

Ralph Hayes & Otto Herbert Sail from
Detroit to Timber Island
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FROM DETROIT IN A SAILBOAT

Ralph Hayes and Companion
Landed at Timber Island

After a month's trip coming from Detroit by boat Ralph Hayes and Otto Herbst landed at Mahoney's beach near Timber Island Tuesday night at 8:30 o'clock. For exactly one month they had fought their way day by day through waters of two rivers and two of the Great Lakes. They traveled in a 20 foot sloop. It took them one week to get through Detroit river, Lake St. Clair, St. Clair river and out into Lake Huron. With an adverse wind and current they had considerable difficulty in making their way into Lake Huron. After getting out into the lake they had better sailing and this part of the journey was the most pleasant. They carried a small tent and full camping equipment and would land every evening and camp for the night. With the exception of about 30 miles of rocky coast along the eastern shore of the Thumb the landings were good and always easily accomplished.

Tuesday morning they left Bay Port and struck straight across Saginaw Bay for Point Lookout. The fact that they were becalmed for some time and lost their shore bearings accounts for their not making a landing earlier in the day.

Altogether the trip was a very pleasant one and thoroughly enjoyed by the young men. Coming as it did after three years of hard work at the Detroit College of Law it provided an ideal outing for them.

Ralph is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Hayes of Standish and is a graduate from the local high school. His companion, Otto Herbst, is from Erie, Pa., and was Ralph's room-mate during their college days.