

THE BIRCH BARKER

BIRCH LAKE MICHIGAN

SOUTHERN MICHIGAN'S MOST BEAUTIFUL LAKE

Nancy Waite of Silver Lake is spending the week with the Shewmans.

Mr & Mrs Sam Hedges of Mishawaka were Sunday visitors at the James Beard residence.

Irvin Fenton and family of Akron Ohio spent the past two weeks vacationing in the Crammer cottage.

Warren Curtis and family of Mishawaka were guests of the Fulmers Saturday.

Mr & Mrs James Ray were guests of the I, T. Bowers Saturday.

Mr & Mrs I. T. Bowers entertained Tuesday with a family dinner, guests were his brothers, sisters, cousins and their families, Mr & Mrs Cecil Nimon of Albion, N. Y. and Charles Nimon and family of St. Petersburg, Fla.

The Wentworth family had an enjoyable weekend at Flint, Mich attending the General Motors Cooperative School's exercises.

Mr & Mrs R. Scott Robbins and her mother Mrs George Dailey of Hammond, Ind spent Sunday with the E. J. Gavits at their cottage Lowboy. Also with them was Mrs Anna Robbins who celebrated her birthday at Birch Lake.

Mr & Mrs John Olach and daughter Mrs Helen Bane of Detroit, Mr & Mrs Glen Ruple and daughter of Buchanan were Sunday guests at the Chas Carey cottage.

Mr & Mrs Wm H. Brubaker, Mr & Mrs Gene Brubaker, Mr & Mrs Robt Nihart, Mr & Mrs Jack Lynch, Mrs Margorie Jellison and daughter Shirley spent Sunday with the Davidsons.

Mrs Tom Collins and daughter Mary Eleanor were guests Tuesday afternoon at the Lewis Arnold cottage.

ESCAPED CONVICT CAUGHT IN BIRCH LAKE VICINITY

Becoming suspicious when a nervous unkept man approached her, asking the way to Niles avoiding Cassopolis and Vandalia, Mrs Carter of Carters Wormwood Farms informed neighbors, who notified the Cass County Sheriff. The sheriff drove an unmarked car toward Birch Lake and apprehended the man in front of the Brossman farm. The man was an escaped convict from the Ionia Michigan Prison where he was serving a life sentence for murder.

SOUTH SIDE IMPROVEMENTS

Carl Hibbard is painting his cottage.

The Paul Mullins are building an addition to their cottage.

Mr & Mrs Don Habich entertained Mr & Mrs Ray Stahl from Blue Island Ill. over the weekend. Mr & Mrs Brown of Tuscon Arizona are spending the remainder of the summer with the Habichs.

Mr & Mrs John J. Douglas from Manchester, Conn are visiting their son and daughter-in-law Mr & Mrs John E. Douglas.

Mr & Mrs George Brown of Laporte Ind. and Mrs R. H. Gorrell and daughter Nancy of Omaha, Neb. spent Wednesday with Mr & Mrs C. E. Woolley and Janet.

Mr & Mrs Ford Frame of Indianapolis are visiting this week with the Banks at #96.

Mr & Mrs John Ball and children Cindy and Johnny are visiting Mr & Mrs Vernon Ball at #28.

HERE IS THE CONCLUSION OF THE REPORTED EYE WITNESS ACCOUNT

As I was driving along, out of the corner of my eye I saw one of the Saucers coming down at a terrific rate of speed, as if it would land in the field, south of the road. -----

A trail of white vapor appeared back of the saucer and by the time it was close enough I could see that it was constructed of metal, similar to stainless steel or polished aluminum, reinforcement criss-crossed the top of the saucer, the concave side was up and what appeared to be the outside edge, really was a cat-walk running all around the SAUCER. I was so fascinated by watching the SAUCER that I ran off the road and killed the motor in my car.

The ship was landing about a thousand yards out in the field. It settled to earth without noise - - and as soon as the vapor cleared away, hatches opened and out of the SAUCER onto the cat-walk came the STRANGEST LOOKING CREATURES ever viewed by a human being. For the first time I really became frightened, I left the car to run to a wooded section on the opposite side of the road. I could still see the SAUCER from where I was hiding. Evidently something had gone wrong with the ship as the occupants started rubbing and polishing the outside of it with large pieces of brown colored material, that resembled KLEENEX -- they would rub and rub-- then discard the paper

One of them saw my car and some twenty five started across the field toward the car. I drew back farther into the woods----- As they came closer I could see that they were about three feet tall with either heads or helmets that looked to be about a foot and a half high, making them look top heavy. They walked bent forward as if they were walking against a strong wind. They came within fifteen feet of the car and stood across the road. As far as I could tell there was no communication made between them as they examined the car from that distance. Those remaining with the SAUCER continued to rub and discard the brown paper sheets. A shrill whistle was heard, the ones across the road returned to the SAUCER they all got back in, and the SAUCER took off as silently as it had landed. I watched it return to the fight that was still going on, with less intensity in the air

I thought "Now no one will believe me when I get out to BIRCH LAKE and tell them what I have just witnessed". So the idea came to me that I had better go to the field and gather up some of the BROWN PIECES OF PAPER that had been discarded, as proof of my story. This I proceeded to do-- the paper was about two feet square, soft and flimsy-- I gathered up at least a dozen sheets, folding them neatly. I returned to my car, placed the BROWN SHEETS OF PAPER back of the seat, and looking at my watch, it was exactly ten minutes after four o'clock -- about thirty five minutes had elapsed since I had first sighted the SAUCERS.

I attempted to start my car but the starter would not turn the motor-- I tried my lights and horn-- the battery was completely DEAD. The battery had just been purchased a week before and I knew it was in full charge. Even if I had left the ignition on while I was in the woods it certainly would not been time enough to pull the charge from the battery. A car approached from the west driven by a colored man I flagged him down and asked if he would give me a push as my battery was dead, this he did and the car started instantly. I had made up my mind to stop at the first farm having a telephone, and call the South Bend Radar Center. Seeing telephone wires running into a farm home I stopped and asked if I could use their phone. Calling the operator I asked to be connected with the RADAR CENTER in South Bend. I reported the incident saying that I had positive proof in the BROWN SHEETS OF PAPER and would contact them upon my return to town. They informed me that radar had picked up a disturbance twenty miles south of Indianapolis at exactly 3:25 PM. He advised me to keep the BROWN SHEETS so that they could be sent in for analysis. I continued on to BIRCH LAKE and seeing one of my neighbors I had to tell him the story. When I finished he asked to see the BROWN SHEETS. I walked to the car and opened the door ---- reaching for the positive proof of this story---- there to my amazement and horror the BROWN SHEETS were DISINTEGRATING***** NOTHING REMAINED.

THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE OF THE BIRCH BARKER FOR THE 1952 SEASON
WE WISH TO THANK OUR ADVERTISERS READERS THE YACHT CLUB AND THE
BIRCH LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB FOR THEIR COOPERATION.

WE WANT TO SOLICIT YOUR HELP
AND SUPPORT FOR 1953.
AND IDEAS WILL ASSIST US IN BRINGING YOU A
BIGGER AND BETTER
YOUR SUGGESTIONS
BIRCH BARKER.

June Cox

THE BIRCH BARKER IS READ BY MORE
THAN 300 READERS EVERY WEEK.

LOST: Notify Henry Beyer #136
Around the lake a high school
graduates ring initials MCHS
Mount Carmel High School 1952
Notify

Roery MacLean and his parents
Mr and Mrs W.O. MacLean are
celebrating Roery's first birthday
at June Bud Point.

Dr & Mrs Ben Biasini were guests
of Mr & Mrs F.J. Ebeling and
daughters Julie and Linda Sat.

Gerrie Jensen spent the week at
cottage # 42 with the Jensens.

Barry Bonlanger of Mishawaka
spent several days with Wayne
Eberhart.

Mr & Mrs T.O. Hood of West Melton,
Ohio spent the weekend at the
Forbes cottage.

Mr & Mrs Rob Hurculson of South
Bend visited Eberharts on Sunday

Pat and Mike Foley of South Bend
are visiting Racky Hutchison for
the weekend.

Mrs Warren Voorheis and sons
John and Richard were guests
of the Coxes Wednesday.

Mr & Mrs Joseph Rigney were guests
of the Hohmans Wednesday night.

Lucy Harvey is taking a weeks
trip into Northern Michigan with
her cousins Jeanie Harvey and
family. Last Tues. they made a
nice catch of Perch at Bitely
near Muskegon.

Chuck Schott, Gib Eberhart and
Tom Troeger speared a 40½ in Gar-
fish recently.

Mr & Mrs C.O. Davis of Elkhart
were weekend guests of the Koll
ars.

Mr & Mrs Greenside's son Dick
has been sent to Georgia for his
16 weeks basis training.

Mr & Mrs Elmer Olson spent the
weekend at the Bovik cottage.

Mr & Mrs Wm Follett and children
of Grandhaven Mich spent the latter
part of last week at the C.B. Haines
cottage.

Mr & Mrs Wm J. Humphrey enter-
tained Wednesday, Mr & Mrs Mary
Perkins and daughter Joyce.
Mr & Mrs Howard Moore and their
daughter Joan visited them Sat.

Mrs Edith Parker and Mr & Mrs
John Lagoni entertained Mr & Mrs
Henry Oehler from Chicago for a
short visit.

Mr & Mrs John Orkett and daughter
Peggy of South Bend are staying
at cottage 133.

The Sears had a reunion at the
Sears cottage Sunday honoring
Mr & Mrs Howard kimmerle from
Calafornia & Mr & Mrs David Haynes
and family of Arizona.

Karen Kensill spent the week
in Erie Pa. and Niagara Falls.
Susan Holderman left Saturday
for Dayton, Ohio.

Miss Susan Holderman entertained
Miss Jenny Lind Hartranbt of
Elkhart last Tuesday.

Sunday dinner guests of the
Reeds (#170) were Dr & Mrs John
M. Jacobowitz, sons Jack & Kurt
and Mr & Mrs Wm Kaffan.

Robert Buswantz is on a 13 day
leave from Ft Bragg, North Caroli-
na. and is spending the week at
Birch Lake

Guests of the James Thayers at
a weekend house party were-
Mr & Mrs James Gallagher of Nile
Mr & Mrs James Thompsons of South
Bend and Robert Steintauer, of
North Carolina.

FOUND***

Black dog on North Side of Birch
Lake. Owner inquire at Wood
cottage.

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