



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER... Prepared and distributed by the Board of Directors,
Beaver Island Civic Association

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TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND MEMBERS

BEAVER ISLAND SCREAMS DENIAL! The unauthorized A.P. and U.P. release asking for a Jet Air Base on Beaver Island was entirely false! No telegrams were sent from the Island to Washington. The Beaver Island Civic Association was not consulted nor were the Commerce Committee or Town boards of St. James and Peaine Townships. Our first knowledge of this entirely adverse publicity came to us over the radio. An individual from downstate felt that he could take it upon himself to decide what was good for the Island without consulting any representative group of citizens. Every resident of Beaver Island considers this an unwarranted assumption of authority. Beaver Island is not looking for a dictator or a successor to James Strang! We consider this type of publicity extremely detrimental and deplorable. This community is successfully building up as a resort and summer home haven, and thoroughly resents such interference. If our summer visitors and home owners agree with us, will you please send a post card- or a short note expressing your feelings- that we can show to anyone who feels a Jet Air Base would be good for Beaver Island Civic Association. Lloyd McDonough would like his name mentioned as being Sec. of Chamber of Commerce. We have only a Commerce Committee. Lloyd advises us that his name was used without his permission. He did not send any telegrams as was stated in the news release and further that he is not in favor of this project or this sort of publicity.

Tuesday, May 31st, CONSERVATION PATROL BOAT NO. 1 brought Gerald Eddy, Director of the Conservation Dept. to visit the Island. Durand Robson- Chief of Field Administration, Shirley Allen and R.F. Brenitx, Conservation Commissioners were also aboard. This was Mr. Eddy's first trip to the Island and we understand the pike had reason to believe no ordinary fishermen were in this party.

TWENTY-EIGHT CHARLEVOIX AND EMMET COUNTY TEACHERS enjoyed an excursion to Beaver Island on Sat. May 28th. Upon their arrival, they were served a buffet luncheon at Beaver Lodge during which Sr. Marie Genevieve, Principal of St. James School introduced Audrey and Kathleen Gatliff who presented an interesting account of Island history. At 1:30, the group was taken on a tour of the Island by a business men's group who provided transportation. The Emerald Isle delayed it's departure time $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours to enable the party to see as much as possible of the Island. Coffee and doughnuts were served the educators at Elsie's Lunch Room just before the return trip. It was a pleasure for all involved to serve this group. We hope they will all come again.

Dick LaFreniere is having the approach to his DOCK WIDENED which will greatly facilitate passage of cars and trucks to and from the Emerald Isle.

THE GAME CLUB has had a collection of old car bodies sunk in Pete Manitou's Bay off Garden Island to improve the fishing grounds. Most of you have no doubt read the A.P. release or heard over the radio about Beaver Island's lazy rabbits and the Game Club's need for woodchucks. A couple of interesting comments have reached us relative to this pressing problem. Judge Emerson Boyle writes that he is thoroughly in sympathy with the lazy rabbits and has offered to send a post-hole digger to the Island so anyone hearing of a rabbit in distress may dig him a home. Edgar O'Donnell says his brother, Tony, will be glad to stamp out little aluminum shovels to fit on the rabbits feet with rubber bands so they can dig their own houses. Tony suggests we start them digging at Sand Bay where its nice and soft.

The Civic Association is considering the naming of the Floribunda rose as the official ISLAND FLOWER. It's hardiness and long blooming season make it a particularly good choice for this locality. Ten families have co-operated in the experimental project this year. Bushes have been planted by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wojan, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nackerman, Mr. and Mrs. Bud McDonough, Mr. and Mrs. Archie LaFreniere, Dr. and Mrs. H.F. Vail, Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cull, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cull, Mrs. Elizabeth LaFreniere and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McDonough. We are indebted to Mrs. Nels Sorensen for procuring expert advice and assistance in this project, and to Musette LaFreniere for devoting a great deal of time and energy toward getting things rolling. We hope that summer visitors who are thinking of planting shrubs will consider the Floribunda rose.

MEDICAL CENTER NEWS- Born Sat. May 14th, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kenwabakise, a 7# daughter named Aleta Doris. Born Sat. June 4th, to Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Gillespie a 7½# son.-Richard Lynn. The paper went to press last month before a name had been chosen for Mr. and Mrs. Gene Connaghan's new daughter. She weighed in at 7# 10oz. and was named Lois Jean Margaret Ellen is the first mother on the Island to have two children born in the Center. We were fortunate to be one of the few counties in the state and nation to receive our shipment of Salk vaccine for the second inoculation of our first and second grade children.

Mrs. Sophia McDonough announces the ENGAGEMENT of her daughter, Charlotte Ann, to Richard Sanderson, of Ware, Massachusetts. Charlotte is a graduate of St. James High and furthered her education in Kansas City, Missouri. She has been employed as a secretary in Greece for the past two and a half years. Mr. Sanderson attended schools in Ware and Boston, Mass. He is now employed as an electronic consultant in Athens, Greece. They expect to return to this country in August and the wedding is being planned for early in September. They will live in Washington, D.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Malloy announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Mary Patricia to Terrence J. Holleran of Muskegon. It will be an event of July 30th in Muskegon.

SCHOOL NEWS- H.M.S. PINAFORE- We just can't say enough about the fine performance of this delightful comic opera presented May 18th by the Grade School children of St. James directed by Sr. Rene. The Captain and Sir Joseph were outstanding in their natural acting. The leading characters all are deserving of a great deal of praise, and the chorus sounded ready for Broadway. The scenery, which provided such a professional looking background was made by Father Joseph Jerry LaFreniere and Chucky Dudley. Sr. Rene's costuming was perfection.

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET MAY 12th and SENIOR PROM MAY 15th were outstanding this year using a strictly nautical theme throughout both parties. An underwater scene greeted guests as they entered the hall-complete with tropical fish, undersea vegetation, a mermaid, sea chest and the hulls of sunken ships. A huge drop-ceiling of pale green cheesecloth had been made by the Juniors which cast an aqua glow over the hall, truly giving one the feeling of passing thru unexplored areas of

the briny deep. The central and prominent undersea spot on the stage which commanded attention was a figure of the Blessed Virgin under the title of "Star of the Sea." Twenty-two Seniors from Lake Leelanau attended the Prom.

Parents of the seven graduating Seniors were also invited to the Junior-Senior Banquet by the Junior Class. A most delicious turkey dinner was prepared by mothers of the Junior Class and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

SENIOR TRIP- One week after the visit of the Lake Leelanau Seniors, our Seniors, Sr. Marie Genevieve, Principal, Mr. Partridge and Fr. Joseph travelled to Lake Leelanau to attend the St. Mary's Prom. This time the motif was southern, complete with great white columns and Martha Washington wigs. St. James Seniors had the treat of their lives and a test of their stamina when given a challenge to climb a sand dune almost as big as the world-famous "Sleeping Bear". Thanks to the Lake Leelanau gang and the Sisters of St. Mary's for their hospitality.

CAPS AND GOWNS were featured by the Seniors at their attendance at High Mass and reception of Holy Communion on Pentecost Sunday. The color was most appropriate for the occasion...PENTECOST, (red) the symbol of the fire of the Holy Spirit. A breakfast was given for the class by the Sisters in their convent after the Mass.

School Picnics-Grade School children had their picnic at Font Lake and Barney's Lake and High Schoolers travelled to Fox Lake. There were times when things became a little damp, even for the unwilling, but it all came out in the wash or, at least, on the line.

GRADUATION- June 3rd. St. James High graduated seven seniors..at Holy Cross Auditorium at 8:30 P.M. Graduates entered the Hall to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" played by Mr. Partridge and were escorted to the stage by the remaining High School students who preceded them in the processional. The Invocation was given by Father Joseph. Margaret Ann LaFreniere presented the Salutatory. The Address was by Father Aidan O.F.M.C. of Grand Rapids, Director of the Third Order of St. Francis. Presentation of diplomas and awards was by Mr. Charles Robinson County Supt. of Schools. The Valedictory was given by Audrey Gatliff. Benediction by Father Joseph. Graduates are: Marjorie Martin, Margaret Ann LaFreniere, AliceDubiel, Audrey Gatliff, Eleanor Gallagher, John LaFreniere and Bill Vail. Bill received his diploma from Ferris Institute in Big Rapids. Special merit awards went to Eleanor, Margie, Audrey and Margaret Ann.

SERVICE MEN'S NEWS- Pat LaFreniere's new address is..Pvt. Patrick LaFreniere US 55529763, Co. B-50th Armored Inf. Bn., CCA 3rd Platoon, 6th Armored Division, Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. Word has just been received that Pat is being transferred to Fort Bragg, N.C.

Walter McCauley is expected home for two weeks about the last of June or the first of July. It's been a long, long time and we'll all be glad to see you, Walter. His address is: Pvt. W.H. McCauley US 55474046, Det. 3, 6019 SU, Camp Desert Rock Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Christian Brothers arrived on the Island June 1st for a 30 day retreat at Brother Dominic Lodge. This first group is from the St. Louis District.

Carl Felix is building a drive-in hot-dog and ice cream stand in front of his cabins. It will probably be open for business in about two weeks.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors
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