

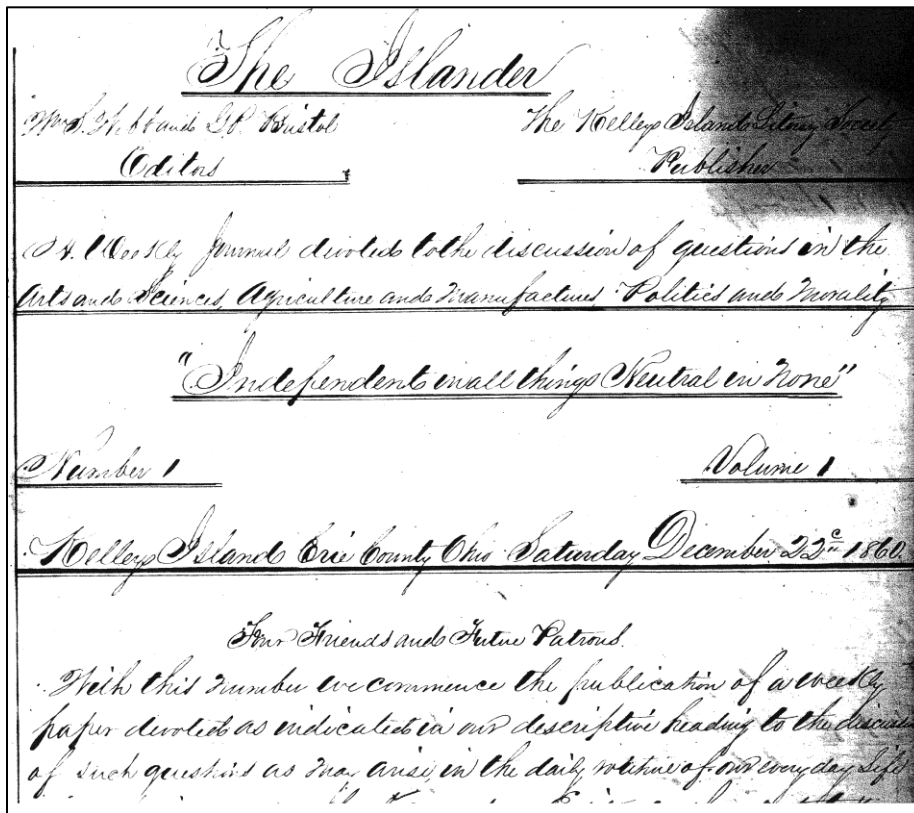
ISLAND NEWSPAPERS PART 2 - 1860-1938

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THE ISLANDER 1860-1877

The Islander is the newspaper that started it all. It was published for a remarkable 17 years, during each winter. The Islander contained from 40 to 80 pages in each weekly issue. Only two issues are missing from the collection. Because of the size of the collection, these pages have not been scanned; however, they are available on microfilm in the Sandusky and Kelleys Island libraries and at the Western Reserve Historical Society Library in Cleveland. Almost all the content of this newspaper has been transcribed and can be found within the pages of [Leslie's history books](#).

The masthead of nearly every issue proclaimed "Independent in all things Neutral in none." And with good reason. Inside these hand-written pages are wonderful stories about life on the Island, local events, world news, handy hints, family histories; pretty much everything



you would see in a regular newspaper. The editors changed every week, so there would be a variety of opinions and stories presented. This led to some interesting stories about the lengths an editor would go to find a story. Essays, stories and observations from the community were encouraged. This resulted in a wonderful selection of articles from school children and young and old women and men. The newspapers were read at the weekly Lyceum, held in Kelley's Hall every Saturday evening. 2-300 people

would show up. One of the highlights was the reading of essays and the resulting debates. These debates, like voting rights for women, were insightful, often humorous and occasionally just a little insulting. But always reported fairly in Islander.

It would be almost 50 years before another Island newspaper would be published.

THE ERIE ECHO – 1924-1931

The Erie Echo was a school newspaper published by The News in Vermilion. It was produced by the high school seniors of each school in Erie County Ohio. Originally published every six weeks during the school from 1924 to 1931. Contributing school districts included Berlin Hts., Birmingham, Florence, Huron, Kelleys Island, Margaretta, Milan

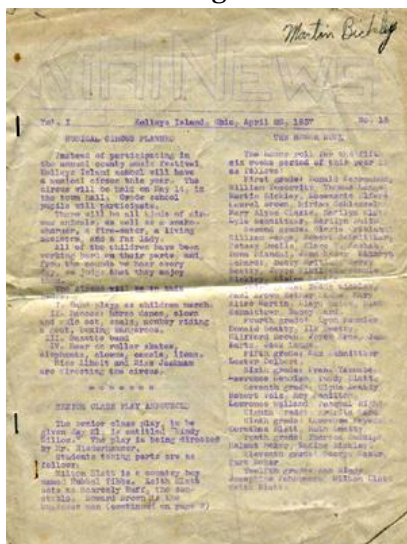


and Vermilion. Generally 1-3 pages long, each issue contained school and community news and Island advertisements.

1924 December – A poem about KI summer weather. Freshmen initiation at Marquette Hall. Prof. Karl Wilson Gehrken-A distinguished native and alumnus of the Kelley Island High School. Teachers: Mr. Parks and Kiraly, Mrs. Schnittker, Miss Reinheimer, Perkins, Bell, Selma Nader and Mary Louise Diffley. The KI High School and its first graduating class of 1889: Minnie Seaton, Maggie Stokes, Norman Vepp [Upp], Larry Sternberger. Second class: Bertha Iucker, Elizabeth Uiker [Iucker], Mary Gherkins, Jennie Deffenback [Difffenbach] and Frank Martin [Martin]. Estes School elevated from second grade to first grade school. The KI Civic Club cleaned up the park and planted bulbs. Advertisements: The Kelley Island Lime & Transport Co (largest lime producing co. in the world), F J Reinheimer general merchandise, The Casino-Chas. B Martin (candy & soft drinks, Peters Cartridges and shells), Edgewater (now selling 27 lots on the east end, Ray H Gersuch, Arnold Elfers service station. Mrs. Louis Huber is selling a church bell.

THE KI-HI NEWS – 1936-1937

Published by the Kelleys Island School, these are the only two issues that we could find. They are full of interesting news about the students and about the community. Think about it, these were mimeographed, a process that fades over time.



1937 April – The Editorial Staff: Theresa Rudolph, Nadine Bickley, Henry Mazur, Bernice Murphy, Lawrence Betzenheimer, Anthony Bonchi, Helmut Boker. What are you doing this summer – an essay. April Birthdays: Walter Elfers and Alice Seeholzer. Musical Circus Planned – Bands play, students dance as circus performers. Organized by Miss Alheit and Miss Jackman. Senior Class Play Announced – Milton Blatt, Keith Blatt, Howard Brown, Mike Mazur, Floyd Kiefer, Ann Riedy, Ruta Seeholzer, Josephine Pohorence perform.

The Honor Roll – Grade 1: Donald Perruchon, William Yoscovitz, Thomas Lange, Martin Bickley, Rosemarie Elfers, Laurel Brown, Miriam Schlesselman, Mary Alyce Clezie, Marilyn Blatt, Lyle Schnittker, Marilyn Smith. Grade 2: Gloria Orloski, William Lange, Robert Schnittker, Patsey Dwelle, Clare F. Kosbab, Dena Bianchi, John Masur, Katheryn

Schardt, Betty Hritsko, Gerry Beatty, Joyce Kikilick (Kekelik?), Bonnie Bickley, Elaine Martin. Grade 3: Teddy Bickley, Paul Brown, Esther Lange, Mary Alice Martin, Lloyd Matso, Dick Schnittker, Nancy Ward. Grade 4: Lyon Baumler, Donald Beatty, Ila Beatty, Clifford Brown, Joyce Erie, June Kurtz, Jack Lange. Grade 5: Max Schnittker, Lester Colbert. Grade 6: Frank Yascomber, Lawrence Sennish, Teddy Blatt. Grade 7: Clyde Beatty, Robert Volz, Roy Hamilton, Lawrence Walland, Pasqual Righi. Grade 8: Ardrila Ward. Grade 9: Lawrence Feyedelem, Dorothea Blatt, Ruth Beatty. Grade 10: Theresa Rudolph, Helmut Boker, Nadine Bickley. Grade 11: George Mazur, Kurt Boker. Grade 12: Ann Riedy, Josephine Pohorence, Milton Blatt, Keith Blatt.

Local Speaking Contest – Martin Bickley, William Lange, Lester Colbert, Paul Brown, Pascal Righi, Roger Kurtz all won prizes. Judges: Mrs. Kenneth Cook, Mrs. Roland Brown and Mrs. B. W. Fenwick. Island News – Mary Durket, Stuart Ward, M/M Steve Feyedelem, Mrs. N. Fenwick. Track Boys Practicing – Milton Blatt, Mike Mazur, Mike Mervo and Howard Brown to participate in county track and field event. High School Boys’ and Girls’ glee club to have party at Haas house. Signs of Spring. News from the various grades.

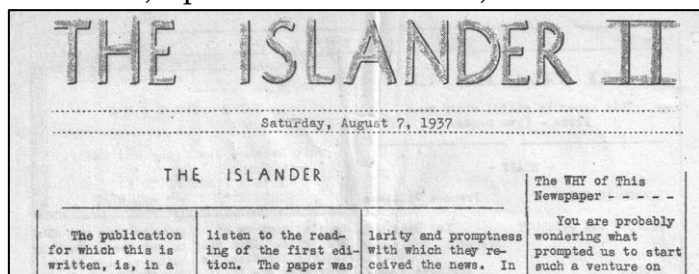
1936 January (Probably) - Staff: Bonnie Bickley, Paul Brown, Lloyd Matso, Bob Schnittker, Don Perruchon, Bianchi, Tucky Efers, Laura Seeholzer, Elaine Martin, Miss Abbott. Are We Real Americans – an essay by Miss Abbott. Juvenile Delinquency must be stopped – an essay by Martha Becker. Peek-A-Boo Peeks (gossip phrased with Wonder who/what, etc.- no names). Around School – 1-3rd grade news: mentioned Jean, Shirley and Coletta, Jimmy Ernie. 4-through 8th grade news: mentioned: Christmas program. The Community War chest netted \$40. Birthdays in December and January: Donna Lanyo, Bernadette McKillips, Nancy Ward, Laura Jean Seeholzer, Lloyd Matso, Don Erne, Nickie Bianchi, Geraldine Erne, Robert Seeholzer and Dick Navorska. New School Board: Mrs. Jay Norris, Charles Schnittker, Marshall Mrs. Oliver Schlesselman and Dr. R. C. Hummell.

Jan. 8 Lyle entered OSU. More boys received their discharges: Francie Pohorence, Herbert Bickley Jr., Teddy Blatt, Herbert Bickley Jr., Vicky McKillips and Frank Brown. Logan Bickley spent a leave with his parents. Dec. 20 Christmas Operetta held at Town Hall. Miss Jenkins had a caroling party for students. Lester Colbert and Billy Brown spent Christmas on the Island. Jack Lange a graduate of the 1945 class is in Guam. Honor roll – **Grade 1:** John Betzenheimer, Jack Schock, Nancy Bugel, James Erie, David Brown. **Grade 2:** Billy Erne, Shirley Seeholzer, Richard Bugel. **Grade 3:** Marilyn Martin, Sandra Efers, Mary Ellen Beatty. **Grade 4:** Dominic Bianchi, Geraldine Erie, Gladys Matso, Carol Schlesselman. **Grade 5:** Ada McKillips. **Grade 6:** Ellen Bickley, Renetta Erne, Lois Lange, Mary Navorska. **Grade 7:** Hugh Lange. **Grade 8:** Titter Efers, Frances McKillips, Virginia Bookerman. **Grade 9:** Jean Efers, Martha Becker, Ruth Lange, Robert Seeholzer. **Grade 9:** none. **Grade 10:** Marilyn Blatt, Don Perruchon, Lucky Efers, Miriam Schlesselman, Wally Efers, Laurel Brown. **Grade 11:** Karl Beatty, Gene Bianchi, Bonnie Bickley, Elaine Martin, Bobby Schnittker. **Grade 12:** Paul Brown, Lloyd Matso, Laura Jean Seeholzer, Nancy Ward.

A Miracle – essay on the Oregon Trail by Hugh Lange. Joke page. Advertisers: Kelleys Island Dock Co., Bills Barber Shop, Erne’s Trucking Taxi Service, phone 141, we haul anything. Monarch Wine Cellar phone 224, 145, 151

THE ISLANDER II – 1937-1938

The Editor in Chief was Frances Williams; Society & Gadabout – Key Haas & Josephine Pohorence; Sports-Adelbert Ehrbar; Nature & Feature Stories-Norman E. Hills & Theodore Himmelein; Mystery Man-Ward I. Hubar; and typist-Roberta Hummell.



The first page described why this was undertaken: “The publication for which this is written, it, in a certain sense a rebirth or resurrection of an earlier Kelleys Island periodical called “The Islander.”

You are probably wondering what prompted us to start such a venture on Kelleys Island. There are several reasons. The first is: There is always something happening here, and the only means of communication are the tongues of the Islanders. This, as we all know, makes for an interesting conversation...Secondly: The summer people here feel that they would enjoy knowing their island neighbors more intimately....Lastly: in hopes that we might, by this little venture, start the ball rolling for a more complete year round island paper, written, published and read by and for Kelleys Island.”

This newsletter contains a wealth of information and stories about people who lived on the Island almost 100 years ago! You can read all the issues that we could find [HERE](#) under Research.

IN THIS FIRST ISSUE - No. 1 - August 7, 1937 - A history of the original Islander newspaper that was published on the Island from 1860-1887. Why this newspaper? Three reasons why it was needed. It Might Have Happened a story about how the Indians might have carved Inscription Rock. The son of John Boogle died. Society - Mrs. Fritz Pape and son William spend the week. Florence Gerand, Mrs. Harry Eichmeyer and Milton Corwin were guests of Mabel Haas. Mrs. Chester Dramer and Jeanne Harrison arrived on the *Mascot*. Father Maerder, former priest of St. Michael's visits. Mr/Mrs. R. T. Heishman vacation at Hiawatha cottage and other visitations. (Rockmere Cottage, Upp's home, State's Cottage). Sports: George Durkett and horseshoes; Francis Erne and the Kelleys Island Red Wings baseball; Island Club donates prize money. Fishing has improved; perch off Koster's Dock Mike Reidy's boat, Pickerel and bass are being caught. GADABOUT - M/M Charles B. Martin have taken over the Western Union Agency for sending, receiving and delivering telegrams, cablegrams, etc. Bob Moysey seen talking with a mystery woman and Virginia Lange is officially our post mistress.

Advertisements for Trieschman's Market, Hamilton's (Everything from soup to nuts), The Casino (soft Drinks, ice cream and candy), Sam's Auto Shop Martin's Lake Shore Garage, Bill's Barber Shop (Candies and Pool, Wm. Schlesselman Prop.), Brown's (meats, groceries and fresh vegetables, baked goods, coal, oil) Martin's confectionery (ice cream, candy and soft drinks, post cards, magazines).