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the Beaver Island Civic Association.

B. I. C. A. MEMBERSHIP.....Question: "What do I get out of it?".....
Answer: ONLY a 7 room Medical Center completely equipped even with X-Ray and a doctor in it (the second one for which a BICA Committee had to search). ONLY the continuation of Telephone service for the Island plus the convenience for approximately 40 additional homes and businesses. Add to this only the minimum of 6 committees with all the committee members giving hours of time and labor without compensation for correspondence, composition, publication etc. Without membership there would be no paper, no ink with which to carry on communications or even to publish a bulletin as a public service. BICA membership as a welfare is not measured by picnics, movies & lunches alone but by such things as community health services, public utilities, educational features & civic advancement in general. All this, single members get for as little as \$2.00 and married couples for \$3.00.

STATE CAMP SITE...now under construction is located 1.5 miles south of McDonough's cabins on Sand Bay. The lead-in road has been graded and surfacing will start immediately. Equipment on order includes rest room facilities, running water, electricity, tables, benches etc. Separate side lanes will branch out from the main road to each camp spot.

U.S.FISH & WILDLIFE MEN...visited the Island to consider locating a goose refuge. After a survey of the area it was decided that minimum requirements would close off too much of the northern part of the Island to all hunting and fishing and even close some roads. It was considered a better plan to work toward the increase of duck hunting for which the Island now offers wonderful natural resources. With a little money and time, more could be done to promote a sure thing instead of spending thousands of dollars on a project which might fail.

WELCOME...Christian Brothers back again for retreats & novitiate. Fr. Hannan S.J. back for his 18th year as chaplain and retreat-master.

THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN SKIPPER....a publication edited by Ted McCutcheon of Walloon Lake, Michigan carried a fine article on Beaver Island entitled the "Emerald Isle" in the May issue. Thanks to Ted for the Beaver Boost.

SCHOOL NEWS...this time of the year has to do with the graduation of Bill Bennett and Margaret O'Donnell. Bill is now working as an Island taxi driver while Margaret plans to enter Northwest Michigan College of Practical Nursing at Traverse City in September. Driver Education Course is being offered for three weeks by Mr. Ed Sternberg who brought with him his wife, 2 children and 2 dual control cars. All High School students will be required to take the course before a permit or license is issued. Adults may attend. This year's Grads went to the Lake Leelanau Prom as their half of the exchange. TEENAGERS will sponsor dances every Wed. night starting June 12th.

BORN...to Mr. & Mrs. Bill Foster (Rosalie Bennett) a daughter Donna Kathleen, May 10th in Kansas City, Mo.

SERVICE MAN...Pvt. William Glen McDonough US 55579006, Co. K, U.S.A.S. S.R., is now stationed at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey.

ABOUT BOATS...we learn that Doc Scronson is piloting a 15 ft. Crosby fiberglass with a 60 HP Mercury. Dick Woodfield has added another motor to his Thompson. Doc Luton?? (See "Day o' the Month" next issue).

B.I. HISTORICAL SOCIETY...reports more recipes for the "Cook Book" from Mrs. Theodore Hine of Bay City, Musette LaFreniere of B.I., and Mrs. Erwin Belfy of Charlevoix. Contributing members are: Mr. & Mrs. Theron Drew, Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Blomberg, Dr. & Mrs. H.F. Vail, Mr. James Coleman, Mrs. Evelyn Johnston, Dr. & Mrs. Robert Smith, Mr. & Mrs. R.W. Carlisle & Mr. & Mrs. Walter Wojan.

OBITUARY...Mrs. Susan Sendenburgh, wife of Fred (deceased) and mother of Joe Sendenburgh, May 7th. She was 29 yrs. of age, having been born on the Island where she lived all but the last 2 yrs of her life. Those were spent at Grandview Sanitarium in E. Jordan until the end. She is survived by 4 sons and 2 daughters, 16 grand and 28 great-grand children.

MICHIGAN WEEK...observance includes the fact that Beaver Island claims the only self-crowned monarch ever enthroned in the U.S. James J. Strang ruled until his assassination a century ago last year. Also registered with the Michigan Historical Commission is the location of the first chapel built on the Island by the missionary Fr. Baraga in 1832.

HURRY BACK...is the word to our summer Islanders. We're looking forward to seeing them all. Former B.I. Dr. Harry & Mrs. Vail made a quick overnight trip May 22. Ten children plus their minister and his wife from the Potoskey 7th Day Adventist School made a round trip cruise on May 16th. Traverse City Power Squadron composed of 43 men & 8 boats cruised in May 25th. Bishop McNeil opened his summer home at Sand Bay. HOSPITALIZED...May 6th at Little Traverse was our typist Kathleen Gatliff, for an eye ailment. She's back on the job & we're glad.

TELEPHONE BULLETIN # 2
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(Issued by Beaver Island Telephone Company. No longer a BICA committee)

BEAVER ISLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY is the name selected for the new corporation by a group of subscribers who met recently. They elected a temporary Board of Directors authorized to see the company organized and put into operation. A regular meeting of stockholders will be held later to elect a permanent Board of Directors. Temporary officers are J.F. Gillespie, President; Fr. Joseph, Secretary & F.E. Luton, Treas.

At the suggestion of Bell Telephone Company, the BITCO hired a telephone consultant to lay out the system and help prepare data for the Michigan Public Service & Securities Commission. He found the automatic dial switchboard located by Bell, to be much too small because the number of subscribers now is nearly double the number expected at first. The need for a larger board increases the cost of the initial system. Original plans called for an outlay of less than \$5,000 but the number of phones already requested raises the cost to an estimated \$7,500. BITCO hopes to sell about \$8,000 in stock. Each share will cost \$10.00.

At present, about \$3,500 in stock is subscribed. Please send in your check for the stock already requested and if possible double your subscription. THE MONEY IS NEEDED NOW. It is not necessary to have a telephone in order to own stock in the company. In order to meet the date of Sept. 15th set by Bell for their hook-up to the Island, BITCO had to obligate itself to the Telephone Consultant and to the Auditor, to lay out the required charter for the switchboard and for lines and phones. Your help is needed. This is NOT AN APPEAL FOR DONATIONS. Stock certificates will be issued as soon as authority is granted by the Securities Commission. This stock will be valuable and should pay good dividends. Make all checks payable to Beaver Island Telephone Company & send at once to F.E. Luton, Treasurer as below.

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F.E. Luton, Treasurer
Beaver Island Telephone Co.
St. James, Michigan

Enclosed please find check for (\$) for () shares of stock at \$10 per share. I would also like a telephone ().

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