

INDIAN LAKE SMOKE SIGNAL

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CLEANUP, FIXUP TIME AGAIN!

Beach clean up is scheduled for Saturday, 9:30 A.M., according to Joe Rohrman and Joe Hoone, board members responsible respectively for North and South Beaches. Volu Volunteers, both young and old, will be welcomed that morning. Please bring rakes and shovels because debris and sand will need to be moved to put this recreational space in good shape for the coming summer use. The Women's Committee will provide lunch for those with willing hands. That's Saturday, May 5

HEAVY TRASH PICKUP, TOO

Paul Butalla has arranged for a heavy trash pickup for the same Saturday, May 5. So, here's your opportunity to get rid of the heavy or bulky material that the regular garbage collection pickup won't handle. Be sure to set out all items early Saturday morning, or, better still, the night before. Otherwise, you may miss the pickup.

**RAINDATE FOR BEACH CLEANUP AND TRASH PICKUP IS
THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY.**

NEW TELEPHONE DIRECTORY COMING UP

The Women's Committee is in the process of gathering up-to-date information for a new Indian Lake Improvement Association telephone directory. The new booklet will carry advertising. Please call Dolores Serra, 823-4883, if you wish to place an ad. And, be sure to tell her of any changes in listings, new residents, etc.

DON'T GET AROUND MUCH ANYMORE, on Fall Creek Parkway, that is... Questioning why we still can't take Fall Creek Parkway, below the 79th Street bridge, to get into town, led to making a number of telephone calls recently. After being switched to several people from Lawrence to the Indianapolis Dept. of Transportation, the following information was obtained: A Mr. Sawyer, DOT, tells us that the Sargeant Road decking is complete, but that will take at least another 30 days, if the weather holds and even tho they are "working furiously", to finish the Mud Creek bridge. We learned, too, that work will be done on 82nd Street off Fall Creek, but that it will not close it to traffic.



ACROSS THE FENCE

By Maureen Wagner

There used to be an old country song that went something like this, "When its Springtime in the Rockies, I'll be coming back to you." Now I know a few of our residents invariably leave us for a few weeks during the colder months of the year, but for three and a half months that's really stretching it. Most of our residents are very happy to head for Sunny Florida, but to go to California, cruise through the Panama Canal, spend 21 days in the Carribean, back to California then to Hawaii and back to Florida is the ultimate in chasing the sun or fleeing from winter. But what ever it is, I am delighted to see Lois Armstrong back on Indian Lake. Sincerely hope you are home to stay, Lois, we really did miss you.

This has been a very special year for John and Loretta Miller. John retired from Chrysler after 31 years. Now according to John he is doing what he wants to do when he wants to do it. The Millers took a lengthy vacation first to Las Vegas where they met John's brother and secondly to California where they stayed with his cousin Lester. He is a very vital and interesting person even at the advanced age of 95. John and his brother

copied quite a lot of family history down from their cousin. They recorded it with pictures, writing and cassettes. This labour of love is to pass on to their descendants. The newest addition to their family tree is a beautiful little granddaughter by the name of Kelsey. Here are some words from a beautiful childrens hymn for Kelsey and all the little girls and boys on the lake,

"God make my life a little flower,
that giveth joy to all.
Content to bloom in native bower,
Although that place be small.

"God make my life a little song
that comforteth the sad
That helpeth others to be strong,
And makes the singer glad.

"God make my life a little staff
whereon the weak may rest.
That so what health and strength I have
May serve my neighbors best."

Until Next Time,

Maureen

IS THIS HOW WE CAME ABOUT?

Below is first part of the history of Indian Lake Country Club written by Ken Scobie on the occasion of the club's 50th anniversary in 1978. We 're going to print some of it in stallments because altho the relationship of the club's and our association's beginnings is not clear, there seems to be some indication it does exist. How about it, some of you oldtimers?

INDIAN LAKE - 50 YEARS IN REVIEW

There are many people of the opinion that the creation of a living-recreational development is a new concept. Not so. In 1928 a number of Indianapolis business people felt that a place to live and a place to play in one selected area could serve an important function with regard to the improvement of their daily lives.

A number of locations were considered and in February, 1928 a decision was made to purchase land in the northeast part of Marion County. This decision resulted in the formation of the Indian Lake Development Corp. under which name the purchase was consumated.

The financing for this development was arranged with the Washington Bank and Trust Co., then located on the southeast corner of Senate and West Washington St. which later was placed in receivership during the depression period. But during its development the Corporation created a three dimensional plaster replica measuring approximately 4'x6' which was enclosed in glass and exhibited in the lobby of the bank. This exhibit showed the lots to be sold and also depicted all the amenities for the pur-

chasers which included a lake created by the damming of Indian Creek, a riding stable, located on the northwest corner of Indian Lake Blvd., North Drive and Indian Lake Road and a golf course at its present location. The riding stable was subsequently destroyed by fire in the early 40's.

The Corporation owned only 10 acres dedicated for the golf course so an additional 40 acres were leased which resulted in the creation of a nine hole golf course.

A club house was erected which served as both club house for the golf course and a community house. The original ten acres were heavily wooded so trees were felled and all the joists, rafters and studs used in the framing of the structure, were native timbers with all the bark intact.

Then came the great depression, sales of lots dried up, maintenance was non-existent, and the Corporation was placed in receivership. Otto E. Ray, then Marion County Sheriff, was appointed receiver.

Hang on, folks, more next issue!