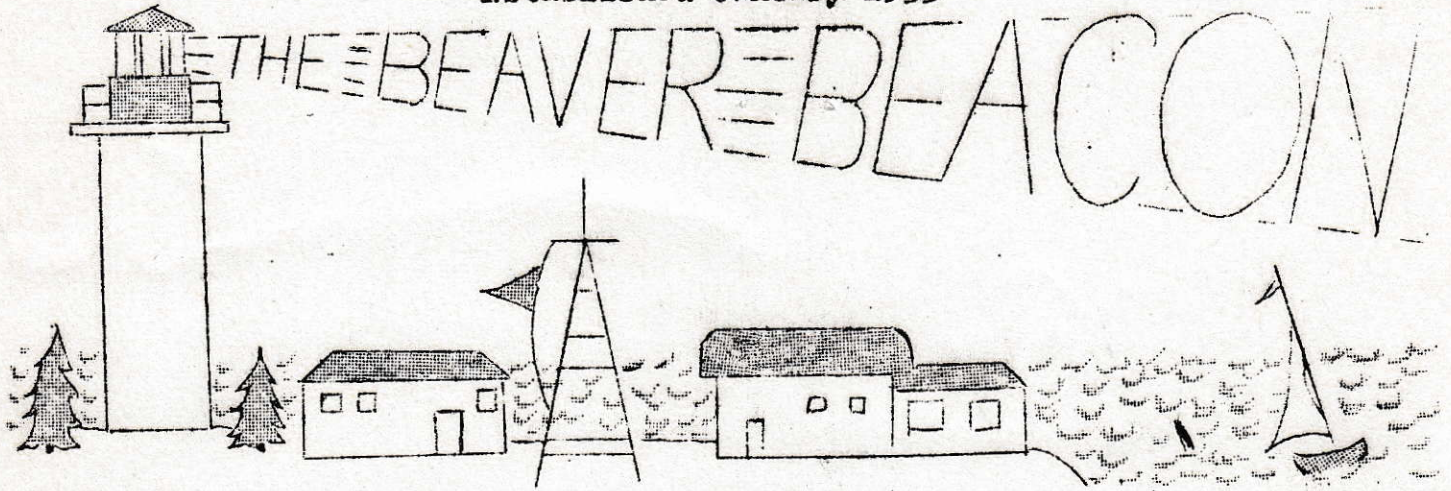


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the Beaver Island Civic Association.

CIVIC ASSOCIATION COURTESY GUIDE to Island Business is now available.  
Your copy is enclosed with this issue of the Beacon. Look for it.

B. I. HISTORICAL SOCIETY President...R.P. Hoffmann has released the following statement: "The B. I. Historical Society needs your support for the coming season. We are hoping at least to get the Strang Print Shop building leveled and a new roof put on. Please renew your membership if it has expired. Remember this is your Society and it needs your support if it is to grow and accomplish what we set out to do, namely, acquire the Printing House property and restore it to a museum to perpetuate the wonderful historical lore of the Island. Please contact Mrs. Vera Wojan, our treasurer, Beaver Island, St. James, regarding membership." ( turn to p. 2.)

FORE BY 2..A.J.Roy and R.P. Hoffmann are planning a miniature Golf Course at the rear of the Strang Printing House property. It will be erected for the coming season. It is hoped that the endeavor will help the Historical Society financially so that it can restore the Printing House. Public rest rooms will be included in the project.

BEAVER LODGE....has been purchased by Dr. Ludwick and his son Dr. John of Jackson, Mich. They plan an open house celebration for the afternoon of May 26th. Mrs. Grace Cole is manager.

BOTH CONSERVATION PATROL BOATS...arrived Wed. May 1st with a crew of 5 Conservation men and equipment to start on 2 public camp sites. One is to be located on the North Arm of Lake Genesareth and the other at Sand Bay one mile south of McDonough's Cabins..

NEW COASTGUARD BOAT...for the Beaver Island Station is a 40 ft. Utility type trucked from Curtis Bay, Maryland to Grand Haven and sailed

from there to the Island. Two more Coastguardsmen Orin Daniels and Leonard Cislo have been assigned to the Station.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY (from p. 1.)..lists Lloyd McDonough and D. Archie La Freniere as Life Members; Dick LaFreniere, Jewell Gillespie & Mark Strang of California as Sustaining Members. There are also 10 Contributing and 31 Regular Members. Names will be published in each Beacon.

MARRIED...Mary Margaret Greene to Edward Breden at St. John Bosco's in Chicago, Apr. 27th.

BORN...to Mr. & Mrs. Rod Nackerman a son Daniel James, Apr. 25th in Pontiac. To Mr. & Mrs. Peter Green a son James Patrick Apr. 11 in Grand Rapids.

SCHOOL NEWS...Seniors from St. Mary's, Lake Leelanau (13 girls and 9 boys) will be guests at St. James High Prom on May 9th. Students are planning a Mother's Day Dinner. In June a driver's course will be offered with a dual-control car for all High School Students. Those completing the course will be eligible for a drivers license upon reaching the age of 16. Deputy Elston Pischner has been named driver's license examiner to facilitate the issuing of licenses to Islanders. Grades 5-6-7-8 have a new record player.

SODALITY MEMBERS...met Monday Apr. 29 and planned a clean-up around their Marian Year Shrine. Committees were appointed for weekly dances during the summer. New officers elected were: Brian Gallagher, Prefect; Mary Gallagher Secretary & WMC Correspondent; Alvin LaFreniere Treasurer.

BASKETBALL ALL CHAMPS for 1957 are Larry McDonough's GREEN Team and Colleen Nackerman's BLUES.

CIVIC ASSOCIATION HARBOR CLEAN-UP...scheduled for Saturday May 4th to begin at the Point at 1:00 PM. Activities Committee to be on hand with do-nuts and coffee.

BEAVER BIZ...disclosed that 11 trapping licenses were issued and 31 animals were taken. The largest was bagged by Dick LaFreniere and Walt Wojan weighing 59 lbs. Doc Luton and daughter Mrs. McGregor have enough for a coat. Who gets it?

FOR FISHERMEN...Smelt have been surprisingly good for about a week in the Jordan River. Little Gale Dillingham went the limit to get hers along with her parents. She had to be dipped out along with the smelt but still holding her flashlight. (Someone tell Burl Ives & Everyready) Gale has another trick. She has trained her German Shepherd to carry eggs from the hen-house to her-house. Perch fishing has been excellent with more fishermen appearing every day. Don Hansen of Lakeview near Grand Rapids has been flying them in all week.

MEDICAL CENTER...received a gift of a pair of crutches from Ann Gal-

lagher, wife of Joe (Bowery) Gallagher when they visited the center for the first time last week. Joe sold his property across from the Medical Building to Norbert Gallagher of Rochester, Indiana. Joe & Ann live in Manitowoc, Wis.

TELEPHONE ? YES...Negotiations between Bell, the Coast Guard & the BICA Telephone Committee are progressing and a favorable report is expected by the next issue of the Beacon.

EMERALD ISLE FERRY...takes a side trip of 5 days for a check-up at the shipyards in Sturgeon Bay and a wheel change. Diameter measures 54 in. Expected back on the run Thurs or Fri. May 2-3.

A HUNDRED THOUSAND WELCOMES...to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Patterson who have moved from Cedar Lake Indiana to make their permanent home on the Island. They purchased the Francis Ricksgers farm 5 miles south of the village, three years ago. They have one son in the navy stationed in Hawaii, one living in Illinois and three other sons and one daughter living in Indiana. To this add 10 grand children and you can use up quite a lot of the 100,000 welcomes to them from the BEACON.

FIRST FISH TUG to enter the harbor this season was owned by Allen Jensen of Manistique on April 11th.

THOUGHT FOR FOOD...was behind the opening of the new dining house across from the Post Office in Ray Cull's building. Managed by Florence Rolland it will be operated under the name "Killarney Inn"

OBITUARY...Mrs. Emma Burke, wife of Ed (Bub) Burke at Ludington, Michigan May 1st. She is survived by her husband, 3 sons Gene, Jack and Doug. & 1 daughter Mrs. Marvin Cross of Ludington. Mrs. Burke had been ill for many months and lately had visited her sister in New York State for a period of rest. Mrs. Burke was originally from that state having come to Beaver Island shortly before 1927 at which time she married Ed Burke in Holy Cross Church and made her home on the Island.

BIRD BATH...award will be given by the BICA to the property owner showing the most improvement in yard clean-up. The winner will be announced and presented with the bird bath at the July 4th Picnic. Let's get busy on those yards.

TELEPHONE INFORMATION BULLETIN

1. For connection with mainland facilities the Bell Telephone Company insists on the formation of a local company on Beaver Island.
2. The Beaver Island Telephone Company would represent approximately a \$6,000 investment.
3. To raise the money the BICA Telephone Committee proposes that stock be sold at \$10 per share.
4. Bell will install a DIAL SYSTEM of 7 party lines, each having 6 phones. The entire system would have 2 circuits to the mainland for long distance calls which could be dialed from any phone. The entire Island system of 42 phones would have inter-communication.
5. Since the number of phones is limited to 42 the committee feels that each phone subscriber should also purchase at least 1 share of stock. This is a sound investment and will definitely bring a return.
6. Phone Installation for residences would cost \$5.00 and for business \$8.50. Therefore \$15.00 would install a phone in a residence and \$18.50 in a business, the 1 share of stock included. Stock may be purchased by anyone not having a phone installed. The monthly fee for the phone would be approximately \$3.00 to \$4.00.
7. The sum of \$500 is needed at once to cover engineering service and the forming of a corporation. Payments into this sum now may be applied to stock later.  
THE COMMITTEE must know at once:
  1. The definite number of subscribers  
(Year-round will have preference over seasonal)
  2. The definite number of stockholders.  
(Stockholders not required to have phones)

(clip and mail at once to TELEPHONE CHAIRMAN, St. James, Mich)

I will purchase a phone installation as described( ) check  
I will purchase ( ) shares of stock at \$10 per share.

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