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Lakeview House links residents with their past

By MIKE DUNN
Journal correspondent

She stands defiantly on the crest of a north shore hill, a majestic landmark which has successfully battled time and the elements these past 120 years or so.

The old Lakeview House has aged quite gracefully, refusing to succumb to the steady, sapping barrage of Father Time and Mother Nature.

She has diligently kept her post overlooking Klinger Lake these many decades, a watchwoman offering the residents here a link with their past, reminding them of the halcyon days of a century ago when the charismatic Robert "Put" Mandigo roamed these shores and had the Lakeview House open for business.

She was quite a drawing card in those days, luring train-traveling weekenders from Chicago during the summer months and pulling in locals from miles around to mingle in the ball room on the third floor where the dances were held, or to

sample some of the venison or fresh fish being offered to patrons in the second floor restaurant, or to swap wild stories while passing the night away in the first floor saloon.

The Lakeview House does not appear much the worse for wear today, hiding what weather-inflicted scars she might have beneath a fresh, cream-colored coat of paint and a sporty new set of windows, compliments of present owners Art and Elaine Renner.

The Renners take good care of her, using her as a guest house for visiting family and friends. They keep her spotless on the inside and well-garbed on the outside and she seems more than ready to stand for another century in the face of any continued assaults of time and the elements.

Her exact age is unknown. She was closed for business sometime before World War I, according to Dorothy Phillips, the granddaughter of "Put" Mandigo.

It is unclear if "Put" built the Lakeview House himself or pur-

chased her from someone, but it is generally thought that he was the first owner of the building and that he opened her for business in the 1870s.

A tour of the Lakeview today is not exactly a step through time, because so many renovations have been made over the years. But there is still enough of the original structure to give one a flavor of the past.

It is not that difficult to imagine the dances and gala events that were held in the L-shaped ball room on the third floor, or to see in your mind's eye someone greeting the morning on the second floor porch which overlooks the lake.

In a 1921 newspaper article by Alle Mac, the author recalls her teen-age memories of "Put" Mandigo and some of the festive times she enjoyed at the Lakeview House.

"It doesn't seem fair to have old 'Put' forgotten," she writes. "He was always on hand in the times when

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Mike Dunn/Journal

The Lakeview House has withstood the elements of the past 120 years.

KLCC posts 70-year history as one of the country's best

By ROBERT E. HAIR
Journal Special Writer

The Klinger Lake Country Club, located about six miles west of Sturgis on U.S. 12 in White Pigeon Township, is an active golf and social organization with a proud, 70-year history.

Situated on the southeast side of Klinger Lake in gently rolling terrain, the club's 18-hole golf course, clubhouse and other facilities rank at the top among country clubs between Chicago and Detroit.

Incorporated as a nonprofit group on June 3, 1920, the club was known originally as the St. Joseph County Country Club. Incorporators were Charles W. Kirsch, Martin E. Aulsbrook, James G. Van Horn, William A. Cavin, Frank W. Wait and Rosslyn H. Van Buren.

The corporation was authorized to run for 30 years. Its life has been extended twice since then for additional 30-year terms, the last time on May 29, 1981. On April 10, 1922, the name was amended to Klinger Lake Country Club.

The first club officers, elected at a meeting held at the Oakwood Tavern on the south side of Klinger Lake, were: Charles W. Kirsch, president; William A. Cavin, vice president; Harry Howard, secretary, and Mark P. Haines, treasurer.

Memberships were purchased by some 50 men at \$250 each. These funds were used to purchase 50 acres of land east of the Oakwood

resort from Edward Luttman, and work on a 9-hole golf course began in the fall of 1920 following a layout designed by Maurice L. Wells, golf professional at the Kalamazoo Country Club.

Funds to construct a clubhouse were raised by issuing bonds, all of which were purchased by Charles W. Kirsch, the first president. When it became apparent in a few years that the club could not pay off the bonds, Kirsch called a membership meeting and personally burned the bonds in the clubhouse fireplace, thereby wiping out the club's debt.

Work on the clubhouse began in March 1921 and was completed in time for a formal opening on June 29 of that year. The first foursome to officially play the new golf course that day was composed of James G. Van Horn, Harry Howard, G. P. "Jumbo" Walker (newly hired as the club's first golf pro) and J. M. Haines of Chicago. The latter was the brother of Mark P. Haines. The match was won by Van Horn and Haines, who were 8-up after 9 holes.

"Jumbo" Walker, the first pro, was a student at the University of Illinois who played drums in a dance band made up of Illinois students. The band was playing that summer at the dance pavilion adjacent to the Oakwood Tavern. In 1922, Al Leacy, who had been the pro at the Kendallville Country Club, was hired at KLCC.

In 1923, Jimmie Millar, a native of Carnoustie, Scotland, was hired

as the Klinger Lake pro, and he remained for 24 years until his death in 1947.

Land adjoining the original nine holes on the west was deeded to the club in 1930 by Harry and John Howard for use in expanding the course to 18 holes. The second nine was designed by the club pro, Jimmie Millar.

The present 18-hole layout covers 5,968 yards, including 2,881 yards on the east (original) nine and 3,087 yards on the west. Pars are 72 for men and 73 for women.

During the night of July 31, 1937, fire of undetermined origin totally destroyed the original clubhouse, which was constructed chiefly of wood. A temporary clubhouse was put up and used the rest of that summer.

The present clubhouse, larger than the first and faced with sandstone, was constructed on the same site and was formally opened on May 29, 1938. The pro shop, which had been in the basement of the new clubhouse, was moved in 1948 to a new building constructed west of the clubhouse and adjacent to the first tee.

Several improvements have been made since the second clubhouse was built, including a two-story addition on the north that extended the first-floor grill and doubled the seating capacity of the second-floor

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Regular water tests assure a clean lake

By MIKE DUNN
Journal correspondent

If you fish in Klinger Lake, there are two things you don't have to worry about. One is pulling in "Jaws" since sharks only roam in salt water. The other is not finding any fish.

According to tests monitored by the Department of Natural Resources, the lake is a sound environment for marine life.

Further, if you swim in Klinger Lake, there are two things you don't have to worry about. Again, one is running into "Jaws" since he doesn't live there. The other is swimming in unsafe waters.

Regular DNR test results show that the lake water is well within the guidelines established for safe swimming.

Longtime Klinger Lake resident Laird Wilson, who conducts the tests for the DNR, says that the lake "has been relatively good for fishing and swimming."

Once a week, Wilson gets into his boat and travels to the middle of the lake to drop a special disk into the drink. The disk measures the presence of algae in the lake, and so far the lake has always received a passing grade from the DNR. Algae is necessary to support marine life, but too much or too little can be hazardous.

Wilson also does a depth of clarity check at the same time he tosses the disk into the water. Klinger Lake is clear to the eye to a depth of 7-9 feet, which

is an indication of a healthy mix of algae in the water.

"The more clear the water is does not necessarily mean that it's better," Wilson explained. "Algae is what makes the water cloudy and you need algae in the lake to have good fishing."

Once each month, Wilson does another test. He takes samples from different spots around the lake to detect the presence of bacteria. Too much bacteria would make the lake unsafe for swimming.

"So far we've always had good reports," said Wilson, who took over the DNR testing chore two years ago. "We've had satisfactory readings every time."

Probably the main reason for the clear water and positive test results is the sewer system which Klinger Lake installed 12 years ago. All of the waste is piped now to a processing plant in White Pigeon and that eliminates the need for septic tanks around the lake.

"There's no question that the sewer system has made the difference in the quality of the lake water," said resident Tom Moore, a White Pigeon Township trustee and past president of the Klinger Lake Association. "Without that, I doubt that the lake would be suitable for either swimming or fishing by now."

"The sewer system keeps the water pure and eliminates a lot of bacteria from getting into the lake," Wilson said. "Lakes without a system can have trouble because of bacteria from the septic tanks."

A true Klinger heads to the lake for the summer

By ROBERT E. HAIR
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Klinger Lake can boast of having a real, live Klinger as a summer-time resident. Rosemary Klinger, a distant relative of the Peter Klinger for whom Klinger Lake is named, owns a cottage on Mound Springs and is spending several weeks there before returning to her year-round home in California.

"My family used to spend summers at Lake Wawasee near Syracuse, Ind.," Klinger explained. "One day I was looking at a map to see what other lakes were in our area when my eyes fell on Klinger Lake. That was the first time anyone in my family had heard of Klinger Lake."

"I investigated and was pleased to find Peter Klinger and my side of the family go back to two brothers, Johann Philip and Alexander Klinger, who lived in Klingerstown, Pa., a small town northeast of Harrisburg."

"Peter Klinger was a grandson of Johann Philip. My side descended from his brother, Alexander."

Further research by Klinger has shown that the Klingers came to the U.S. early in the 1700s, settling first

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near Reading, Pa. The Klingers originated in the Odenwald sector of the province of Hesse near Darmstadt in Germany, where they were early makers of swords for royalty and later operated flour mills. (In German, Klinge means sword or blade.)

Klinger has visited Klingerstown, Pa., as well as the Darmstadt area in Germany to study the Klinger family connections.

A book on Klinger genealogy was published in 1989. The author, Mary Klinger, like Peter Klinger a descendant of Johann Philip Klinger, resides near Klingerstown, Pa. The publisher was Gateway Press, Inc., Baltimore, Md.

"It is really impressive to return to Klingerstown and see almost every tombstone bearing the name Klinger," Klinger stated. While in Klingerstown, she found that Peter Klinger's grandfather operated a

trading post there and is remembered for having donated funds and land for building the local Lutheran Church.

Klinger was born in Wabash, Ind., where her late father, the Rev. Donald Klinger, was a minister in the Evangelical United Brethren Church. Her mother, Beatrice Klinger, now resides with a son and his family near Huntsville, Ala. Klinger, whose family nickname is Mimi, has two other brothers and a sister (also an 8-year-old Collie named Bama to indicate his Alabama origins).

During the last 12 months, Klinger has been touring places of literary interest in the U.S. South while on sabbatical leave. For the last 23 years she has taught English grammar and composition and American literature at Hueneme

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Rosemary Klinger, a distant relative of Peter Klinger, stands outside her lakeside cottage.

Inside: A look at the Klinger Lake Association



Klinger Lake Edition

Fishermen may qualify for Master Angler Award

Fishermen who catch prize fish can qualify for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Master Angler Award.

Handsome arm patches are awarded to all entries meeting established minimum weights while Master Angler certificates, suitable for framing, are awarded to anglers who catch state record fish or one of the top five in each category.

Rules require that fish must be taken by legal Michigan sportsfishing methods in waters of Michigan open to the public. Fish should be weighed on inspected scales (grocery stores, meat markets) and the scales' inspection date and the inspectors name should be recorded. The date of the catch and location should also be noted.

Rules also call for the signatures of two witnesses verifying the weight of the catch.

If the catch exceeds the current state records (see adjoining chart) fishermen must contact a DNR Fisheries biologist for positive identification and verification. To be certified as a state record the fish must be fresh or fresh frozen.

A closeup, clear, sideview photo of the entire fish must be submitted if the entry has not been identified and verified by a DNR biologist.

The entry and photo should be submitted to DNR, Fisheries Division, Box 30028, Lansing, Mich. Entries for the previous calendar year must be received by Jan. 10.

The accompanying chart shows the minimum weights and current state records.

MINIMUM ENTRY WEIGHTS AND CURRENT STATE RECORDS								
Species	Min. Ent. Wt.	Current State Record	Species	Min. Ent. Wt.	Current State Record	Species	Min. Ent. Wt.	Current State Record
Lake Sturgeon	70-0	193-0	Burbot	5-0	18-4	C. Catfish	8-0	47-8
Atlantic Salmon	12-0	32-10	Walleye	10-0	17-3	F. Catfish	10-0	38-2
Chinook Salmon	27-0	46-1	Sauger	5-0	6-9	Brown Bullhead	1-8	3-1
Coho Salmon	12-0	30-9	Perch	1-13	3-12	Black Bullhead	1-4	2-0
Pink Salmon	3-0	8-9	LM Bass	6-0	11-15	Yel. Bullhead	1-8	3-7¼
Kokanee Salmon	1-0	1-15½	SM Bass	5-0	9-4	Bowfin (Dogfish)	7-0	14-0
Rainbow Trout			White Bass	2-0	4-14	Redhorse Sucker	4-0	10-1
(Steelhead)	16-0	26-8	Rock Bass	1-0	3-10	White Sucker	3-0	7-3
Brown Trout	16-0	34-6	Warmouth Bass	1-0	—	Longnose Sucker	2-0	6-14
Brook Trout	2-0	6-12	Green Sunfish	0-12	1-5	Hog Sucker	1-8	1-13
Lake Trout	18-0	53-0	Bluegill	1-0	2-12	Carp	20-0	61-8*/45-0**
Splake	14-0	16-4	Pumpkinseed	0-12	1-0	Freshwater Drum	7-0	25-0
Gt. Lks. Musky	20-0	62-8	Redear Sunfish	1-4	1-10½	Lk. Whitefish	6-0	12-14
Northern Musky	20-0	45-0	White Crappie	1-12	2-10	Men. Whitefish	1-0	3-12
Tiger Musky	20-0	51-3	Black Crappie	1-12	4-2	Lk. Herring (Cisco)	2-8	5-2
Northern Pike	18-0	39-0	Gar	5-0	15-0	Mooneye	0-12	1-5
Hybrid Sunfish	0-12	1-7	American Eel	3-0	4-1			

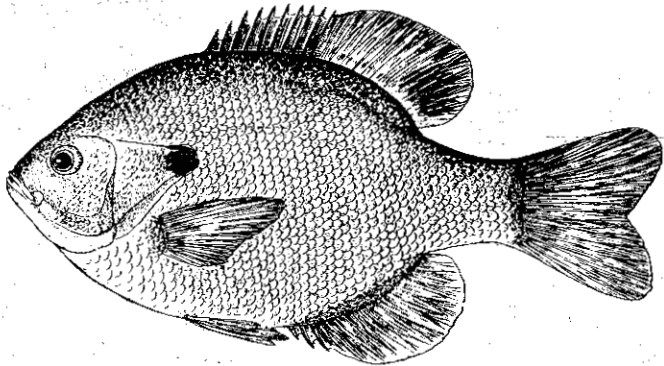
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Michigan has about 146 kinds of fish

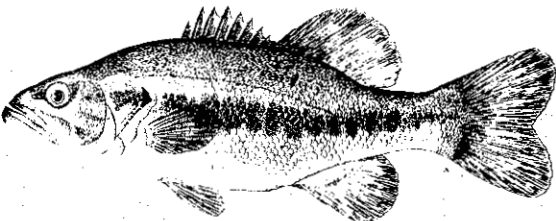
Michigan has about 146 kinds of fish, ranging from tiny minnows weighing a fraction of an ounce to giant lake sturgeon which may grow to 200 pounds. Sport fishermen concentrate their efforts on 25 or so of those species. The other, however, are important as links in the aquatic chain-of-life, even though they may have no direct sport or commercial value.

Some Michigan fish, such as Lake Whitefish, are of primary interest to the commercial industry (although sport fishermen are beginning to take more notice of them). With some exceptions most species are off-limits to commercial fishermen.

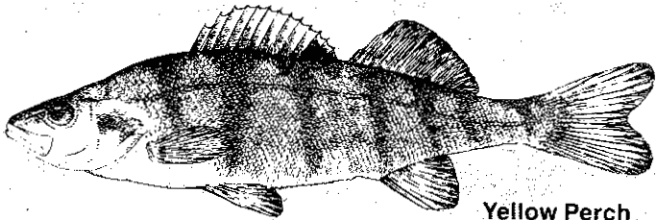
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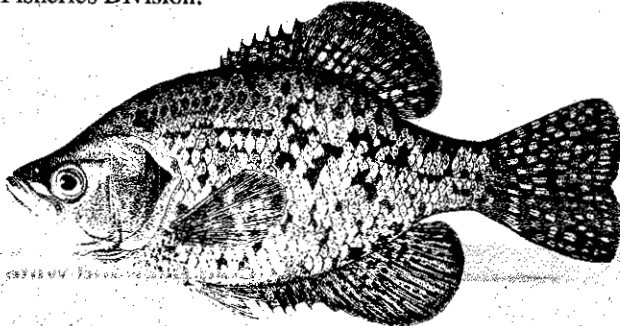
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Largemouth Bass



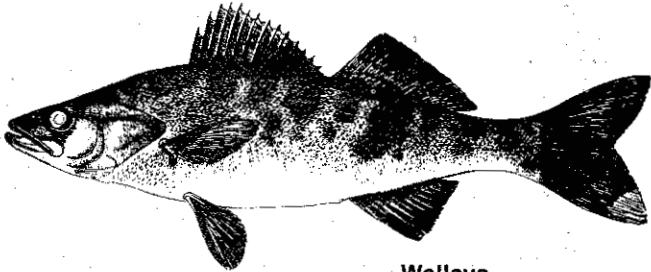
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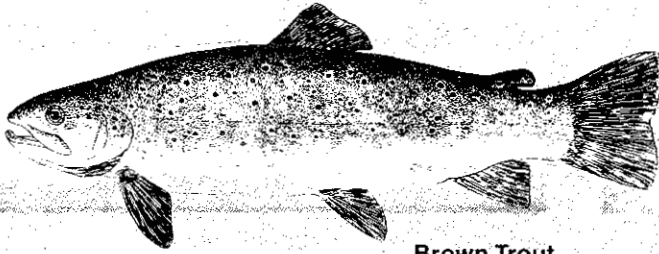
Black Crappie



Northern Pike



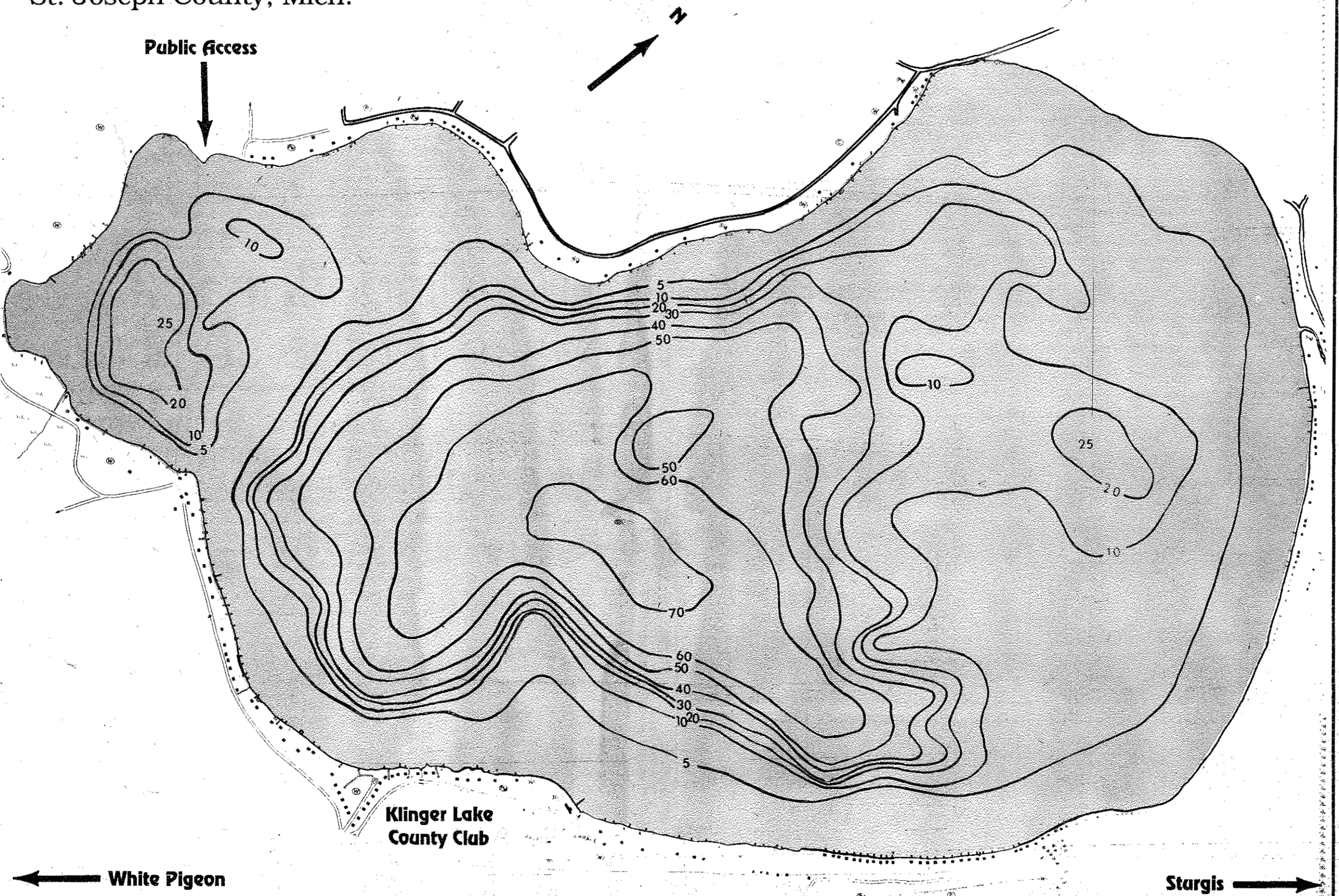
Walleye



Brown Trout

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St. Joseph County offers many good fishing sites

St. Joseph County is a paradise for a Weekend Fisherman and anybody who loves to go fishing. With over 50 lakes in the area you can choose any size or depth of the lake you want. If this isn't enough, the county is blessed with rivers that are full of fine fish. If you look around you will also find some nice streams to fish in. Some private and farm ponds really round out one of the best counties in the state for fishing.

Fishing has really come on strong the past few weeks, as the water temperature has reached the high 60s. This of course, has developed into the spawning season for bluegills and Bass. This is good for Bluegill fishing as they are up in the shallows and are usually easy to catch this time of year. Bass is another story, the males are the easy ones to catch if you are lucky during the spawning period. Personally, if I catch any large females with eggs, back into the lake it goes, as this will help our future fishing.

With the temperatures starting to go up and the water temperatures also going up, you will hear the fish are starting for deep water. Well, after fishing for so many years this theory just doesn't hold water all the time. You can catch big Bass in July during the heat of the day. I grant you, I pulled them out from

Weekend Fisherman

By Bernie Behnke



under docks and lily pads, as you see they are not always in 30 feet of water or deeper.

Fish have no eye lids and they do not like bright sunshine. This is the reason they are always seeking shaded areas during the day. They will hide in dark areas or will go down a ways in the lake to get away from the bright sunlight. Have you wondered why a fish will dive for the underside of your boat as you bring him in closer. He feels this dark area is a safe area and a lot of times it proves to be, as that last surge the line breaks and the fish is on his way to freedom.

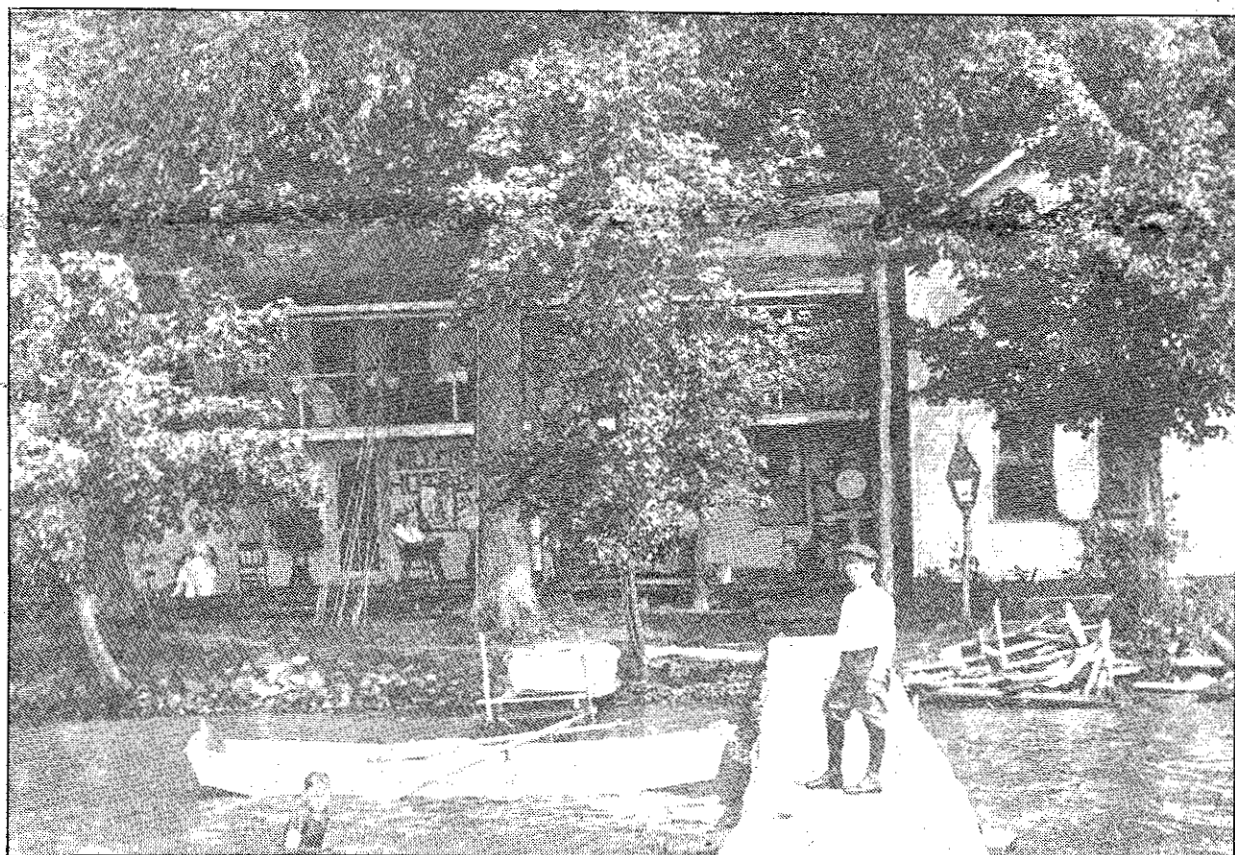
One thing you should always take into consideration as a fishing person and that is make sure your hands are clean from any odors like gasoline. Nothing will spoil your

fishing any quicker than an odor that will be offensive to the fish. They have one of the best smelling systems, which nature has given them to protect themselves.

Hooks are one of my pet peeves, and of course I like Tru-Turn hooks and have been using them for 10 years now. A lot of pros use them now, too. Their cam action always turns the hook so it is in the upper part of the mouth of the fish. There, it is a lot less chance of coming out and losing the fish. Make sure your hooks are sharp as I have mine razor sharp. You can test them by trying them on your finger nail, if it holds it is sharp and if it just makes a mark it needs to be sharper. Don't lose your prize fish because of a dull hook. Remember "A dull knife won't cut the mustard" and that goes for hooks.

My tip for the week is, if you would like a list of the county lakes and the kind of fish you can catch in them, all you have to do is this. Send a self addressed No. 10 envelope with a stamp on it to Denny L. Bowen, P.O. Box 47 Centreville, Mich. 49032-0427. His secretary, Judy Davis, will also mail you an access list and area parks you can visit. A lot of time was spent compiling it for the general public. Wishing you good fishing.

Looking back at Klinger Lake



Mound Springs Hotel

As Klinger Lake gained in popularity as a resort, hotels and eating establishments opened around the lake to cater to vacationers. Shown here is Miller's Hotel on Mound Springs. (Photo courtesy of Bill McBride).

Recreation guide available

The Allegan County Promotional Alliance and the Allegan County Tourist/Recreation Council recently completed the 1990 Allegan County Water & Recreation Guide.

The guide is designed to assist all outdoor enthusiast. It includes: campgrounds, attractions, charters, sporting goods, county parks, food, resorts, R.V. repair, lodging, emergency medical, bait shops and gold courses.

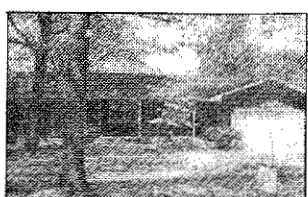
Fisherman visit Allegan County because nature blessed it with 100 inland lakes, 25 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline, and an abundance of fish.

To receive a copy of the guide contact: Allegan County Tourist/Recreation Council, P.O. Box 338, Allegan, Mich. 49010. (616)-673-2479.

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Safe Boating Week recognized

"Know before you go" was the message stressed during the designated National Safe Boating Week, June 3-9, 1990. In Michigan more than 900 boaters took this message to heart as they rushed to sign up for the two-day safe boating classes offered throughout the state in a joint effort by the Michigan Boating Industries Association and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The two groups teamed up with volunteers from the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Power Squadron and the local sheriff's departments to offer boating education at a time when demand is very high but few courses are available.

The six hour course was designed to accommodate new boat buyers looking for classes in April and May, and those individuals who find it difficult to commit to the six and twelve week courses offered in the winter and early spring. Unbelievable response from minimal advertising created waiting lists in many of the areas offering the course.

"The key to success of this program was the timing, the convenience and the cost," said Anne Masterson, MBIA administrative executive. "Because the classes were free whole families would attend together."

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3. Craig Hughes, N. Carlisle (10 1/4", 14 oz.).....24.25
4. Gerald DeKay, Sturgis (10", 14 oz.).....24.00
5. Ron Smith, Sturgis (9 3/4", 13 oz.).....22.75

Large Mouth Bass

Points

1. Steven Frohriep, Sturgis (22", 5 lb., 3 oz.).....105.00
2. Bill Schuler, Sturgis (20" 7/8", 4 lb., 10 oz.).....94.88
3. Tom Kilpatrick, Sturgis (21", 4 lb. 8 oz.).....93.00
4. Matt Hecht, Sturgis (20 1/4", 4 lb. 8 oz.).....92.25
5. Adrian Long, Centreville (20 1/2", 4 lb. 4 oz.).....88.50

Perch

Points

1. Nick Todd, Sturgis (12 1/2", 15 oz.).....27.50

Crappie

Points

1. Ervin Mishler, Sturgis (14 1/2", 1 lb. 1 oz.).....41.50
2. Richard Bothamley, Sturgis (14", 1 lb. 10 oz.).....40.00
3. David Carpenter, Sturgis (13 1/2", 1 lb. 6 oz.).....35.50
3. Bill Smith, Sturgis (13 1/2", 1 lb. 6 oz.).....35.50
5. Levi Bontrager, Constantine (12 3/4", 1 lb. 2 oz.).....26.75

Northern Pike

Points

1. Dennis Chapman, Burr Oak (41 1/16", 14 lb. 6 oz.).....271.06
2. Tony DeKay, Sturgis (37", 10 lb. 2 oz.).....199.00
3. Daniel Ringle, Sturgis (28 3/4", 5 lb. 1 oz.).....109.75

RULES

1. Fish will be accepted in the categories of Bluegill, Bass, Northern Pike, Perch and Crappie at weigh-in stations designated in sponsor's ads.
2. Fish to be measured in a straight line while laid flat on its side. The mouth should be closed and the tail flat.
3. One point will be awarded for each inch the fish measures in length and one point will be awarded for each ounce in weight.
4. After measuring and weighing the left fin will be clipped off. Any fish taken to a second weigh-in station will be disqualified.
5. Cash prizes will be awarded at the end of the contest at the rate of \$40 for first; \$30 for second and \$20 for third.
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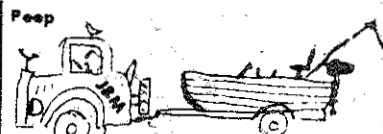
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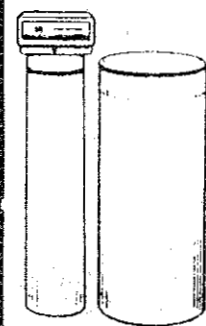
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Loomis purchased first land on what is now called Klinger Lake

By ROBERT E. HAIR
Journal Special Writer

Dr. Hubbil Loomis, an early White Pigeon physician who also was the first St. Joseph County probate judge, was the first person to purchase land on Pine Lake, known today as Klinger Lake.

Dr. Loomis made his purchase on June 17, 1831, at the White Pigeon U.S. Land Office, then newly opened. Before 1831, government land had to be purchased in Monroe. The White Pigeon office operated for three years, then was moved to Kalamazoo after most of the land in this area had been taken up and the wave of migration turned north.

The former U.S. Land Office in White Pigeon is still in existence. It is owned and is being restored by the St. Joseph County Historical Society.

Dr. Loomis' purchase was located in the southeast fractional quarter of Section 2 of White Pigeon Township on what is now Watson Road at the west edge of the area called Oakwood because of its stand of large oaks.

Peter Klinger and his wife, Rebecca, came to White Pigeon Township in 1827. Where they located is not known. It is theorized that the Klingers were the first white settlers on the lake, which is located in northeastern White Pigeon Township. Beginning in 1829 Klinger ran a grist mill, it is believed, at the lake outlet long enough for settlers to associate his name with the lake. Although Pine Lake is the name used on the earliest federal records, in later county records the lake's name is Klinger's, Klingers and eventually Klinger.

The Klingers later moved to a farm three miles west of Constantine on the north side of the St. Joseph River where he ran a flour mill on a stream leading into the St. Joseph. Klinger died June 15, 1850, at age 53.

He and his wife are buried in the Stengle

"Most of the land on the west, south and east sides of the lake had been purchased by 1837. Land on the north side sold more slowly, being in private hands by 1853."

Cemetery on the North River Road between Mottville and Constantine. Klinger and his wife had one child, a daughter, Betsey, who was born in 1827, married Henry Middagh and lived in White Pigeon.

Most of the land on the west, south and east sides of the lake had been purchased by 1837. Land on the north side sold more slowly, being completely in private hands by 1853. Virtually all of the land around Klinger Lake was purchased originally by farmers.

With the coming of the railroads shortly before the Civil War, Klinger Lake became a popular picnic site for county residents as well as for pleasure-seekers who rode special excursion trains from Elkhart and other nearby points. Travelers could leave the trains at Oakwood Crossing south of the lake or at the Klinger Lake station a mile east. Horse-drawn carriage service operated between the lake and the Hotel Elliott in Sturgis.

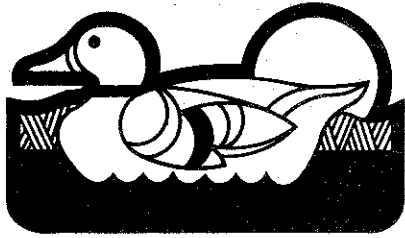
As the lake's popularity increased, farmers on

the lake laid out picnic and tenting grounds on their lakefront lands and eventually began offering meals, rowboats and supplies. One of these entrepreneurs was Andrew Weatherwax, whose farm included today's Oakwood as well as part of the back nine of the Klinger Lake Country Club golf course.

The Weatherwax farm eventually was purchased by William G. Howard, a Kalamazoo attorney who had married Melissa Cooper, a White Pigeon native. Her parents built the first cottage at the lake on what is now Cooper Street in Oakwood. Howard converted the Weatherwax homestead into a hotel that he named the Oakwood Tavern, which became locally famous as a restaurant and hotel with its nearby dance pavilion, grocery store and ice house, all erected by Howard as he established a first-class resort. Other hotels and restaurants sprang up on the east and north shores. Cottages were erected in great numbers starting around 1890. The earliest ones were not much more than summertime fishing shacks, but gradually they were superseded by more luxurious cottages and finally by today's year-round luxury homes.

Tracts of land around the lake were subdivided and sold for cottage sites, beginning with Mound Springs in 1898. Other early platings were Mineral Springs, 1899; Benham Beach, 1903; Bluff Beach, 1906; Sandy Beach, 1913 and 1914; Midway, 1921; North Shore, 1921 and 1922; and Pine Bluff, 1922. The most recent was Oakwood in 1971.

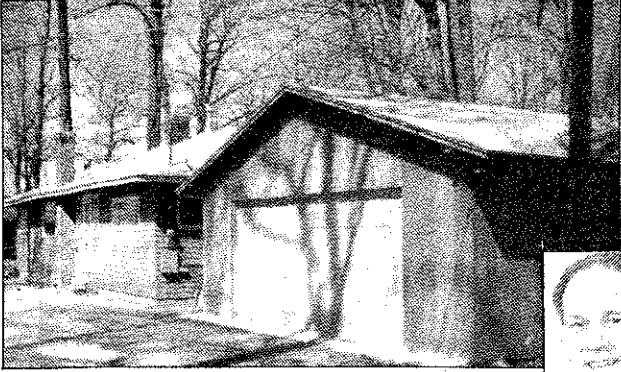
Klinger Lake covers 830.0 acres and has a maximum depth of 85 feet. It is the largest of the 266 bodies of water in St. Joseph County, being fed by springs and several small tributary streams, the largest of which carries water from nearby Middle and Thompson Lakes. From Klinger Lake, water flows westward into Fawn River, which about five miles farther west joins the St. Joseph River at Constantine.



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High School, Oxnard, California, which is on the Pacific Coast about 50 miles north of Los Angeles.

She is a graduate of California State University at Northridge and also has attended Ventura Community College in California and Indiana University. She received her master's degree at California Lutheran University.

Peter Klinger came to White Pigeon Township in 1827. It is theorized he gave his name to Klinger Lake as result of having lived on it long enough for early settlers around the lake to associate his name with it. Later he moved with his wife and daughter to a stream feeding into the St. Joseph River between Mottville and Constantine, where he operated a mill.

Klinger and his wife are buried in the Stengle Cemetery on the North River Road near the site of the Klinger mill. Their only child, Betsey, was born in 1827, married Henry Middagh and lived in White Pigeon.

"I am interested in learning more about Peter Klinger and also about the early days of Klinger Lake," Klinger said. "In the four years I've owned my cottage on the lake, everyone has been most kind and helpful. I'm greatly pleased to be here, and I thank my lucky stars I found Klinger Lake on that map."

"The lake and I have developed a keen personal relationship. Klinger Kastle, which is the name I've given my cottage, seems more and more like home. When I leave here, I say goodbye to this beautiful lake and have even been known to hug a tree or two along the shore."

House

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we were sixteen, always ready to unhitch the 'horses' and throw a bunch of hay and some corn in front of them, and wave away your two-bits when tendered."

The author seems almost disappointed with her visit to the "old Lakeview House," as if she realizes that she is trying to bring back a part of the past which can be brought back only in memory.

"You turn back just a little worried that you can't put your hands on the past like a character in a story," the article concludes, "... and so you turn the little corner and start down the stairs that used to be so broad and imposing and now are so narrow and cramped. Just as you reach the bottom, you pause a moment because you are almost sure that you heard the resined bow of Pete Lanning start across the strings of his old fiddle and 'Put' call out, 'Well, bless my ole hat, here's room for one more!'"

"Put" Mandigo has been gone since 1915, but his legacy lives.

And as long as the old Lakeview House continues her chore of watching over the seasons of Klinger Lake, that legacy will remain.

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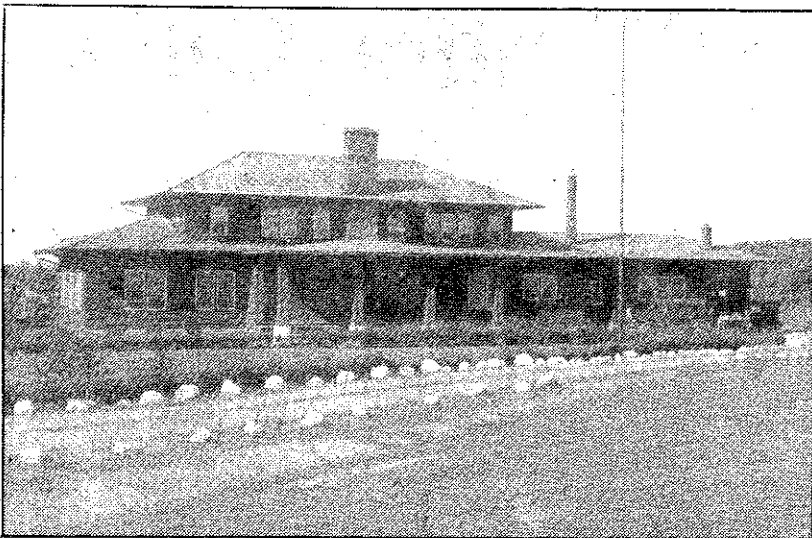
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Looking back at Klinger Lake



Original KLCC Clubhouse

The first Klinger Lake Country Club clubhouse, shown here, was built in 1921 and was destroyed by fire on July 31, 1937. (Photo courtesy of Bill McBride).



Second KLCC Clubhouse

The second and present Klinger Lake Country Club clubhouse was opened May 29, 1938, on the site of the first. This photo, taken shortly after the opening, shows the north facing that overlooks Klinger Lake. (Photo courtesy of Bill McBride).

Anglers to reel in prizes

Eager anglers are preparing to reel in prize catches and cash prizes at fishing festivals throughout the state this summer, AAA Michigan reports.

Fishing is a favorite leisure activity for vast numbers of Michigan residents and visitors, with more than 1.23 million season licenses and 270,000 one-day permits being issued last year by the state Department of Natural Resources.

AAA Michigan's 1990 Fishing Festival Guide lists 71 tournaments for experts and novices. Many events share cash prizes among winners, while others award merchandise or trophies to top participants.

Some of this summer's activities include:

Rogers City Salmon Tournament in Rogers City, Aug. 10-12, when more than 1,000 contestants will try to exceed last year's 27-pound, 8-ounce winning catch.

Little By de Noc World Class Walleye Tournament in Escanaba, Aug. 25-26, when 300 two-member teams from 20 states and Canada try to qualify for the 1990 Masters Walleye Circuit World Championship.

Many contests impose conservation rules, such as "catch-and-release".

State residents and visitors got a chance to fish in the Great Lakes or inland waters without a license during Free Fishing Weekend held June 9-10.

Michigan Fishing Festivals

JULY

Bluegill Fishing Contest, St. Helen, (517) 389-3725—July 1-30.
Triple Crown Fishing Tournament, Harrisville, (517) 724-6426—July 7-8.
Walleye Tournament, Sebawaing, (517) 883-3361—July 7-8.
Bass Festival, Runkle Lake, Crystal Falls, (906) 875-3312—July 8-10.
Bass Tournament, Three Rivers, (616) 244-5090—July 8.
Mariner Festival, Tawas City, (800) 558-2927—July 12-15.
Salmon Tournament, Escanaba, (906) 786-5989—July 14.
Salmon Fishing Derby, Manistique, (906) 341-5010—July 14-15.
16th Annual Michigan Brown Trout Festival, Alpena, (800) 582-1906—July 14-22.
In-Fisherman Walleye Tournament, Saginaw River & Bay, Bay City, (517) 893-1222—July 19-21.
Budd Lake Fishing Derby, Harrison, (517) 539-6011—July 21.
34th Annual Troutarama, Baldwin, (616) 745-4331—July 26-28.
Sanford Lake Open Bass Tournament, Sanford Lake Park, Sanford, (517) 687-7671—July 28.
Kalamazoo River Steelheaders Fishing Contest, Saugatuck, (616) 857-5801—July 28.
Walleye Contest, Au Gres, (517) 876-6688—July 28-29.
Brown Trout Derby, Menominee Marina Park, Menominee, (906) 863-2679—July 28-29.
Muskegon Open Mariner Walleye Classic, Muskegon, (616) 722-3751—July 28-29.

AUGUST

Fish & Fun, White Lake, (616) 894-6263—Aug. 4.
Fish Sandwich Weekend, Bay Port, (517) 656-2121—Aug. 4-5.
Rogers City Salmon Tournament, Rogers City, (800) 622-4148—Aug. 10-12.
Alma Exchange Club Fishing Derby, Alma, (517) 463-8356—Aug. 11.
News 5 Outdoors Walleye Championship, Saginaw Bay, Bay City, (517) 755-8191—Aug. 11-12.
Triple Crown Fishing Tournament, Oscoda, (517) 724-6426—Aug. 11-12.
Bass Tournament, Three Rivers, (616) 244-5090—Aug. 11-12.
Little Bay de Noc World Class Walleye Tournament, Escanaba, (906) 786-2192—Aug. 11-12.
St. Ignace Salmon Tournament, St. Ignace area, (800) 338-6660—Aug. 25-26.
National Coho Festival, Honor, (616) 325-2030—Aug. 31-Sept. 2.
9th Annual Black River Harbor Fishing Derby, Ironwood, (906) 932-5253—Aug. 31-Sept. 3.

SEPTEMBER

Shoreline Summer Spectacular, Pere Marquette Park on Lake Michigan, Muskegon (616) 722-3331—Sept. 1-4.
Bass Tournament, Three Rivers, (616) 244-5090—Sept. 8.
St. Ignace Salmon Tournament, St. Ignace area, (800) 338-6660—Sept. 8-9.
Lake Gogebic Fall Walleye Tournament, Bergland, (906) 932-4850—Sept. 14-16.

AAA Michigan

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dining room. Dining capacity is now 240 in the dining room and 100 in the grill. The club has 280 members.

Over the years, many golfing notables have appeared in matches or exhibitions at Klinger Lake. They have included Charles "Chick" Evans Jr., once U.S. Amateur champion; Jimmy Demaret, Ben Hogan, Louise Suggs and Byron Nelson. When Nelson appeared at the club in July 1949 he shot a record 65. Since then the record has been equalled by Tom Thome, the present pro, and by others.

The club conducts a full schedule of golfing events for men, women and junior members throughout the season. Overseeing the men's events this year are members Dr. Anthony Lucchese, golf director; Gary Malloy, golf chairman; Donald Hooley, handicap chairman, and Phillip Yunker, greens director. Overseeing the women's golf events are Patricia Carter, president; Delores Keyser, vice president; Patty Barker, secretary; Jane Pierson, treasurer; Helen Siebenthal and Sherry Vaughn, handicap chairpersons.

Club champions in 1989 were: Brent Siebenthal, men's club champion; Paul Clark Jr., men's match play champion; Jane Boyden, women's champion; Rex Vaughn and Denny Goodpaster, invitational champions; Ron Leist, men's senior champion; F. W. Finerman, men's senior shield; Richard and Marilyn Wilson, couples club champions;

Patricia Carter, President's Trophy for women; Ann Loetz, grandmothers' tournament; Marion Fox, women's senior shield.

Club officers for 1990 are James Riley, president; Dr. Jeffery Nasser, vice president; Phillip Yunker, vice president; Roger Bird, secretary; John McKillen, treasurer. Directors in addition to the five officers just named are Steve Platz, Dr. Anthony Lucchese and Donald Hooley.

Members of the club staff are Robert Wise, golf course superintendent; David Teunissen, clubhouse manager; Tom Thome, golf professional; Helga Cope, chef; Robert Brown, clubhouse maintenance, and Christy Smith, bookkeeper.

Golf pros between Jimmie Millar and Tom Thome have included Bill Wright, Dick Rynsema, Zeke Browning, Quentin Link, Walter Johnson, Tom Ice, Norm Collins, Tom Biber and Kirk Scheerhorn.

(Historical material in this article is based on an article that appeared in the Oct. 3, 1959, Centennial Edition of the Sturgis Daily Journal. That article was written by Mark P. Haines, first treasurer of the Klinger Lake Country Club, president of KLCC in 1931 and long-time publisher of the Journal.)

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Klinger Lake Association President Paul Watters, left, sits with former president Tom Moore.

Klinger Lake Association saved lake from potential disaster

By MIKE DUNN
Journal Correspondent

Klinger Lake is in an enviable position; it has clean, clear water and regularly receives good grades from the Department of Natural Resources.

It is a good lake for both swimming and fishing, but there was a time when that was in jeopardy. Residents of Klinger Lake owe a debt of gratitude to the Klinger Lake Association for spying trouble some years ago and having the right people step forward and put their fingers in the dike to avoid a potential disaster.

Because of a high water table, combined with septic tank seepage, the lake was moving steadily along a crash course with disaster. When two houses along Sandy Beach were condemned by the health department because of septic tanks being too close to the water's edge in the late 1970s, it was time for the KLA to take action.

"Wade Bullard was president of the association at the time," recalled 32-year member and former KLA president Tom Moore. "Through his efforts and others like Sally O'Sullivan and Howard Blonde, we were able to get a sewer system pushed through. They were very instrumental in getting it approved."

Lakes that use septic tanks for waste deposits usually run into problems. Some lakes have been condemned and others are well on the way to being condemned because of an overload of bacteria in the water. The bacteria seeps into the water from the septic tanks.

Present KLA President Paul Watters cites the example of Lake Higgins, located near Grayling. "Higgins Lake had at one time been promoted as the sixth most beautiful lake in the country," said Watters, a Texas businessman who retired to Klinger Lake nine years ago with his wife, Barb. "Today, the quality of the water has diminished greatly. They're finding scum on the boat bottoms, huge amounts of underwater plant growth and algae, and I believe that 80 percent of that can be traced directly to septic tanks. The septic tanks are a problem for lakes throughout the country."

Spotting the septic tank problem

"The DNR told us that we had to have the sewer put in. There wasn't a choice as far as they were concerned. There were already two houses condemned and any of the other houses in the lowlands could have been next."

was much easier than solving it for Klinger Lake residents, however.

"The cost of a sewer system for Klinger Lake was approximately five million dollars," said KLA Secretary Marian Marshall. "We could get a federal grant and a state grant for part of the money, but the rest of it would have to be funded locally. There was a lot of resistance to that in White Pigeon."

"We had meeting after meeting after meeting with the township and the people of Klinger Lake, and there were separate meetings with people from the lake who had questions about the project. It was a long process, but I think the village fathers could see the handwriting on the wall and they knew that something had to be done."

Since Klinger Lake falls within the boundary of White Pigeon Township, the sewer project had to be approved by both the township board and the village board. There were enough farsighted people involved to get the proposal passed.

"The key was for White Pigeon and Klinger Lake to go in together and make a combined proposal to the government (for grant money)," said Howard Blonde, a longtime Klinger Lake resident and former chairman of the St. Joseph County Department of Public Works. "We didn't have enough equity by ourselves to justify a bond issue, but if we combined municipalities we could do it."

The final result was a proposal of more than \$9 million dollars, which included not just Klinger Lake but also White Pigeon. The project qualified for federal and state funds under grants that were available then, and that ultimately paved the way for the installation of the sewer system in Klinger Lake and White Pigeon.

Taxpayers are still funding the portion of the bill that was not covered by the grants. Klinger Lake pays \$27 per month per house, while White Pigeon pays \$17 per month per house. Even so, Blonde said the cost is well worth it.

"It got to a point where something had to be done," Blonde said. "The DNR told us that we had to have the sewer put in. There wasn't a choice as far as they were concerned. There were already two houses condemned and any of the other houses in the lowlands could have been next. It was just a matter of time."

The KLA was the driving force behind having the sewer system installed 12 years ago, and today the association is actively involved in seeing that the lake is properly maintained. Aerial photos have been taken during the past two years to monitor any increase in plant growth, and every week DNR testing is done and the water table is closely watched. Residents Art Renner, Mike Elston and Howard Fisk are responsible for dam control, keeping the level of the lake from straying too far above or below its standard 806.52 feet above the mean sea level.

"The purpose of the association is to protect and improve Klinger Lake and that's what we try to do," said Watters, in his second year as KLA president. "It's an organization that functions well because there are a lot of people involved in it who do their part. Our biggest goal right now is to prevent any potential pollution of the lake."

The KLA sends out a regular newsletter, keeping residents informed of current events and also giving helpful hints and guidelines

for keeping the lake clean.

"One thing we ask the people to do is to keep their grass clippings from getting into the lake," Watters said. "There is usually fertilizer on the lawns and that can make its way into the water if the grass clippings get into the water."

Klinger Lake has clean water and a good DNR rating now, thanks in large part to the efforts of the KLA.

Legislation would balance protection of coastal zones

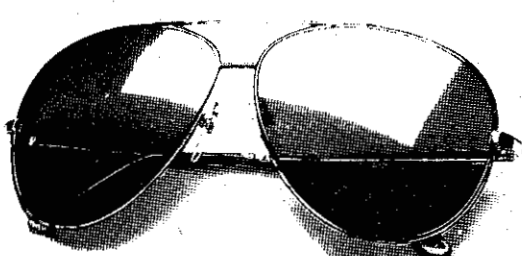
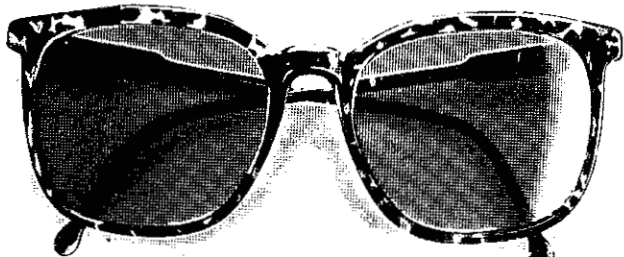
Director David Hales of the Department of Natural Resources urges support for federal legislation that will help state balance the protection and development of resources in coastal zones throughout the country.

H.R. 4030, introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives, will reauthorize the Coastal Zone Management Act through 1995 at \$63.2 million for fiscal year 1991 and increase the authorization to \$73.4 million in fiscal year 1995.

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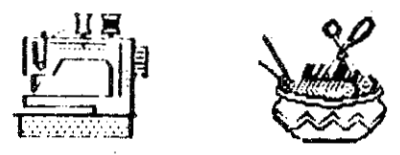
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'Put' Mandigo is a legend to residents

By MIKE DUNN
Journal Correspondent

There aren't many Klinger Lake residents still around who remember the days of the old Minnie Tucker. The plush steamboat chugged through the waters of the lake in the early 1900s and prior to the turn of the century, carrying passengers who came in from Chicago on the train to different locations around the lake.

There aren't many who can recall the days of the Minnie Tucker, but there are still some residents who can tell you what Klinger Lake was like several decades ago. There are some who can recall the sandy road that wound around the contour of the lake, just 10 feet or so from the shore. And they recall when the only boats on the lake were rowboats or sailboats. Not many motor boats around in those days. And they tell you of a time when the north shore was known as "Put's Landing" because most of it belonged to the legendary Robert "Put" Mandigo.

They can show you where the old stable used to stand. The primary transportation back in those days was horse and buggy, and a majority of the roads were dirt roads. They remember the old

cottages that were scattered around the lake, mostly just summer cottages. No indoor plumbing. No air conditioning. No electricity in most of them. They recall using the outhouse and fighting off the bugs, then jumping into the water to cool off. "That was our air conditioning," they tell you. Or they tell you of the times when they went to see Dr. Scattergood to get their eyeglasses fixed.

"I used to see Dr. Scattergood to get the screw fixed on my eyeglasses," recalls Dorothy Phillips, a lifelong Klinger Lake resident and granddaughter of "Put" Mandigo. "I asked him one time to show me how to fix it myself so I wouldn't have to keep coming back, but he told me 'You take care of baking the cherry pies, and I'll take care of this screw.'"

Dorothy's husband of 56 years, Ray, watched the construction crew turn a dirt road into what is known today as U.S. Highway 12.

"That was a few years ago," Ray said. "There weren't as many people around then, but it was still populated, and the people were friendly. I didn't live at Klinger Lake, but I remember that it was a popular place, even back then."

One hot spot was Charlie Ramsauer's wooden water slide on

Benham Beach. "It was about 50 feet high," Ray recalls. "The kids used to get a lot of use out of it on Sunday afternoons. It was torn down about 60 years ago."

Laird Wilson's father purchased a cottage on the lake in 1924 for the vast sum (in those days) of \$5,000. Laird was a young lad at the time, and he became a regular summer visitor to Klinger Lake with his family for many years.

"We thought that was a lot of money," said Laird, who lives today in the same cottage with his wife Dorothy. "And back at that time I suppose it was."

A big deal back then was the arrival of the mailman. "It was contact with the outside world," said Laird. "We seemed pretty isolated here during the summer, so any kind of outside contact was welcome. We used to sit in here and try to listen to the radio on clear days. If it was stormy weather, you couldn't get in too much because of the interference."

Art Renner has many pleasant childhood memories stored away of the visits to his grandparents' place on Klinger Lake in the 1930s and '40s. There have been many changes over the years.

"Back at that time, the people came mostly for the weekends or

for summer vacation," said Renner, who lives on the lake with his wife Elaine. "Today, you have more year-round residents and the homes are bigger and better built. It was moderately populated here when I was a kid; today, it's more fully populated."

Another contrast can be found in the nature of the lake traffic. "Years ago, any power boats were considered elite. Mostly what you saw on the lake were old wooden rowboats," Renner said. "You didn't see any skis then, either. Sometimes they used surfboards and if there was someone with a power boat they would try to pull them. If they couldn't find a power boat to pull them, they were out of luck."

Perhaps the biggest change of all has been in the price of property. Klinger Lake real estate has skyrocketed since the day when Dorothy Phillips' dad Fred Mandigo sold the north shore lots for a song.

The Mandigos did retain mineral rights on all the properties that they sold, so if buried gold is ever uncovered, it would go to the Mandigo heirs. "I've heard rumors that one of the Mandigos buried treasure around here somewhere, but it's probably just a rumor," Dorothy said with a laugh.

Lake Lines

By Mike Dunn

Question: What do you enjoy the most about Klinger Lake?



Frieda Shankland
"We love the country ambience here; the trees, the birds, the whole atmosphere of Klinger Lake. We're city people and this is a pleasant change of pace for us. The people are some of the friendliest we've ever met and the water is crystal clear."



Marian Marshall
"I've always loved living on a lake. You have the outdoors here, the water if you like to go boating, and it's very clean. The people here are very friendly, too."

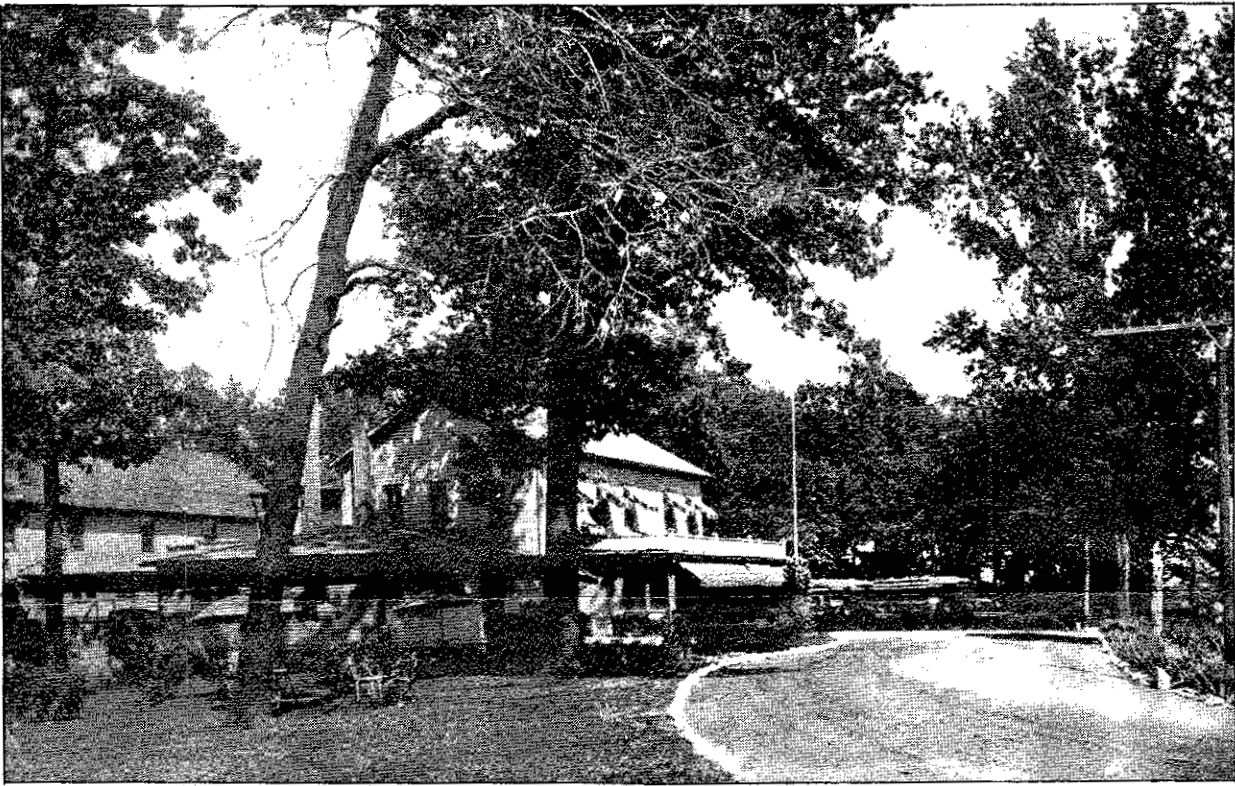
Dorothy Phillips

"It's been home for me all my life. I'm so sorry that we didn't buy a lot when it was priced so we could afford it. It's a nice, clean lake, the kind of place you brag about."

Art Renner

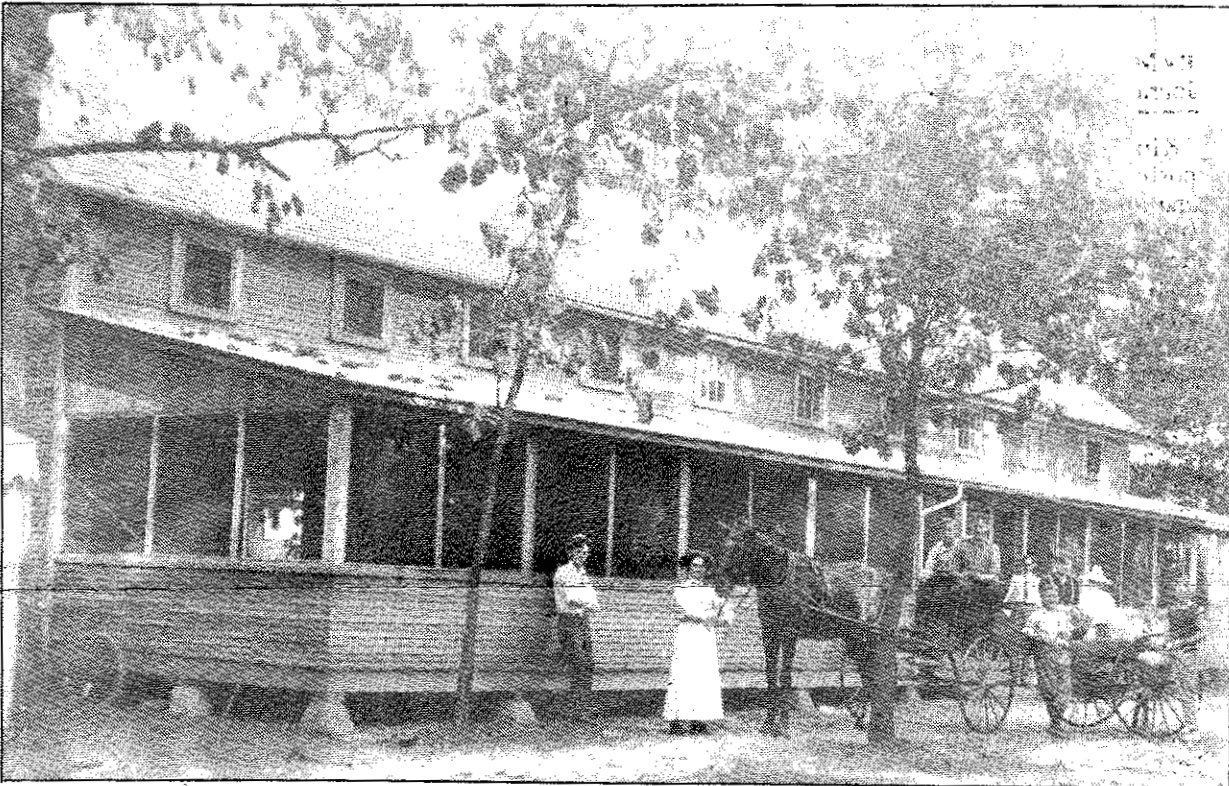
"I was raised here as a kid. I've lived in eight different states and two foreign countries and there's no place that can compare with Klinger Lake. It's not too big and not too small, and it's one of the cleanest lakes I've ever been in. To me it's paradise."

Looking back at Klinger Lake



Oakwood Tavern

This enterprise became regionally famous beginning about 1900 as the hotel-restaurant hub of the Oakwood resort owned and operated by the William G. Howard family. At left can be seen a part of the dance pavilion that once was a popular entertainment center. In the background at right are parked Greyhound buses waiting for passengers to eat lunch. This picture is believed to have been taken about 1928. (Photo courtesy of Bill McBride).



Oakwood Store

As the summer population at Klinger Lake increased after about 1890, the Howards expanded their Oakwood resort by building the store shown above. Also known at times as the Pantry, the store opened in 1898 and burned in July 1909. It was rebuilt and burned again in 1918. George Davis ran the store from 1898 to 1907, and John Davis was the operator from 1907 to 1918. (Photo courtesy of Bill McBride).

Calendar of Events

June

28-29: Matinee Harness Racing and Pony Trotters: Centreville Fairgrounds

July

4: Fourth of July Celebration, Constantine; Sturgis Fireworks, Sturgis High School.

6-8: White Pigeon Days
8: Caravan Antiques Market, Centreville Fairgrounds

13-15: Covered Bridge Days, Courthouse Grounds, Centreville.

15-22: Country Concert Series, Mendon Country Inn.

22-23: Hydro Boat Races, St. Joseph River, Constantine.

26-28: Bronson Polish Festival, Bronson

27-28: Sturgis Street Sale Days, downtown Sturgis.

29: Country Concert, Mendon Country Inn.

29: Sturgis Exchange Club Dawn Patrol, Kirsch Municipal Airport.

August

3-4: Arts & Crafts Fair,

downtown Sturgis.

5: Country Concert, Mendon Country Inn.

8-11: Colon Magic Fest, Colon High School.

10: Carson & Barnes Circus, Sturgis High School.

9-12: Burr Oak Gladiolus & Speciality Flower Festival, Burr Oak.

12: Caravan Antiques Market, Centreville Fairgrounds.

17-18: Mendon Riverfest, Mendon Country Inn.

September

Aug. 31-3: Labor Day Weekend Family Camping, YMCA Camp Eberhart, Three Rivers.

9: Hunters Jubilee, St. Joseph County Conservation and Sportsman's Club, Sturgis.

16-27: St. Joseph County Grange Fair, Centreville Fairgrounds.

October

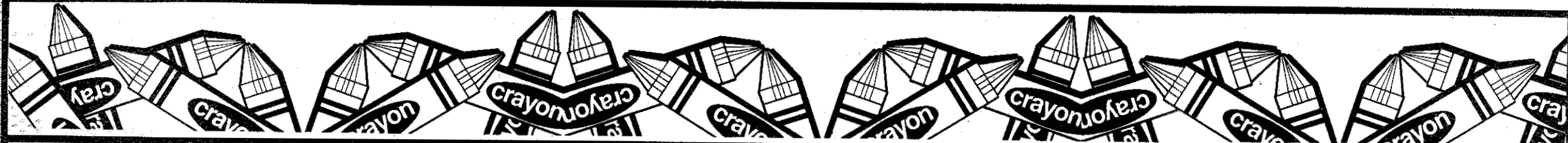
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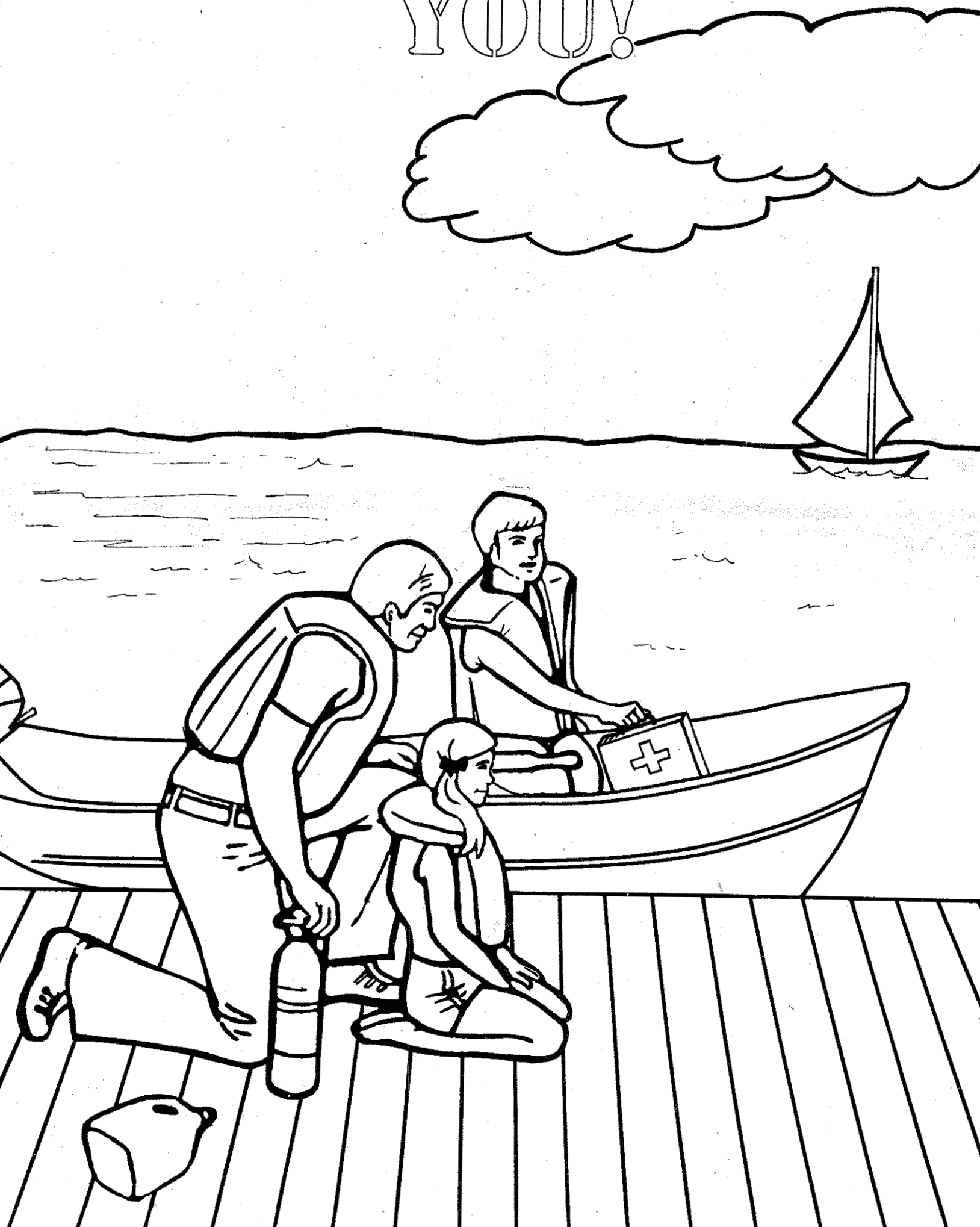
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