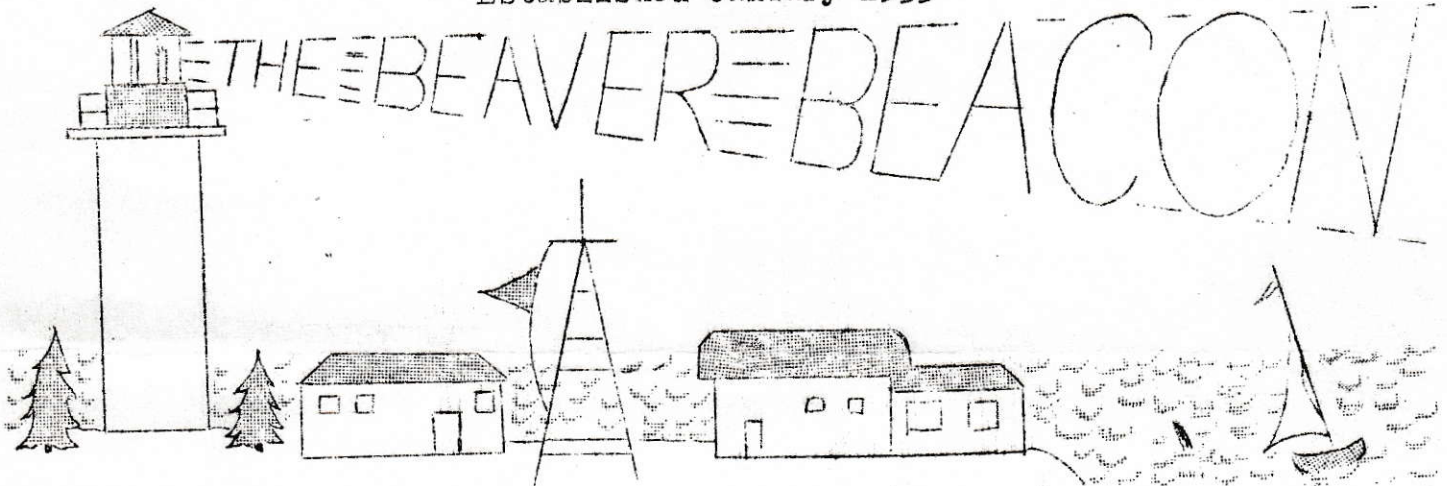


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DAY O' THE MONTH...was without a doubt Oct. 17th when Dr. Frank Luton of St. Johns, Michigan said he would accept the position of resident physician on Beaver Island. Dr. Luton came that day at the request of the Medical Center Committee of the Civic Association for an interview. He was accompanied by former congressman Ed Fehling of St. Johns a long-time friend of the "Tee-Pee Washum" Wilsons. Islanders will recall that St. Johns is Mrs. Wilson's home town. Dr. Luton had planned to visit the Island during the summer but didn't make it. He came very highly recommended by the State Health Commissioner and started permanent residence on the Island Oct. 29, along with his wife and daughter Mrs. McGregor. Dr. Luton received his M.D. degree in 1901 from the Michigan College of Medicine and Surgery in Detroit. He practiced in Huron County for 10 yrs, then in Maple Rapids for 6 yrs, and had been in St. Johns for the last 39 yrs. He is former chief of staff of Clinton Memorial Hospital in St. Johns and is an emeritus member of the Michigan State Medical Society. The Beaver Island Civic Association on behalf of the citizens of Beaver Island and summer residents as well wishes to thank Dr. Heustis & Dr. Altland of the State Health Commission as well as the press and radio for their help along with all those of the medical profession who inquired. The Lutons have purchased the Henry Allen home next to the Vails.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY....celebrated on Oct. 23rd was the 44th for Bill and Bid Ricksgers.

PETER & THE WOLF....is a fairy tale but PAUL & THE CAT is a true story of how Paul LaFreniere ended up with a very sore finger when the cat lost its head. Paul, son of Dick and Musette decided that just an innocent yank of a cat's tail wouldn't hurt but the cat decided otherwise. Nurse Lil Left was called in who in turn reported to Dr. Grate in Charlevoix. The Doc would be satisfied with nothing

loss than the cat's head. But in order to get a cat's head you must find the cat, so the search was on. While on the trail, Jerry, Paul's brother stepped on a nail and added to the casualty list. Following this, a patch test showed Jerry was allergic to a tetanus shot. State Police at the Charlevoix dock rushed the cat-head (minus the cat) now on ice, to the lab for analysis. All's well that ends well said Shakespeare and also Archie who caught the cat, nurse Lil Left who treated the patients, the parents who had all the patience to practice and the Sisters who prepared the cat-head for shipment. The score: Paul & Jerry OK: the cat isn't doing so well. (see CAT-"TALE" on p. 4)

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S WIFE....Mrs. Phil Hart together with Mr. Prentiss Brown Jr. of St. Ignace & Democratic candidate for congress of the 11th district, Al Morrow of Charlevoix, candidate for sheriff & Archie Murphy Charlevoix County Party Chairman paid a visit to the Island Sat. Morning Oct. 27th. They were met at the airport by Archie LaFreniere BICA Board member and taken to Holy Cross Hall where they met with citizens of the Island. Mrs. Hart had been campaigning for her husband in the Upper Peninsula and was to be accompanied by him to Beaver Island but he was detained in Lansing. Mr. Brown spoke of an incident related by his father concerning a letter written in 1883 by President Grover Cleveland to a representative of the Democratic Party on the Island congratulating the citizens on their unanimous Democratic vote. If anyone knows of the whereabouts of this letter, please contact the "Beacon". It would make an item of historical interest for the museum sponsored by the B.I. HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

OBITUARY...Hugh Connaghan 74, husband of Catherine, of a cerebral hemorrhage Oct. 14th. Hugh was the father of 14 children, 13 of them living. Besides his wife, he is survived by 38 grand children and 2 great grand children. Mr. Connaghan was born and raised on the Isle. He worked at commercial fishing but had been retired and in ill health in the last years.

Aunt Bid Boyle (74), wife of Hugh Boyle in Chicago on Oct. 20th. Besides her husband she is survived by a daughter Sophia (Sis) and sons Owen and Dan also of Chicago.

SEWING CLASS...is being conducted by Sr. Marie Genevieve on Tuesdays from 3:10 to 4:45 P.M. About 12 are enrolled. More welcome.

SCHOOL NEWS....says "There's music in the air"---and that is literally the case around the upper grade classroom. Not satisfied with learning to read notes, the children are both singing and playing them. So if it sounds noisy, remember it's probably the piano and organ going at once as some child pecks out today's song. The Mechanical Drawing class in High School is showing some budding artists.

SCHOOL INITIATION....was the big attraction on Columbus Day. Those who were given "the works" had to dress in nursery style complete with bibs. Stunts like riding tricycles and feeding one another from a high-chair amused the audience. Both 9th & 10th Graders initiated were: Brian Gallagher, Gary McDonough, Beverly O'Donnell, Loretta & Jean LaFreniere, Eleanor Pischner, Sally Martin, (see p. 4)

HALLOWE'EN....was observed by a party in the parish hall given by Junior Kathleen Gatliff the only girl in her class assisted by Margaret O'Donnell the only Senior. There were all kinds of stunts like apple ducking, biting the apple on the string, & musical chair but best of all was the act staged by Eddie & Tony Connaghan. Eddie as the clown (and he was just that) with younger brother Tony as Peter Cotton Tail half waltzed and half wrestled together while the crowd roared. It was so entertaining someone said they must have rehearsed it before they came. Peter Cotton-Tail (Tony) took the prize for costumes. They are pre-school children of Jack & Rose Connaghan. Smart kids are learning to be good citizens by having fun on Hallowe'en doing good tricks instead of disturbing private property and placing dangerous blockades in the public roadways.

FOREST FIRE...not too serious but at such a dry time it could have been if James Gallagher had not discovered it when he went to water his cattle shortly after noon on Oct. 25. Pete Rennie also reported seeing it from the air. It was in Big Willie's Swamp just half a mile east of James' stone house. Fire-fighting equipment was rushed to the scene by Karl Kuebler local Conservation Officer and members of the Coast Guard. Bill Pischner & Kenny McDonough also assisted in keeping the fire under control the next day. About 30 people answered the call.

GENERAL CIVIC MEETING..in Oct. was attended by 25 members. President Art Johnston explained that it was necessary for him to resign his office & expressed his regret that Mrs.(Dorothy) Johnston's health made it mandatory that they also leave the Island. At the November meeting held the first of the month, Art's resignation was accepted while it was learned that he had rushed to Grand Rapids to be with Dorothy who had become seriously ill. Visiting Civic Association members present were Mr. & Mrs. Ted Hinc of Bay City & Mr.& Mrs. A.J. Roy of Pontiac. The Roys expect to begin permanent residence on the Island within a few weeks. Also present were Russ Harris and James "Scotty" Kilpatrick, reporters for the Detroit News and Dr. Luton's guests.

BORN....Sept.9th to Mr. & Mrs. Peter P. Gallagher a daughter Sharon Kay at Marlette, Mich.

CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP is due for 1956. NEW PERSONAL memberships issued after June 1st will be sold for a half yr. only. All memberships will expire Dec. 31st. The BEACON is sent monthly to all members.

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Single membership	\$2.00	-	After June 1st	-	\$1.00
Husband & Wife	3.00	"	"	"	1.50
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SCHOOL INITIATION (from p.2)....Caroline Kenwabakise, Barbara Pischner, Ann Gatliff, Mary Gallagher, Darlone Schmidt, Joseph & Alvin LaFreniere, Chuck Dudley, Jerry LaFreniere, & Kurt Felix.

NEW BICA BOARD MEMBERS...appointed are Archie LaFreniere and Donald Cole. They were chosen by the Board to fill the vacancies left by Dr. Vail and Art Johnston. Mrs. Musette LaFreniere Vice-President succeeds to the chairmanship of the Board until the February election.

MEDICAL CENTER UTILITIES...will be subsidized in the future by the St. James and Peaine Townships, the local Boards have announced.

\$500 CASH PRIZE...given away at St. Mary's Festival in Charlevoix was won by Archie LaFreniere.

BOY SCOUT TROOPS....#35, 36, & 143 from Traverse City visited the Island on Oct. 4-6th with 58 boys. Five Scoutmasters with them were: John Maxbauer, Tony Wilhelm, Andy Weiszner, Morise Langford & Hartley DuVall. They did a fine job of cleaning on the Township Public Camp Grounds on the north shore of the Island.

MORT NEFF....famous TV character of "Michigan Outdoors" program together with his party came by sea to the Island for a few days the week-end of Nov. 2-3. Heavy fog for two days prevented flying.

COUNTY NURSE....Mrs. Rice and Mr. Wickman visited the school for several days after Oct. 15th conducting hearing tests for the children.

DON'T FORGET.....your Civic Association Membership.

THE CAT-"TALE"...was given another twist when Mrs. Dorothy McGregor, daughter of Dr. Luton arrived by boat Nov. 5th, with another cat to replace the one which lost its head over Paul LaFreniere. The Beacon recommends "Pin the Tail on the Donkey" instead.

SCHOOL HONOR ROLL....Margaret O'Donnell, Bill Bennett, Kathleen Gatliff, Caroline Kenwabakise, Gary McDonough, Mary Gallagher, Ann Gatliff, Barbara Pischner, Darlene Schmidt, Colleen Nackerman, Evelyn Palmer, Glen Felix, Nancy Kenwabakise, Richard Pischner, Pauline Kenwabakise, Eddie Wojan, Billy Gillespie, Jeanne Wojan, Kay Pischner, Larry McDonough and Bill Pischner.