



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER...Prepared and distributed by the Board of Directors,
Beaver Island Civic Association

ALL OUR FRIENDS AND MEMBERS

THE EMERALD ISLE - Not many people on Beaver Island were able to sleep soundly the night of April 20-21. The news had spread like wild-fire that our long awaited Emerald Isle was on the way from the Christy Corp. yards in Sturgeon Bay, Wis. A great many Islanders were up at dawn- straining their eyes for a first glimpse of the new ferry. At long last, a message came from Beaver Head Light that our beautiful boat had just passed the Head. Then the crowd started gathering at the dock and excitement was hard to contain. Just before nine-thirty a shout went up! "There she is!" Not an eye left her as she made her way into the harbor at full speed. What an inspiring sight! There were shouts, and laughter, and admiration, and tears of joy-spilling over! With a broom at her bow, our dream-boat had finally come in!

Lloyd McDonough, Vice Pres. of the Beaver Island Boat Co., who had been in Sturgeon Bay taking care of last minute details, and Mr. Lewis, the Caterpillar mechanic from Mich. Tractor Machinery Co. of Grand Rapids, made the trip with the crew. Mike Cull also had the pleasure of the Sturgeon Bay to Beaver Island trip. His broad smiles were all the answer we needed to- "How was it?"

A happy and excited party of Islanders enjoyed the MAIDEN VOYAGE OF THE EMERALD ISLE TO CHARLEVOIX the afternoon of Thursday, the 21st. The whole town seemed to be on hand to extend a greeting. Capt. Mark Cross circled Round Lake as they arrived giving the harbor salute which was returned by other boats in the harbor and cars on the dock. The Charlevoix High School Band, under the direction of C. Odmark, was drawn up in trim formation on the ramp and welcomed the new ferry with several fine musical selections. Capt. Cross was escorted to the dock by "Irish" Coleman where he was presented with a bouquet of red and white carnations on behalf of the Board of Commerce by Queen Joyce Cunningham. Roy Robinson greeted the Island party on behalf of the City of Charlevoix. The time for the first trip was two hours and forty minutes. Innumerable pictures were made of the Emerald Isle after which the crowd came aboard to inspect the new vessel- the pride and joy of Beaver Island!

.....Who swiped Jewell's lunch on the way over?

Ask Rogers how long it takes to round up a party of Beaver Islanders in Charlevoix! But get a head start when you ask him!

By three P.M. on Saturday, the 23rd of April, St. James was swarming with people who had come from near and far to witness the christening of THE EMERALD ISLE by Mrs. Dan P. Boyle-beloved "Aunt Maggie" to all Islanders. The lovely purple sash she wore must have been proud to rest on her shoulder. Her 90 years she

carries lightly, and a more charming and interesting lady would be hard to find on this Island. She has the distinction of being our oldest Island-born resident. Henry Allen, Pres. of the Beaver Island Boat Co. conducted the christening ceremonies. Bert Rowe, of Petoskey, accompanied by Joe Hanna, sang the Star Spangled Banner. Rev. Fr. Joseph, O.F.M.C. invoked the Blessing for the new boat. Commander Cronan, USCG Officer In Charge Of Marine Inspection, was introduced, as were members of the Boat Board-Lloyd McDonough, Dr. Harry F. Vail, Karl J.erber and Theodore Hine. Rogers Carlisle was also asked to take a bow for giving considerable assistance to the Board. Representatives from Petoskey, Charlevoix, Boyne City and Cadillac were presented to the crowd. Jeff Bodette, Secretary of the Petoskey Chamber Of Commerce, which supplied the bottle from Dublin for the christening, Jim Doherty, of the Petoskey News-Review, Gregg Smith, of the Boyne-Citizen, Harold Totten of the Charlevoix Courier, City Superintendent Roy R. Robinson and Alderman Thomas Carey and James Hiller, who represented the City of Charlevoix, and Mr. Ray of Station WWTW, Cadillac, who covered the events of the day fully for TV viewers in his area.

Mrs. Boyle was presented with flowers by the Boat Co., Mr. and Mrs. A. Livingston of Charlevoix, and Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Roy, of Pontiac and Beaver Island. Bert Rowe concluded the program by leading the spectators in Irish songs.

At six o'clock, an excellent dinner was served at Beaver Lodge to a capacity crowd of Boat Co. officials, stockholders, their families and friends. Later in the evening, the Senior Class gave a repeat performance of the play, "Miss Jimmy" which was well received by the audience.

On Sunday afternoon, April 24th, a large party of Islanders took the Boat Co. EXCURSION TO CHARLEVOIX where they were again welcomed by officials, and enjoyed a very fine dinner at the Windsock Grill. Space does not permit a complete description of the event, but everyone came back saying they had never been treated more royally. The Charlevoix Board of Commerce are heartily thanked for their wonderful hospitality.

..... Did anyone find Jewell's lunch on Sunday?

The Conservation Patrol Boat brought "Bud" Halliday of the Federal Forest Service Washington, D.C., and Milt Bergman, Assistant Chief In Charge Of Fire Dept. of Conservation to the Island last week on an inspection trip. We are told they are checking the fire fighting equipment of the Dept. throughout the State. This was the first time a Federal Inspector has visited the Island. From here they went to Bois Blanc Island.

Pilot Joe McPhillips sighted an object floating about two miles off the Island between Boyles Beach and the opposite end of Sand Bay on one of his trips last week. He notified the Coast Guard and upon retrieving it, they found it to be a plastic WEATHER OBSERVATION BALLOON from Minnesota. A reward had been offered for it's return.

There is joy at the Pat Bonner residence! Cpl. Robt. has completed his tour of duty with the Army and returned home from Germany on the first of May. Welcome back!

Carl and Eleanor Felix are the proud parents of a 7# 4 oz. son, born April 11th at 8:15 P.M. at the Medical Center. His Norse heritage is responsible for his interesting name- Leif Haakon. Leif, is for Leif Ericson, the hardy explorer, who, it is believed, visited America five hundred years before Columbus. Haakon comes from a present day Scandinavian king.

Polio vaccine was administered to our 24 first and second grade children on Monday, the 25th. The second shot will be given the week of May 15th. The third dose of vaccine is expected to be available in seven months which will complete the immunization.

Have you had your well tested this spring? Containers for water samples are available at the Medical Center and the State Health Dept. performs this service free of charge.

The Blood Typing Program for the Island is half completed. May we urge all who have not as yet been to the Medical Center for this purpose, to please hurry. All residents from High School age up are requested to be typed. This is also a service extended by your State Health Dept. and the Medical Center Staff. It is for your own protection and also a Civil Defense measure. (It takes just about five minutes.)

Daniel Peter (Doney) Gallagher, who for years has been known as the oldest man on the Island, died the evening of April 27th. After a careful check of the family records, Mr. Pontius, Charlevoix Mortician, estimated Mr. Gallagher's age at 92 or 93 years. He came to the Island in 1884 from Ireland and engaged in the fishing industry. Twenty years later, he returned to Ireland and brought back his wife, Mary, who survives him. He also leaves three sons- Patsy, Lester and Peter, and a daughter Anne. Another son, Hubert, is deceased. The sympathy of the Island residents is extended to the family.

SIGNS OF SPRING - Wild flowers have been greeting us in the woods for the past three weeks. Spring beauties, arbutus, trilliums, hepaticas, adder's tongues and jack-in-the-pulpits are in evidence. The summer birds are back. The SMELT RUN began the 21st of April and ended about the 1st of May. It was unusually heavy this year. The best dipping was in the Jordan River and Cables Creek. A smaller number of the silvery fish came into Iron Ore Creek.

Main Street is taking on a new appearance. Archie's new parking lot is nearly completed and a neat white picket fence has been built in front of the Shamrock. Dick (Vernon) LaFreniere has had a handsome new linoleum floor installed in his I.G.A. emporium, and his counters have been refinished.

The U.S. Postoffice is now identified by new gold-leaf lettering. Elsie's Lunch Room opened for business on Thursday, April 14th. Free coffee, sandwiches and cookies were served to all who dropped in to wish her well. Mrs. Florence Floyd will be her cook.

The Lloyd McDonoughs are building two new modern cabins on their land next to the store, complete with showers, electric stoves and refrigeration. Bud says, "They will have 'the works'". They plan on erecting a third cabin at their Sand Bay site near their original group of cabins.

The Demonstration cabin being built by Rogers Carlisle and Walt Wojan at Look-Out Point is nearing completion. It is a fully modern 3 bedroom log structure. Each room has been paneled in a different wood so that prospective cabin owners can see the effect on the walls. Phillipine mahogany, cedar, knotty pine and a burned wood design panelling have been used.

Chuck Kleinhenz has the foundation completed for the new cabin he is building for Dean Blackburn on Sand Bay.

Anyone interested in Animal Stories?

Nackerman's dog entered into the spirit of the christening celebration by presenting them with three blond puppies when they returned from the excursion on Sunday!

Have you seen the beautiful colt at Lawrence McDonough's? And we hear Harlem has a mare that foaled very early this year-in February. The Dillingham's are expecting colts, too.

One eager Beaver knew precisely when it was safe to go for a stroll. An hour after the season closed, one was seen making his way along the beach in front of the Medical Center headed for the village.

Rogers Carlisle insists he was attacked by a Beaver who disputed right-of-way on the highway with him. You can swallow that one with a grain of salt! He has a hole in his boot for proof, tho!

Mr. U.U. Sterrett, new owner of the King Strang Hotel, has arrived on the Island and is readying the building for occupancy. He has many interesting plans for remodeling and will also re-open the dining room. His wife and family plan to

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in his later. They have three daughters, Virginia 14, Pamela Kay 5, and Karen 6 months. The Sterretts come from Vermillion, Ohio. We bid them welcome and good luck in their new venture.

Mary St. Onofrese, formerly Virginia Palmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Palmer, is to take her Perpetual Vows on June 13th in the Order of the Holy Sisters of St. Francis at Springfield, Illinois.

James H. (Kitty) Gallagher has been removed to the home of her daughter in Chicago. She can now be reached by 117 East Upright St.

Greater of Hookford, Mich. has presented the Civic Association with a duplicopy machine and supplies which are being used this issue.

If you would like to contact any of our seafaring residents, here is a partial list of the ships where they may be found.

Robert Pratt is Captain of the Steamer Horace Johnson

Walter Greene is Captain of the Star. R.J. Paisley.

Francis "Bud" Left is 3rd Mate on the Star. Francis E. Hause.

"Speck" Gillespie is 3rd Mate aboard the Star. Pathfinder.

Delville is a watchman, and Joseph "Bussy" Larriere is a deck hand on

Star. P.D. Block.

Thomas Burke is sailing on the Star. Ben W. Calvin as a deck watch.

McCafferty is sailing on the Star. Dow Chemical

McCafferty is firing on the Niagara Mohawk.

Rayell Green & Don Burke, both wheelmen are aboard the United States Cypselus.

Ray Cull boarded his ship at Manitowac, Wis. on April 4th. He is a 3rd Mate

on the Star. J.F. Schoeilkopf Jr.

Ray Cull reported aboard the Star. John J. Boland as watchman, on the Star

of April. We are waiting for news from a few others.

Janie McDonough reports that \$100 has been raised to date on the raffle of the wool blanket donated by the late Kate Cull Malloy, proceeds to be used for the Medical Center.

born to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Connaghan, a 7# 10 oz. daughter at the Medical Center May 4th at 9:50 P.M.

According to Rosie McDonough and Tillie Schmidt, Juniors of St. James High School, the committee on arrangements for the 1955 Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom, an exchange will be worked out this year with St. Mary's High School of Lake Leelanau. It was just two years ago that the 1953 Seniors from there paid a visit to the Island at the invitation of Sr. Marie Genevieve, O.P. Principal of St. James. This year, St. James Seniors and their parents will be honored

on May 12th in Holy Cross Hall at 8:30 PM. The Prom will be held the following evening in the same place with the Lake Leelanau students attending.

They are expected to arrive aboard the new "Emerald Isle" on Friday and will be met by a Beaver Island Student delegation. The party of 22 St. Mary's students will be accompanied by some of the parents. St. James Seniors will attend St. Mary's Prom one week later, in Lake Leelanau. Others on the Junior

Committee are Roland Cull and Hubert McCauley. Graduating Seniors are Bill Cull, who also has a diploma from Ferris Institute in Big Rapids, and Johnny Larriere, Alice Dubiel, Eleanor Gallagher, Margie Martin, Margaret Ann La Roche and Audrey Gatliff. Margaret Ann and Audrey are honor students.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors
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