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OUR BOY BEACON,....2 years old with this  
issue. Join in the celebration with a  
B. I. C. A. membership and get your  
"slice of BEACON".

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS....Patrick LaFreniere back from Europe and out of  
the service; Eleanor Gallagher & Rosie McDonough from Aquinas in G.  
Rapids; Johnny LaFreniere from C & O Ferry Service in Ludington; Janet  
Gallagher from teaching in Cascade; Donald McCafferty & Glen McDonough  
now in uniform. Donald will be stationed in Virginia & Glen in Col-  
orado.

HOME FROM SAILING....Bud Left, Don Burke, Jimay Martin, Perry & Russell  
Palmer.

SCHOOL NEWS....By popular demand, last year's famous Christmas Pageant  
"Angels' Christmas Song" was repeated this year. The entire school  
took part in this production written by a Dominican Sister of Michigan  
and directed by the Island Sisters.

NEW TYPIST...for this issue of the Beaver Beacon is William Fischner. Our regular typist, whom we thought was irreplaceable, was absent as we reached the deadline; Bill proved as capable.

CAT GETS "A" IN ENGLISH....for Sally Ann Polivka (that is). Sally Ann of Crown Point, Indiana, who summers with her parents on Beaver Island and a member of the B. I. Civic Association, read our account of "Paul and the Cat" (November issue), spun a yarn around it for a school project and came out with an "A". Membership in the Civic Association helps in a lot of ways.

JOY....(Mc Donough) Mrs. Russell Green is recovering at her home in G. R. after major throat surgery.

LAST BOAT....until spring was the word spoken as the ferry Emerald Isle left the dock in the early afternoon of New Year's Day. The final trip scheduled for Dec. 30th was delayed because of bad weather. She docked on the Island around 12.15 P.M. Jan. 1st, slightly iced. Islanders took a good look and thought of April 1, 1957. The mail contract for the winter started with Joe McPhillips Flying Service.

BORN....a daughter to Mr. & Mrs. Joe McPhillips in Charlevoix Dec. 28th. Also a daughter to Mr. & Mrs. (Rosemary Nackerman) Harold Smith in Detroit Dec. 24th.

STORK SHOWER....for Mrs. Bud (Skip) McDonough given Dec. 5th by Mrs. Lawrence McDonough & Mrs. Vernon LaFreniere we attended by 30 guests.

PONSIL TRIP...took Arlene Malloy & Doc Luton flying to Charlevoix Hospital. Doc took care of her in no time at all.

MEDICAL CENTER....donation of \$50 received by the Civic Association. This time the credit goes to Mr. & Mrs. Leo Loew of Holland, Michigan & Loew's Lodge on Lake Genesareth.

BALLOONS & BALLOONS....were sent to the Island children for Christmas by Gail Burchard of Battle Creek owner of the Nomad corner cottage on the Island. The box was huge and hardly anyone would chance a guess on the number of balloons in it. At a school party a contest was held to see who could blow the biggest one. The prize was 10 more balloons. Last we saw....kids were still blowing.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR....at Holy Cross Hall was held on Dec. 9th. It seems to us that it was just about the shortest one ever held. It was all over in about 2hrs, but just as much fun with the fish pond and all the usual attractions.

WINTER POPULATION...of the Island according to best sources of information available puts the number at approximately 210 as of Jan. 1, 1957.

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Contact Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Walter Wojan, St. James, Mich.

SERVICE MEN....from the Island who send in their addresses will receive the BEACON free.

MORE EQUIPMENT...for Medical Center made possible by recent donations; refrigerator, baby scale, two desk lamps, secretary desk and chair, bookcase and bedside table.

OBITUARY....Willie O'Donnell 70, on December 21st at South Side Community Hospital in Chicago. Burial took place from Holy Cross Church on the Island December 24th. Willie was born and raised on Beaver I., having been employed for the greater part of his life with the commercial fishing industry from which he retired after the death of his wife in 1951. He spent approximately the last two years in Chicago at the home of his sester Mrs. Margaret Roddy who kept sort of an O'Donnell family home there. He spent about 3 weeks in the hospital before his death. He is survived by 8 children, 14 grandchildren, 3 brothers and 3 sisters. Those still living on the Island are brothers Frank, Ben and James O'Donnell; and daughters Mrs. Elston Pischner & Mrs. Jewell Gillespie.

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH

CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP is due for 1957. New Personal Memberships issued after June 1st will be sold for a half yr. only. All memberships will expire Dec. 31st. The BEACON is sent monthly to all members.

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