

THE INDIAN LAKE SMOKE SIGNAL

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OUR DIRECTORS' REPORT

Sunday, April 21st, the Indian Lake Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting. Many subjects of immediate concern to Indian Lake residents were discussed -- too many to re-
numerate them all here. However, several issues foremost in many of your minds were settled that the Board wanted brought to your attention.

First of all, the present condition of the dam was thoroughly checked. It was found to be in no immediate danger of going out. Consequently, no repairs will be done this year. Between now and next year, when the matter is re-considered, investigations will be conducted to determine the cost of its repair.

Secondly, as many of you know, the dredge operator quit. Another operator will be hired soon and dredging will begin immediately thereafter.

Thirdly, we have been assured that there has been practically no loss of fish as many of us feared. Several weeks ago a crew went below the dam to look over the situation. From the evidence at hand plus the fact that game fish survive better than shad or scavenger fish under adverse conditions, conservation officers believe the loss of game fish particularly was minute.

Included with this issue of the SMOKE SIGNAL is a list of the members of the Board and the various committees on which they

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EASTER EGG HUNT

The PAPOUSES held their Easter Egg Hunt Saturday morning, April 13, at the home of Mrs. Osborn Bilby. Eight children between the ages of three and five attended. There were also three guest children and five mothers who stayed to help entertain the youngsters.

A "get-acquainted" hour was held first with Lincoln Logs, Play-School Village and other toys. A story hour and song fest followed. All present broke the sound barrier with their rendition of "Peter Cottontail" and other songs.

Next came the long awaited event of the day - the actual hunting of the eggs! Children's shoe boxes, which were furnished by Schiff's Shoe Store in the Meadows, were converted into fancy Easter Baskets by covering with yellow and green crepe paper strips and adding a cardboard handle. Beth Lowe found the golden egg and was awarded the prize of a live baby duckling. After a nice cool drink of Kool-Aid and a bag of treats (candy eggs and jelly beans), the little ones went merrily home carrying their well-filled baskets of eggs.

The colored hard-boiled eggs were furnished by the following committee members: Mrs. Rosa Watson, Mrs. Mary Lee Lowe, Mrs. Maureen Wagner and Mrs. Bilby.

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Call in your news items!!

SWEETS FOR THE SWEET

For young or old candy is always
a treat,
The extra little touch that makes
eating complete.

Eaten with care - not too much at
a time -
It can be enjoyed and not harm
the waistline.

And what can be nicer for your
special guest
Than a dish of mints on a table
or desk.

It'll soon be Mother's Day - a
gift you may need.
Well, here's advice we suggest
you heed ...

Buy nuts - plain or covered, the
finest there are,
And after-dinner mints in an
apothecary jar.

These candies are available to
any of you,
Just call Sheila Scobie or Jody
Trittipo.

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Our Directors (Cont. from Pg. 1)

serve. Please keep this copy for
future reference when you need to
make inquiries or have problems
pertaining to some phase of the
lake development and care. By
calling a member of the committee
directly concerned with your
query, you will get the informa-
tion and help you need faster.

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LOST AND FOUND

Lost April 30 on south side of
lake - Small 10 weeks old mixed
Collie called Tippy. Light tan
white tipped nose and paws.
Please notify Ruth Ann Leach -
Va 3 4657 if you see this much
missed puppy!

Call in ads to Mrs. Bilby,
Va. 3 4624. Let us help you!

OUR HERITAGE Part 1.
by John Repass

Approximately one hundred feet
beneath the floor of your home
rests the evidence of the begin-
ning of our local heritage. At
this point, limestone deposits
offer mute but uncontested
proof that your present homesite
was once part of the sea. Our
area was at one time a shallow
warm-watered extension of the
Gulf of Mexico teeming with
brachiopods, sponges, trilobites,
crinoids, cup corals, and tree
ferns. The refuse of 300 mil-
lion years of cycling birth and
deaths sank to the bottom of the
permian ooze and metamorphosized
into the limestone layer through
which your present wells have
been driven.

In a comparative blink of his-
tory, the steaming waters of our
area became cold and silent.
Great sheets of ice descended
from the North sweeping away
virtually every vestige of life
before them and grinding out the
basins of what are now known as
the Great Lakes.

The ice sheets began to melt
with primitive reptiles follow-
ing in their wake. The Miss-
issippi River was formed in this
period and our area became a
great inland lake ten times that
of Lake Superior.

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HOW DO YOU STAND?

The Board of Directors has a
problem and only you can solve it!

They are unable to handle their
civic duties effectively and ef-
ficiently because of inadequate
funds. They are dependent upon
the lake assessments to do their
job. At present many of these
assessments are still unpaid.

If you are among those who have
not as yet paid their assessment,
please do as soon as possible.
By fulfilling your obligation to
the board, they will be better
able to fulfill their's to you.

Our Heritage (Cont. from Pg. 2)

After 175 million years, fickle nature again changed its mind; and the sheets began their second descent from the North. This time the competition to stay alive was fantastic and the cataclysmic struggle proved the undoing of most of the reptilian forms of life. As with the reptiles, so went the giant tree ferns which made their contribution to our present high standard of living in Indiana by providing us with stored sunlight which we extract from Hoosier coal deposits and use in the form of electricity.

NEXT ISSUE:

What happened to the giant fresh-water lake that covered our area? How did the third glacier provide us with safe water but lead to the expense of water softeners for its users? Who were the first occupants of the Indian Lake area, where did they come from, and why did they disappear with no historical record?

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YOUTH IN THE NEWS

The SHORELINERS met at the home of Sharon Hawley on April 20 for a weiner roast. Mr. Hawley was chief cook for the twenty young people present. This was a pitch-in affair, and a good time was had by all.

This group is planning another pitch-in type party at the lake on the 18th of May.

The six to ten-year-olds in the neighborhood participated in a kite-flying contest on April 6. After numerous flightless tries the wind cooperated long enough to bring in the winners - Kim Norman with the highest flyer, followed by Bobby Wagner and Janice Bilby. All agreed it was a chalanging afternoon.

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ACROSS THE FENCE
by Marilyn Drew

There are two new families enjoying Spring at Indian Lake this year. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Matich have moved into the house previously owned by the Richardsons; and Sgt. & Mrs. Billie M. Castleberry and children Billie, Jr., 16, Roxanne, 14 and Jay, 7, are now occupying Stroup's home at 11 Mohawk Drive. Mr. Matich is a Sales Engineer with Avel's Sales and Engineering firm; and Sgt. Castleberry is stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison.

Our best wishes are extended to Dorothy Klepfer who is recuperating from surgery, Helen Dayton, a recent hospital dismissal and Bud Reeves who had minor surgery.

We were pleased to learn that Tony Van der Perk has been awarded a scholarship to Herron Art Institute for outstanding artistic accomplishment at Lawrence Central.

Ladies in the area attended a most congenial coffee at the Farr's home on April 17. We missed many faces and hope that the next endeavor will be more compatible with the schedules of those missing.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Farr and family recently initiated their camper with a trip to Lincoln Memorial State Park for four days.

Wally Armstrong and Craig Norman went to Bloomington last Saturday with the school Golf team where they played with the Bloomington Univ. Hi School team.

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LAKE CLEAN UP

The last weekend for cleaning up the shoreline before closing the dam found much to be done at the boat dock. Mr. French's crew had completely cleared the walk-out and fountain area but nothing else was in order. Sat. Bob Nicholas, Leland Jones spent the morning repairing and resetting the pier and water skiing platform, and Dr. Hoskins, Walt Armstrong and his father from up Chicago way did some cleaning up of the beach. Sunday was a bit better after an emergency call.
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An excellent crew arrived and in short order made a clean sweep of the debris on the beach and launching area. Credit for a good job done is given to - the whole Hawley family - much elbow grease from one family. Another complete family along with grandfather was the Armstrong group. Others that dug in were the Drew and Tellstrom boys, Clif Goodwin, the Farr children and Steve Irwin. There's still much to be done so please, for your own summer enjoyment down at the lake, give a helping hand and keep the spot neat and pleasant for all of us!

Swimming instruction is being planned for all ages from 3 to 93 during the coming summer, if there are enough interested people. In order to determine the number of classes and necessary grades of instruction, anyone interested is requested to complete the form below. Please use a separate sheet for each person with the following information:

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Age 3-5 _____ 6-10 _____ 11-12 _____ 13-14 _____ 15-21 _____ 21 - _____

Have you ever been able to swim _____ none _____ little _____ good _____

How far can you swim the crawl _____ back crawl _____

Breast stroke _____ Side stroke _____ Back stroke _____

Do you have a Red Cross certificate _____ If so, what type _____

Interested in swimming lessons _____ Water skiing lessons _____

Do you now or have you belonged to the Boy, Girl Scouts? _____

Did you earn any water front merit badges? _____

Which ones? _____

Would you assist instruction of any water front activities? _____

If so, which ones? _____

Kindly return the above form, as soon as possible, to either Mrs. P. Sanders, Mohawk Drive, or Mr. R. Wagner, Indian Lake Blvd., South Drive.