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BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY...President R. J. Hoffmann released the following to all members and friends of the Society. "We ask your cooperation in helping us make the Building Fund Drive to restore the Print Shop, a success. Remember we are giving away on Labor Day a Scott Atwater 10 HP Outboard Motor, value \$350, and an RCA Yachtsman Radio with Shortwave Band, value \$75. Make your donations to Mrs. Vera Wojan, Treasurer, Beaver Island. Keep them coming in! For more information write Mrs. Dorothy McGregor, St. James, Mich.

The annual meeting of the BIHS will be held Saturday August 31, 1957 at 7:30 PM in Holy Cross Hall, Beaver Island, for the purpose of electing officers and transacting other important business matters. We urgently request you to attend this meeting." A general discussion open to the public will be held after the annual meeting. Everyone is invited to participate in helping to uncover the historical spots and lore of the Island. BIHS seeks information like the location of the two oldest homes occupied by the early Irish settlers so they may be marked with the proper identification. The approximate location of the first chapel on the Island built by the Indians for Fr. Baraga, Apostle of the Chippewas in 1832, has been registered with the Michigan Historical Commission.

GOLF? OF COURSE...at least miniature and 9 holes of it will be ready by the Homecoming Sunday, states A. J. Roy, Co-Founder of the BIHS. A. J. has been laboring hard and long over this job lately and he has an answer for those who ask him if he has retired. He says 9 more holes will be added next year. Restroom facilities are also in the plans.

RECIPES RECEIVED...for the BIHS Cook Book have come from Mrs. Robert Patterson & Mrs. Luton of B.I., Mrs. R. C. Watson of New Orleans, Mrs. R. L. Wohlers of St. Johns, Mrs. Willard Barthel of Onid, Mich., Sallyann Polivka of Crown Pt., Ind., & Margaret McCann of Charlevoix.

NEW BIHS MEMBERS...are Dorothy McGregor of B. I., Kit Carson of Charlevoix & J. L. Van Wagoner of Waterford, Mich.

GREAT GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER of John L. Comstock, Mrs. Lewis Herslir is visiting the Island from Albion, Mich. Comstock resided on the Island as a Mormon minister for a time but left with the Mormon Exodus. Mrs. Herslir says altho she is not a Mormon, she is very interested in this historical background of the Island.

TELEPHONE...not a long distance away anymore. Mr. Ed Cadwell, BITCO consultant from Levering is on the Island stringing cables containing 16 pairs of wires. All the poles required for the main street have been installed. The new building (garage size) back of the Gillespie residence now houses the electronic switchboard. Later on it will also contain the Bell equipment necessary to make radio contact with the Petoskey Exchange, still promised for Sept. 15th. BITCO hopes to throw the switch for use of part of its system in the village on Homecoming Day Aug. 11th. The following rates have been established for residential service: 1 Party line-\$6.00 per month; 2 Party line-\$4.50 and a 4 Party line-\$3.50. BITCO is asking for payment on all stock requested. There is plenty more available from Dr. Luton, Treasurer. BITCO thinks that A BUCK IN THE HAND IS WORTH TWO IN THE BOOK.

NEW FISHING SITE...on Lake Genesareth is now completed on the north arm with directional signs and a boat launching ramp. The State Camp Site on the east shore of the Island just south of Sand Bay is now being used by campers from as far as Connecticut and Missouri. Drinking water and restroom facilities will be available as soon as the well drilling is completed.

HOMEcomings SUNDAY...is coming August 11th with the Big Dinner, Parade and Dance. Chairman of the Parade Committee is Mayor Joe Grossel of Harper Woods, Mich. For Parade particulars see Mr. Grossel aboard the "NAUTI-GAL" moored at Gallagher's Dock.

SHAME-ON-US-DEP'T...for not introducing the Strang waitresses sooner. They are Margaret Schwarz of Ann Arbor and a senior at Ann Arbor High; Diann Dunning of Ionia & Coralie Rysberg, both sophomores at Michigan State.

BABY DEPARTMENT BENEFITS...at the Medical center from a donation left by the wife of Dr. Robert Rose of Green Bay, Wis., when she called at the Port of St. James on the largest yacht of the season July 16th.

SAILING...continues to increase in and out of the harbor with Henry Allen and 6 of his oldest in the crew (there are 7 more working their way up) making a round trip to Charlevoix in their 23 ft. cabin cruiser "Leprechaun". It took 2 hrs. one way.

DISC JOCKEY...Howard Miller of WMAQ Chicago visited the Island aboard his 50 footer "Disc Jockey" Aug. 22nd.

OUTBOARD CRUISING CLUB...of Petoskey was represented by 9 boats making the 80 mile round trip to the Island July 14th.

EIGHT PLANES...with about 25 persons flew in as guests of the Beaver Lodge July 14th. A "Dawn Patrol" is planned for the fall.

SCOUTS...composed of 10 girls and 3 leaders camped at Hill Top on the east shore July 9th. Explorer Troop with 10 boys and 5 men from St. Casimir's Parish in Lansing camped at Fox Lake July 13th.

NEW LOOKS...have been given to Dick's Dock, Willie John's home and the Beachcomber. Swede's Villa addition is also completed.

COTTAGE CHANGES...report the sale of Walter Smith's on the east shore to Forest Lindsley of Ferndale and Bub Burke's on the airport road to Dr. & Mrs. Thompson of Grand Rapids.

HARRY HAD A LITTLE LAMB...it's fleece not white but gray; it's tied beside the Strang Hotel; so it won't run away.

TROUT ISLAND CAMPERS...Fr. Harnish and companion Peter Friar of St. Thomas, Grand Rapids, after 5 days reported no mosquitos, no snakes, but O, those flies!

FR. VICTOR GALLAGHER...was recently appointed pastor of St. Phillips Reed City, Mich. He is the brother of James Gallagher. Other recent appointments include Francis Partridge, former teacher at St. James High; to the North American College in Rome. A resident of Charlevoix, Frank has been a student at St. Jerome's in Kitchener, Ontario, for the past two years.

TOP WEATHER...of the season during the month of July was also full of good fishing. Excellent catches of bass, blue gills and pike were reported from the inland lakes.

MUSIC MISTRESS...Mrs. Bob Powell from Geneseo, Ill., near the Mississippi brought her Hammond electric organ all the way by trailer to the Island this summer to play for a BICA dance benefit after the general Civic Meeting Aug. 1st. She will play again during the Homecoming Dinner in Holy Cross Hall.