



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER...Prepared and distributed by the Board of Directors,
Beaver Island Civic Association
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND MEMBERS

The 55th Annual Beaver Island Home-Coming will be held as always on the second Sunday in August. August 14th this year. A Turkey Dinner, a Street Parade Of Floats, A Boat Parade followed by a Boat Blessing will be features of the celebration. There will be a Homecoming Dance in the evening with a stateside orchestra. Vacationers are all cordially invited to enter a float or boat in the parades. How about entering a float to represent your home town? See the Parade Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Clark of Niles, Mich. are the donors of the much needed hospital cart for transporting patients at the Medical Center. The heartfelt thank of this community, and the Medical Center staff, go out to them for this very generous gift.

The handsome new modernistic sign in front of the Medical Center was installed by Donald Cole (about an hour after he landed on the Island, June 18th). Many, many thanks.

PLAYGROUND SWIMMING SEASON was officially opened with the launching of the raft the last week of June. Helping were Chuck Dudley, Tony McDonough, Loretta LaFreniere, Audrey Gatliff and Jeanie Wojan. Thru the generosity of Mike Cull, it was possible this year to add something new to the playground beach. Mike cut some 300 ft. of net leaving the mater and white painted corks as a line to rope off the swimming area. With the assistance of Chuck Dudley, Davey Wilson and John Gillespie, stakes were driven about 75 ft. out from the playground fence into the water on each side. The line of white corks was then stretched around the stakes making the swimming area safe from boat traffic. All boat and surf board rides will now take off from Gillespie's pier. Bring the kiddies down for some swimming lessons. We have two "flutter-boards" available, made of cork oak donated by Elston Pischner and cut to form by Rogers Carlisle. L.J. Malloy, Township Supervisor, has promised us a junior raft for use of the "small fry" - so the larger one can be anchored out in the deep water for the "big fish".

Would anyone care to donate a picnic table or park benches for the grounds around the harbor? The Commerce Committee has tried unsuccessfully to obtain these items from the State Highway Commission. Seems we don't have enough highway. We'll put the name of the donor on each piece.

Even a carrier pigeon knows a good thing when he sees it! An exhausted bird, banded at Buffalo, N.Y. landed at Vernon (Dick) LaFreniere's emporium last week. Dick was quick to offer some well-known Beaver Island hospitality to the visitor - water and a big bowl of corn (well, naturally - the kind off the cob!) Guess the bird decided, "To heck with the message business and Buffalo. Home was never

"like this!" It seems he has chosen to stay. The State Police are checking his take-off point. His last trip must have been a doozy!

We had a sizzling weather for the Annual 4th of July Picnic. The Emerald Isle made double trips both Friday and Saturday-loaded to capacity. Carl and Eleanor Felix, proprietors of Swede's Place at the north end of the Harbor, offered the Ball Diamond and grove on their acres as the Picnic site- and their new Drive-In Refreshment Stand for serving the picnic food prepared by the Island women. Mrs. Lawrence McDonough, Chairman of the Activities Committee was General Chairman of the event. She and her committee deserve a great deal of praise for the enjoyable day. There was draft beer, pop and ice cream for sale as well as the food. Lawrence must have had a sore arm from slicing all those hams. The Children's Parade got underway at 1:00 o'clock. Line of March extended from the playground to the Point and back to the Ball Diamond. The winning float was "Davy Crockett and His Bar" entered by McAndrew Greene of Muskegon, Heights. Second prize went to Eddie and Jeanne Wojan, and third to Larry McDonough. The Civic Association rounded out the day with a fireworks display on the Harbor in the evening. Art Johnston and Walt Wojan "shot the works". A full moon, reflected in the water, vied with the sky-rockets for attention and a cool rose-scented breeze caressed the spectators. (There we go again-being carried away by the charm of Beaver Island!) Glen Forbes made the huge sign at the Picnic Grounds and the Civic Assoc. wishes to extend it's thanks. We will make good use of it for many years to come. Have you seen the mammoth welcome sign on the dock? Forbes Co., too!

There will be ORCHESTRA PRACTICE at the Hall every Wed. evening at 8:00 P.M. Anyone interested is welcome. Who knows? Someday we might have a Beaver Island Summer Symphony.

Have you seen the four charming co-eds from Michigan State who are handling dining room duties at Beaver Lodge? Mmmmm! They are as luscious as the fine food served there!

Bernice Kessell- 4700 Grand Ave; Chicago, Ill. won the electric blanket which was donated by the late Kate Cull Malloy-proceeds to be used for the Medical Center.

Flash camera set donated by Mrs. Evelyn Johnston, and a hand-made quilt from Mrs. Herman Pischner are now in the hands of the Activities Committee.

A new group of 40 CHRISTIAN BROTHERS have arrived for the retreat at Brother Dom's Lodge. This is known as the American Second Novitiate. Other similar sessions are held in Canada, South America, Spain, France and Italy. Rev. Brother Cornelius Luke, Visitor General of the Christian Brothers, Rome, Italy, is President of this group. These men are instructors in boys schools and colleges throughout the United States, Central America, Canada and the Phillipine Islands.

If you have been curious as to what the Helicopters have been doing on the Island- here is a run-down on it according to Bos'n 1st. Cl. Murphy, Officer-In-Charge of Beaver Island Life Boat Station. There will be a Geological Survey beginning soon of all islands in the Beaver group. The first helicopter the advance man of the Survey team to line up housing for the men. (Probably about twelve). The Survey will probably last well into Sept. and may employ a few Beaver Island men. A free-lance writer was also a helicopter passenger and interviewed the Coast Guard personnel while here. He is authoring a book about the Coast Guard Service. The second "whirly-bird" brought Capt. C.H. Peterson of Wash. D.C., from Coast Guard Headquarters in Cleveland for the annual inspection of the Beaver Island Life Boat Station and Beaver Head Light. He is expected to return soon to inspect Lansing Shoals Light.

The beautiful new flag that was raised recently in front of the Mr. and Mrs. Frank

Hall's cottage on Main St. and Evergreen Road, is dedicated to the memory of James Francis Neer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Neer.

Protestant Church Services will be held at the Church-house on Freesoil Road each Sunday during July and August. Rev. Warren Densmore of Tampa, Florida, will conduct services during the month of July. Rev. and Mrs. Densmore arrived aboard the Emerald Isle on July 1st. The Rev. Arthur Willis and family will return during the month of August. Communion will be at 8:00 A.M. and services at 10:00 A.M. throughout the summer.

Daily Mass at Holy Cross Catholic Church is at 8:00 A.M., and on Sunday at 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.. First Friday Services are at 8:00 A.M. and 6:30 P.M.

Girl Scouts of Troup 18, Petoskey, made a trip to Beaver Island on June 10th with their Leaders. They had been studying about Beaver Island all winter and judging from the fine article published in the Petoskey News-Review, they thoroughly enjoyed their excursion.

There have been two groups of Explorer Boy Scouts camping at Lake Genesareth during the month. Leslie Explorer's Troup 69, from Leslie, Mich. consisting of 3 boys and 2 leaders, and an Explorer's Troup from Mason, Mich. that included 18 boys and 4 leaders. They were such good explorers we weren't able to track them down for their troop number!

The Dave Wilson's are planning on opening a Laundromat Service on Freesoil Road near the north beach sometime in August. There will also be hand craft articles for sale, and a letter bar- with post cards and stationery available- where you may drop a line to the folks back home while waiting for your laundry.

A boatload of Charlevoix Board of Commerce business people were entertained on the Island June 19th. They were guests of the Beaver Island Boat Co. and St. James businessmen. Dinner was served for 96 at the King Strang Hotel and a caravan tour of the Island followed. Beaver Island Commerce Committee and Activities Committee are to be complimented for their fine cooperation in staging this event. Joe Howard finally got to Beaver Island! The Sterretts, of the King Strang Hotel, have sent a card of thanks to the Beacon, thanking all of the women of the Activities Committee who prepared and furnished food, decorated tables, and helped them in serving this large party.

The Harbor has been filled with beautiful yachts for the past several weeks. They have been anchored three deep at Gallagher's Dock. Hailing ports include Harbor Springs, Benton Harbor, Michigan City, Chicago, Spring Lake, Washington Island, Big Rapids, Petoskey and Charlevoix.

Since the June issue of the Beacon more facts and information have been learned concerning the release of the Article on the Jet Base for Beaver Island. Due to this, the Board of Directors regrets the tone of the Article last month. We still want no Jet Base on Beaver Island.

Don't forget to start working on your float for the Parade August 14th.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors
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