



Well, the merry month of May really swished by in a hurry, didn't it? So much of interest has been happening, we have decided the best way to fill you in, is to list events in chronological order. So.... away we go! Our diary for May!

The Medical Center grounds have been landscaped under the able direction of Chairman Archie LaFreniere. The grass and young maple trees are flourishing!

May 1st - Mr. and Mrs. Ferris (Pete) Rennie, of Traverse City, have purchased the Bennett property on the Point.

May 10th - Thirty Sodality girls from St. Francis High, Petoskey, Mich. made the round trip on The Emerald Isle.

May 12th - The Senior class of twenty boys from Boyssville, Macon, Mich. visited the island and enjoyed their boat trip.

THE HARBOR CLEAN-UP on May 12th was a dripping success! Twenty men and eight trucks showed up and things were moving along fine up to and including the Conservation Dock- when the weather man took over. The project, under, the chairmanship of Fr. Joseph, had to be called on account of rain, but the Activities Committee in the person of Lillian Gallagher, Dorothy Johnston and Mabel Cull were on the job with hot coffee and doughnuts to reward the laborers. Now, all we need is a committee to clean up the CLEAN-UP!

May 13th - A Mother's Day spaghetti and meat ball supper was sponsored by the Sodality at the Hall. It was a very thoughtful idea and we hope it becomes an annual event! Newly elected Officers of the Sodality are: Eleanor Pischner- Prefect, Jean LaFreniere-- Secretary and Loretta LaFreniere- Treasurer.

TORNADO SCARES were not just in southern Michigan. A terrific wind lashed the island Mother's Day evening and a twister was sighted

by the Coast Guard crew manning the light at Skillagalee, and a waterspout was seen offshore near Petoskey. Petoskey and Charlevoix both had tornado alerts.

May 14th - Chuck Kleinhenz killed a mother coyote and took three live cubs from the den.

May 17th - The Junior-Senior Banquet (a turkey dinner) was served at the Hall. Margaret O'Donnell was Toastmistress. The following night the Prom was held. A tulip time theme was carried out in the decor for both events. The Hall was transformed into a charming Dutch garden, complete with windmills and dykes, and flowers bloomed everywhere in profusion. Music was provided by Fr. Joseph, Mrs. Walter Wojan and Jewell Gillespie.

May 21st - The yachts "Sunchaser" from Florida, enroute to Peoria, Ill. and the "Mary Lee" from Florida - heading for Sturgeon Bay, Wis. paid a visit to Beaver Harbor.

May 25th- Dr. John Hetherington of Indianapolis, Ind. was the first to have his outboard in the harbor on a new type fiberglass boat.

On the same date, a fleet of five yachts from the Traverse City Power Squadron arrived with a group of 21 businessmen for the weekend. Yachts were owned by Pete Rennie, Jake Beers, Charles Mann, Wayne Cowell and Frank Paulos.

The GRADUATES of Beaver Island Community School this year are Rosemary McDonough, Thelma Schmidt, Roland Cull and Hubert McCauley.

May 27th - Baccalaureate services were held at Holy Cross Church with Fr. Joseph Herp delivering the baccalaureate sermon.

May 29th - The graduates journeyed to Grand Rapids for their class trip to see Audrey Gatliff receive her Dominican Sisters habit. She will be known as Sr. Marie Thomas. Accompanying the class on the trip were Fr. Joseph, Sr. Marie Genevieve, Principal, Sr. Leonora, and Margaret O'Donnell, the lone member of the Junior Class

May 31st - The grade school picnic at Barney's Lake was a huge success. From all reports, we gather everyone fell in the Lake at least once!

June 1st - Graduation exercises were held in the Hall at 8:30 P.M. The Rev. Mark Mindrup O.F.M. Conv., of Grand Rapids, delivered the commencement address. Charles A. Robinson, Charlevoix Co. Supt. of Schools, presented the diplomas. Rosemary McDonough gave the valedictory. Baskets of spring blossoms graced the stage, and the graduates looked handsome in caps and gowns. The girls were white and the boy's blue.

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The County has arranged with Dr. N.P. Sorensen, of Greenville, to take care of children's dental work on the island between July 28th and Aug. 25th.

Don Hansen, pilot from Lakeview, has flown several fishing parties to the island this month. They all report good catches of pike and perch.

"Doc" Collins, Ron Grant, and two friends spent a recent Saturday night at Garden Island in order to fish for pike early Sunday A.M. They came back with 17 nice pike. The biggest weighed nearly 14 pounds.

MUSETTE'S SOUVENIRS - is open for business, in the former lunch room building opposite the dock. Come in and browse around.

Larry's RIDING STABLES will open for business July 1st. He plans to have six horses for hire. (Larry McDonough)

Wilson's TEEPEE WASHUM LAUNDROMAT AND GIFT SHOP will open the 18th of June.

Ruth and Olen Wanty will have the KING STRANG HOTEL in operation around the middle of June.

MICHIGAN WATERWAYS COMMISSION will meet on the island June 22nd and 23rd to check dock facilities and slips

Bud McDonough has recently returned from a two-weeks course in meat-cutting at Michigan State University.

SOCIAL NEWS Ellen Nackerman will graduate from Mt. Carmel Mercy School Of Nursing in Detroit on June 9th. Her parents, Postmaster and Mrs. Frank Nackerman have announced Ellen's engagement to Richard Verduyn of Detroit. An early-September wedding is planned by the couple.

Larry Cull and Nancy Roche have chosen July 21st for their wedding date.

Robert Bonner and Rosella Mary Bussey will be married in St. Mary's Church in Lake Leelanau on the 23rd of June.

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A.J. Gallagher's new address is - Andrew J. Gallagher 319-648 S.R. Lifeboat Station Box 2010, Buffalo, New York.

COAST GUARD RESCUE Townsend Cattle Ranch caretakers, Ray Bills, 20, and John Drum, 65, had a narrow escape last week. They had made the trip from High Island to Beaver on the 31st to get a load of food supplies. The men started on the return trip about 2:30 in the afternoon. About 30 feet from the High Island shore, they threw out

their anchor line which fouled in the propellor. A strong N.W. wind set them adrift for 20 hours. Fortunately for them, they were spotted by pilot Al Phillips, who was returning from a trip to Beaver Island, about 7:30 P.M. Thursday evening. His phone call from Petoskey notified the Life Boat Station here. Officer-In-Charge Roy Murphy immediately took out a search party which patrolled the west shore and vicinity all night. The Coast Guard cutter Sundew joined the search and a C.G. plane dropped flares over the area throughout the night. The small open boat was sighted by the Sundew about 6:30A.M. on the rocks at Cross's Point about a hundred yards off the Beaver Island shore. The boat was half filled with water and the men had suffered from cold and exposure. After being transferred from the Sundew to the B.I. Life Boat Station picket boat and brought ashore, they were given attention at the Medical Center by Dr. Vail.

THE COAST GUARD HEARING BOARD ... will probably meet the latter part of June to make their decision relative to the continuance of the Beaver Island Coast Guard installations. Anyone still wishing to write a supporting letter for continuance of the Coast Guard facilities on the Island, please address same to Rear Admiral Henry C. Perkins, Office Of The Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Washington D.C. Three copies have been made of all letters received concerning the public hearing held April 24th. Originals have been forwarded to Rear Admiral Perkins, and copies to Senator Potter and Congressman Knox.

Gary McDonough has completed his freshman year at Mt. St. Francis Seminary, Ind. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McDonough met him in Grand Rapids last week and brought him home to spend the summer months on the Island.