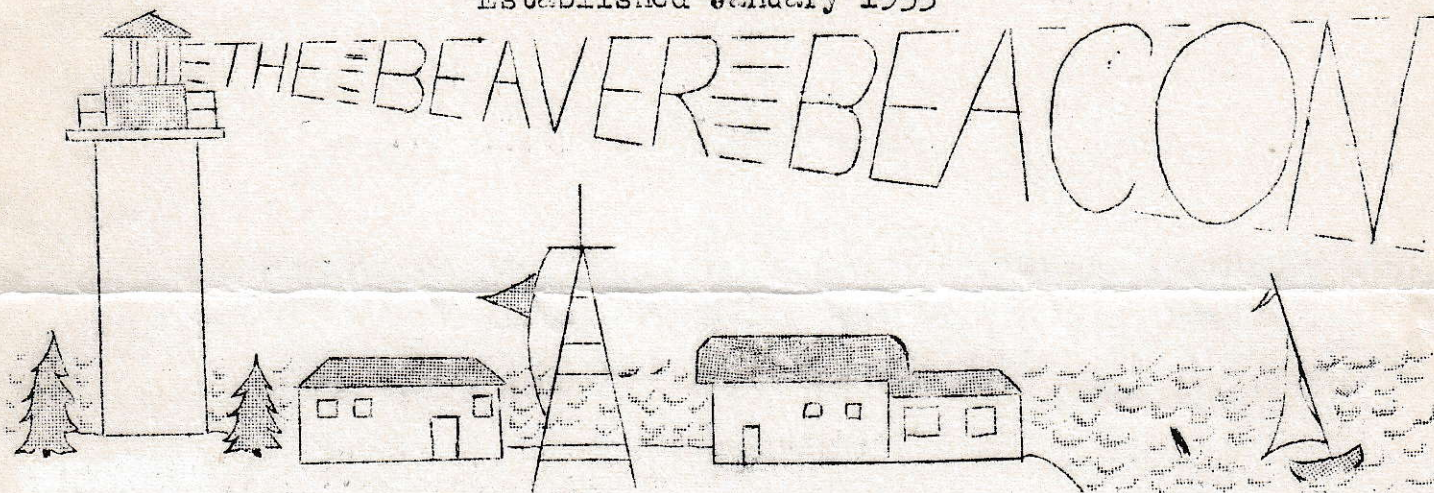


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DAY O' THE MONTH....could only be the day everyone had been waiting three months to see and that is the arrival of the Coast Guard Ice-breaker. This year it was the WOODBINE which was the first to enter the harbor around 12:30 PM Mar. 26th.

NEW CAPTAIN...for the "Emerald Isle" is Lawrence McDonough. The rest of the crew is the same as last year. No change in schedule. The first trip of the EMERALD ISLE is expected during the week of the 7th.

BEAVER LODGE...open as of April 15th with Mrs. Grace Cole of the Island as manager is announced by owner Mrs. H.B. Johnston of Ludington.

CONSERVATION MEN...Ray Schofield and Tom Prodyk spoke on their study of coyotes and small game at the March 7th general BICA meeting.

CONSTRUCTION BATTALION...for the work on the picnic tables sponsored by the Civic Association numbered around 20 workers off and on. The Activities Committee headed by Mrs. Bert McDonough served coffee and sandwiches, March 14th at the Shamrock. Seven tables were turned out complete with waterproof finish. They'll be put around the harbor and public recreational sites.

MARINE HOSPITAL DOCTOR...visited the Island on Mar. 28th. Dr. M. Walter Johnson was traveling with his wife and decided to include Beaver Island in their trip around Lake Michigan, having heard of the Island from patients in Chicago. They visited the Medical Center, the Coast Guard Station and other spots. They were guests of Mr. & Mrs. James Gallagher for lunch.

ST. PAT'S PARTY...a success for sure with entertainment like little Danny Gillespie's imitation of "Presley" complete with miniature guitar.

Danny is only 3 yrs old and already a born entertainer. He's the son of Jewell and Rita Gillespie.

RECIPES...for the Beaver Island Historical Society Cook Book are still coming in. This time from the Dominican Sisters Cletus and Rene of B.I.

TINY TOURNAMENT...is what you'd call the contest now going on in the Basketball Department with Grade Schoolers ranging all the way from the 8th down to the 2nd Grade. GREEN TEAM: Larry McDonough captain, Richie Pischner, Eddie Wojan, Donnie Stockwell, Johnny Gillespie and Mike Buckner. RED TEAM: Tony McDonough captain, Ron Gallagher, Dave Buckner, Eddie Palmer & Billy Gillespie. GIRLS BLUE TEAM: Colleen Nackerman captain, Nancy Kenwabikiso, Arlene Malloy & Helen Pischner. GOLD TEAM: Isabell LaFreniere captain, Lani Buckner, Margaret Ken and Marilyn Napont. With Pauline taking time-out for appendicitis and others on the sick list, Donnie Stockwell, Eddie Wojan & Mike Buckner will help the girls finish their tournament. Present standings: Tony's Team leads the boys and Colleen's colleens lead with 2 wins & 1 loss.

ACQUINAS COLLEGE HONOR ROLL...recently named Eleanor Gallagher among students honored for high scholastic achievement in the past two semesters. Eleanor will be ready for teaching in September.

BORN...to Walter and Vera Wojan, a girl at the Medical Center on Mar. 16th. She was baptized Patricia Anne at Holy Cross, Mar. 31st with sponsors Alvin LaFreniere & Margaret O'Donnell proxy for Rita Elms. Also to the Jack O'Donnells of Chicago a daughter Joan Marie.

IT HAPPENED ON ICE...to Patrick LaFreniere, Bill Pischner, Charley, Erwin & Jimmy Martin. They drove Patrick's old '49 Mercury from Beaver Island to Naubinway on the U.P. to deliver some fish and attend a dance on Sat. night a week before St. Pat's Day. It took them 4 hrs to go and only 1 to return, that is as far as the NW shore of Garden Island where the Mercury dropped...the one in which they were driving. They walked the rest of the way from Garden Island to Beaver. Patrick says he didn't have much fun at the dance. He sprained his ankle before he got there.

SUPER MARKET...style has been given to McDonough's Store with new tile flooring and a self-service department.

BEAVER TRAPPING...season opened April 1st. No fur flying before going to press. Nothing but mouth traps open.

NEW COASTGUARDSMEN...are John Striffer and Larry Puthuff. Larry with his wife and son came from New London, Conn. At present they are living in one of Lloyd's cabins in town. Larry will be stationed at Beaver Head. Bert says they'll turn on the real "Beacon" as of April 4th.

SAILING...this year are: Don Burke, Russell Palmer, Pat LaFreniere Sr., Bud Left, Jimmy Martin, Speck Gillespie, Bob Malloy, Jack Connaghan and Patrick LaFreniere Jr.

HOSPITALIZED...Mrs. Ted Wojan (Mary Margaret LaFreniere) in Charlevoix.

Also Kenny (who is one half of the Stockwell twins 3 yrs) a broken leg resulting from a fall. He's back on the Island in a new cast and Pauline Ken has returned after an appendectomy.

FIRE TRUCK...300 gallon pumper type has been purchased by St. James Township through the Civil Defense Organization.

COLE'S CAB SERVICE will operate this season for Island tourists. Drive-it-yourself cars for rent will also be available at the airport and arrangements for tours and fishing trips on Big Beaver and the outer islands can be made with Donald Cole.

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE...chairman J.F. Gillespie reports 35 have expressed their wish for a phone on the Island. Of these, all but 7 are in the village. It is not too late. Requests are still being received. Write chairman Gillespie a letter for the committee's permanent record.

THE "UNITED IRISHMAN"...a real Gaelic newspaper has been received by the BEACON from John R. O'Reardon of Philadelphia. A copy of the Beacon went to John.

RECENT FLYERS...to the Island were George Fettig and his sister Mildred who has heard plenty about Beaver Island. (Ed's note: She's a Bell Telephone operator in Petoskey). Doc Ludwick of Pontiac flew in and out again on Mar. 23. A party from Hastings landed on the ice in the harbor for perch fishing and reported a good catch Mar. 23 & 24.

MICHIGAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION...will place a marker in Charlevoix, according to Mr. & Mrs. R. Hoffman founders of the B.I. Historical Society. The dedication is to take place June 16th. Members of the BIHS have been invited to attend. The marker will commemorate the Mormon Kingdom which was established on Beaver Island. The BIHS has copies of the last issue of Strang's "Northern Islander" 1856 for 25¢.

BEAVER ISLAND CLUB...of Chicago celebrated St. Pat's Day with a party for the benefit of Holy Cross Church.

FINANCIAL REPORT Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1956

RECEIPTSDISBURSEMENTS

CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Memberships.....	\$1195.00	Postage.....	\$ 98.83
July 4th Picnic.....	180.43	Beacon Supplies.....	67.17
From Townships for July 4th.....	50.00	Entertainment & refreshments	
Sale of artificial plants....	2.00	for civic affairs as follows:	
Sale of blanket.....	12.00	Cake for annual meeting....	16.45
		Groceries.....	68.46
		Fireworks July 4th.....	64.00
		Beaver Lodge for 33 lunches	50.99
		Picnic supplies July 4th....	73.82
		Bridge & Hawley (Picnic permit)	5.00
		Cake for Dr. Vail Farewell.	8.76
		Flowers & condolence for	
		sick & death occasions.....	56.84
		Secretarial work.....	160.00
		Purchase of blanket.....	12.00
		Hall rental (1 yr.).....	109.25
		Office file cabinet.....	18.04
		Phone calls.....	8.72
		Printing letterheads.....	48.98
		West Mich Tourist membership	25.00
		1956 Ad in "Carefree Days" ..	165.00
		1957 " " " "	185.00
		Sign painting.....	20.00
		Official travel to obtain Dr.	75.00
TOTAL Receipts.....	\$1439.43	TOTAL Disbursements.....	\$1362.91
BAL on hand begin yr. 1956	336.14	BAL on hand end of yr. 1956	412.66
TOTAL Assets.....	\$1775.57	TOTAL Liabilities.....	\$1775.57

MEDICAL CENTER

Donation for Sterilizer..	\$ 100.00	Landscaping.....	\$ 348.34
Blanket raffle.....	36.90	Lawn seed & labor.....	18.37
Donation Sally Underhill.	20.00	Sprinkler & hose.....	13.00
Shamrock Party Benefit...	29.75	Bassinet.....	11.80
Donation Anonymous.....	50.00	Medical Instruments.....	121.47
Donation Leo Loew.....	50.00	Desk, chair & bookcase....	78.46
Donation Angus.....	500.00	First Aid Equipment.....	18.14
		Refrigerator.....	171.75
		Phone calls.....	33.80
		Paint & labor.....	359.00
		Reception for Doctor.....	12.65
TOTAL Receipts.....	\$ 786.65	TOTAL disbursements.....	\$ 1186.77
BAL on hand begin yr. 1956	516.39	BAL on hand end of yr. 1956	116.27
TOTAL Assets.....	\$1303.04	TOTAL Liabilities.....	\$1303.04

GAME CLUB

Hunters Ball.....	\$ 143.05	Seed & freight.....	31.58
County allotment.....	100.00	Bounty on 4 coyotes.....	20.00
Memberships.....	14.00		
TOTAL Receipts.....	\$257.05	TOTAL Disbursements.....	\$ 51.58
BAL on hand begin yr. 1956	22.90	BAL on hand end of yr. 1956	228.37
TOTAL Assets.....	\$ 279.95	TOTAL Liabilities.....	\$ 279.95