Clifford and Avanelle Cowen of 62803 Birch Lakeview Drive celebrated their 63rd Wedding Anniversary Saturday, June 1st.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. John McCoy, John and Candice from Hamburg, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cowen and Bradley of Osceola, Indiana; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Andriano and Gregory and Elizabeth of Ft. Wayne, Indiana; and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cleland of South Bend.

The Cowens built their cottage in 1945 and have enjoyed beautiful Birch Lake.

Submitted by Avanelle K. Cowen

FAT RACCOON

Cisco Minix, very adept with the pitch fork, cornered a squealing fat raccoon in the Gazebo. Such talent is available for those who have need of his services. Cisco's on the job assistant is "Uncle John", so please give them a call if you are ever stuck with a cornered fat raccoon and don't know what to do.

RECYCLING

Area Recycling Sites:

Cassopolis: Harding's Market. Bin for newspaper, corrugated cardboard, brown, green, clear glass, aluminum cans, Bimetal (ordinary food cans), plastic jugs, detergent bottles, and soft drink containers.

Wilt's Supermarket: same as above.

NOTE: All glass, aluminum and plastics must be cleaned. Labels and lids must be removed. Aluminum cans should be smashed.

SAVE THE EARTH * RECYCLE

CHURCH SERVICE

Sunday - 9:00am (Indiana) - Catholic Mass with Father Conyers at Camp Eberhart on Corey Lake.

BABYSITTING AND MOWING

Terilyn Montague is available for babysitting and lawn mowing. Telephone # 476-2207.

FOR SALE

*Sunfish in good condition for sale. Red/white sail. Call Doolittles - 476-9713.

*Garage Sale - How about a giant, lake-size sale? So far 2 people will be ready (Lovejoys and Fortinos). June 22. Anyone else, jump in. Get your ads in time for next week's Barker!

*16 foot MC Sailboat, excellent condition, seldomly sailed, \$2250 includes trailer, boat lift, and new cover. Call the Abernethy's at #2559 or (South Bend) at #219-288-3446.

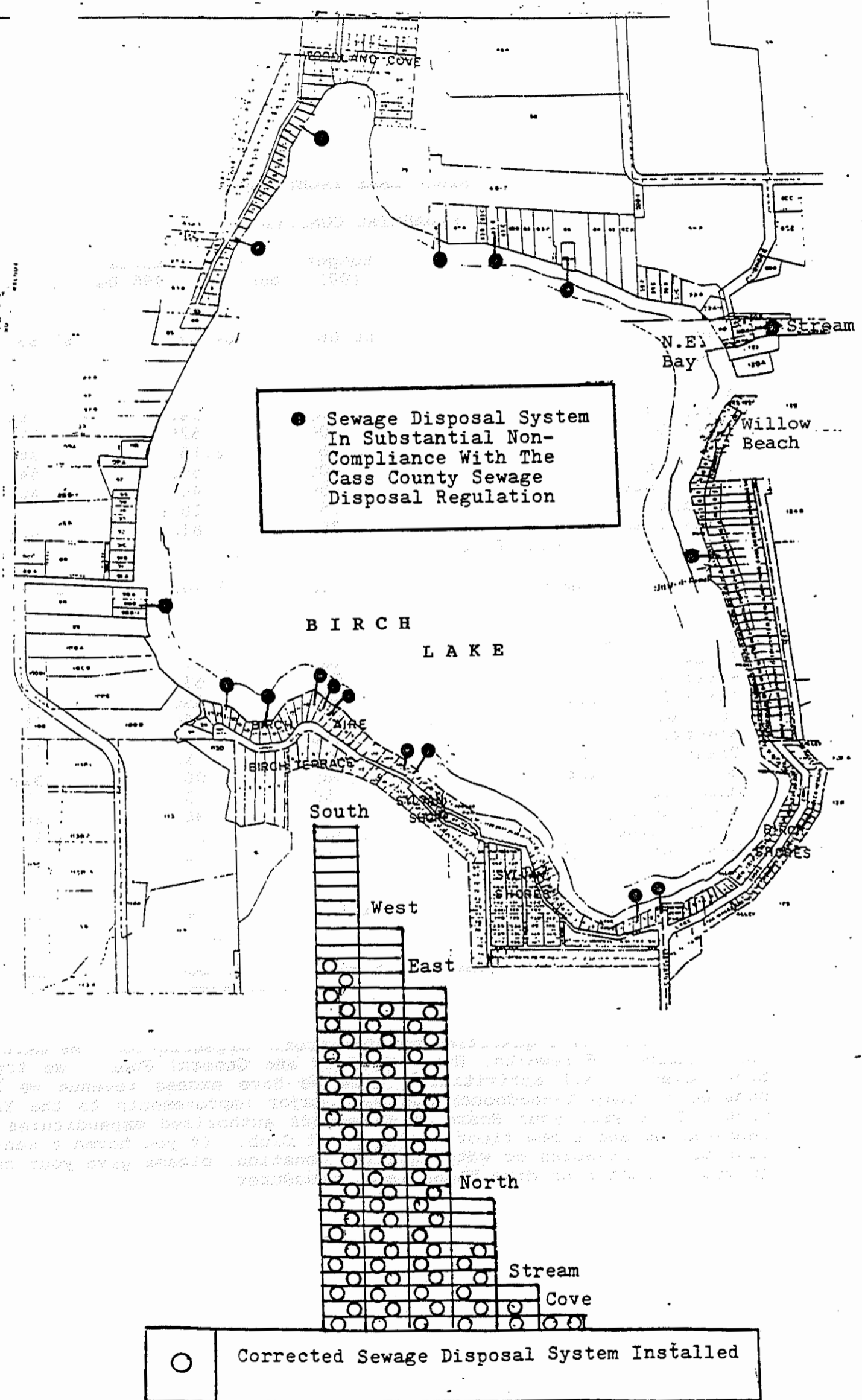
*Underwood portable, electric typewriter - \$60
Schwin exercise bike - \$50. Call Zesinger's #2526.

WANTED

Teenager to weed, trim and misc. yard work - call #2126 O'Brien, Cottage #250.

PROGRESS REPORT
Birch Lake Yacht Club Water Quality Committee

CASS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BIRCH LAKE SURVEY PROGRAM



BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB

FINANCIAL CONDITION

	Budget 1991	-----Actual----- Dec. 31, 1990	Dec. 31, 1989
Beginning Cash	\$6,081	\$4,575	\$3,895
Cash Receipts:			
Fireworks	2,400	1,940	2,165
Water Quality	600	625	974
Dues @ \$20	2,200	2,180	2,280
Barker Ads	600	590	545
Boat Storage	450	450	450
Interest on CD	100	105	-
Activities - net (includes Fund Raisers)	202	1,812	(692)
Total Receipts	6,552	7,702	5,722
Cash Disbursements:			
Fireworks	2,400	2,175	2,175
Water Quality Expenses	600	517	47
Tax - Real Estate	600	550	1,061
Insurance	175	166	152
Electric	150	137	161
Trash - yard work, etc.	75	52	35
Building Repairs	1,000	1,060	919
MLSA Dues	50	50	75
Michigan Repararian	192	367	200
Birch Barker	1,300	1,112	207
State of Michigan Tax	10	10	10
Total Disbursements	6,552	6,196	5,042
Excess of Revenue over Disb.	\$ -0-	\$1,506	\$ 680

Note: The BLYC is a qualified not-for-profit organization. We maintain three funds - Fireworks, Water Quality and General Fund. We try to break even on all activities. When we have excess revenue we have donated to Camp Tannadoonah and made major improvements to the Yacht Club. This year your Board of Directors authorized expenditures for landscaping and a new floor at the Yacht Club. If you haven't sent in your dues, fireworks or water quality donation, please give your check to your Director or Mike Machalleck, Treasurer.



Birch Lake Yacht Club

Vandalia, Michigan

BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB

March 6, 1991

OFFICERS:

COMMODORE: Bud Zesinger
 VICE COMMODORE: John Gableman
 SECRETARY: Linda Rasmussen
 TREASURER: Mike Machalleck

DIRECTORS:

North:	East:	South:	West:
Rich Mullen	Barb Zesinger	Earl Troeger	Brad Walker
Anne Abernethy	Don Harman	Tom Howard	Steve Cranmer
Bob Temple	Linda Curtis	Steve Horvath	Kevin Kruggel
	Jane Nagy	Dick Bender	Buzz Rasmussen
		Steve Sante	(Past Commodore)

With Summer around the corner, it's once again time to think about activities on Birch Lake. Below is a list of activities for folks who wish to make one contribution or write just one check. As usual, you may still pay as you go. Thank you!

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

LAKE ADDRESS: _____

YACHT CLUB DUES	\$20.00	Checks payable to: BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB
SAILING FEE - INDIVIDUAL	\$15.00	
SAILING FEE - FAMILY	\$25.00	
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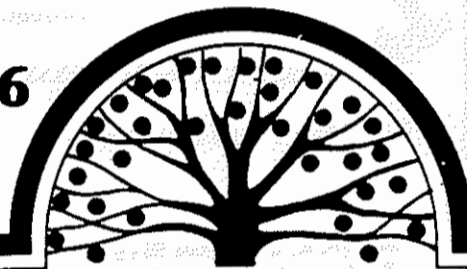
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* Light Portion \$8.95	Alaskan Crab Legs Crab, served with drawn butter.
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Poultry

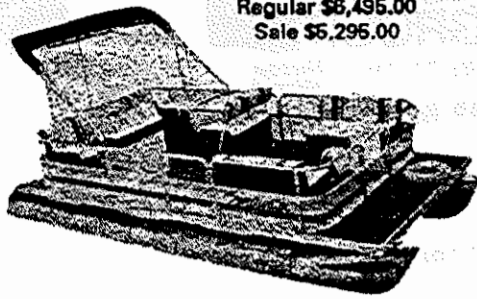
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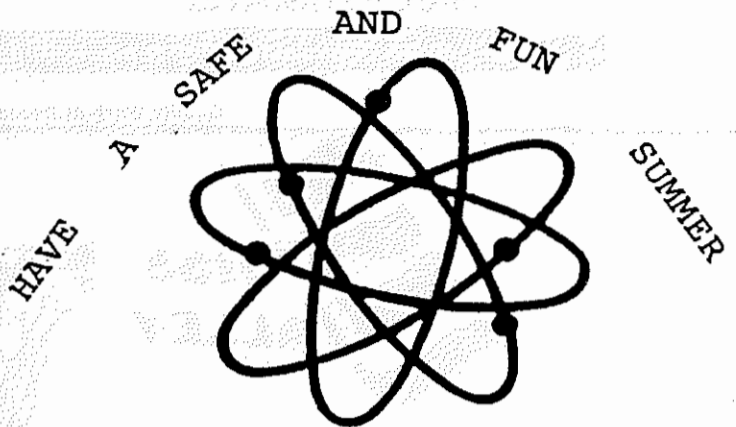
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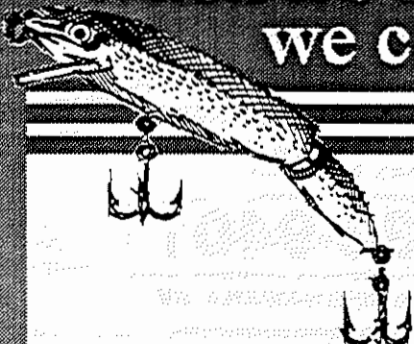
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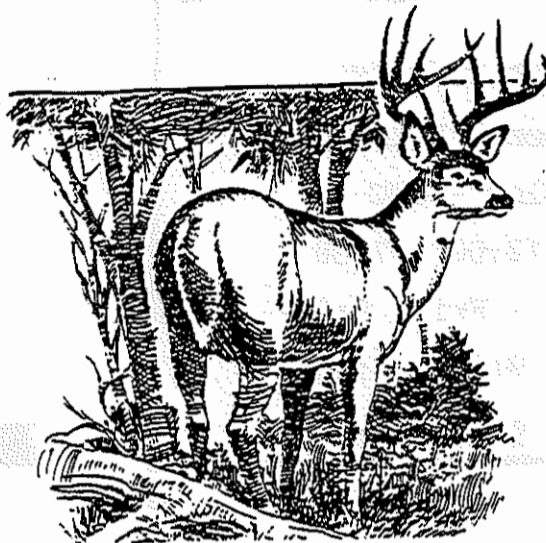
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