

# THE BEAVER BEACON

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On Sept. 28th, Congressman Victor Knox, of Sault Ste. Marie, and Senator Frank Andrews, of Hillman, (both from our District) visited the Island, arriving via Mich. Conservation Patrol Boat No. 1. Congressman Knox, informed a group of business men and their wives, during luncheon at Beaver Lodge, that \$11,000 had been appropriated by Congress for a SURVEY OF BEAVER HARBOR, and another \$37,000 for HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS. A delegation from the U.S. Corps of Engineers is expected within ten days to chart work to be done. Islanders are very appreciative of this welcome news, and the efforts of these two men.

At a SPECIAL ELECTION held in Peaine Township about 2 weeks ago, it was voted 16-1 in favor of consolidation with St. James School District. Following the election, both boards met and Peaine Twp. School Dist. turned over their records and assets to St. James School District. The consolidation will be known as BEAVER ISLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT. Architects are expected to come to the Island soon to look over the site and plans for the new school.

The OPENING OF SMALL GAME SEASON, Oct. 1st, brought approximately 40 hunters to the Island for the first day's shooting - with more arriving each day. There was even a waiting line for licenses - 31 being purchased on the Island. A good many Beaver Islanders who had been waiting for THE DAY increased the number of hunters considerably. "The saints preserve us!" Watch the fur and feathers fly!

Dr. Tony J. Peterle and Raymond Schofield, Biologists from the Conservation Dept., arrived Oct. 1st to check the success of the Ruffed Grouse hunters.

Ted Tucker and Mole C. Neilson, from Lansing, with the Lands Division of the Dept. of Conservation have been here this week checking State lands on Hog and Garden Islands.

Early in Sept. RADAR was installed on the Motorship Emerald Isle.

**BULLETIN FOR FISHERMAN:** Rolland Cull had an unusual experience last week. While lifting nets, he hauled in such a large catch (  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton of perch) he wasn't able to make the shore in his small boat. It foundered in shoal waters just south of James Gallagher's dock. Donald Cole was able to throw him a line from the wrecker truck and effect a rescue. Yes, the fish were saved, too!

**PERCH** are running large, and net fishing is reported good by several commercial fisherman.

A **RESCUE** of a different sort made a terrified horse whinny in gratitude last week. The animal belongs to Peto, the Swede, and was discovered by hunters, floundering in mire at Egg Lake with just his head visible. About 14 men worked an hour to extricate the horse. Egg Lake is a known danger spot. How many other animals have been swallowed up in this wide, seemingly bottomless pit of mud that surrounds the lake? Shouldn't there be some protection of warning signs for the public?

**OLDTIMERS**.... Bill and Bid Ricksgers observed their 43rd wedding anniversary on Oct. 23rd. Congratulations from the Beacon!

**BORN** ... to Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Left, Sept. 12th, at the Medical Center, a son, Vincent Paul Left.

**BORN** ... to Mr. and Mrs. Emerald Gallagher, of Yeaton, Pa., on Sept. 13th, a son, John Patrick Gallagher. Emerald and Shirley were the first parents from off the Island to send a birth announcement directly to the Beacon. We were delighted to receive it!

On Sept. 27th, **CONFIRMATION** was administered by Bishop Allen J. Babcock, D.D. to 24 children and 6 adults at Holy Cross Church.

Lt. Col. John McCann is now stationed at Sidi Shimane, French Morocco, North Africa. His mailing address is-Lt. Col. John G. McCann, Hdqrs. 5th Air Div., A.P.O. 117, c/o Postmaster New York, N.Y.

Mr. William (Billy) Scheid, one time resident of the Island, passed away this month in Chicago where he has lived for many years. Mr. Scheid was the father of Father Bernard Scheid, Dr. Merrell Scheid and (Roberta) Mrs. Dick Rhue of Colorado Springs, Col.

Vern Hudson, of Lansing, has purchased what is known as the Winie Home-Tim Leonard's place on Font Lake.

Miss Esther Felix, of Chicago, (sister of Carl Felix) has purchased the Fred Spaulding home on the North Beach. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Felix have moved into the home for the winter.

Fred and Bertha Spaulding have moved into their cabin just south of their former residence.

On Sept. 22nd, Conservation Patrol Boat No. 2, in command of Chet Belfy, answered the call of "fire" on Trout Island. With Karl Kuebler, Art Larsson, and Melvin Plumm (of the Patrol Boat) continued checks were made for four days. The fire had not spread, but had burned underground.

The cause is as yet undetermined, but lightning is a strong possibility since we had several storms about that time.

LABOR DAY FIRE ... About 3:00 P.M., Lloyd McDonough detected smoke rising from the woods at a point which seemed from his location to be at the Christian Brothers Lodge. He phoned Dick LaFreniere, who tore down Main St. with his hand on the horn button. To Islanders-this means "FIRE"! A line of cars formed quickly and rushed to the Brother's place-only to find that the fire was much farther into the woods. The next lane which gave access led into the woods across the road from Paul Heflin's Islewood. Following the direction of the smoke, the fire-fighters found themselves within approximately 100 yds. of Font Lake. Here a number of tree trunks and old windfalls were beginning to make things pretty hot - tho limited in area. With shovels, axes, one large fire extinguisher and water frm the lake, the first arrivals went to work on the hottest spots. Karl Kuebler, Conservation Officer, and the Coast Guard crew brought two trucks carrying hose, shovels, hand pumps and a large gasoline pump. This was quickly moved by the Coast Guard to the shore of Font Lake and, in no time, water was flooding the danger area that well might have developed into a major catastrophe for the Island. About 30 persons must have answered the call of duty in addition to the regular fire fighting personnel of the Conservation Dept. and Coast Guard Station. Everyone said, "Thank the Lord, we didn't have the southwest blow we had yesterday."

LATE NEWS FLASH FROM THE ASSEMBLY LINE--Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Con-naghan, a son, Stephen Michael - at the Medical Center, Oct. 8th at 2:30 A.M. Wt. 8# 15 ounces. Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Bellows, a daughter, Linda Lee - at the Medical Center, Oct. 8th at 3:40 P.M. Wt. 6# 7 ounces.