



#### HARBOR DREDGING O-K.'d.

The following telegram was received March 13th by Vernon LaFreniere.

HAVE JUST BEEN ADVISED ST. JAMES HARBOR, BEAVER ISLAND PROJECT RECEIVED FINAL APPROVAL \$53,300 IN FEDERAL MONEY, AND \$7,500 IN LOCAL MONEY IS TO BE EXPENDED. BUREAU OF THE BUDGET IS SENDING A LETTER TO CORPS OF ENGINEERS NOON TODAY INDICATING ITS APPROVAL TO GO AHEAD AND SPEND THE MONEY.

CONGRESSMAN VICTOR A. KNOX

ST. PAT'S DAY- was as gay as ever - tho it looked for awhile as if the big blizzard of the 10th and 11th would make it necessary to postpone the festivities. In spite of a broken plow, the road crew managed to get everyone dug out in time for the celebration. "The Irish Hit Parade" was presented, seen thru a huge television screen by the audience. The school children, in colorful costumes, dramatized several songs in fine style. The numbers on the program were all favorite Irish tunes. Bud Left sang a group of selections accompanied by the orchestra. The program was followed by a nice lunch. Hubert McCauley, representing the sponsors with his many commercials, was the hit of the evening.

KING LLOYD AND QUEEN EVA - were honored at a banquet held by The Friendly Sons Of St. Patrick on the Big Day in Grand Rapids. The arranger was none other than Tom Walsh, manager of the Grand Rapids Airport, and the Promotor of Beaver Island.

THE "LUCK O' THE IRISH" held good for Don (Topper) McDonough on St. Patrick's Day. Topper and his wife won a colored TV set at the Builder's Show in Lapeer, Mich. They live at 1350 Pratt Drive, Nepessing Lake, Mich. (Get ready for company, Topper)!

JOIN THE BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY!

FIRST BOAT - to reach the island this season was the fish tug owned and operated by Emerald LaBlance of Charlevoix. He was taking supplies to the men at the Townsend cattle ranch on High Island. Of course, he wasn't able to enter the harbor. The ice allowed him to get only as far as the Coast Guard Station on the point.

ICEBREAKER - Everyone has been anxiously awaiting the arrival of the Woodbine. All day Saturday, the 31st, the boat stood off the island, but so much ice had been blown into the harbor by the last nor'easter, it was impossible to get thru. It did- Apr. 4, around 8P.M.

THE EMERALD ISLE - was ready to make her first trip as soon as the icebreaker cracked a channel. She was right on time...Thurs. Apr. 5th.

JOE McPHILLIPS - is credited with the rescue of Olive Dillingham's saddle horse, "Ginger", who turned up missing after the big storm. The animal had become wedged between two trees and was spotted from the air by Joe, who directed rescuers to the scene. The horse had been able to survive on the snow she could reach from her prison. Tho very thin, she was in fair condition (after being trapped for about two weeks) when Joe Dillingham and "Pete" found her.

"CEADE MILLE FALTHE" - TO RUTH AND OLEN WANTY, of Ypsilanti, who have just purchased the King Strand Hotel! They plan to open on a part-time basis on the 11th of June; and will have their operation in full swing by the end of the month. They have restaurant and professional baking equipment ready to move in - and will have baked goods to sell to resorters throughout the summer. Mrs. Wanty is well equipped for her new venture. She is a Home Economics teacher, specilaizing in Foods. At present, she is teaching at Mich. State Normal College at Ypsilanti, and has also been an instructor at Mich. State U. She studied at Iowa State University and the University of Minnesota to earn her degree. She has also been employed as food Consultant to nationally known food packers.

BEAVER TRAPPING SEASON - opened earlier than usual this year. The heavy snow has made trapping extremely difficult. Five large beaver have been brought in so far by Chuck Kleinhenz and Rogers Carlisle.

THE DEER HERD - has survived the winter very well. Forty were counted last week on a trip from Iron Ore Bay to the village.

THE SAILORS - have left us for another season. Ray Cull, Lano McCafferty and Jimmy Martin are aboard the Str. Consumers Power. Bud Left is sailing on the Str. K. G. Kerr. Glen McCafferty is on the Niagara Mohawk. Russell Greene is sailing on the U.S. Gypsum, which was one of the first vessels on the Lakes this year. "Speck" Gillespie

will be aboard the Str. Wm McLaughlin.

#### BORN..

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCauley are the proud parents of a SON, Daniel, born on St. Patrick's Day, at Pontiac.

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING - concerning the status of the Beaver Island Life Boat Station and Beaver Head Light will be held Tuesday 1:00 P.M. April 24th in Holy Cross Hall. Rear Admiral H. C. Perkins, from the office of the Commandant U. S. C. G. of Washington, D. C. will be in charge., He will be accompanied by Capt. Easter of the Cleveland, Office. The Beaver Island Boat Co. will schedule a ferry trip leaving Charlevoix 9:00 A.M. Tues. April 24th and leaving Beaver Island at 4:00 P.M. the same day. DON'T MISS THIS MEETING!

#### COAST GUARD TRANSFERS...

Donald R. Hawver SN, Roger D. Colkers FN, and Arnold J. Rybak SN, have recently been transferred from Beaver Island Life Boat Station. Roger has been stationed at Gray's Reef Light.

HERMAN FISCHNER - passed away suddenly the morning of April 4th. He was born in Mankato, Minnesota, and would have been 85 next month. He married Helen Allers in South Haven, and moved to Beaver Island in 1903 where they took up a homestead. He was employed by the Beaver Island Lumber Co. and the Federal Dept. of Fisheries. He was also an expert ship's caulker. He is survived by his wife, Helen, five sons, Elston, Willard, Art, Emil and Charles, and a daughter, Evelyn.

LATE NEWS FLASH- the icebreaker Woodbine entered Beaver Island Harbor after dark Wednesday evening and the motorship "Emerald Isle" made her first trip Thursday A.M., April 5th.

#### STORMY WEATHER...

Beaver Island had electrical storms, heavy rains and thick fog while the tornado was hitting other parts of the state. TV video was disturbed for about two hours, but the audio portion of the broadcast continued, so we were able to keep abreast of developments. Since so many Beaver Islanders have relatives in or near Grand Rapids, there were some anxious moments.

BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS- ended with Mary Gallagher's "Giants" taking the series 6-2 over Darlene Schmidt's "Midgets". High scores for the season: Mary 48, Barbara Fischer 35, Darlene 28, Ann Gatliff 26, Sharon Fischer 8, Evelyn Palmer 4, Colleen Mackerman 2 and Carol Ann O'Donnell-0.

DECEASED... Doctor Richard German at Detroit, February 8th and Mary Hartweg at Grand Rapids February 7th.

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH