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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER edited and published by the Board of Directors
of the Beaver Island Civic Association

NEW BOARD MEMBERS ... were elected at the Annual BICA meeting held last month. It was the Association's third birthday which was appropriately celebrated with a huge decorated cake, and a banquet - attended by some 75 people. Following the dinner, Mary Gallagher and Loretta LaFreniere entertained with a piano recital, and Ann Gatliff, in Colonial costume gave a reading dealing with little known incidents in the lives of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Mrs. Bud McDonough, R.W. Carlisle and Father Joseph were newly elected Board Members. Re-elected were Art Johnston and Lloyd McDonough. Still serving another year are: Wm. Schmidt, Mrs. Bud Left, Mr. Vernon LaFreniere and Dr. Vail. The Board elected Art Johnston, Pres; Mrs. Vernon LaFreniere, Vice Pres.; Mrs. Bud McDonough, Sec.; and Mrs. Bud Left remains treasurer. Committee chairmen were re-appointed.

REGULAR MEETING of the BICA held Thursday evening, March 1st. A program was presented on the Sanitary Land Fill Operation - with improvement of our city dump in mind. Fred Kellow, Sanitary Engineer, from the State Health Dept. was on hand to discuss the procedure, and John Reynolds, from District Health Dept. #3, Sanitarian at Charlevoix, showed Mr. Kellow's slides and movies of Land Fill operations in other parts of the State. Mr. Reynolds reported that the Road Commission would be willing to rent the necessary equipment for the work (and their operator) at the regular rate.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN Bud McDonough of the BICA reports 110 personal memberships, and 7 business memberships received to date. We need a lot more - so how about it? Business memberships should be in NOW to receive space in the Business Guide advertising folder.

JOIN AND SUPPORT THE BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

MICH. DEPT. OF STATE has announced the appointment of Richard E. Donaldson as manager of branch office now located at Puff's Appliance Store in Charlevoix. Apply at this office for your auto license plates.

DECEASED - Mrs. Josephine Lewis, 64, following a heart attack at the home of her daughter in Grand Rapids on Feb. 23rd. Mrs. Lewis was the wife of Harry Lewis, who preceeded her in death in Oct. 1955. She is survived by 11 sons and daughters, 13 grandchildren, and several brothers and sisters. Mrs. Lewis, at one time, lived on Garden Island. Her maiden name was Wabanimkee.

Mrs. Kitty Gallagher, wife of James H. Gallagher, suffered a fatal heart attack at Little Traverse Hospital, in Petoskey on Feb. 27th, at the age of 68. She had been flown to the mainland on Saturday. She and James have operated the Public Telephone and Telegraph service on the island for many years. Mrs. Gallagher is survived by her husband, 4 daughters, 5 sons, among whom is Father Victor Gallagher, assistant pastor at Montague and instructor at Muskegon Central Catholic Hig. She also leaves 31 grandchildren, 3 sisters and 3 brothers.

BEAVER ISLAND'S ONLY LEAP YEAR BABY - Carly Cull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cull, enjoyed her first birthday celebration on Feb. 29th - tho she is four years old!

19TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon LaFreniere on March 3rd.

ICE HARVESTING - James W. Gallagher is cutting ice again this year. He has 100 tons in the ice house to date. The harbor ice he is cutting is about 23 inches thick and very clear. James has an ice machine that forms ice into 60# cakes and can make 1200# per day. Last summer, due to the excessive heat, and low water in the harbor (which serves as a cooling factor) the entire bottom layer of ice in the ice-house was lost, which is why he ran out of ice before the summer was over. This season, James is storing considerably more than last year. Yachts that dock here in the summer use the largest share of this supply. (If these slippery walking conditions prevail much longer, someone should be able to do a brisk business in clefted shoes - like the men wear for ice harvesting.)

SLEET STORM the last of Feb. responsible for several painful falls. Elston Pischner was laid low for a few days and is treading cautiously now that he is up and around again. Agnes O'Donnell suffered a fractured wrist and has it in a cast, and Mrs. Herman Pischner took a bad tumble. A good many others suddenly found themselves in horizontal postures on the ice, but had less serious injuries.

BORN ... to Mr. and Mrs. Art (Lano) McCafferty, a son, on Feb. 23rd in Rogers City.

SPECIAL FEATURE DEPT. ... Everyone had so much fun at the Bruce McDonough - Gretchen Barkley wedding reception, and, of course, they had many reasons for it. High on the list was the excellent food and refreshers - but after that came the specila vocals featuring Bud Left, who joined the band with that latest addition to modern orchestration - the famous "GUT BUCKET". (Editor's note: Gut bucket= 1 used wash tub, 1 old stick and a good gut from a string bass). Lloyd and Eva McDonough gave the party.

REPORTER ... Greg Smith, of The Boyne Citizen, was on the island to do a picture story, the second week in February - and didn't seem sorry at all that he was snowed in for the Mardi Gras. While the orchestra took a breather, he sat down at the piano and treated us to some Boogie-Woogie artistry. Kathleen Gatliff was crowned QUEEN of the Ball. Special vocal numbers were presented by Colleen Nackerman, Evelyn Palmer, and Eleanor Fischner. The many clever costumes were delightful to see.

SCHOOL NEWS - The girl's sewing class is busy buzzing away at their new spring suits. Several of the girls plan to make hats to match.

NUTRITION ... instructions will be given at the next Parent and Teacher's meeting.

ST. PAT'S DAY ... The Sisters are preparing a one act play, and are working with Mrs. Vail on a Spectacular ... patterned after TV.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS ... show that Rosie's "DAISIES" have Tilly's "NITE OWLS" 3 - 0. Darlene's "Midgets" and Mary's "Giants" are tied- 2 - 2. High scores are: Tilly - 32, Beverly - 28, Ann - 26, and Barbara - 21. Games every Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

DUCK DOINGS - The Sisters (and Paul LaFreniere) were kept busy last week administering tender care to a wounded fish duck, in addition to their other duties. No one knows why a fish duck was here at this time of year, but he was in a sorry state. Paul decided his family's sparkling white bathtub would be a proper home for his feathered friend, which led to all sorts of interesting complications.

POWDER PUFF MISSING - What's this we hear from Joe MaFro about the missing powder puff turning up at the lumber camp - and Lawrence's horses being so well groomed?

ORCHIDS - The report sent back by Miss Anderson, the State Nutritionist, stated that the quality of the school lunches served by Miss Florence Rolland was the best in the State. Orchids to Florence!

COAST GUARD RECRUIT - (A.J.) Andrew J. Gallagher 319-648 S.R., Company N-27, USCG Rec. Center, Cape May, New Jersey.

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH