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DAY O' THE MONTH...what we've all been waiting for, especially "Doc" Luton whose been expecting a delivery, (boat, that is). It arrived June 21st and was launched with due ceremony on June 28th. It is a 15 ft. red and black fiberglass construction by Herter boats of Waseca, Minn. A 30 horse Johnson powers it and when it goes around you, you think you've been passed by a swept-wing Dodge.

SHAME -ON-US DEP'T...for not mentioning last month what a fine time we all had and what a wonderful job the Ludwicks did at their grand opening of Beaver Lodge.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE...will feature the BEAVER ISLAND HOMECOMING in a future issue. The special features editor requested facts and figures on it from us. Homecoming Day is always the second Sunday in August.

BORN...to Larry and Nancy Cull a daughter Maureen Ann in Grand Rapids.

MARRIED...Anthony Green to Betty Eick at St. Francis Xavier, G. R.

BEAUTY PARLOR...now operated on the Island by Sally Cull on the second floor of her home.

COOKING DEMONSTRATION AGENT...Miss Clare Brown of Boyne City representing the Cooperative Extension Work of the State of Michigan visited the kitchen of Holy Cross Hall June 11th and 12th. Sixteen women attended.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING...contractor Ivan Philips from Charlevoix is on the Island and ready to begin construction.

SCOUTS...from Explorer Post 21 of Peoria, Ill along with 4 leaders explored the Island June 10th. On June 14th, Troop 83 from Ionia,

Michigan arrived with 9 leaders and 22 scouts.

FISHY NEWS...of Sunday June 16th reports Robert "Pat" Patterson catching a 4 and 5 lb. bass in Lake Genesareth. Dick Woodfield reports a 3 pounder & 6 ounces from Barney's Lake. Other good catches at Garden Island were made by fishermen from Traverse City and Charlevoix.

CIVIC ASSOCIATION PICNIC...held at the Island ball diamond next to Swede's Cabins July 4th included food, foam and fun plus the awarding of the ceramic "Bird Bath" to Isabell Kenwabikise for the most improvement shown in yard clean-up this year. Honorable mention went to Robert "Pat" Patterson.

IRISHMAN...Dennis Doherty, nephew of the late Mrs. Dan. B. O'Donnell (mother of Frank) visited all his Island relatives lately. Born in Donegal, Ireland, Mr. Doherty was thrilled by all the sights on Beaver that remind him of the "old sod". "More people speak of Beaver Island in Ireland, than they do in Michigan", Doherty said. (Ed's note: After the second set of movies made here by Mort Neff of Michigan Outdoors TV, we wonder if that statement will hold). Doherty was seen for the first time by his O'Donnell relatives here and he put on quite a show for them with his fancy step dancing. He now resides in New Jersey.

B. I. HISTORICAL SOCIETY...new members are Mr. Geo. Schoop of Muskegon and Carl Felix of B. I. The Civic Association has made a \$500 donation to the Society as a down payment on the Strang Print Shop, making it possible to place the property in the name of BIHS. Work on the restoration of the building is under way with Charter Member A. J. Roy heading a crew from Pontiac. A cement pillar foundation now strengthens the structure. A miniature gold course will be laid out at the rear of the building.

Sunday June 16th was a memorable day for the Island when a group of civic minded citizens journeyed to Charlevoix to witness the dedication of a bronze marker giving the historical facts of the Mormon colony that inhabited Beaver Island from 1847 to 1856. It was presented to the city of Charlevoix and to Beaver Island by the Michigan Historical Commission. Dr. George May, Historical Sites Specialist, Mr. Chester Ellison and Miss Kilbourn representing the MHC came to the Island on the morningboat to make a tour of the historical spots. At a dinner held at the Beaver Lodge, as guest of R. P. Hoffman, they presented the BIHS whiche photostatic copy of an unpublished map made of Beaver Island and the surrounding waters dating back to 1852, and a photostatic copy of a letter written by James Josse Strang on June 12, 1851 to Governor John Barry, complaining of the persecution of the Mormons on the Island. The letter was written while strang was in Detroit. These pieces will be displayed in the Island museum as soon as it is completed. The Island can be very proud of its representatives to the dedication as they did an outstanding job in receiving the marker on behalf of the Island citizens. Lloyd McDonough, Township Supervisor, D. Archie LaFraniere, resident of the BICA & R.P. Hoffman of the BIHS accepted the marker. Mayor Hiller accepted for Charlevoix. Senator Andres and Congressman Meegison from this district were also present. All in all, we'd call the day a grand success.

TELEPHONE STOCK AVAILABLE...from treasurer Dr. Luton.
SEE YOU NEXT MONTH