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the Beaver Island Civic Association.

HARBOR IMPROVEMENT is still getting plenty of attention according to Elston Pischner St. James Township Clerk. A meeting was held on Nov. 9th to which the general public was invited for the purpose of determining particular features to be included in a request for construction of a village dock. 15 persons attended. Discussion at the meeting resulted in recommending a location to the east of the bar (sand, that is) between Gallagher's dock and the Point. The property recently obtained by the Township for a public park and beach will still be used for that purpose. Now that it is definite that the harbor is to be dredged, the Town Board feels that it is more in line to request action from the Michigan Waterways Commission for the dock.

B.I. HISTORICAL SOCIETY met Nov. 11th with 41 persons attending. Society president Russell Hoffman along with Mrs. Hoffman of Plymouth, Michigan spoke about the purpose and organization of the society. Mr. Hoffman read a letter from Dr. Lewis Beeson Executive Secretary of the Michigan Historical Society assuring the attention of the Commission and the Governor. Mr. Hoffman said that the County also had funds which may be allocated to assist in the restoration of historical sites after the Beaver Island project is started. Sites recommended to be registered with the Michigan Historical Commission were King Strang's Print Shop dating from around 1853; Dr. Protar's Home 1893; and the Indian Chapel erected by Bishop Beraga the first missionary to the Island 1832. Mr. Hoffman assured the Beaver Island Historical Society of his pledge of \$500 along with the deed to the property. A committee of 8 volunteered to inspect the King Strang building on Saturday Nov. 12 for the purpose of determining action to be taken toward restoration of the "Print Shop" as soon as possible. The committee composed of Walter Wojan, Archie LaFreniere, Jewell Gillespie, A. J. Roy, Russell Hoffman, Bud McDonough, Pat LaFreniere and Fr. Joseph recommended removal of the front porch and (north) side addition. J. F. Gillespie accepted the chairmanship of a clean-up committee to begin at once. The total estimate of complete restoration both interior and exterior was given as \$10,000. Since the time of the Normans

the property was owned by Mrs. Julia Gibson, Sr. Lorraine's grandmother (of the Gibson House), Joe Burke, Bub Burke, Mike Cull & Bud Left.

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DAY OF THE MONTH: Opening of the deer season this year saw as many as 150 hunters on the Island not including resident Islanders. The weather man certainly favored the deer with little snow and a BIG BLOW. On Wednesday night Nov. 16th a 60 to 70 mile gale lashed the Island knocking out power lines and along with them many of the usual conveniences. Some sections were without power all night. Hunters say it was really rugged. Ask Robbins from Ypsilanti whose car konked out on him when he went to check his plane at the airport. The number of deer taken at the time of going to press was reported as 33.

GAME CLUB COMMITTEE serves close to 100 porch dinners for Hunters. On Thursday evening Nov. 17th Hunters gathered in Holy Cross Hall for an evening of refreshment followed by the showing of colored slides by Dr. Robert Rice of Greenville. The pictures were taken by Dr. Rice on a Navy expedition into the Arctic. Everyone seemed to learn a lot about the Navy's scientific equipment and ICE. Hunters were issued a bulletin on accomplishments of the local Game Club Committee during the year and asked to refrain from shooting the Island's ALBINO deer.

MORE ABOUT SCHOOL... Grades 5-8 elected Mary Gallagher president, Joe LaFreniere vice-pres., & Darlene Schmidt secretary. They plan to raise money by a candy sale to send Red Cross Boxes abroad. Girls in the sewing class under the direction of Sr. Marie Genevieve are making skirts. High School Honor Roll: Rosemary McDonough 11½, Margaret O'Donnell 9½, William Bennett 9, Kathleen Gatliff 9, Loretta LaFreniere 10, Sally Martin 8, Eleanor Pischner 8. HIGHLIGHT of the season will be the Christmas musical, "ANGEL'S CHRISTMAS SONG". It promises to be the prettiest in the history of school plays with glitter costumes, angel ballets & shining stars. Be sure to watch for it. DON'T MISS IT.

JOIN & SUPPORT THE BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

MISS McDONOUGH OF 1955 is daughter No. 8 born to Bob and Charlotte in Grand Rapids last month. (Eddie Carter take notice). She was baptized Gail Therese.

HAVE YOU NOTICED THE NEW LOOK on the POST OFFICE? The new asbestos shingle siding sure looks neat.

COMMUNISTS & OTHER RADICALS gain control where citizens sit back and let someone else do it; where good citizens do not attend civic meetings and make their voices heard in the right direction. How about attendance at CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETINGS?

WEST MICHIGAN TOURIST AND RESORT ASSOCIATION representative Aurey Strophaul of Grand Rapids visited the Island during the last week of November to obtain advertising material from the Civic Association, the Boat Co. and resort operators to be published in the vacation guide "Carefree Days In West Michigan".

VENISON DINNER is served to 29 at Lodge. The Game Club Committee feasted along with their "deer guests" on Saturday evening Dec. 3 at Beaver Lodge. Among game club projects discussed were plans for an instruction course to be offered to boys and girls of the Island, in the safe handling of firearms. Islanders reported having taken deer are: Walt Wojan, Chuck Kleinhenz, Archie LaFreniere, Gene Con-naghan, Jim Carpenter, Eugene Mooney, Kenny McDonough and C. J. Jones who bagged the heaviest.

NOTICE TO BOAT PASSENGERS. Last month we reported as follows: "The Emerald Isle now leaves the Island at 12:45 P.M. 1/2 hour earlier than the former departure time". This month we report: "The Emerald Isle now leaves the Island, due to weather conditions, earlier than the former departure time. (P.S. It is making only three trips a week during December; usually Monday, Wednesday & Friday).

OUT FOR BASKETBALL are: Larry & Tony McDonough, Robert Fischner, Alvin LaFreniere, Dale Cull, Ronald Gallagher, Johnny & Billie Gillespie & Eddie Wojan.....Caroline Kenwabakiso, Mary Gallagher, Darlene Schmidt, Ann Gatliff, Barbara, Karen, & Sharon Fischner, Colleen Neck-erman, Carol Ann O'Donnell, Isabell LaFreniere & Evelyn Palmer.

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH

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