



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER edited and published by the Board of Directors of  
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SCHOOL QUESTION - At a special election held April 16, taxpayers voted down 49 to 39 a 22 mill tax levy for a proposed new school building.

DAY O' THE MONTH ...was April 24 when the United States Coast Guard Survey Board visited the Island to gather information relative to determining the fate of the Lifeboat Station in the harbor and the Lighthouse at the head of the Island. Admiral Perkins of Washington, D.C., accompanied by 5 officers presided. Testifying to the urgent need of both these aids to navigation were close to 200 people, not only Islanders but inhabitants of Charlevoix, Petoskey, Harbor Springs, Traverse City, Ann Arbor, Bay City and even Chicago. Representatives of the State Conservation Dept, State Waterways Commission, Chambers of Commerce, various city officials, flyers and yachtsmen presented their requests to the survey board. MANY THANKS for the fine response. No decision is expected for at least 60 days.

ICE AND MORE ICE stayed in the harbor until the week of April 15th. A second call for a Coast Guard Icebreaker was necessary before the Emerald Isle could make regular crossings.

HOSPITALIZED - Mrs. V.H. LaFreniere spent 12 days in Munson Hospital in Traverse City for treatment. Fr. H.F. Vail underwent surgery at St Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Both are back on the Island and back in circulation. Word from Dr. Robert Smith of Grand Rapids and Beaver Island informs us that his father Dr. Roy Smith who gave the Korean lecture on the Island last summer is ill at Box 144, Westminster Gardens, Duarte, Calif. Mrs. Pat Bonner spent the week of April 29th in the Charlevoix Hospital after an operation on Monday the 30th. She will convalesce with her daughter Mary in Grand Rapids.

BURIAL....of Mrs. James H.(Kittie)Gallagher took place on the Island April 20th. The Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by her son Father

Victor, assisted by Fr. Dark of Muskegon as deacon, Fr. McDuffee of Grandville as subdeacon and Fr. Joseph, Master of Ceremonies. Other attending clergy were Msgr. Fraser & Fr. Flynn of Muskegon, Fr. Kehren of Muskegon Hgts., Fr. Neubecker (a former B.I. pastor) of Beal City & Fr. Harnish of Grand Rapids.

DECEASED . . . James H. Gallagher, 72, husband of dec. Kittie Gallagher, April 28th at Charlevoix Hospital following a kidney operation. Burial in Holy Cross Cemetery, Beaver Is., May 2. His death came just 2 months after his wife. James was a member of the Holy Name Society & the Third Order of St. Francis. Funeral services were conducted by his son Fr. Victor, a nephew Fr. Scheid of Chicago and Fr. Neubecker. Others attending were Fr. Kelly of Carson City, Fr. Fox of Hubbardston, Fr. Kehren of Muskegon Hgts, Fr. Kilgoar O.M.I. of Grand Rapids, Frs. Zerfes and Lepres of Muskegon, Fr. Amman of Montague, Fr. Jude of Mr. Pleasant, Fr. McDuffee of Grandville, Fr. Brophy of Grand Rapids and Fr. Denay of Charlevoix. The sermon was preached by Fr. Beahan of WOOD-TV's "Fifteen With Father".

SCHOOL NEWS... Junior-Senior Banquet is scheduled for May 17th with the PROM following on the 18th. Decoration theme according to the Junior Class is labeled "Top Secret". Graduates are Rosemary McDonough, Thelma Schmidt, Hubert McCauley and Roland Cull. Baccalaureate service will be held in Holy Cross Church Sunday May 27th and Graduation in Holy Cross Hall Friday June 1st. Address by Fr. Mark OFMC, Missionary Director from St. Anthony's Grand Rapids.

TAXIDERMY CLASS??? An American Bald Eagle came to school the other day but not under his own power. He was carried in by Glen LaFreniere after having been found dead by Joe & Alvin near Loaney's Pt. The great beautiful bird must have measured more than 6 feet with outstretched wings.

MOTHER'S DAY will be observed by the Sodality with the reception of Holy Communion at Mass. In the evening the boys and girls will serve their parents a Spaghetti Dinner in the hall. (Note to Mother: "Don't cook at home that day, you'll be dining and/or cooking out").

NUTRITIONIST... Miss Evelyn Anderson from the State Health Dept. suffered a broken leg in Charlevoix on the morning of the 23rd. She was on her way to the Island to further her study of the food habits of the Beaver Island School children. She will be at the Charlevoix Hospital for several weeks.

MICHIGAN STATE WATERWAYS COMMISSION has advised us that the contract for dredging the harbor was awarded as of May 3rd.

SMELT RUN... very heavy this year. Fishermen tell us that it was as easy as dipping a bucket to get several bushel in no time at all. The run was just about at the peak as we went to press. Where?--Jordan River, Cables Creek of Iron Ore Bay.

BIG PERCH... are in the harbor this year. As long as 15 in. & up to 1 and a half pounds have been reported.

BORN... to Mr. & Mrs. Terrence Halloran (Mary Malloy), a son Michael Joseph, Apr. 21st in Muskegon.

WELCOME TO CIVILIAN LIFE.... Walter McCauley back on the Island after recent discharge from the army.

TUITION SCHOLARSHIP goes to Mary Elizabeth Gallagher, daughter of Johnny Andy, offered by the Dominican Sisters of Marywood Academy in Grand Rapids, to the 8th grade girl with the highest average.

SPRING CLEAN-UP FOR THE HARBOR.... to begin at 1:00 P.M. Saturday May 12th is announced by Father Joseph, committee chairman. Civic minded citizens are expected to finish the job from the Doc Collins property to the point. Others on the committee are: Archie LaFreniere R.W. Carlisle, Elston Pischner, Art Johnston, Joe Dillingham and Lloyd McDonough. If the property owners will be on the shoreline, the committee will be glad to cooperate in cleaning, re-arranging or removing material at the owner's direction.

SISTER ROBERT, O.P., 68...well known to Islanders died May 2nd at Marywood in Grand Rapids after months of illness. Originally from the province of Ontario, Canada, Sr. Robert began her teaching career on Beaver Island more than 40 yrs. ago. She has a brother a priest still stationed in Canada.

COOL-GREENE WEDDING.....Peter Greene to Patricia Ann Cool, May 5th at St. Francis Church, Grand Rapids.

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH