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DEEP FREEZE is now the scene in the harbor and as far out as you can see. It's been that way since the sub-zero weather of the week of Jan. 13th when the official temperature was a reading of minus 7. But followed by the traditional (Island) January thaw the temperature climbed back up to 45 above. It finally settled to a more or less constant of 10 above which is closer to the usual. Ice fishermen are beginning to take advantage of the harbor freeze and "Shanty Town" is visible along with ice skates, sleds and kids of all sizes.

BORN....a boy to Bud and Skip McDonough, Jan. 18th at the Medical Center. He was baptized Timothy John at Holy Cross Church with Joy (McDonough) Greene and Ronny O'Donnell up from Grand Rapids to act as sponsors. Also a daughter Teresa Marie to the Henry Allens in Ann Arbor Jan. 16th. Score: Allen girls 9; Allen boys 4; total Allens 15. Come June, see for yourself. A girl to Jewell & Rita Gillespie Jan. 29.

TELEPHONE TANGLE....During the week of Jan. 6th an official notice was served to Jewell F. Gillespie through the Acting Commander of the 9th Coast Guard District, Cleveland, Ohio, requesting that he "notify interested parties that the Coast Guard will discontinue furnishing commercial telephone service through our facilities as of June 1957." The BICA Board appointed Jewell Gillespie at once to head a committee for immediate action in gathering information necessary for a complete study of the problem. The committee is composed of J.F. Gillespie Chairman, Joe Dillingham Co-chairman, Frank Nackerman Corresponding Secretary, Rogers Carlisle, Dr. Luton, Fr. Joseph, Lloyd McDonough and Matt Melville.

To date, the committee has requested more information from the Coast Guard authorities and the Michigan Public Service Commission. The MPSC has responded with the information that "they wrote Michigan Bell Telephone Company on January 10, 1957 suggesting a possible solution."

The Michigan Public Service Commission has assured the Civic Association of the interest of the Commission in this problem and full cooperation in finding a solution. This should prove most encouraging to the local committee to leave no avenue unexplored in this job.

"A BIT OF ALL-RIGHT".....is what Eddie O'Donnell of Lincoln Park (Detroit) calls taking a cruise on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Saipan. It was his reward for a fine job well done for Uncle Sam. Eddie & Tony O'Donnell, former Islanders and now owners and operators of Lincoln Products received a citation not too long ago from the Navy Department.

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP ADS should be submitted at once for printing in the B.I. Tourist Guide folder.

NO MAIL.....for almost a week resulted from bad flying-weather during the month of January. But a week is nothing compared to what Old Timers on the Island remember, like back in the days when the mail was delivered across the ice on sled. Sometimes it was 6 weeks between mail calls. One time during World War II, the Postmaster recalls that there was a period of 4 wks, when only two or three deliveries of 1st class mail were possible and those by Army plane.

RECIPES.....for Cook Book sponsored by the B.I. Historical Society, are still being recieved. Keep 'em coming.

HIGH ISLAND ICE-CAPADE.....Joe McPhillips while flying the mail to Big Beaver on Thursday Jan.24, spotted a signal in the snow. He reported this to the Coast Guard and a Traverse City helicopter rescue party found the fish-tug "LaBlance" stranded at High Island, with a broken clutch. Richard Townsend of Zealand & Beaver Island, who with his father Warren Townsend is a member of the High Island Company, was aboard the tug with Danny Anthony of Charlevoix. They had sailed to High Island on Wednesday with Emerald LaBlance of Charlevoix to bring cattle raised there, to the mainland. Reports say that there were plenty of ice fields to battle on the way, and at this writing we think the "LaBlance" is still iced in. There was enough ice between the two Islands for the men to walk over on Friday Feb.1 from High to Beaver. They came ashore dragging an aluminum rowboat, at Donogal Bay by Allen's Cabins, where they were met by James Gallagher with his truck.

SCHOOL NEWS...A recent issue of the "National Review" published an article by Russell Kirk about the Beaver Island School. The author praises the stand taken by the faculty to uphold academic education. Letters have been coming in mainly from parents, asking the teachers for suggestions on how to better their schools, by submitting lesson plans, names of textbooks, methods of disciplining etc.

HONOR ROLL:Margaret O'Donnell, Wm. Bennett, K. Gatliff, Wm. Pischner, Caroline Kenwabikise, Loretta LaFreniere, Gary McDonough, Mary Gallagher, Ann Gatliff, Tony & Larry McDonough, C. Nackerman, Evelyn Palmer, Richard Pischner, Barbara Stockwell, Don & Kay Pischner, Jeanne Wojan, Arther Gallagher, Eddie Wojan & Pauline Kenwabikise.

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH