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A JOYOUS EASTER TO ALL.

The beautiful cold, clear and windless days of winter have given way to the warmer, cloudy and windy days of early spring. The great thaw is on. Only the more hardy--and beaver trappers--venture forth on muddy roads these days. The ice in the bay is receding--fishing shanties have all been pulled ashore. The crows are all back--and a lovely doe paraded across the harbor from King's Point to the Coast Guard station.

TUG IN TROUBLE----- Three Manistique men in a 40 ft. fishing tug survived a fierce Lake Michigan storm Sunday night March 20th. They left Manistique Sunday morning to set nets west of Beaver Island. Winds up to 40 miles an hour lashed them through Sunday night. The men sought shelter off the northwest portion of the Island but their craft went aground at Indian Point. Leaving their boat they walked to St. James. The Charlevoix Coast Guard picket boat was sent to aid the fish tug but was replaced by the Sundew when ice conditions made it impossible for the smaller craft to go beyond St. James harbor. After releasing the tug all three boats spent the night at St. James.

Wednesday morning, March 30th the Arundel, a Coast Guard Cutter came over to bring supplies and break up the ice in the harbor. The craft is in charge of Captain David McCormick, of Sturgeon Bay. His father was keeper at the Beaver light from 1898 to 1910. It was good to see Tom Calabro who was aboard the cutter. Tom was former chief of the life boat station here. The Arundel left here for Petoskey where it will break ice for the freighter Galster to enter.

THE IRISH DID IT AGAIN*--- Once more the Chicago-Beaver Island Club St. Patrick's Day Party was a great success. Those from the Island who went to Chicago for the party were Bert and Mary McDonough, Jewell Gillespie, W.J. Gallagher, Vernon LaFreniere, Eva and Lloyd McDonough, Russell Palmer and Loy Malloy.

Russell Palmer recently discharged from the army arrived home last month.

SAILORS REPORTING BACK FOR DUTY----Earl Boyle on the George F. Rand, Don Burke on the Dow Chemical, Patrick LaFreniere on the Wifred Sykes, Robert Malloy on the Williams, a government survey boat and last but by no means least our own Emerald Isle Crew. Captain Lawrence McDonough, John Gallagher and Russell Green.

Lawrence Collins and Patsy Doney who were down but not out are back in business again. Since their house burned down they have acquired a small cottage from Jewell Gillespie and moved it to their former location.

Many thanks to Milt Bennett for the baby basket he donated to the Medical Center.

HOLY CROSS PARISH ITEMS---- A meeting was held in the parish hall March 31, for the purpose of agreeing on needed improvements in the hall. Rest rooms, together with a well, pump and septic tank were considered. A complete overhaul of the electric wiring was also suggested.

Father Fabian Keenan O.F.M.Conv., pastor of the island parish from 1942--1948 suffered a severe heart attack March 6. Remember him with a prayer for a speedy recovery. A get well card will reach him at St. Francis Hospital, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

This summer, in connection with the annual Homecoming, a centennial celebration will be held. A parish history is being prepared for the occasion. We are sadly in need of old photos of parish interest. Please look through your old belongings and send an interesting picture to Fr. Louis. You will be certain to get the photo back.

Our St. Patrick's supper with ham and all the trimmin's was a big success.

Funeral services for Edward (Bub) Burke who died at Little Traverse Hospital, Petoskey, were held at Holy Cross Church March 15th. Mr. Burke operated a taxi and car rental service on the island. Mr. Al Phillips from Harbor Springs attended the funeral. He landed his plane on the ice in the harbor.

Ann Gatliff returned to school recently for half day session.

We are happy to learn through Papa Seybold, of Jackson, that son Jory who was hospitalized in Akron, Ohio, because of a car accident is home now and much improved.

Our get well wishes go to Mrs. Emil (Deloras) Pischner, of Charlevoix, who was burned recently in an explosion of her gas range. Also to Willard Pischner, who had his appendix removed.

Frank McCourt of Chicago, wishes to thank all who were so kind and thoughtful in his recent bereavement.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mary and Jack Bradley on their twins, Therese Myrtle and Thomas Charles born March 11th at the Charlevoix Hospital.

Not too many copies of King Strang's are left. Better order now if you want one.

THE DEER are now pouring out of their winter yards and locating in their favorite areas throughout the island. They all look well fed,

SMILES: "You're a pretty sharp boy, Tommy" "Well, I ought to be. Pa takes me to his room and straps me a couple times a week."

A man insisted to his psychiatrist that he had swallowed a horse. None of the latter's persuasive tactics could induce him to change his mind, so, in desperation, the psychiatrist agreed to "operate". The idea was simply to put the patient under for a few minutes; then, while he was still unconscious, to introduce a horse into the operating room.

When the patient came to, the doctor pointed to the horse and said: "Well, that won't worry you any more". The Patient shook his head. "That's not the one I swallowed", he said. "That's a bay. My horse was white".

A letter from Mrs. Evelyn Johnson (former owner of Beaver Lodge) who has been in Fairbanks, Alaska nearly two years, informs us she is planning a two months vacation in Michigan this summer and plans to spend some time on Beaver Island. Mrs. Johnson writes that she has been invited to attend the Eskimo Whaling Feast in Point Hope in June. There are no hotels in Point Hope, one must take his own bed roll and food--unless they want to eat Eskimo Chow which is muktuk, seal oil and frozen fish. Guess we'd prefer to take along our own food, too!

BEAVER ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL

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ST. JAMES

Beaver Island Historical Society wishes to thank the many friends who have brought so many fine things for display in the museum. In particular do we thank our Governor, G. Mennen Williams for the flag that has flown over the capitol at Lansing.

We thank our postmaster for the loan of a display case.

Mr and Mrs Sherrill Smith furnished the museum with 3 cases of minerals, igneous and sedimentary rocks and fossils and a case of butterflies and moths found on the Island.

Should anyone come to the museum and find the front door closed see the attendant at Harbor Hills Gold course in the rear of the Mormon Print Shop.

NEW MEMBERS---in July are Mr and Mrs Al O heid, Charlevoix; Mr and Mrs John Mulocy, 1910 Southwood, Chicago, Ill; Miss Margaret Morrow, 716 Main St., St. Joseph, Mich.; Bishop and Mrs. McNeil, St James; Mr and Mrs Melvin Rennels, P.O. Box 5252, Lansing 5, Mich; Mr and Mrs Cleo Himelime, 1424 W. 12th St.; Mary Catherine Boyd, 7211 S. Gates Blvd., Chicago 9, Ill.; Esther S. Gratza, 8132 S. LaSalle, Chicago 20, Ill.; Brother Hubert Fabian F.S.C., Colegio San Jose, Bluefields, Nicaragua; Mr and Mrs F.E. Cheney, 102 E.N. St. Flida, Ohio; Mr and Mrs Perry Webb, 2351 W. Spring St., Lima, Ohio; Mr and Mrs Franklin B. Wheatlake, RR#3, Big Rapids, Mich.; Mr and Mrs Maurice Tyler, 8026 Greenfield Shores Dr., Scotts, Mich.