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

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND MEMBERS
BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS FORMED - R.P. Hoffman and A.J. Roy have purchased the Old Mormon Print Shop; and with the cooperation of the Beaver Island Civic Association, have organized the Historical Society. Temporary committees have been formed to handle administration and details until a membership drive can be launched. Canisters for your contribution to the Restoration Fund for the Print Shop can be found at all business places on the Island. Members of the Board are R.P. Hoffman (Pres.), H.F. Vail, M.D., (Vice-Pres.), Vera Wejan (Sec.-Treas.), A.J. Roy, Jewell Gillespie, Lawrence Malloy, and Dave Wilson (Attorney for the Society). Those appointed to the Research Committee were Donald Cole, Lawrence Malloy and Mrs. H.F. Vail. Named on the Membership Committee were H.F. Vail, M.D., Art Johnston, Archie LaFreniere, Vernon LaFreniere and Lloyd McDonough. More members, from off the Island, will be added to this committee in the near future. E.J. Neill, M.D. will chairman the Publicity Committee. A.J. Roy and (Mrs.) Mable E. Roy will serve with him. Public Relations Committee will include A.J. Roy, Chairman, (Mrs.) Mable E. Roy and Jewell Gillespie.... An interested group of visitors and Historical Society Organizers recently toured Dr. Pretar's house and viewed a number of Mormon relics - with Pat Bonner serving as guide. We would appreciate hearing from interested persons having relics they would like to place in the soon-to-be-restored Print Shop Museum.

Michigan History, the official publication of the Michigan Historical Commission, will have as a feature of the September issue, an article by Henry Kraus, who, with his wife, Dorothy, spent four months on the Island last year.

St. James Township has purchased the Boutel property between the V.H. LaFreniere dock and J.H. Gallagher dock with a pleasure craft site in mind.

The village now has speed limit signs. The Township Board has authorized the making and placing of signs and a special deputy has been appointed to give personal attention to anyone exceeding the 25 mile an hour limit.

Township Supervisors from 7 counties, comprising the 2nd District of Michigan, are planning on holding their quarterly meeting on Beaver Island at the King Strang on Sept. 8th.

Wilson's Teepee-Washum Laundromat and Gift Shop is now open for business. The Gift Shop features Hand Crafted jewelry, stationery and note paper (pine-scented), pens, French Perfume, post cards. New items are being added weekly.

August 27th and 28th, five members of the Aqua-Venturer's Club of Chicago paid a visit to the Island. They are all experienced skin divers and underwater photographers and were equipped with aqua-lungs and all the latest gear for enjoying this interesting hobby. They speared 7 carp in 8 minutes while exploring off Gull Harbor, and went down 60 feet off the Coast Guard Station. The group was enthusiastic about the very clear water surrounding the Islands and also in our inland lakes- which is ideal for skin diving. Their host, Carl Felix, proprietor of Swedes Villa and Drive-In has done extensive underwater exploring on the Island.

Born to Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Bales, an 8# SON, August 26th in Indianapolis. Mother and SON are doing nicely.

Professor L.A. Baier, of the University of Michigan Dept. of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering was a recent passenger on the Emerald Isle. Professor Baier was special advisor to the Boat Company Board of Directors during the planning and construction of the Emerald Isle.

Professor Ivan Walton, of the University of Michigan, who has been a frequent Island visitor, invited the Island's old time fiddler, Pat Behner, to come to Ann Arbor, July 27th, to take part in a program of Michigan folk music which was televised. Visitors to the Island have reported seeing the show on a Detroit channel.

WEDDING BELLS- Charlotte Ann McDonough will marry Richard Sanderson of Ware, Mass. on Sept. 10th at Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island. A reception will be held in the afternoon at the King Strang Hotel. Charlotte is the daughter of Mrs. Sophia McDonough.

Wish we could interest some of our summer visitors in combining business with pleasure. Services needed on the Island include barbering, a beauty shop, an upholstering shop, and someone to make slip covers- to mention just a few. We hear a lady from Milan, Mich. has purchased a building near the harbor and intends to open a summer bakery next season.

Dudley Verner, Detroit organist and composer of "The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" spent a few days at the King Strang with a party of musicians from Bay View summer colony.

Thirty-six Boy Scouts from Explorer Post 23 of St. Marks Methodist Church of Goshen, Indiana, spent a week on the Island.

Due to our limited space and laborious method of publication, we regret we are unable to give you a complete account of the 55TH ANNUAL HOMECOMING AND AUGUST DINNER, but we will try to hit the high spots. 425 Turkey and ham dinners were served- prepared by our wonderful Island women cooks. Twenty floats were entered in the Street Parade and 11 boats participated in the Boat Blessing Ceremony. The Star Spangled Banner was sung by Miss Janie Morris, lyric soprano, of Chicago. Master of Ceremonies was James W. Gallagher. Parade Judges were Doris Huckle, of East Jordan, Ken Gallagher, of Milwaukee, and Lyle Schaffer of Milan, Ohio.

of Milan, Ohio. In the Street Parade, Allon's (animated) Cabin's float took first prize- which delighted everyone! Holy Cross Church float depicting Bishop Barago preaching to the Indians (designed by Alice Pischner) took second honors. Gillespie's Service Playground float and Carl Felix's Norsemen Of Beaver Island entry tied for third place and split the prize money. There were many fine entries again this year and the judge's role was not an easy one. Boat Parade prizes were won by Willie John Gallagher, Dr. Nels Sorenson and Father Joseph-1st, 2nd and 3rd, respectively.

On Thursday, Aug. 25th, a story and pictures of the Homecoming were featured on WPBN-TV, The Limelight Show- with Ken Haven, originating in Traverse City. The material was sent in by Bill and Doris Huckle, of East Jordan, official photographers and reporters of the day's events. We understand they have authored a forthcoming story which will appear soon in the Grand Rapids Herald.

The parents of Robt. Smith, M.D. of Grand Rapids, who have been vacationing at Dr. Robt.'s summer home, Raycroft, at the southern end of the Island- gave Islanders an unexpected treat Monday evening, Aug. 29th- with a program of exceptionally beautiful colored slides and a fine travelogue of Korea. Dr. and Mrs. Smith Sr. have spent 39 years of their lives in Korea as Medical Missionaries. Their four sons were born in Korea, three of whom became doctors and one, a physicist. Mrs. Smith has spent endless hours of her time, since she has returned, on just about the finest, most unselfish, one-woman campaign for aiding Korean orphans that we have heard of to date. She has made over 600 authentically dressed Korean dolls -every stitch done by hand- which sell for \$1.50. One dollar from every doll sold is sent back to Korea for use at the orphanage. The remainder of the charge is given to the church, school or organization where they are asked to lecture and show their pictures. Not one penny does Mrs. Smith keep for herself. The dolls are made especially for small children and the clothes are fashioned so that they are easily removed and redressed by little hands- teaching children the differences in dress of that far off country- a truly educational toy.

BULLETIN FOR FISHERMEN-

Aug. 8th and 9th, the following men were here from the Conservation Dept. to survey projects asked by the GAME CLUB: Floyd Fanselow-Engineer in Charge of Public Fishing Sites, G.A. Shadko- Surveyor and Engineer, Fish Division, C. Troy Yoder- Regional Fisheries Supervisor, Reservoir, and H.L. Thompson -Fish Division, Gaylord. The Conservation men felt that it was not feasible to plant wall-eyes in Lake Genesareth as they are not a fish that is caught by the average fisherman during July and August. They would eat food needed by bass and pike- both of which can be caught during that period. Iron Ore Creek has suitable temperature for brook trout- but not enough water this year for planting. The Conservation Dept. will send the Game Club an opinion on the development of camping, fishing, and parking sites on Fox Lake, Lake Genesareth and a quarter mile of Lake Mich. Shore area on State Property about one and an eighth mile south of Hannegan's corners on the East Road.

Fishermen report that Lake Genesareth has been the best in years for pike, bass and bluegills. Nine and ten inch bluegills and a good many fair sized bass have been pulled out of Barney's Lake this summer.

A grand-daughter and great-grand-daughter of King Strang spent vacations on the Island this summer.

Gary McDonough, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McDonough, left Sunday,

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the 4th, for Mt. St. Francis near New Albany, Indiana, where he will be studying for the next four years. Mt. St. Francis is the Prep. Seminary of the black Franciscan Order.

Audrey Gatliff left on the 4th to enter Marywood, the Dominican Sister Motherhouse in Grand Rapids. She is the daughter of Mrs. Tom Gatliff.

The John Dubiel family moved recently to Cross Village.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter (Donoy) Gallagher and daughter have moved to Marlette.

Bill Veil leaves this month for Ann Arbor to enter the University Of Michigan College Of Engineering, Sept. 18th.

Voters of both St. James and Peaine Townships went to the polls on Thurs. Sept. 1st and showed by a decided majority that they were in favor of the Boards granting a Franchise to the Top O' Michigan Rural Electric Company.

SCHOOL IS IN THE AIR again these days! The past week has seen Jewell Gillespie and Donald Cole at work making repairs on the school Buildings. They have reconditioned stoves and lights along with some necessary painting. The Sisters are back on the Island and the children can scarcely wait till Tuesday, September 6th!!!

A surgical table, formerly in use at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, was donated to the Medical Center this summer. Two Island boosters- Mrs. Robt. Smith and Bishop Mc Neil, who are serving on Boards connected with the Hospital, heard that the table was to be replaced by a new one, and put in a good word for our Medical Center. A small amount of reconditioning was all that was needed to make it a very useful addition to our hospital equipment. Many thanks to Butterworth Hospital- and our friends who made this generous gift possible.

The Annual meeting of the Beaver Island Boat Co. was held Sat. evening, Sept. 3rd. Present directors were elected for another term.

The Motorship, Emerald Isle assumed its regular Fall schedule hours on Labor Day. The boat will make one trip daily- Monday thru Saturday-- leaving Charlevoix at 8:00 P.M. The boat will leave the Island on the return trip at 1:15 P.M. This schedule remains in effect until Dec. 1st when the ferry will make three trips weekly.

Sincerely,

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

P.S. August brides were: Mary Malloy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Malloy to Terrance Halloran in St. Mary's Church, Muskegon. Catherine Martin--bride of Rolland Kohn at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Grand Rapids. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Martin.