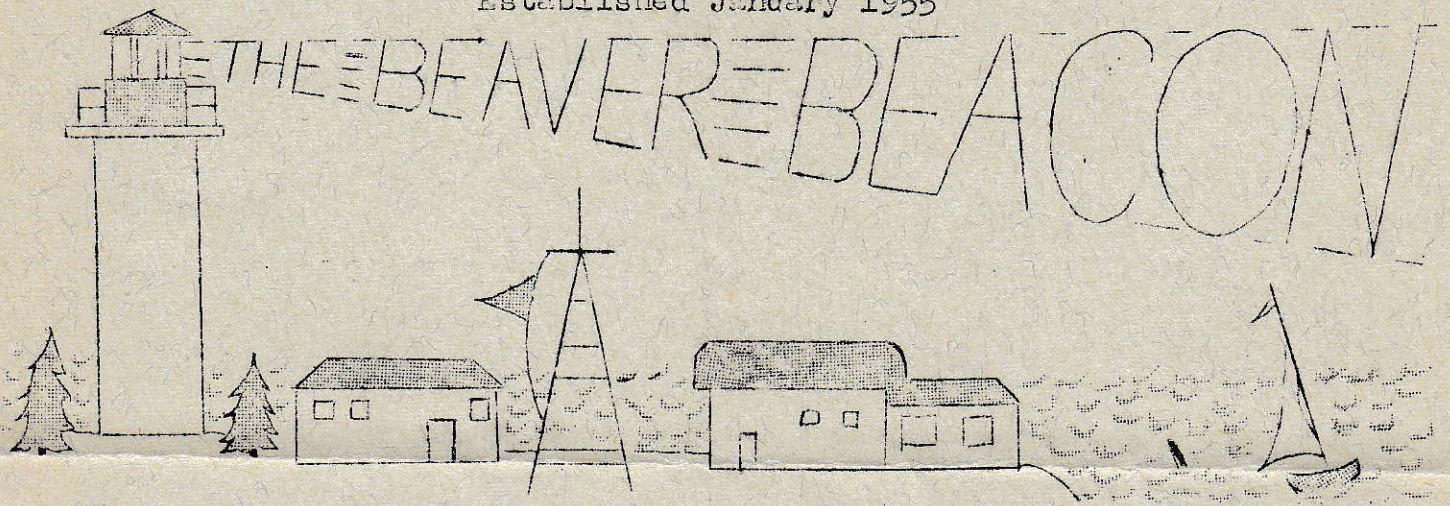


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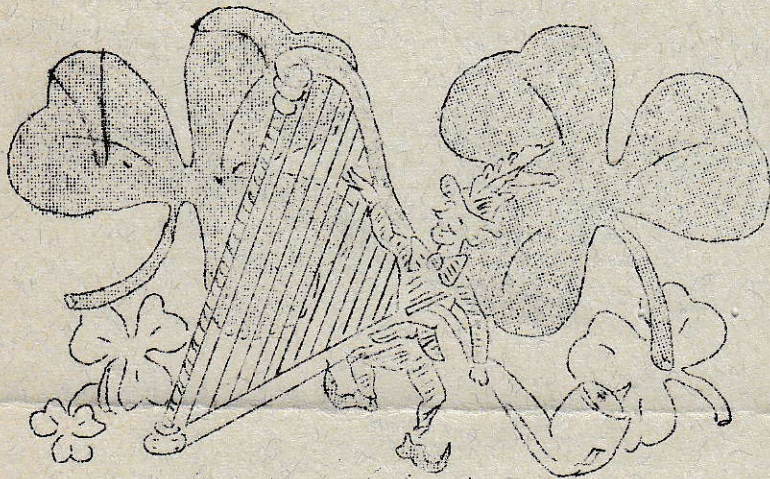
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DAY O! THE MONTH.....  
of course it is.....you  
guessed it....it's Saint  
Pat's Day March 17th.  
What else could it be on  
the Emerald Island? The  
usual celebration begins  
in the morning at Holy  
Cross Church. All Island-  
ers are invited..A gen-  
eral party in the hall  
starts off the evening  
with a chance to use the  
new community song books  
recently purchased by  
the Civic Association.

BOARD ELECTIONS..at the BICA 4th annual meeting produced the following  
members: Donald Cole, Lloyd McDonough, Lillian Left, Joe Dillingham,  
Dorothy McGregor & D. Archie LaFreniere. With 1 yr. remaining to serve  
are: Rogers Carlisle, Skip McDonough & Fr. Joseph. At a Board Meeting  
the following officers were chosen: D. Archie LaFreniere, Pres; Rogers  
Carlisle, Vice-Pres; Skip McDonough, Sec; Lil Left, Treas. CHAIRMEN  
appointed by the Board are: Loy Malloy for membership; Donald Cole for  
the Harbor Committee; Bud McDonough for the Game Club. For the Com-  
merce Committee, Musette LaFreniere; Activities, Mrs. Bert McDonough;  
Medical Center Committee, Dr. Luton & Beacon chairman, Father Joseph.  
The Second Amendment to the Constitution was passed, placing the an-

nual meeting for the election of Board Members in January instead of February.

BORN...a son, Ronald Bruce to Bruce & Gretchen McDonough in Ludington Michigan.

RECIPES RECEIVED...for the B. I. Historical Society Cook Book have come from Sr. Marie Genevieve, O.P., Mrs. Luton & Mrs. McGregor of the Island, Mrs. Norman Kraft of Detroit, Mrs. Reginald Watson of New Orleans, La., and Mrs. Theron Drew of Burlington, Wisconsin. Mrs. Drew is a descendant of King Strang. Some of our readers have been under the impression that only Beaver Island recipes were being accepted. The Beacon would like to make it clear that the Historical Society is asking for your recipes from any where any everywhere. So ladies, send them in. Names will be published in the Beacon. Watch each issue.

MARRIED...Mary Bonner, daughter of Pat and Rose Bonner, to Robert Wuncel at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Grand Rapids, Feb. 23rd. Carol Cross, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Cross to Paul N. Stephan at St. Mary's in Charlevoix also on Feb. 23rd. Mrs. John Cross the mother of the bride operates the famous "Nautical Restaurant" in Charlevoix where many Island guests have reported enjoying the finest fish dinners.

POLIO PROMOTION...A "get-together" party at the Shamrock with Dick LaFreniere chairman, brought the Island contribution to \$44.00 for the Polio Fund Drive.

HOLY SMOKE?...Somebody yelled "Fire in the Episcopal Mission Area" and the volunteer Fire Dept (anybody & everybody) dropped everything and picked up a bucket. It turned out to be Raymond Lewis's cabin. Damage made it necessary for Raymond to move into the vacant Gablow place. Cause of fire given....an over-heated stove. Feb. 22nd.

AIR LIFT (and drop too)...Clint Pasineau of Cheboygan, Michigan dropped broad via "airlift" to Charlie Martin and son tending their cattle on Hog Island. The Martins went to the Island via ice.

TELEPHONE TOPIC...The Civic Association Telephone Committee has released the following information: The Bell Telephone Company has indicated its willingness to establish electronic phone service to the Island providing the citizens of the Island will form a local Telephone Company with sufficient phone installations to warrant the service. The Civic Assn Telephone Committee is most anxious therefore, to hear our readers comments and particularly to learn how many Island home owners, both summer as well as year round, are desirous of having a phone installed. Write J. F. Gillespie Chairman Telephone Committee. DO IT IMMEDIATELY!

PICNIC TABLES...are to be built by Civic Association members for placement around the harbor, playground and public camp sites. BICA will purchase the material. Labor will be donated.

MEM. BY.... "Aunt Maggie" Boyle, wife of Dan P. (Turner) Boyle, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at the venerable age of 91½ yrs. Aunt Maggie as she was known to Islanders, was born on the Island at the location now occupied by the Willie John Gallagher residence. She attended school at Sand Bay on the east shore. At 19 she went to Chicago where she married William Quinlan. Following his death 15 yrs. later she returned to live on the Island where she married Turner Boyle. They lived on a farm near Pat Bonner's corner on the road to the airport and moved to the village only in recent years after fire destroyed the farm house. Aunt Maggie figured in many prominent affairs on the Island, being present at the death of Dr. Protar after having ministered to him in his last illness. She christened the new ferry "Emerald Isle" when it was commissioned in April 1955. She was a lifetime member of Holy Cross Alter Society. She is survived by her husband, two sons John Quinlan of Frankfort & Jack Boyle of Chicago; two daughters Mrs. Bert McDonough & Mrs. James W. Gallagher of B.I; 19 grand children, 6 great grandchildren & 2 brothers Captain Owen Gallagher & Peter Gallagher of Grand Rapids.

TAXATION INFO... issued by St. James Twp. Board: There have been a number of questions asked regarding taxation on B.I. It is thought that the following tabulation may explain the situation. During the past few yrs the State as well as all the Counties have found that there was just not enough money available to defray expenses. So, the State has set up what is called State Equalization Valuation and has asked all Counties to assess accordingly. The following tabulation will show how the money is used. The rise in taxation is not so much a case of assessed value being raised by of a higher RATE OF TAXATION which is caused more by the State & the County than by the Twp. This rate applies equally to local residents as well as to resort property. All are taxed alike. The following shows how the tax money is apportioned:-

- 6.5 Mills for School Operating Fund. This must be levied to obtain normal State aid.
- 7.5 Mills voted for new school Bldg. The old bldg is 2 story. The State frowns on this & also demands so many changes that a new building is required.
- 5 Mills for Township operation such as street lights, road work, harbor improvements etc.
- 6.5 Mills for County expenses.
- 1 Mill for new County Court House construction, nearly completed. A small additional assessment has been voted by the County for construction of a new County Convalescent Home. The above millage is based on State Equalized Valuation.

SCHOOL NEWS... Jr. Class sponsored a Valentine Party and a Mardi Gras Carnival to raise funds for the Jr.-Sr. Prom. Gary McDonough and Bill Pischner are School Reporters for the Beacon Committee.

CANCER LECTURE... was given in the School Building by Mrs. Rice, County Nurse and Mrs. Sargent field representative of the American Cancer Assn on Feb. 28th and attended by 30 women.

ARCHIE'S APARTMENTS... sort of a 2-story Motel will be ready by June. It includes 4 apartments of 2 bedrooms each with bath, kitchen and living room. Location: SW shore of the harbor, down the hill from McCourts log cabin. Work being done by Walter Wojan Construction Crew.