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ISLAND ITEMS

The way things are going, soon the largest single group on the Island will be the retirees.

Joining the move out to pasture this year were: Fred Andersen, Ham Burdick, Herb Path, George Pippner and Pete Valassis.

A more or less complete list of other Island men who are semi or fully retired includes: Oscar Carlson, Gerald Chamberlin, Art Camsche, Walter Giesekeing, Fred Cerds, Bob Grosfield, Herman Hamel, Sr. (not much of a retirement), Paul Heildeiberger, Al Henning, Rich Kroll, Gordon Laramie, Albert Pokhorn, Norm Schulte, Dr. Sharp, Rev. Simon, Lee Sloan, Howard Ternes and Arthur Underwood.

It sounds like about half the Island, doesn't it?

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The best known faces on the Island this summer were those of Ferd and Louise Reich.

A picture, seven columns wide, of the couple and their new boat was printed in four days' editions of the Detroit News and Free Press and, in a smaller reproduction, in most of the larger suburban papers.

This amounted to several million copies and Ferd says those kind friends who have been sending him tear sheets of the ad, thinking he might like "one more copy", may now desist.

Ferd cleared up the speculation about how much wealth his modeling career earned him. He and Louise each got exactly \$1.00. And the answer to the second most frequently asked question is: The picture was taken in Lake St. Clair off the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

It all came about because Ferd is vice-president of Wayne Colorplate Co. which does the engraving work for Detroit Bank & Trust ads. When bank friends heard he was buying a new boat they asked him to borrow some money so they could publicize him as a customer who had financed a new boat through their institution.

The ad carried the implication that Ferd had been waiting 30 years for some big-hearted bank to step up and lend him enough money so he could satisfy a lifelong yearning for a boat of his own. Actually he has been a boat owner since he was fourteen years old.

Another highlight of the summer for Louise, who is a buyer at Walton-Pierce Company, exclusive Grosse Pointe women's wear shop, was the visit which her sister, Mrs. Joseph Whalen, of St. Johns, Newfoundland, paid at the Reich cottage.

While he has the public ear Ferd wants to make a request that junior boatmen, and older ones too, slow down next summer while passing through the Canal Cut south of his cottage. Several children swimming in the canal have narrowly missed being run down in the past, he says.

And Ferd also wants to insert a want ad, free of course. It is to the effect that he will sell his 50 by 150 foot lot immediately west of the Truax cottage "for a very reasonable price".

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One of the most successful projects of the summer was the women's handicraft-class-and-get-together promoted by Ruth Laramie.

A varying, but always sizable number of women met for two hours each Tuesday afternoon, at the park in good weather and at the Junior Pop Stand in foul.

Among the more regular attendants were Stella Hamel, Ann Kroll, Dorothy Mertz, Ann Montreuil, Margaret Path, Phyllis Scott, Ann Schulte, Marion Steck, Joyce Truax and Mildred Valassis.

There was a great deal of sociability and the concrete result that many Islanders' homes now are well equipped with styrafoam-covered coat hangers, pine cone Christmas wreaths, varnished plastic flowers and what-have-you.

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Proving that they are not daunted by a hot day, Aubie Glancy and Ginny Jackson shot the low scores in the annual Island golf tournament at the Little Club.

The plaques for low handicapped scores both went to visitors. Bob Miller, a guest at the Jack Degriech's, won the men's trophy and Lib Combs, visiting the Eli Heicks, won the women's.

The reflected honor won by Jack Degriech was appropriate as he had done the heavy work as general chairman of the event.

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Credit the success of the Barbeque, always one of the season's more pleasant events, to Herb and Margaret Path, the co-chairmen. And, of course, to all their troop of helpers.

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Dick Dinan, the Island's most eligible bachelor, reports good business at his new florist shop at 33316 Grand River, at Farmington Road.

Skillful at flower arrangements, Dick also handles antiques and artificial flowers.

He says he will deliver, at least to Islanders, in any part of the metropolitan area. The phone number, when you are faced with a special occasion, is GR 6-7350.

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The Bob Fleischers and Charley Seths, who did not light their Christmas tree in the Fleischer yard until nearly Halloween last fall, advanced the season a bit this year. (It was a pretty cool summer, you will remember.) This year the lights went on on Labor Day.

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Early this summer Tom and Edna Johnson closed the cottage on the Upper Canal which they built largely with their own hands, turned over the keys to the new owners, the Caponis, and walked, for the last time to the ferry.

Reliable witnesses report that Edna sat on the bench at the Canal Dock shelter, put her hands over her face and "cried like a baby".

The Johnsons have retired to property they bought "on the top of a mountain in Arkansas".

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Lela Buesser adds the following to an earlier report of the building of the first Island cottages:

Lela is positive that the first cottages were completed early in 1915 because she and the late Dr. Frederick G. Buesser were married on March 1, 1915, and the following July 5 began their first stay at the newly completed cottage of her father, Judge W. L. Carpenter.

"The underbrush was so thick everywhere that you couldn't walk across the island," Lela recalls. "In our front yard there was no lawn, only hard-packed clay. We had only a small plank dock."

Lela says the three cottages of Judge Carpenter, Judge Flavius Brooke and W. W. Hannan were begun in the summer of 1914 and completed the following spring.

The home of George Brown was finished late in 1914 as George spent that winter on the island as caretaker.

Please Note: The fall caravan will leave Champion's Algonac Dock at 9 A. M. on Saturday, October 29, 1965. No reservations as to time for this boat. It will be first come, first served. There will be two return trips . . . One, starting Saturday, October 30 at 4 P.M. and the other on Sunday, October 31st at 4 P.M. Those wishing to participate in this caravan, please contact the Laramie's at Mt 4-4280 or 7-8-3242.

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