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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

The ANNUAL MEETING AND POT LUCK DINNER of the Beaver Island Civic Association will be held Thursday, Feb. 9th in Holy Cross Hall at 6:00 P.M. If you do not have your 1956 membership, come anyway and get your membership card at the door. The Activities Committee has planned a fine hot meal and we will celebrate the Association's third Anniversary in appropriate style. There will be entertainment followed by a dance. The only business to come before the group will be the election of officers for the coming year. There will be NO SPEECHES! So, come to the party! Eat all you want! Enjoy your neighbors and have fun!

THE MARDI GRAS BALL on Feb. 10th will be held in the Hall at 8:00 P.M. This will be a costume party, as it was last year, and the suggested theme for costuming will be Story Book Characters. The costumes will be well worth seeing so COME! EVERYONE! ADULTS AND CHILDREN! THE JESTERS will furnish music. (IT MAY NOT BE ROCK AND ROLL - BUT IT WILL BE NOISY, WE GUARANTEE!)

WEDDING RECEPTION Feb. 11th for Bruce and Gretchen McDonough will be held in the Hall.

DAN CUPID has been a mighty active little fellow recently - and four more arrows have found their mark. The engagement of Joy McDonough and Russell Greene has been announced. Nancy Roche, who won everyone's heart when she visited on the Island at New Year's - has won Larry Cull's heart for keeps. They are making plans for a summer wedding. Nancy hails from County Kilkenny, Ireland, and such a cute brogue you have rarely heard. She has been in this country just

three years and is employed as a Practical Nurse at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids.

SCHOOL NEWS - High School students on the Honor Roll this month are Hubert McCauley, Rosemary McDonough, Bill Bennett, Kathleen Gatliff, and Loretta LaFreniere. Miss Evelyn Anderson, Nutritionist from the State Health Dept. spent six days on the Island recently. She is beginning a Foods Survey Program in the school. So many children have been absent from school with colds that the school was closed for a week.

FIRE - At Aunt Maggie and Turner's home. Kids from school were the fire-fighters until the Coast Guard crew arrived. It was just about 9:00 A.M. on Thursday Jan. 19th when Turner discovered fire in the ceiling of his home and ran outside to tell Kenny McDonough who was on his way to school. Before you could say "Patchynog", the students had a bucket brigade operating. Hubert McCauley stayed at his station at the hand pump until there were no more calls for water. Probable cause of the fire was given as defective wiring. The ceiling burned out the length of the house. The damage, all interior, was undetermined. The Sisters removed Aunt Maggie (90 last Aug.) to their convent while Turner stayed on the scene. They both took refuge later at the James W. Gallagher home.

BORN - to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McDonough, A DAUGHTER, Pamela Ann, Jan. 19th at 12:30 P.M. at the Medical Center. Wt. 6# 11oz.

WEDDING BELLS - chimed for Gretchen Barkley and Bruce McDonough Jan. 28th at St. Martin's Church in Detroit.

DEATH - The Island learned of the death last month of ANNA MARTIN MONTGOMERY who was killed in an auto crash in Mexico while vacationing with her husband. She is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Martin. She leaves her husband, two sons, four brothers and four sisters.

A. J. GALLAGHER, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Gallagher is spending some time in Chicago before leaving Feb. 14th for Cape May, New Jersey where he will enter the Coast Guard service. He is the first Island boy to join the Coast Guard for many years.

THE WEATHER - Everyone talks about it, so here is a run down on our winter weather. To date, we have had 45 inches of precipitation - (snow, that is) as much as 8 inches in one fall. Our lowest temperature was 1 below zero. Our warmest temperature last month was 35 degrees.

ADVENTURERS - Charley Martin, Erwin Martin, Billy Fischner, and Robt. Palmer crossed the ice recently in a car from Beaver to Hog Island - a distance of about 9 miles. They are also thinking of driving to Cross Village on the mainland (15 miles). This has not been possible for many years, due to ice conditions. James H. Gallagher says

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that one winter he drove all the way from Beaver Island to Chicago and back. (No foolin'. It was by way of Cross Village.

HAVE YOU JOINED THE BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY? WRITE OR SEE THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

PAT LAFRENIERE Jr. is in Bordeaux, France with the Army, and lonesome for Beaver Island and snow. He reports that it has rained ever since he has been there. His mailing address is:

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Leo Chapman has enlisted in the Air Force. His address is:

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bing McCafferty (Madonna McDonough) a daughter, Karen Lynn, Jan 31st in Chicago. Wt. 8# 4oz.

IF YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST, WILL YOU PLEASE CONTACT ANY MEMBER OF THE BEACON COMMITTEE? WE WILL BE GLAD TO INCLUDE THEM IN THE NEWSLETTER - SPACE PERMITTING.

GIRLS BASKETBALL Tournament opened Sunday Feb. 5th in the Hall. Captains are Rosie McDonough, Tilly Schmidt, Mary Gallagher & Darlene Schmitt. Games every Sunday afternoon at 2:00P.M. Come & CHEER!

DELEGATES....Bill Bennett & Tilly Schmidt attended the Sedality convention Saturday and Sunday Feb. 4th & 5th sponsored by the University of Detroit. Tilly is Prefect and Bill Secretary. (P.S. They intended to go by bus, BUT... Joe McPhillips was flying to Detroit so he took them by air-coach instead.) (Clip this NOW and mail to BEAVER BEACON, St. James, Michigan)

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