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the Beaver Island Civic Association.

FAMOUS COMPOSER.....of the immortal "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi", Dr. F. Dudleigh Vernor of Detroit is vacationing on the Island as we go to press. Dr. Vernor, a member of the Beaver Island Civic Association, is organist director of the Metropolitan Methodist Church, Detroit; head of the organ department of Albion College and on the summer faculty of Bay View Summer School.

MORMAN FOLLOWERS....in the 1850's included Hensen Walker who went to Utah when James Jesse Strang came to Beaver Island. Hensen is the great uncle of James M. Walker the father of Luella and Jane who are employed at the King Strang Hotel this summer.

MARRIED ..Richard Louis Verduyn of Detroit to Ellen Marie Nackerman daughter of Postmaster Frank and Mrs. Nackerman of Beaver Island. The wedding ceremony was performed at Holy Cross Church Sept. 1.

HOME COMING...Sunday brought great numbers to the Island again for the 1956 observance. Dinners served amounted to 483. The new owner of the SHORELINE LOT given away, is Eddie O'Donnell of Lincoln Park, Mich.

BRIDAL SHOWERS....were given for Ellen Nackerman by Rosemary McDonough and Eleanor Gallagher at the Gallagher home and for Joy McDonough by her aunt Mrs. David Pike of Montague at the home of Mrs. V.H. LaFreniere. The Russell Greene-Joy McDonough Wedding is set for Sept. 15th.

GREAT, GREAT, GREAT.....niece Charlotte Currier of Royal Oak, Mich. visited her Aunt Maggie Boyle on her 91st birthday Aug. 6, on the island.

NEW CIVIC ASSN MEMBERS...include Miss Sue Smith a free lance knitting designer and costumiere from Hastings, Mich.

ECONOMIC SURVEY PANEL.....visited the Island Wed. Aug. 25th. Invited by the Civic Assn and encouraged by Henry Allen President of the Beaver Island Boat Company, the group was headed by Mr. Nicholson the representative of the Economic Development Commission of Lansing. Accompanying him were Mr. Bell, Mr. Jewell and Mr. Gunn (Resort Division), all of the Extension Service of Michigan State U. Mr. Steinbecker of the Northern Michigan Electric Cooperative and the County Agricultural Agent Mr. Rebman completed the survey team. Approximately 25 business men and others attended the meeting in the School Building. The panel agreed to write impressions gathered concerning the possible economic development of the Island. Archie LaFreniere was chosen to receive correspondence from the panel.

NEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS...The Society is spreading its wings. A sustaining membership has just been received from Mark A. Strang of Long Beach, California, a grandson of King Strang. Mark has very graciously offered an original copy of the "Mormon Book of the Law" to be placed in the future museum to be included in the restored Printing House. Mark Strang has spent the past 20 yrs. in research on the life of King Strang and has information which should prove very valuable in restoring the Strand Printing House on the Island. The Beaver Island Historical Society thanks all the business men on the Island for their generous response toward making the Society a success. Let's all keep up the good work. Included in new enrollments are Mr. & Mrs. Erwin E. Belfy of Charlevoix and Mr. Francis S. Drake of Chicago.

DOCTOR...inquiries for the position of resident physician on the Island reached 28. Of these the Medical Center Committee in cooperation with State Health Commissioner Dr. Heustis, invited approximately 6 to the Island for a personal interview. At present the field is narrowed down to 4 BUT NO DOCTOR HAS BEEN SELECTED.

PARTRIDGE...transported by the Conservation Dept. to High Island as the start of an experiment on Aug. 31. More to follow in a few days.

WATERWAYS....Commission has notified the Town of plans progressing for a new municipal pleasure-craft pier. Completion expected by 1957.

SCHOOL NEWS.... has it that bids will be taken soon on a new building to contain a kitchen, heating plant & classroom space. Construction is scheduled to begin in the very near future. In the meantime, the lower floor of the old building and the roof have been repaired. When the new building is constructed the lower floor only of the old structure will be in use. The same sisters as last year are on the faculty.

ALASKA.....NEW ADDRESS for (A. J.) Andrew J. Gallagher S.A. 319-648
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