

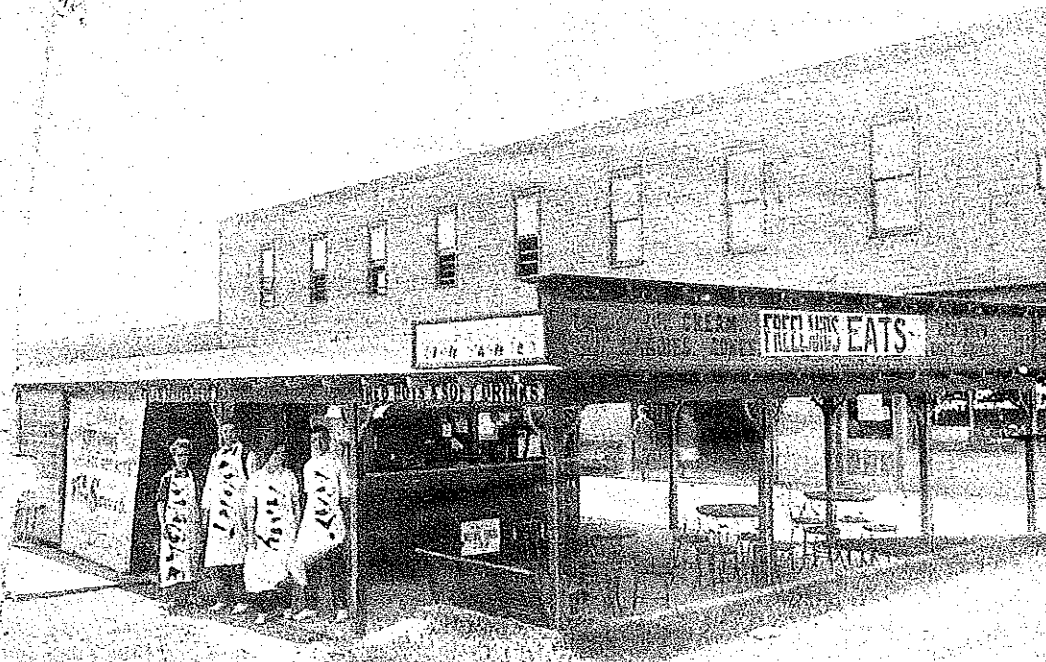
THE PIER BAR & RESTAURANT
Circa 1950's

102 BAY STREET
HARBOR SPRINGS, EMMET COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**"FREELAND EATS", "BOOTH'S LUNCH & DREAMLAND DANCING PAVILION"
And Then "THE PIER"
Harbor Springs, Michigan**

**The Harbor Springs Regional
Dated before 1968**

Historic Photo Pre-Dates Booth's



A missing link: . . . in the chain of events leading to the establishment of Booth's Lunch & Dreamland Dancing Pavilion in Harbor Springs. The photo dates back to 1913 when Mable and Burt Freeland (left) started the business with Amy and Ray Freeland (right) and ran it for three years. The site was adjacent to Melching's Boat Works and later became Booth's lunch and then The Pier. The story goes that one July 4th, when the trains ran every half hour and ferry boats to Petoskey were busy, the Freelands sold 800 dozen buns with their red-hots. (Good thing the baker was nearby on Main Street). Ray had been so busy he hadn't eaten all day — save taking one bite from his hot dog and bun. A hungry ferry passenger rushing to catch the boat for Petoskey said he couldn't wait for a famous red hot to be cooked and gladly bought Ray's half-eaten lunch for a hurry-up snack.

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The history of The Pier dates back to 1935, when the original site opened its doors as a bar, shortly after the repeal of prohibition. The original structure, owned by a Mr. Booth consisted only of the current Chart Room. It was sold to Al Gerhart in approximately 1945 & became "Al's Pier." The building was enlarged, but service continued during construction. The property changed hands several times over the next two decades and culminated in the purchase of "Stafford's Hospitality" by 1970.