

# The Beaver Beacon



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## HOLY CROSS CHURCH CELEBRATES ITS CENTENNIAL THIS MONTH

August 7th and 14th the Island Church will commemorate it's 100th Anniversary. Established as a parish in 1860 by the Most Rev. Frederic Baraga, the 1st Bishop of Marquette, the Rev. Patrick Murray was the 1st appointed pastor. On Sunday August 7th, a High Mass will be sung for all the deceased of the parish at 10:00 a.m. At 2:30 in the afternoon a visit to the cemetery will be made where prayers for the dead will be recited and the graves blessed. In the evening from 7:00 to 8:00 o'clock a Holy Hour of Thanksgiving will take place.

Former pastors and neighboring priests will be on hand August 10th. A Solemn High Mass at 10:30 will be followed by a dinner for the priests at the Killarney Inn at 1:30. From 3:00 till 5:00 open house will be held at the rectory. All are invited.

August 14th marks the Annual Homecoming in the Centennial Celebration. The Most Rev. Allen J. Babcock, Bishop of the Diocese will preside at the 11:00 o'clock Solemn High Mass. The Christian Brothers, of the local retreat house, will sing the Mass. Beginning at 12:15 p.m. the annual roast beef dinner will be served. The parade of floats is scheduled for 3:15. The celebration will close with a dance beginning at 9:00 o'clock.

BEAVER HARBOR on Wednesday evening was a beautiful sight with more than fifty sailing yachts and cruisers filling every available space at all docks in the bay. Our ears are ringing yet with the noise that came from the "Windy City"--Yes, King Whalen and his Queen were on hand.

During the big celebration at the King Strang Hotel after the Chicago-Mackinac race, the yachtsmen aboard the Sabre and the Gypsy, under the leadership of Bill Whalen, incorporated as a perpetual paying member, the Beaver Island Yacht Club---headquarters King Strang Hotel.

Application for charter membership to the Michigan Great Lakes Yachting Association has been negotiated. Any one interested in becoming a member contact Mrs. Ruth Wauty, King Strang Hotel, St. James, Michigan.

Yachts representing a bit of Ireland were the "County Mayo", owned by Martin Lavan of Brighton, Michigan, and the "Maggie O'Neil" owned by Hank Shurmur, from Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Shurmur and two children arrived July 20th aboard their cruiser. Mr. Shurmur is with W W J T.V. and Detroit News and will shoot colored movies with sound for a travelogue they are putting together.

The County Road Commission recently delivered a new rubber wheeled tractor for snow-plowing heavy winter drifts and loading trucks for road improvements.

OILMEN with the Texas and Oklahoma drawl are now common among us. Work is under way on the location of well No. 1 which is located approximately 150 yards southwest at the end of the King's Highway known as Hannegans corner.

CONSTRUCTION of new cottages is progressing well for Joe West and Bill Hyler of Greenville; John Adams of Kalamazoo; Wesley Webb and Dr. Haynes of Traverse City; and Bill and Bob Wilke of Walled Lake.

Walter Wojan is the owner of a new cat tractor and is presently using it for the McClure Oil Co.

THE NEW CENTENNIAL BOOK of Holy Cross Church has been released and is now available for \$1.00. Write to Fr. Louis Wren.

The Ray Miller Trio of Cheboygan who provided such fine music in the Shamrock a year ago will play for the Grand Ball at the annual Homecoming.

The Beaver Island Telephone Co. held their annual meeting on July 8th. There was no change in board and officers already serving the Company.

THE PINK POODLE Gift Shop was moved to a new location and is now occupying the old LaFreniere Store.

The Girls from the Birch Hills Camping Club are with us again this year.

Doctor Luton was on almost 24 hour duty on the 17th and 18th of July. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Cole a son, Garrett Francis, on July 17th. A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Walt Wojan, Linda Lou, on the 18th.

MR. ROBERT TUCK is collecting and studying small mammals on Beaver Island. Bob is a student at the U. of M., and is working under a Federal Grant.

MR. JOHN OZAGA, a student at Michigan State, is studying predators on the Island. He is working as a student conservation aide for the Game Division.

FISHING has been a little irregular but generally good at Garden Island and Lake Genesereth.

MAURICE TYLER of Kalamazoo reports making the first catch at the new bass refuge established by the Game Club last winter.

DUE TO LEGAL technicalities there will not be a September grouse season on Garden and High Islands this year.

The King Strang Hotel had turtle soup on it's menu recently. Ask Mr. Carr at the Hotel how he caught a 37 pounder.

A BOAT LOAD of Sea Scouts from Green Bay Wisconsin spent a day and two nights on the Island. They enjoyed a tour of the Island as compliments of the Conservation Department.

FIRE destroyed the second story of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Belfy recently.

ROBIN LAMB, 13 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lamb of Warsaw, New York is the guest of Johnnie McNeil at Bishop and Mrs. McNeil's cabin on Sand Bay.

BY REQUEST from a new member of the B.I.C.A. we quote: "The Queen Pirate of Bismire graced our Island for three days in July".

Peter Sorensen and Carol Mount of Greenville and B.I., were married July 30th at Greenville. The couple will spend a week honeymooning here.

The Gallagher Dock has been reactivated for the season by Phillip Gregg and Professor Hill of Lansing, Michigan.

A.J. Callagher recently visited at home for a few days enroute to a new assignment aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Woodrush out of Duluth, Minnesota.

Pvt. Billy Fischner is home on 15 days leave from Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. He is to report back to Ft. Gordon, Georgia.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES DeCLAIRE have purchased the Wanty property at Nomad. We are glad to have you with us, Folks!

MUSEUM NOTES: Mrs. Constance McDonnell, of Buffalo, has just sent us a great many articles of historical interest. Among the items are a Civil War bayonet, a Cooper Hammer light used on boats, and a day book which dates back to 1876. All very interesting.

Mrs. Maria Gallagher has loaned some interesting things, among which is an old ox yoke her grandfather owned.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nackerman have loaned us another display case; also the crib that Mr. Nackerman used as an infant.

Maybe we can induce Frank to climb back in this and be rocked to sleep sometime.

Mr. B. R. Maxsell of Pontiac brought along 8 boxes of books for the future library.

Walter Wojan made two fine frames for maps of 1852 furnished us by the Michigan Historical Society. Many thanks.

Mrs. Smith has made up 3 boxes of different kinds of rocks and minerals found on the Island. The museum has over 150 different items of interest and all visitors to the Island should see the display.

Many visitors ask to see an IRISH SHILLELAGH. Does anyone have one?

*Handwritten notes:*  
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