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WEATHER: Following is our weather analysis for the month of July as reported by Vernon Fitzpatrick:

The hottest days of the month were July 6th and 7th with a temperature of 84 degrees.

The coolest night was July 30th with a temperature of 44 degrees.

Average daytime temperature for July was 74 degrees.

Average nighttime temperature was 54 degrees.

We had rain on five days with a total accumulation of .89"

The heaviest rainfall was on the 19th with .41".

*****W E L C O M E, B E A V E R I S L A N D E R!*****

Our new ferry, the BEAVER ISLANDER, has begun her Charlevoix-Beaver run after several frustrating delays, but the waiting was forgotten when she appeared in the harbor on July 27th. She is big and she is beautiful! Christening ceremonies were held August 5th at St. James. Boat Company officials and employees were introduced by Archie LaFreniere, Secretary-Treasurer of the company. Father Louis Wren said a prayer and blessed the boat. Mrs. Paul Heflin sang the "Star Spangled Banner" and then the big moment arrived. Petite Mrs. Mary McDonough, mother of the captain of the BEAVER ISLANDER, Lawrence McDonough, handed her purse and her bouquet of roses to her son, took a good look at the bow of the boat, and gave a hefty swing to the bottle of champagne. The bottle broke amid cheers and applause from the crowd. Capt. Forrest Pratt, standing near, had removed his hat in honor of the occasion. As the bottle broke, Forrest was amazed to find much of the champagne had sprayed into his hat. Unfortunately, the hat leaked, and the sparkling wine slowly dripped into the waters of Lake Michigan.

Following the ceremonies, approximately 80 people were guests of the Boat Company on an excursion to Charlevoix and a smorgasbord at the Argonne restaurant. Our thanks to the Charlevoix businessmen who provided transportation from the boat dock to the Argonne.

Several Islanders were given their turn at the wheel of the new boat. Archie LaFreniere was accused of trying to do some "sea writing" by spelling "Shamrock", but when Lloyd McDonough saw the letter "S" in the wake of the boat, he took over. He started to write "Eva" but

Captain McDonough soon resumed his duties and got the BEAVER ISLANDER safely into port at Charlevoix!

There were many compliments and kind words about the new BEAVER ISLANDER and one of the cutest was made by little Priscilla Nelson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Nelson. She said, "Gee, it's got a much bigger basement than the other boat!"

WHEN IT'S CHERRY PICKING TIME IN STURGEON BAY, don't look for Captain Forrest Pratt. As many of you know, delivery of the BEAVER ISLANDER was planned for July 20th. A number of Islanders, including Capt. Pratt went to Sturgeon Bay for the maiden voyage to Beaver Island. When mechanical difficulties delayed delivery, the Captain decided to wait in Sturgeon Bay until repairs were made. Unfortunately, he ran out of money. It was cherry picking time, and the Captain said he got a job picking cherries in order to be financially able to enjoy himself at the Sturgeon Bay houses of refreshment. Since the monetary reward for cherry picking was not sufficient for both food and refreshment, he attempted to satisfy his hunger by eating cherries. Capt. Pratt claims he lost 15 pounds, and indeed he did look thinner when he got back to the Island. A word of warning. Don't ever offer the Captain cherry pie. Something strange seems to happen to him. His eyes get a glassy stare, his face goes through peculiar contortions, and it's several moments before he regains control!

ANNUAL AUGUST HOMECOMING sponsored by Holy Cross Altar Society will be held on Sunday, August 12th. A roast beef dinner will be served at the Parish Hall by the ladies. There will be a charge of \$2.75 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Joe Grossel will be chairman of the parade committee and a dance will be held at the Hall in the evening.

THE EPISCOPAL MISSION CHURCH is sponsoring a bake sale at Vernon La-Freniere's grocery on Saturday, August 11th from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Donations for the bake sale will be appreciated.

BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY: We would like to remind both Islanders and visitors of the interesting items that can be seen at our local museum. When you visit the museum ask to see the large hand-carved wooden eagle that was used on the bow of the ship owned by Ward Bennett, former light house keeper in 1916. It was donated to the museum by Mr. Bennett's wife along with his sextants and compasses, including one compass lighted by a candle. Mr. Bennett passed away three years ago.

Other recent donations include a complete set of caulking tools brought in by the Elston Pischner family. The elder Pischner used these tools for caulking boats. Tom Walsh donated a number of articles discovered in the old home he purchased near the airport. Included were a small wall mirror, dated 1862, with a velvet backing and ground and polished edges, a first edition copy of Poetry by Coleridge, Shelley and Keats, and an old shaving brush with the date, 1859, carved on the handle.

Another very interesting item is the original Mormon office copy of the book "The Laws of the Covenant", apparently used by James Jesse Strang. This book was given by Mrs. E. L. Dawson of Charlevoix. It

also might interest you to know there is a tax receipt dated 1914, for a certain 40 acres in section 10 showing the total taxes for the year as \$2.85. Ah! the good old days!

The museum is still in need of old fashioned kitchen utensils. Anyone wishing to display their family heirlooms at the museum may contact Mr. A. J. Roy. Remember, you may only loan your treasures. They will be returned whenever you desire.

ACCIDENTS: Patrick Gallagher received deep cuts and abrasions when he slipped and fell through a window on the EMERALD ISLE.

Jerry LaFreniere was not injured when he sideswiped the parked car of Mrs. Josephine DeVogel. Considerable damage was done to both autos.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Mooney were seriously injured in an auto accident near Livonia, Michigan. They were hit by another driver who failed to stop for a red light at an intersection. Both have been released from the hospital but are still in casts.

BIRTHS: Islanders and ex-islanders still continue to populate the world! We had many births reported this month. Congratulations to the parents. Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Sally Cull) Hammermeister of Chicago are the parents of a boy, Michael Patrick, born June 21st. Sally is the daughter of the Mike Culls of St. James.

Larry and Nancy Cull are the parents of a boy, Bruce Patrick, born in Chicago June 23. Larry is the son of the Mike Culls of St. James.

Mr. and Mrs. Corniel Gatliff are the parents of a daughter, Connie Sue, born July 10th. Corneil is the son of Mrs. Mary Gatliff of St. James.

Emerald and Shirley Gallagher of Yeadon, Pennsylvania, are the parents of a girl Maureen Ann, born July 19th. Mrs. Elizabeth Gallagher of St. James is Maureen's grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike (Sally Martin) Delia are the parents of a girl, Rose Mary, born July 16th. Sally is the daughter of the Charles Martins of St. James.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ricksgers are the parents of a girl, Caroline Esther, born July 6th at Grand Rapids. The Ricksgers are former Islanders.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Belfy are the parents of a girl, Mary Ann, born in Detroit July 21st. Edna McCann of St. James is Mary Ann's aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rudolph are the parents of a girl, Jody, born August 2nd at the Medical Center. The Rudolphs are the managers of Beaver Lodge.

SERVICEMEN'S NEWS: We have received a new address for PFC Richard Napont, YS 55707758, U.S. Army School, Europe (Murnau) Student Class # 41-3., APO 172, New York, New York.

Cpl. Wm. G. Fischner's new address is Vent Hill Farm Station, Warrenton, Virginia. Helga Fischer, Bill's fiancée, will arrive in Charlevoix from Eshwege, Germany to visit his parents.

OBITUARIES: Mr. Henry Aherns passed away at the Grandvue Medical Facility in July. Mr. Aherns formerly lived on Beaver Island with his sister, Ella Somerville, who is his only surviving relative and also a patient at Grandvue.

Mr. Hubert McCauley of Pentwater, Michigan, passed away on July 19th. Mr. McCauley was a former Beaver Island resident. Surviving are his wife, the former Kitty Floyd, and six children.

The Island was shocked and grieved to learn of the death of Matt Jensen. Matt's body was found on the beach near Manistique, not far from his fish boat, the CAPT. EDWARD, which had gone aground. Autopsy reports showed cause of death to be a heart attack. Matt had left Beaver Island on Saturday, July 28th. On Sunday his boat was reported missing and was discovered on Monday morning. Matt was born on Garden Island, spent many years on Beaver and will be sadly missed by his friends. The sight of the CAPT. EDWARD steaming into our harbor with a load of whitefish had become quite a common and looked forward to event. Among his survivors is his cousin, Art Larsen, of St. James.

Our sincere sympathies to the families of the bereaved.

ISLAND DOCTOR: Dr. H. B. Haynes, formerly of Traverse City, has received the appointment as resident physician for Beaver Island. Doctor Haynes was chief surgeon and staff psychiatrist at Traverse City State Hospital for 17 years. He has owned property on Beaver Island and been a visitor here for four years. He and Mrs. Haynes are living in the home owned by M. B. (Doc) Collins. Doctor Haynes took over his duties officially on August 3rd. However his professional talents were called into use on August 2nd, when he was needed to deliver the Rudolph baby. Judy Rudolph was mighty glad he was here. We bid the Doctor and Mrs. Haynes "Ceade Mille Falthe", a Hundred Thousand Welcomes!

DOG ON A HOOK: Your editor, Burdene Stromberg, would like to publicly thank Boynton Booth, M.D. for removing the fish hook from "Irving" my young beagle pup. It could only happen on Beaver Island that the services of a medical doctor be used to treat an animal. It was quite unnerving to wake up one morning to find the pup with complete fishing equipment, including hook, line, sinkers and a bobber hanging from his mouth. Efforts to remove the hook were to no avail and we frantically called cabin owners in search of a veterinarian. None was available, however, and Doctor Booth came to the rescue with a pair of pliers and far more courage than "Irving's" owner! Dog, Doctor and your Editor recovered immediately, and only your Editor was somewhat worse for the wear. Dr. Booth's only comment upon completion of "surgery" was, "For Heaven's sake, I forgot to sterilize my instrument!"

THE RIGHT TO VOTE is a privilege denied to many people of this world. In most cases, the right to complain about the type of government and its officials is also denied. In America, neither the right to vote nor the right to complain is denied. But I sometimes wonder if we shouldn't publish the names of those who neglect to show proper concern for their country's welfare by their failure to vote or at least deny their right to complain about the government. Out of 128 eligible voters on Beaver Island, 27 Republicans and 9 Democrats exercised their privilege to vote in the August 7 Primary Election.

FISHING still continues to be good, both at Garden Island and at our own inland lakes. One group of fishermen reported catching over 20 pounds of bass at Barney's Lake in a few hours. Reports of good bass, pike and pan fishing catches continue to come in from fishermen at Lake Genesareth. The wily trout are still proving smarter than the angler, with only 29 caught last month.

One of the most interesting stories of fishing came from two skin divers from St. Clair Shores who were practicing their sport in the harbor. While diving they saw a school of perch and immediately got their fish poles. In less than two hours they had 60 big, tasty perch. We hope this means that the perch are returning to Beaver. Their absence the past two years has been an economic loss to the Island and we would most certainly welcome a perch run this fall.

WORD HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED of the death of Frank McCort. Mr. McCort passed away in Ireland where he had been making his home. The McCorts own the log cabin next to Elizabeth LaFreniere. Mrs. McCort preceeded her husband in death several years ago.

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FOR SALE:

6 room house on Harbor. Lot 100' by 440'. Comptly. furn. inc. lincns, G.E. refrig. with lge. freezer. Contact Mrs. Walter Lyons, 7523 S. Winchester Ave., Chicago 20. Telephone Radcliffe 3-4536.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The most wasted of all days is the day when we have not laughed.

-Old French Proverb

See you in September!