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TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

The second annual meeting of the BEAVER ISLAND CIVIC ASSOCIATION was held Feb. 3rd. A very fine pot-luck dinner, planned and supervised by the Activities Committee, commemorated the occasion. New Board members elected for one year terms were Art Johnston and Loyola Malloy, and for two year terms, Wm. Schmidt, Dr. H. F. Vail, Mrs. Vernon LaFreniere and Mrs. Buddy Left. A meeting of the old and new Boards was held on Feb. 10th, at which time records were turned over to the incoming officers. Officers of the new Board are- President- Frand Nackerman, Secretary- Loy Malloy, Treasurer- Mrs. Buddy Left. A vote of thanks is extended to outgoing officers President- Jewell Gillespie Secretary- Father Joseph Herp, and Treasurer- John A. Gallagher. They have done a grand job. The community's appreciation also goes out to all Committee Chairmen and members of Committees who served so ably under this administration.

The response to our Membership Drive has been most gratifying. Chairman Buddy McDonough reports a total of \$986.00 received to date for personal and business memberships.

T. V. ON THE ISLAND ... Who said "isolated"? Why there must be 20 T.V. sets operating at present and more antennae springing up every day. Reception is always good from our nearest stations, and, if the weather is right- and often it is- you may pick up as many as 9 channels. (From as close as Traverse City- approximately 78 miles- to as far as Milwaukee- 250 miles.) Stanley Burns and Edgar O'Donnell were the first to experiment with T.V. on the Island- starting several years ago. Stanley installed a set at Pat Bonner's, and Edgar brought one for the late Father Giles. Edgar has kept on assisting and improving reception at the rectory for Father Joseph.

DAY OF THE MONTH ... There is always some sort of important day to be emphasized thruout the country which isn't at all a bad thing. It might be Flag Day, Independence Day, or Armistice Day. Then there might be such a thing as "FOR-THE-IRISH-IT'S- A- GREAT" Day, and on Beaver Island- sure an' it is! And IT'S the Day of the Month. St. Pat's Day! It's a day for Swedes, French, Poles and Germans to get together and celebrate- for everyone's Irish on St. Patrick's Day! This year a Box Social and Amateur Night are being planned under the Chairmanship of Archie LaFreniere. Father Joseph will act as M.C. while Islanders show off their talent for fun. There will be music and jigs, and

delectable refreshments in those beautifully decorated boxes.

A great many people seem to be under the impression that WINTER TEMPERATURES on Beaver Island are second only to those experienced within the Arctic Zone! Don't think it just another Irish "tall one" when we tell you our temperatures are consistently higher than stateside by about 10 degrees. Elston Pischner and Gene Connaghan do a grand job of keeping the roads plowed and the airport landing strip "clean as a whistle" to facilitate travel.

We might draw your attention to another WINTER INDUSTRY in full swing on the island at the present time. There are three lumber camps in operation under the management of Walt Wojan, Lawrence McDonough and James Gallagher Jr. They employ about a dozen men. Horse drawn sleighs are in use for moving the logs.

James was also able to start cutting ice this month.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT ... Lads and Lassies are busy at their basketball tournament every Sunday afternoon in Holy Cross Hall. Entered this year in the contest are teams captained by Hubert McCauley, Roland Cull, Jerry LaFreniere, Margie Martin, Tillie Schmidt and Rosie McDonough. Top teams in the play are Hubert's "Tramps" and Margie's "Shamrocks". High scorers are Gary McDonough with 56 marks and Margie Martin and Audry Gatliff with 34 points each.

SOCIAL NEWS ... Feb. 14, a Valentines Party sponsored by the Junior Class was held in the Parish Hall. A baby picture contest was the outstanding feature of the event. The picture winning first prize was of Colleen McCafferty (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bing McCafferty of Chicago). Music was furnished by Buddy Left and Elston Pischner.

Feb. 18th, the Ladies of the Altar Society had their annual Pentry Shower for the Sisters and presented them with an electric coffee maker.


Feb. 20th, a Linen Shower was held in the Shamrock for the Medical Center under the Chairmanship of Vicki Dudley. She was assisted by Mrs. Chuck Kleinhenz and Mrs. Henry Karsten. A card party furnished entertainment and Archie Ship's bell started off each game.

The Junior Class sponsored a Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball Feb. 22nd which drew a large crowd to Holy Cross Hall. Such beautiful costumes were displayed! The Hall was tastefully decorated with a profusion of multi-colored balloons and serpentina. Frank Neckerman, wearing a Spanish Dancer's costume was crowned King, Bert McDonough in woman's garb was crowned "Queen", and Kurt Felix, as a Chinese Mandarin was honored as their Page. The Jesters supplied music for the evening.

ATTENTION -CHICAGO BEAVER ISLAND CLUB MEMBERS AND FRIENDS! For the benefit of those who may not have received a card announcing the coming party, we herewith print a copy of the invitations being sent out.

ST. PATRICK'S PARTY--FOR the benefit of Holy Cross Church, Beaver Island, Michigan
MUSIC-DINING-DANCING-REFRESHMENTS--Included in admission--**FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1955**
Woodlawn Gardens--1200 East 23rd. St.----Donation \$5.00 per person
Representatives of the Beaver Island Civic Association will be on hand for the happy event. You might even cox one of them to make a speech!

WITH THE HUNTERS...A fox was shot at Look-Out Point by Chuck Kleinhenz and Karl Kuebler last week, while hunting with their dogs "Dot" and "Queen". Clar Staley, of Charlevoix, and a party of islanders enjoyed a successful coyote hunt last week-end. They brought down two of the predators. ("Trigger" was back on the island with her new owner to join "Dot" and "Queen"). Al Clapp, Sunday Sports Writer, of the Grand Rapids Herald was here to observe the proceedings and to see as much as possible of the island. Mr. Clapp and Mr. Staley were guests at Beaver Lodge.



The new steel motor ship "Emerald Isle" will make a round trip, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday- in April and December. During May thru November there will be a round trip six days a week with a Sunday trip added from June 21 to Labor Day. Present plans are for the "Emerald Isle" to leave Charlevoix at 8:00 A.M. Write for reservations and more detailed information. Excursion days, allowing for longer than usual stayover at the Island, will be announced later. Fares--Same as last year.

If you care to come to the Island BY AIR, contact Joe McPhillips Flying Service at the Charlevoix Airport, or Al Phillips Flying Service at the Harbor Springs Airport. Capital Air Lines connects with the Island via Pellston.

Speaking of transportation--hope you all saw "Walt Disney's Comics" for May. If you didn't, rush out and buy a copy. Seeing the Beaver Island Post-office and Frank's pot-bellied stove should give you a wee touch of nostalgia.

The FIRST GRADERS started their immunizations this month at the Medical Center. Dr. Vail has returned from a ten-day Post-Graduate Course at the University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor.

Many thanks for all your wonderful letters and suggestions. Keep them coming.

One last reminder--the newsletter will only be sent to Members of the Beaver Island Civic Association from now on. Hope you sent in your dues! If you did we'll be bringing you some more Beaver Tales next month.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors,
B.I.C.A.

EXTRA ADDED ATTRACTION---Top rating on the bill of fare for St. Pat's Day on the Island will be given to an exhibition by Miss Sally Geier, a champion baton twirler from Dearborn, Mich. Sally has appeared on top shows like Ed Sullivan's "COAST OF THE TOWN". She first visited the Beavers during the past Christmas Holidays and promised to return with her twirling act.