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WE ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY! BABY "BEACON" is one year old with this issue. It was January 1955 that the little fellow started his existence. Since then he hasn't gained much in weight, but has certainly attained a great deal in experience and popularity. He has so many fine friends who keep asking about him - friends who just can't wait for a visit from him. These many friends have been so good to BABY "BEACON" in the way they have received him, that we are sure if he could see you he would say, "Many, many thanks for your support in 1955 and may I greet you again each month throughout 1956, HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!"

NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN YOUR CIVIC ASSOCIATION! REMEMBER - YOU CANNOT SUBSCRIBE TO THE BEACON! It comes to you as part of your Beaver Island Civic Association Membership.

BORN - to EN 1 and Mrs. C.J. Jones - a 7# 7 oz. son, Clayton Ward-
Dec. 28th at 11:00 P.M. at the Medical Center.

Ed (Bub) Burke left for Marine Hospital in Chicago just before Christmas.

WEDDING BELLS - rang for Edith Eileen Gatliff and Thomas M. Flynn at St. Francis Church in Chicago Dec. 26th.

ANNIVERSARIES - Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pischner celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary on Christmas Day. Mr. and Mrs. Williard Pischner made it a double celebration by observing their 17th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Gallagher celebrate their 48th wedding anniversary on January 8th.

HOME FROM HAILING - on the Lake freighters are Don Furke, Speck Gillespie, Ray Cull, Bud Left and Russell Greene.

LOGGING CAMPS - are being put in operation this week by Walt Mojan, Lawrence McDonough and James W. Gallagher. They each employ a crew of about four men throughout the winter.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT - On the evening of Dec. 18th, "The Angel's Christmas Song" was presented by the School Children of Beaver Island in Holy Cross Hall. An excellent cast, splendid staging, glittering costumes, beautiful music - and a venture into ballet dancing made this an outstanding production. The Sisters deserve a great deal of credit for this fine presentation. Mrs. Vail assisted with the choreography.

A NEW COURSE - has been added to the High School curriculum. Sr. Marie Genevieve, Principal, is teaching SEWING to the High School girls. The School Board, after hearing of the splendid progress the girls were making, purchased a new slant-needle Singer Sewing machine - so now the budding seamstresses won't have to stand in line quite so long to use the machine. The new Singer arrived about a week before Christmas - so several of the girls were rewarded for helping to sew costumes (for the Christmas entertainment) by being able to finish their Christmas dresses on the wonderful new machine. Rosie McDonough, Margaret O'Donnell, Tillie Schmidt and Kathleen Catliff wore their creations for Christmas. The girls have also completed blouses and skirts and are thinking of making their Easter suits. Slip covers and draperies for their homes are on the list of other projects being planned.

Suppose you've read about people going SWIMMING IN DECEMBER? Well, it even happens on Beaver Island. Buddy Martin slipped and took a dip the day before Christmas. Fortunately, his father, Charley Martin was near by and was able to grab him before he disappeared under the ice - resulting in a happy ending to a circumstance that could have resulted in tragedy.

THE MOTORSHIP EMERALD ISLE - made her last trip Dec. 30th. The harbor was frozen over so that she had to break ice all the way in. The boat carried a capacity load of provisions - one item being 1200 loaves of bread! As far as we are concerned - navigation is closed until April 1st!

Joe McPhillips Flying Service started carrying the mail the first week in January.

If you are wondering why the EMERALD ISLE departed twice on the 30th....it was all because of that trip Don Burke was taking. It seems he was so busy saying goodbye to people he completely forgot to put his suitcase aboard! OO..... the crew obliged!

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Year - around Beaver Islanders consider themselves rather hardy folk, but we've been topped by the two men from Escanaba who are riding hard on Warren Townsend's cattle ranch on High Island. They are really hibernating for the winter. They have no facilities for communication and when they hadn't been over to pick up supplies for over a month, citizens of St. James began to worry about them. Warren Townsend Jr. had planned to check periodically on the men with his plane - but bad weather had prevented him from landing. He chartered Emerald La Blanc's fish boat to bring a load of feed from the mainland for the cattle, but ice was so thick around High Island they couldn't get near enough to anchor... so came back to St. James. As soon as the weather was favorable, Emerald, Paul Kenwebakise, and his son, Johnny Paul set out again and reached the island. They found the men had survived the big storm in November - the one of them had suffered a leg injury some weeks ago. It was healing nicely, however, and their only need seemed to be another supply of food which was taken over to them. We understand the men have finished clearing timber and have completed the airship.

BORN ALSO.....to Mr. & Mrs. Harold Smith (Rosemary Mackerman); a boy, Harold Terrence 6lb. 4oz. at Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital, Detroit on Jan. 3rd.

TOBOGGAN SLIDING...is in full swing now on the school hill. There is still a shortage of toboggan sleds. Why not have someone in the family make one? Jewell Gillespie and Mike Cull (we think) still have a plan left over from last year. The Civic Association Board is investigating the possibility of establishing a safe skating area.

BE SEEING YOU NEXT MONTH

CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FOR 1956 IS DUE. In case you've forgotten, it entitles you to 12 issues of the BEACON. Clip this at once and mail with your membership fee to BEAVER BEACON, St. James, Michigan.

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