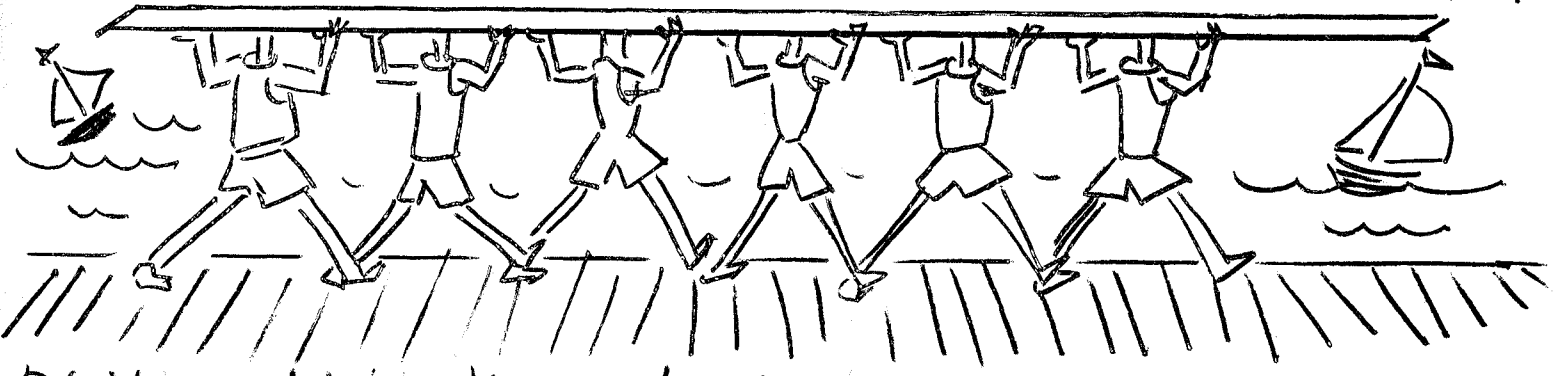


# The BIRCH BARKER

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## ARE YOU ON THE TEAM



## DO YOU HAVE YOUR YACHT CLUB MEMBERSHIP

YOUR DIRECTORS (both Junior and Senior) WILL BE MAKING THEIR FINAL DRIVE WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. If you do not already have your membership, will you please be ready for them. We are asking for \$3.00 per cottage or whatever you wish to give. Junior Memberships are 50¢.

## WHEN FISHERMEN MEET

HI YAMAC . . . . .	LOBUDDY
BINEARLONG? . . . . .	CUPLOURS . . . . .
KETCHANENV? . . . . .	GODDAFEW . . . . .
KINDARTHEY? . . . . .	BASSENCARP . . . . .
ENNYSIZETOOM? . . . . .	CUPAPOWNS . . . . .
HITTINARD? . . . . .	SORDALITE . . . . .
WACHOOZIN? . . . . .	GOBAWURMS . . . . .
FISHANONABODDUM? . . . . .	RYDONNABODDUM . . . . .
IGODDAGO . . . . .	TUBAD . . . . .
	SEEAROUN . . . . .
	YEAHTAKEIDEEZY . . . . .

## BUZZZZ!



the Big  
BOAT PARADE  
 starts at 4:30  
 Sunday - Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>



\*\*\_YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO ENTER !!!

Trophies will be awarded in the following classes: Most Original...Humorous... and Beautiful. There will also be a trophy awarded for the Best Executed.... The Junior Yacht Club is in charge of this Annual Event this year and they hope you will make it a "FLOATING SUCCESS". They have asked that you fill out an entry blank (printed on last page of Barker). You may give it to your Reporter, your Director or the Commodore at # 307. They will give it to the Chairman, Debbie Bratcher at cottage 00. If for some reason, you haven't had time to get this entry blank in, they hope you will still come along and join in the fun.



BROTHER



SISTER



MOM AND



DAD

all report the family news:

The Norman Monroe family of Constantine have been spending 3 weeks in the Breece's cottage. They report a very enjoyable vacation and plan to spend a month at Birch Lake next summer.

The Pine Row Home Demonstration Club will have a BAKE SALE on September 5th at Neterer's cottage # 99 from 9:00 until 12:00. Plan to attend and make your Labor Day "labor-less".

Phyllis Pajakowski and Nancy Deka were the guests of Kathy and Shirley Johnson for the weekend.

Following the wedding of Mary Ann Budzinski and Arthur Roach, guests at the Budzinski's cottage were Mrs. Albert McNichols of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Korn of Fort Wayne, Shirley O'dor and Frank Desantis of Amherst, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Budzinski, Leo Budzinski and Stuart Hilbert of South Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Roberson, John and Wendy arrived Friday evening, Aug. 14th, for the weekend from Mooresville, Indiana, at cottage # 98. Dorothy Roberson is the sister of Marty Ball. Saturday was a big day for Wendy...her 18th birthday...also her first slalom ski ride around the lake.

John Ball starts his two weeks vacation this Sunday and is spending it at Birch Lake...of course! Where else? ? ?

From Alma, Michigan, Mrs. Walter Mc Keen (the former Shirley Thayer) with her two daughters Cheryl and Patty are visiting her parents, Paul and Irma Thayer at cottage # 245.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McDonald and four daughters of Kirland, Indiana, were weekend guests of the John Ball's on August 1st. They thought Birch Lake was really something special.

Mae and Val Bernaciak are on vacation till after Labor Day. Val will try to do some fishing we hope. Gayloe Rich was a guest at the Bernaciak's for one week.

Last Friday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Chester spent the evening with John and Marty Ball. Sorry to report... the men beat the women at bridge.

Julie and Doug Weaver and little Jeanne stopped in Hammond enroute to Altus, Oklahoma. The Wayne Milnes had a dinner party for Diane Milne and her fiancée, John Langmaid, Julie and Doug and Annetta and Dave Milne. They all enjoyed seeing the Norwegian windjammer that had docked at Chicago's Navy Pier.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smeltzer and three children of Elkhart and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Smeltzer and three children of Walpole, Massachusetts spent Wed. afternoon and evening, August 5th, with the John Ball's.

After 7 weeks vacation Roy Rose and Kathleen Kloppaug are homeward bound to Chicago. Aloha. Carl will stay on for a few weeks longer to help grandfather Bernaciak do some painting. Ha ha.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Howe of Winamac, Indiana, were weekend guests of the Cowens at # 308.

Mrs. Else Robinson of Chicago was a guest of the E. R Dreves last week.

Miss Mary Ruth Custer visisted Anne O'Brien last weekend. Being a very clumsy girl, she tipped the canoe over in 6 inches of water...got all wet naturally and everybody got a big laugh but Wabbitt. Patty O'Brien sat on a chair on the end of the pier and it caved in. Major O'Brien is over his mumps. Barbara Leopold from Toledo was a guest. Kathy and Patty drove her home..had a flat tire on the toll road. Mr. O'Brien has a new light green Impala convertible..its "real neat" Johnny, Jr. and Doug Karasch slept out in a tent and did it rain. Patty and Dolly rode around the lake 3 times on their trikes.

The L. A. Jensens entertained her family reunion Sunday. Attending were the J.D. Barnettes, S. B., J.D. Barnette, Indianapolis, D. Barnette, Chicago, the F. E. Aitchison I, son and family, the F. E. Aitchison II, daughter and family, the J. Starr-etts, S.B.-daughter Winni and husband Sgt. J. Morris were expected from Germany but were held over till Jan. Mr. and Mrs. W. Aitchison of Grand Rapids were also absent. Mrs. Jensen & Kay leave for Calif. on 8/24th. Mrs. Jensen returns in 5 wks.

**FOR SALE:** 20" four burner gas range with flexible copper tubing...\$10.00. Inquire at cottage # 72.

**FOR SALE:** Long range Hygain antenna. Brings in all stations, V H F or U H F. Any reasonable offer will be considered. See Val Bernaciak on the East Side - Cottage # 157

Dr. and Mrs. Carlisle Parker Jr. and David, Jeffrey and Michael are spending the week at Birch Lake. Also, Dr. Robert R. Stewart from Mesa, Arizona, is a guest of the Parkers this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Lafferty went to Ohio Sunday to attend the Stanley reunion. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lafferty and son Mikie of Dayton are spending their vacation with C. R. Lafferty's.

Mrs. Minnie Graper from Fort Wayne is visiting the Lunz's.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schiffer, next-door neighbors of the Olsons in Mishawaka, their daughters Terri and Lynn, and their Boxer dog Texas came to Birch Lake for a roast beef a la Bill Olson dinner Saturday. Don taught the two girls to handle his "Super Porpoise" and, wonder of wonders, no one fell overboard.

Paul F. Dennert, a Naval Reservist and member of the famed band of The Rivieras left Friday, August 14th, for Norfolk, Virginia for two years of active duty. Paul is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Dennert of South Bend, Indiana. We'll miss you, Paul, and our very best wishes go with you.

The East Side Bake Sale results were successful. The profits made were \$40.00. I would like to thank the Kensil's for the use of their garage and the help which they gave and also Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Purdy for helping. A special thanks to everyone who baked something to make it a success.

\* Helen Weesner

The Chet Waggoners entertained Mr. Waggoner's mother on her 84th birthday. Sixteen sat down to a delicious dinner.

The Fulmer s had a family reunion at "Dunkampin" last Saturday. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Grenert, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Duchatelep and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Bland, all of Mishawaka, and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey France of Decatur, Ill. They also enjoyed watching the Asire's movies which were shown in Waggoner's Little Theater.

Mr. Don Coleman and Mr. Jack Warrick, Deputy Prosecutor of South Bend sat out in the cold rain and had a little luck fishing.

Larry Pletcher beat his old record by 3 minutes when he swam from the Public Beach to the Tannadoonah Cove. This time it took him 42 min.

We all know Birch Lake is wonderful but if there should be any doubt in your mind, just stop over at the I. T. Bowers' cottage # 307. We can show you a beautiful zinnia growing right out of the front cement steps.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCoy and infant son Matthew paid a surprise visit to their parents, the Cowen's last Tuesday. They left Wednesday for their home in Auburn, New York.

Our new little Birch Laker, Dawn Elizabeth Blue, her parents, Shirley and Jim and sister Lisa enjoyed several days with Shirley's parents, the Starr Wentworths.

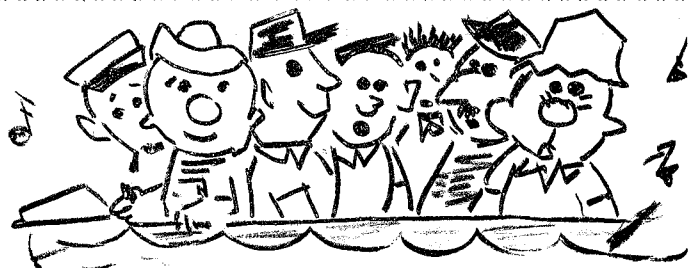
Mrs. I. T. Bowers, cottage # 307, entertained the ladies of the Womens Society of World Service from Southlawn E U B Church, South Bend, last Thursday. This was an all day meeting with a delicious carry-in dinner at noon.

The guest of Zita Kaczmarek for the week is Eileen Bernaciak. Zita will be spending next week with Eileen in Chicago.

**ATTENTION ALL FUTURE EXPLORERS ! ! !**  
Eileen Bernaciak and Zita Kaczmarek were exploring the hill behind Zitas house. Suddenly Mr. Nelson received the surprise of his life when he saw the two girls running down the hill and screaming. They were covered with poison sumac. The cure: Dial Soap, Linco Bleach or jump in the lake. So if you're thinking of climbing them there hills, the girl's advice to you is DON'T.

Mr. Kaczmarek's new tool shed is serving another purpose these days. It seems to have been taken over by Eileen and Zita for their new sleeping quarters.

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**DON'T OVERLOAD YOUR BOAT**

Seats do not indicate capacity....  
total weight, not numbers, is your  
only safety guide.

In case you haven't heard, this is the HISTORY OF BIRCH LAKE . . . . .

SAVE

Long ages ago, millions of years in the past, the region where Birch Lake now lies was deep under a tropical sea. After the sea receded the land which emerged was the home of the reptilian and mammal age. Some 2500 years or more ago great sheets of ice a mile in thickness swept down from the northeast, plowing and gouging the surface of the land.

Probably primitive man lived here before the ice came. He may have been the Folsom Man as Folsom points, believed to be spearheads have been picked up in Cass County. Shortly after the ice left, man came again, the forefathers of the Indians.

The first Indians in this section as found by the early French explorers were Miamis. Through a war council treaty the Miami Indians, who were not a war-like tribe, were replaced by the Chippewas, Pottawatomies and Ottowas, who with the exception of occasional wars lived in relative peace. The area around Birch Lake was held by the Potawatomie Indians, who were headed by Big Chief Pokagon and under Chiefs Weesaw and Shavehead. While Pokagon was a very brilliant man, making friends of the white man, accepting the white man's ways and teachings, Shavehead was the opposite. He was a large man for an Indian, very ugly and very mean, gaining his name by keeping his head shaved, which did not make for an improvement in his appearance. Shavehead's winter quarters was around Shavehead Lake and in the summer he migrated to what is now Mottsville, where there was a ford across the St. Joe River. This ford was on the Sauk Trail which is now modern U S Highway 12. Shavehead would camp at the ford and extract a fee from the white settlers for the use of the crossing. It is reported that he discontinued this practice only after a young, burly settler had taken his ox whip and thrashed Shavehead within an inch of his life.

Shavehead was responsible for the death of many white settlers. He would promise to secure game for the white man but no one returned from the hunting trips but Chief Shavehead. Strangely enough, Shavehead met his death the same way. He was at the Trading Post, which is now Cassopolis, drunk and making his brags about participating in the Fort Dearborn massacre. He was overheard by a young trapper who had lost his wife and child in the debauchery. The young trapper was then living on the Island in Diamond Lake. He asked Shavehead to go home with him. A shot was heard and Shavehead was never seen again.

The Indians under Chief Weesaw, whose winter quarters was in the vicinity of Newton's Woods joined Chief Shavehead's band in the early spring around Birch Lake, where they bathed in the lake and drank of its water, claiming the water had great healing power. It is recorded that Chief Pokagon, who was ill, made the journey from his home near Sumnerville for this purpose.

Settlement in Cass County was very slow. In 1840 the population was only 5,710. Early settlers around Birch Lake were the Harveys, Merritts and O'Dells.

The decade previous to the Civil War was very exciting in the Birch Lake area. Sections of land in South Cass County had been purchased by Quakers for the purpose of setting up small farms for runaway slaves and negroes brought up through the underground railroad. Periodically there would be a raid by Southern slave owners to recover their property.

As the pure, clear water of Birch Lake was known to the Indian, it was destined to be known by the whites. Before there were any cottages, it was a popular fishing and camping lake. The quality of fish taken from its waters was superb. The scenery was magnificent and as roads became passable, cottages began to be built on its shore. One of the first, if not the first, was the Smith cottage. Today the lake has more than 200 cottages with a summer population of over 700 people enjoying its skyblue waters. There is nothing commercial on the lake. We are proud of the clubhouse which has been built on land that was given by the Howard's (13 lots in all) in the year 1959. The Yacht Club and its officers, over the past few years, have put in many long hours of hard work to make this possible, but even this could not have been accomplished if the neighbors and friends had not so generously given to this enterprise by paying yacht club dues and entering into the planned recreation for both adults and juniors.

After looking over many locations the officials in charge of selection of sites for the summer camps of the South Bend and Mishawaka Camp Fire Girls chose beautiful Birch Lake with Camp Tannadoonah and Camp Ki-Lo-Qua showing the results of their vision and foresight.

# MY GARSH! WHAT'S THAT?

Fishing contest closes Aug 30!

BETTER GET BUSY AND "HOOK" THAT BIG ONE

Trophies will be awarded for largest fish caught in these 3 categories: Bass...Bluegill.... Trout.

Fish must be alive at time of measuring and registering with either ART GLENTON - Cottage # 152 or MILO FRANCE - Cottage # 386



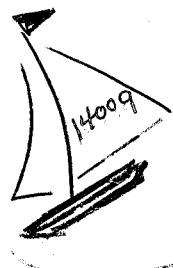
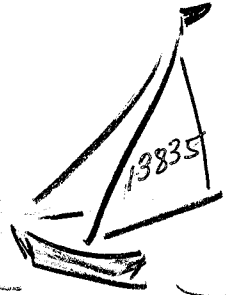
Our Fleet Captain, DAVE MILNE, reports Racing Results for Sunday, Aug. 16, '64

### RACE # 1

- (1) Milne - 13835
- (2) Hague - 12399
- (3) Troeger, E - 9432
- (4) Howard - 14009
- (5) Troeger, J. - 7377
- (6) Weaver - 10955
- (7) Foote - 7378
- (8) Getzinger - 10360

### RACE # 2

- (1) Howard - 14009
- (2) Milne - 13835
- (3) Troeger, E - 9432
- (4) Hague - 12399
- (5) Getzinger - 10360
- (6) Foote - 7378
- (7) Weaver - 10955
- (8) Troeger, J. - 7377



### ALL LAKE RESIDENTS PLEASE TAKE NOTE

THIS IS THE ENTRY BLANK TO BE GIVEN TO THE JR. YACHT CLUB. Will you please give it to your Reporter, your Director, Debbie Bratcher, the chairman, or to Commodore Bowers at # 307, as soon as possible.

I wish to enter the Birch Lake Annual Boat Parade to be held on Sunday afternoon at 4:30 on Aug. 23rd. I will have my entry at the Public Beach by 4:15 and ready to start by 4:30. I understand and will abide by the Judge's decision. I wish to have my entry judged in the followint class.

Most Original \_\_\_\_\_ Humorous \_\_\_\_\_ Beautiful \_\_\_\_\_



Trophies will be awarded in each class. There will also be a trophy awarded for the "best executed"

MY NAME \_\_\_\_\_ COTTAGE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_