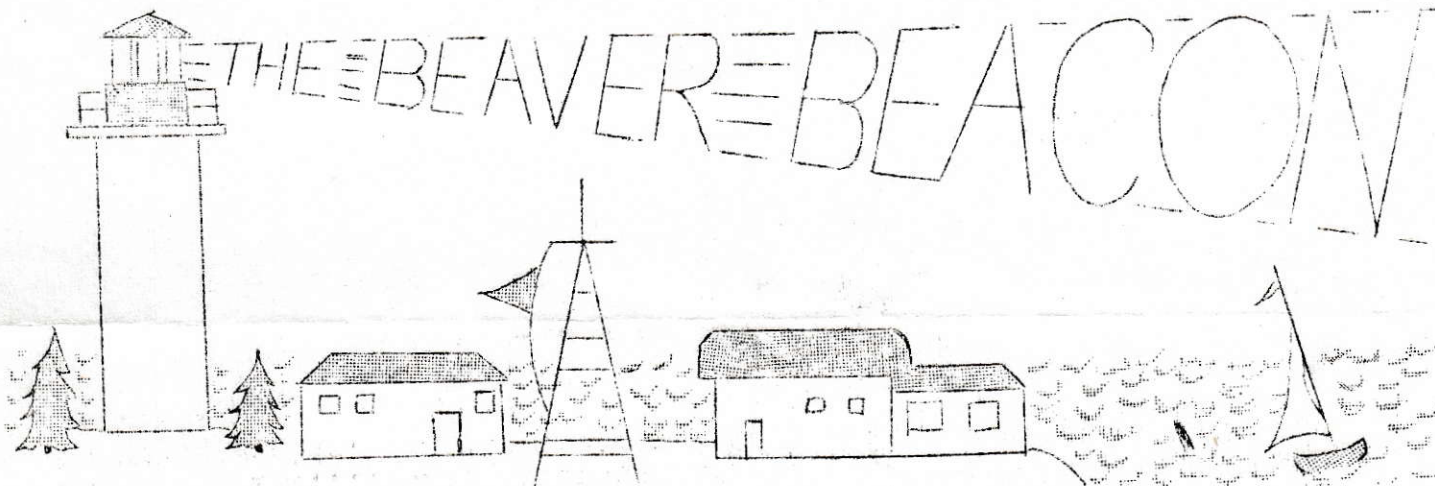


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HUGH L. RAY (72)...Football Code Pioneer died Sept. 16th in Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. & Mrs. Ray were summer residents of Beaver Island for over 38 yrs. Their home at Raycroft on the southern end of the Island was purchased 2 yrs. ago by Dr. Smith of Grand Rapids. Thanks to Charles L. Kotovic of Milwaukee for sending this item to the Beacon. Mr. Kotovic is the owner of the sailing yacht "Copperhead" a familiar caller at the port of St. James. Mr. Ray had been in ill health since 1952.

EPISCOPALIAN CLERGY CONFERENCE....held on Sept. 18th under the direction of Bishop McNeil of Grand Rapids. About 30 in number comprising members from Western Michigan, the group visited Holy Cross Church as a point of interest while on tour of the Island.

A BIG FAREWELL.... to Doctor, Mrs. Vail and son Bill was evident from the crowd that covered the dock to say "So-long" when the Emerald Isle pulled anchor on Sept. 14th. The Vails while returning to Bay City, have retained their home on the Island and intend to summer in St. James. Bill Vail continues to matriculate at U. of M. in Ann Arbor.

MISSION AT Holy Cross....conducted by Fr. Alexis, O.F.M.C. from Grand Rapids opened on Sunday Sept. 16th and closed on the 23rd. It was the first trip to the Island for Fr. Alexis. He is now a member of the Beaver Island Civic Association and looking forward to his first copy of the Beacon.

BORN....a son to Donald and Lillian Cole at Charlevoix Hospital on Sept. 15. He was baptized Jerome.

BEACON TYPIST....Rosie McDonough is now enrolled at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids. She is succeeded on the Beacon Staff by Kathleen Gatliff.

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DOCTOR.....Morgan and wife from Paris, Kentucky visited the Island Sept. 20th to 24th at which time they were interviewed by the Medical Center Committee. Also Dr. Fleming of the Paw Paw, Ill., (90 mi. west of Chicago) arrived on Mon. the 24th. Thursday the 27th brought Mrs. Skinner, wife of Dr. Skinner from Louisiana, near Baton Rouge. All had the same purpose in mind, namely to determine whether they would accept the position as resident physician of the Island. They all leave the committee with practically the same conclusion, that they need more time to think it over and promise a decision in a few weeks. When asked just how soon they might take up residence on the Island after a final decision, answers ranged anywhere from the first of the year to 9 mo.

BIRD HUNTERS...on the Island this year number as many as 60 as we go to press. 44 cars were booked by the Boat Company for the opening of the season with the ferry making a Sunday trip on Sept. 30. 31 resident licenses were issued. Hunters report a few off-Island ducks but no flight of geese at present.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY....records now show a total of 27 regular, 11 contributing, 3 sustaining and 2 life memberships. JOIN NOW and help restore the historical spots on the Island.

BEAVER LODGE...will be closed from Nov. 1st of this year until May 1st of 1957. Mrs. Art (Dorothy) Johnston is progressing well in her recuperation at the home of her parents in G.R. Susan is enrolled in school for the current year. They will be in G.R. for an indefinite stay.

TOM WALSH....is doing well in recovering from his recent illness. He reports that he is now able to work for a limited time each day at the Grand Rapids Airport. He thanks all for their Get-Well wishes.

ISLAND BOOSTER...James G.F. Coleman reports to the Beacon that he has moved from Chicago to Atherton, Calif. The Beacon will follow him.

SCHOOL BOARD....met in Charlevoix on Sept. 20th to open bids on construction of the proposed new school. The Board found it necessary to reject all bids submitted.

SPAULDING COTTAGE....was purchased by Owen Boyle, son of Aunt Bid Boyle of Chicago. The Spauldings have returned to Boynton Beach, Fla.

STATE WATERWAYS COMMISSION....made a recent appropriation to cover the cost of a survey of Beaver Harbor for docking facilities for the boating public.

OBITUARY.....Mrs. McNeil, 76, (mother of Bishop McNeil) at Salt Lake City, toward the end of Sept. She was buried at Elgin, Ill.

Ernest Allers at Kalamazoo on Sept. 19th. Mr. Allers was born and raised on the Island.

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MARRIED.....Russell Greene son of Mrs. Mary Greene, to Joy McDonough daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd McDonough, all Islanders. The wedding on Sept. 15th was the third this summer at Holy Cross. Joy, an R.N. has been supervisor of the 4th floor at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids where Russell is employed in construction. They will make their home in G.R. Reception was held in Holy Cross Hall and attended by more Grand Rapids people that you could shake a "shillelagh" at. Mr. & Mrs. Fred Spaulding, former Islanders from Boynton Beach, Fla., attended. Music for the wedding dance was played by Vera Wojan, piano; Fred Spaulding, violin; Jewell Gillespie, guitar and Archie LaFreniere on the harmonica.

ISLAND STORIES.....and more of them to be written by Norm Kraft a summer Islander of many years and writer for the Detroit Times. Norm was gathering information on his last trip to the Island. Likewise Harvey Buetner of Northwestern U. at Evanston, Ill, was the latest free-lance writer with the same idea. Watch for their stories.

NURSE.....Lil Left will have keys to the Medical Center as well as Fr. Joseph until further notice. At the recommendation of Dr. Ludwick, a number of First Aid supplies will be purchased by the Civic Assn. and left at the Medical Center.

FERCH.....are running like everything, in the harbor this week of Oct.1.

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH