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TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND MEMBERS

DAY OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL IS BOAT DAY - The new "Emerald Isle" is tentatively scheduled to be delivered from the Christy Corporation, Sturgeon Bay, Wis. to Beaver Island on April 16th. This, without a doubt, will be a day to remember for all Islanders and members of the new Beaver Island Boat Co. Plans for the CHRISTENING ceremonies are underway, according to Henry C. Allen, President. The crew will be -Captain, Mark Cross, Manager, Bob Miller, Crewman, Dave Miller.

ARCHIDS TO THE GRAND RAPIDS HERALD AND K.C. CLAPP - Two entire pages of the magazine section, Grand Rapids Herald Sunday March 20th issue were devoted to pictures and accounts of life on Michigan's Emerald Isle. K.C. Clapp, staff writer for the Herald, was brought to the Island as guest of Art Johnston, proprietor of Beaver Lodge. The weather closed in and Mr. Clapp had time to take lots of pictures and listen to many stories as the Herald bears witness. Be sure to see your Grand Rapid's Herald of March 20, 1955.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY APRIL 15th - In an exclusive interview with the original 1955 Beaver Island cast, your reporter learned of the production "Miss Jimmy" a laugh-provoking farce by Jean Provenca. MISS JIMMY with its three acts and cast of nine characters will run well into two hours. The story centers around a boy who gets caught in a girl's college while being initiated into a fraternity. The girls have quite a time concealing the intruder while arguing about how to dispose of "Miss Jimmy". Hubert McCaulay, who has the title role, says that of the five school plays in which he has taken part...."It's about the best of the five." Margie Martin says ..."It's a lot better than any of the others." Bill Vail..."It should be a smashing success." Others in the cast are Eleanor Gallagher, Margaret Ann LaFreniere, Alice Dubiel, Audrey Gatliff, Roland Cull and Margaret O'Donnell. It is under the direction of Sr. Marie Genevieve, Principal, and Mr. Partridge, High School instructor of History and English. Between the acts, Sr. Rene's pupils will give a sneak Preview of their version of the famous Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera H.M.S. PINAFORE to be staged next month. You won't want to miss either of these outstanding productions.

MEDICAL CENTER NEWS - The BLOOD TYPING PROGRAM for all Islanders is now underway. Come in at your convenience. We would like to have the typing completed by the end of April. Word has been received from the State Health Dept. that the Polio Foundation will make available SALK VACCINE for all of our first and second grad children.

SCHOOL BASKETBALL SEASON TO CLOSE WITH A BANQUET - It's all over but the shouting and if merit awards and applause can be classified under that heading, it won't be long. Margie Martin's "SHAMROCKS" took first place in the girl's league with 4 wins, no losses. Hubert McCauley's "TRAMPS" took top honors likewise with 4 victories and no defeats. At a banquet organized by Principal Sr. Marie Genevieve O.P. and prepared by the Basketball Mothers, to be held after Easter, awards will be made. The girl champs will each receive an emblem composed of an 8 inch velvetex white basketball with a shamrock superimposed and bearing the year 1955. Boy champs will be awarded with a similar 8 inch white velvetex basketball emblem bearing a green winged letter T and the year 1955. It was a great tournament kids, and you're really learning to play basketball. See you on the floor next season.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY - A packed house enjoyed a fine Amateur Talent Show presented by the school children in Holy Cross Hall the evening of March 17th. Miss SALLY GEIER (of Dearborn, Mich.), professional baton twirler, arrived as scheduled to headline the performance. She completely charmed her audience twirling all types of batons and hoops- and had everyone holding his breath at her finale- five batons! Indeed, the Hibernian Brigade could not compare with this lass! The applause shook the rafters and 'twas agreed by all that never a finer St. Pat's Day program have we had. Comely Sally, graciously cancelled three professional engagements to keep from disappointing Beaver Islanders. She has appeared on one of the top T.V. shows of the nation-Ed Sullivan's (bless his Irish heart) Toast Of The Town. Miss Geier is a friend of Stanley Burns, who brought her to visit the Island for the first time last summer. We know she has performed for a great many larger audiences-but never a more appreciative one! THANK YOU, SALLY GEIER, from each and every one of us! Sally was a guest of the Pat Banners while on the Island. Following the program, a Box Social, sponsored by the Holy Name Society, was held with Bert McDonough as auctioneer. Archie LaFreniere was General Chairman.

"Twas a day for great rejoicin'
For each lad and each colleen
'Twas a day for fun and laughter
And the WEARIN' O' THE GREEN!

Calls for the SAILORS to return to their boats are coming in rapidly. Buddy Left and the McCafferty brothers, Lano and Donald have already taken leave of the Island.

ELSIE'S LUNCH ROOM will be open for business around the 15th of April.

KARL KUEBLER doesn't need a gun to dispose of coyotes. There is one less of the predators since it made the mistake of showing itself in front of Karl's truck the other day.

HOW FAR CAN A BEACON BEAK? -Letters have not only been received from the four corners of these great United States! The secretary of the Beaver Island Civic Association has received communications and requests for vacation information from three foreign countries -Spain, Yugoslavia and Iraq! Dear Readers, if you have a clue as to how these people have heard of Beaver Island, will you please enlighten us? This intriguing little mystery is keeping some of us awake nights!

The Naughty Lady Of Shady Lane had better look to her laurels! Clara Schmidt is having a path beaten to her door by ardent admirers of their brand new little stranger. Tho he is tiny, and a scant few weeks old, he has even spent a day at school-a very precocious youngster! He has a peaches and cream complexion, and an excellent appetite, but Clara doesn't seem to mind getting up nights with his bottles. She decks him out in a red satin bow after his daily bath. Cutest little runt you ever saw! FORKY, they call him. Forky, the pig, that is!

...to find that the new recording device in the
...made by Peter Dick Angus - the Angus part being our good and
...friend whose yacht "Angus" visits our island each summer.

Mr. James B. (Kitty) Gallagher is hospitalized in Little Traverse Hospital
and will be there for some time. James and Kitty have the public telephone on
the island.

Thanks to the Beaver Island Club of Chicago for the \$319.00 for the Holy Cross
oil heating system.

NEWS OF OUR SERVICE MEN ----Private PATRICK LAFRENIERE, 8th Armored Division,
Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, is expected home on furlough, first week in April.

DR. ROSE B. BONNER, 1st Battalion Headquarters Co., 350th Infantry Regiment is
stationed in Salzburg, Austria. He will complete his Army Service this Spring
and is expected to be on his way home about Easter time.

McDONNELL TWINS, RICHARD AND RONALD, have completed their Army Service and
returned to the Island March 20th. Welcome home, boys!

A/2C HENRY DUBIEL received his training as Jet Fighter Mechanic from Amarillo
Air Force Base, Texas. He is now with the 80th Fighter Day Squadron stationed at
Langstahl and Turstebaldbruck, Germany. His address is A/2c Henry Dubiel
3449497, 587th FTR Day Sqdn., A.P.O. 65, C/o Postmaster New York, N.Y.

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C/o Postmaster New York, N.Y. He is stationed in Germany.

WALTER MCCAULEY is with the 7th Armored Division. His address is Pvt.
Walter McCauley US 35424046, Det. 5, 6019 BU., Camp Desert Bck, Las Vegas, Nev.

Col. JOHN McLENN, ^{WICH} assistant safety director for the Strategic Air Command
recently spoke at a meeting of the Luther Lyceum Course at Muskegon Catholic
Central High School. He described the part the Strategic Air Command plays in
the National Defense picture. Lt. Col. McLeann is on his way to North Africa
where he has been transferred from Omaha, Nebraska.

Agnes Carlisle has made several trips to the south end of the Island and re-
ports that the deer are starting to come down from their yards.

The staff wishes to extend an apology to any of you who received hard to read
copies of the Beacon last month. We were trying to print six hundred copies
with inferior grade steatite paper. We also discovered that the ink faded into
the paper after it left the machine and stood awhile. We have now carbons and
a finer grade of paper this month and are hoping for better results.

ALLEN - The staff, enroute to the Beaver Island Medical Center, made a
forced landing at Mrs. RICHIE LAFRENIERE's residence Sat. March 26th at 2:00 A.M.
to deliver St. Joan Bileon. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Sincerely,
Board of Directors
BEAVER ISLAND CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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