

HARRY CHARLES

**Former local resident writes song called
“Petoskey Town”**

“PETOSKEY TOWN” by Harry Charles
Second Side “By The Gun”
Record Label: Wild Cat Records Inc., San Antonio, Texas

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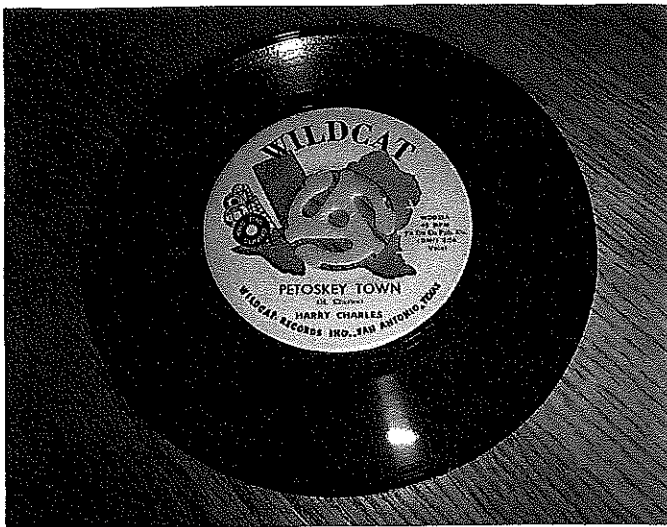
Wind swept streets are blowing as the north wind winds it’s way. They say in old Petoskey it’s cold until it’s day.

The only place that’s open is the bar on Mitchell Street, gon-na try a little alcohol, to give my blood some heat.

They say the nights are lonely, but it’s the cold that gets me down. I’ve never known a place as hard like old Petoskey Town.

Some night when death comes knocking and he beckons with his cane I hope he takes me far away to a warmer Lover Lane.

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Mr. & Mrs. Harry Charles
Harry wrote song "Petoskey Town"



"That's Petoskey Town,"

Mrs. Harry Charles seems to be saying as she points it out from the ice of the harbor with fish shanties and the breakwater in the background, Charles, who wrote the song "Petoskey Town" which laments the cold of winters here, made a tour of his former home town yesterday, just as a spring storm dumped new snow and much cold, on him, his first taste of winter since leaving two seasons ago to escape it to Arizona. By the time he was through posing for the photos, he was chilled to the bone. "Winter is as I remember it here," he said, "even though this is supposed to be spring." he met with friends here and in a week will resume nationwide plugging of his ballad. "This is a fine town," the 22 year old writer-singer said, "and I really am glad to be back."

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HARRY CHARLES COMPOSER OF "PETOSKEY TOWN"

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400 TEENAGERS APPLAUD HARRY CHARLES AT DANCE

A record crowd of more than 400 teenagers from throughout Northern Michigan packed the Lincoln school gymnasium Saturday night for the Jaycees, American Legion sponsored "Sock Hop."

A highlight of the dance was the appearance of singer-composer Harry Charles, who delighted the teenagers by singing several ballads, providing his own accompaniment on the guitar. Charles' recording of "Petoskey Town" which he is currently promoting across the country, received enthusiastic applause, a spokesman reported.

Disc jockeys Jerry Rosevear and Ed Colwell provided recorded dance music throughout the evening and refreshments were served. A record album was awarded as the door prize.

The dance is one of a series for teenagers sponsored this season by Petoskey Jaycees and Carl O. Weaver Post 194, Americas Legion to provide wholesome entertainment for Northern Michigan youth. Chaperones Saturday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Don Paulus, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hendricks, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bremmeyr and Henry Miller.