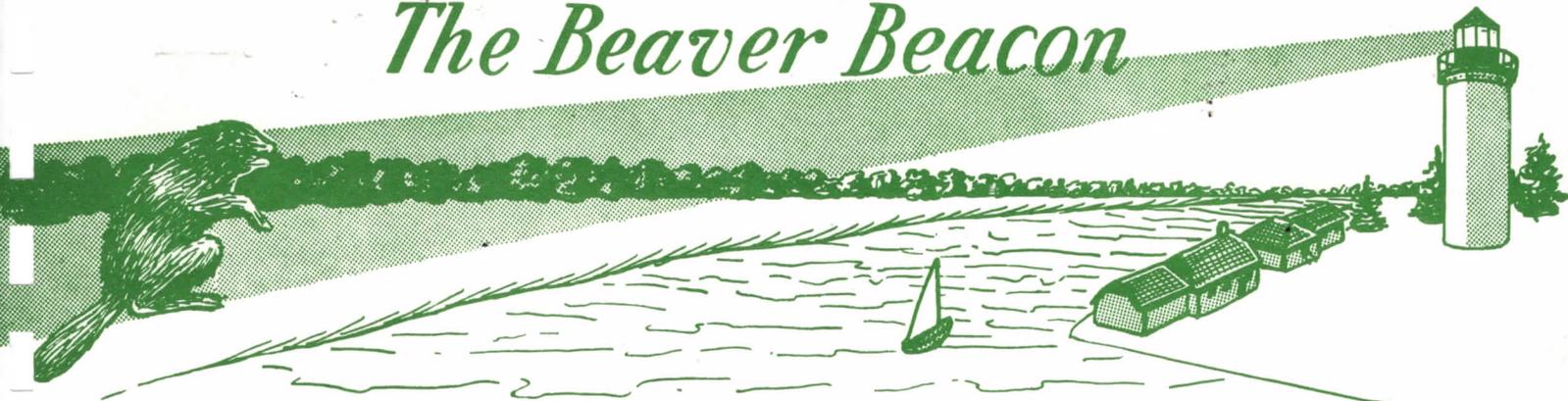


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HOMECOMING ISSUE

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The peak of the summer season has been met with cool weather and warm spirits as relatives and friends returned to the Island, along with an ever growing number of tourists, to help celebrate the Island's 32nd Annual Homecoming.

This event was first started in 1932 as a Centennial Celebration, in honor of Father Baraga's Church on Indian Point. The site of the first Church is now marked with a large Cross. Father McLaughlin organized this first celebration and one of the events of the day was a beauty contest. After much pondering, Edith Gallagher, daughter of James H. Gallagher, was declared the winner.

This day, the second Sunday in August, is set aside each year as a benefit for the Holy Cross Parish and is high lighted with a dinner and parade, and topped off with dancing at night.

The Holy Cross Festival held on Sunday, August 9th this year, was a success.

It was a variation from the former years. Instead of the usual dinner and Parade, there was a cafeteria style lunch counter, fancy booth, baked goods counter, fish pond for the children, beer and wine (for the thirsty) and an auction.

The Altar Society wishes to hearty thanks to the following people who made such generous donations.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Wanty
Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rennie
Dr. F. Luton
Dr. N. Sorenson
Beaver Lodge
Ken Gallagher
Mrs. L. Rountree
Lil Gregg
Olive Dillingham
Bess Haynes

5 Huge Cakes
75# Potato Salad and 20 Watermelons
Sunbeam Percolator
An Electric Frypan
Donation to Basket of Joy
Donations to both Basket
Gifts for Fancy Booth
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A special thanks to those who worked on the quilt with Mrs. Vernon La Freniere, which was won by Father Louis, and to those who helped at the other posts.

Mrs. Early
Mrs. Catherine White
Mrs. Bea Boyle

The Lockton Girls
The Cull Girls
Michele Peternard

Mrs. Norman Gallagher
Mrs. Dick Guarino
Mr. and Mrs. Perry Crawford

Celeste Gallagher
Mike Allen
Gary Huard

Everyone had a wonderful time so why don't you start making plans right now to come to Beaver Island for Homecoming next year.

One added note to the Homecoming news is that we believe that Lt. Comm. and Mrs. John McCann traveled the farthest to join us this Homecoming. They came from Goose Bay, Labrador.

WEATHER: The following is our weather report for the month of July as given to us by our Fire Officer Bill Wagner.

Total rainfall for the month was 3.12 inches.
1.09 inches fell on July 13th.
Highest temperature recorded on the 25th was 88 degrees.
Lowest temperature recorded on the 30th was 45 degrees.
Average daytime high temperature was 78 degrees.
Average nighttime low temperature was 58 degrees.
There were 15 days, temperature in the 80's.
There were 15 days, temperature in the 70's.
1 day the temperature was in the 60's (almost made the 70 mark - 69 degrees.)

GOLF NOTES: Dave Banghart of Ann Arbor and Neil Goodman of Plymouth tied with 88's for the Junior Championship of the Beaver Lodge Country Club and in a sudden death play-off Dave Banghart won the Dr. Sorensen Trophy with a perfect par.
The Sorensen Trophy will be an annual event of the local golf course. There will be a tournament held during the month of August for girls. Details will be posted on the Club bulletin board.

THANKS: The Beaver Beacon received a copy of a letter Mr. Leonard R. Barnes sent to Archie LaFreniere and we would like to share it with all the Beaver Beacon readers.

"It would be impossible adequately to thank you and all Beaver Islanders for the genuine hospitality you showed us over the last week-end. From the time we got on the boat and were greeted with snacks to the ride back on the boat with more snacks, the true spirit of Beaver Island came through.

Everyone I talked to said it was our best meeting in the 20 year history of the Organization. And you, Beaver Islanders, and Central Michigan University are almost totally responsible for it.
On behalf of MOWA our most genuine thanks for a wonderful time. We saw the Island, fished, talked to many folks, relaxed. It was perfect. Please thank everyone on the Island who helped to make it so. I'll be doing something on Beaver Island soon and will send it to you."

Sincerely,

Leonard R. Barnes, President
Michigan Outdoor Writers Association

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NOTES: The Beaver Island Historical Society will hold its Annual Party at the Parish Hall, Saturday, September 5th at 7:30 p.m. Admission free.

We plan an extra-ordinary party because we will have raised all the money to pay off the contract, and we will receive the deed of the old Mormon Print Shop. So we will burn the mortgage, which will liquid the debt on this property. This will assure Beaver Island a Museum for all time. Everyone is welcome to witness this event. Also, there will be games for all, and to see the drawing for the Zeneth Television Set. We hope everyone will attend. We will, also, give away to someone, the Door Prize, a Transistor Radio.

We welcome everyone to attend the Museum to see our new Life Membership Honor Roll, those who have contributed one hundred dollars or more to restore and preserve the Historical buildings and articles on the Island. We welcome two new life members this last week, one from the Island and one from Charlevoix. We do hope to see you soon in the Museum. This beautiful Life Membership plaque was presented to the Historical Society through the efforts of Mr. Albert Dobler, Robert Birdeye and Robert Coe, of Adcraft Engravers in Detroit, Michigan.

MISSING BEACONS: We have had two requests for copies of old Beacons. If anyone has any of the following Beacons will you please send them to the people listed below.

BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, St. James, Michigan - 1956 January - 1959 May and 1962 December.

DOYLE C. FITZPATRICK, Art. & Chart Dept., Bldg. 28, Lansing 21, Michigan 1955 - January, February; 1956 - July; 1958 - February, April, May, June, July, August, Sept., Nov., Dec.; All of 1959; All of 1960; All of 1961; All of 1962.

THE ANGUS: We received the following letter from Mr. D. J. Angus of Indianapolis, Indiana.

"Dear Friends:

I am enclosing an article that came out in the Grand Haven Tribune recently, covering my giving Yacht Angus to Michigan's Grand Valley State College.

This is a new College and they didn't have the funds to start their Hydrographic courses so I transferred the Angus to them.

Last year is the only year in twenty-five that we failed to call at Beaver Island. It is with considerable regret that this ship has passed out of our hands, however, we still expect to call at Beaver Island whenever we are in the north.

With kindest regards, I remain

Yours truly

D. J. Angus

DON ANGUS DONATES BOAT TO GVS COLLEGE: Grand Valley State College's horizons expanded this week.

Thanks to Don Angus, retired manufacturer and engineer from Indianapolis, who spends his summers on Spring Lake, the college is in possession of a well built 50-foot diesel-powered boat.

Mr. Angus donated the craft to the college. Papers were signed this week. President Dr. James Zumberge was delighted with the gift. He said the college can acquire certain scientific instruments to aid in water studies but there could be no state appropriation at present for a boat. The college plans to keep the boat in Spring Lake.

The 'Angus' was built at Manitowoc, Wis., back in 1938-39, by the Burger Boat Co. She is diesel-powered, is 50 feet long with a 13-foot beam and possesses bunk space for six people. She has traveled some 35,000 miles but is in excellent condition. She has a draft of five and a half feet. Mr. Angus, former president of the Esterline Angus Instrument Co., is an engineer. He and his boating buddy, Bob Annis, also of Indianapolis, spent months drawing up plans for the craft. During World War II Mr. Angus carried out many experiments with special instruments involving radar, electronics, depth soundings for the federal government. These instruments were placed aboard the 'Angus' and thoroughly tested. The craft was also used extensively by many of their business and personal friends following the war. They took pleasure trips across Lake Michigan and into Lake Huron.

"At one time 26 people slept aboard the boat!" Angus recalled with amusement.

Writing in the Indianapolis News a few months ago, correspondent George Tilford had the following to say about the 'Angus'.

"This ship (the Angus) reflects the dignity, strength and character of her master. She is neat, clean and every piece of equipment aboard functions perfectly.

"Being an inventor and electrical engineer, Angus years ago salvaged the parts of a WW2 surplus B-29 bomber automatic piloting system and adapted them to his ship. He also designed his radio direction finder. While sailing the Great Lakes he keeps in touch with home by the use of a 'ham' radio. Many evenings he calls friends in Indianapolis and relays messages of his guests aboard to their homes through his Indianapolis contacts.

"The boat was christened the 'Angus' and is well known at harbors all along the Michigan side of Lake Michigan. She is designed as a motor sailer but since she draws six feet of water, the sails failed to push her fast enough and most of the cruising has been under power of the huge four-cylinder diesel engine which develops 128 horsepower. The tail sail mast acts as a fine radio antenna and sails have been used only in stormy weather to steady the craft.

"Unlike modern engines which turn several thousand revolutions per minute, the diesel of the 'Angus' turns only 420 rpm and cruises at 330 rpm for a speed of nine knots per hour. The propeller is 40 inches in diameter and each time it revolves it gives the ship a healthy push.

"In all these years the engine has never been repaired. It reflects Angus' love and care of mechanical devices. It's a pleasure to see him oil and check various parts of the power plant before he releases compressed air to turn it over.

"Angus is past the three-quarter century mark and loves cruising the Great Lakes today as much as when he was much younger. He has sailed Lake Michigan since he was a boy."

Both Don and his brother Francis own houses side by side on Buchanan Street in Spring Lake. Their lots extend to the waterfront in back of their houses. Here the 'Angus' rides comfortably in her slip next to a large boathouse, looking out at the sailing course.

We want to thank Mr. Angus for the above article and the fine picture he sent us of the 'Angus'. We do hope you will be able to visit Beaver Island again very soon.

Mr. Angus's generous annual donations have been a tremendous help in equipping the Beaver Island Medical Center.

BIRTHS: Jean and Jim Stout, announce the birth of a new son born June 3rd, James Robert. Mrs. Stout is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. N. P. Sorensen of Greenville, Michigan.

SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN: Joseph W. LaFreniere was recently home on a 30 day leave visiting his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth LaFreniere. When Joe returned to base he was sent to Greece and following is his new address:

SP4 Joseph W. LaFreniere - RA 13710321
19th SAMSL. DET.
APO 693
New York, N. Y.

Isabel LaFreniere is home at the present time visiting her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth LaFreniere. Isabel is home on a 15 day leave and will return to South Carolina.

Jerry LaFreniere, son of Musette and Vernon LaFreniere is on a 15 day leave visiting his parents. He will return to Fort Storey, Va.

Brian Gallagher, son of the J. W. Gallagher's is home on leave.

Richard Ryan, son of Dorothy and Art Ryan, is home on leave. Richard is the grandson of Lawrence Malloy.

WEDDINGS: Wedding bells rang for John Paul Kenwabakissie and Hermie Moore of Odin. The couple were married July 31 at Odin, Michigan. Those who attended the wedding from the Island were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kenwabakissie, Pauline Kenwabakissie and Ralph Napont.

THANK YOU: Miss Adelia Beeuwkes, Miss Vivian Visscher and Mr. Robert Bliss of the Quarry Surgical Supply Company of Ann Arbor very generously donated a complete Oxygen Set to the Beaver Island Medical Center. Thank you so much.

OBITUARIES: Mr. Frank Bush, a regular summer resident from Roscommon, Michigan, suffered a fatal heart attack on the Island on August 2nd. He was flown by helicopter to Little Traverse Hospital where he passed away on August 3rd.

Dale Thomas, son of Mrs. Lucille Thomas of Sunduskey, Ohio was killed in Viet Nam the latter part of July. He survived by his wife and infant son. The Thomas family were summer residents of Beaver Island for many years.

HOSPITAL NOTES: Mrs. Kenneth (Eva) Gallagher, an annual visitor to Beaver Island, could not be with us this year at Homecoming, as she is recovering from a heart attack. At the present time she is in St. Francis Hospital, Milwaukee, Wisconsin but hopes to return to her home at 4363 North 61st St., Milwaukee 16, Wisconsin, very soon.

FISHING ANYONE? Elmer Smith who has been staying at Ralph Rutt's has the following report to make about fishing. He spent 12 days fishing in Lake Geneserath and caught the following: 601 Bullheads - kept 423, smoked 235, skinned 188. Caught 6 perch, 3 big mouth bass, 2 small bass, 1 Northern Pike, 1 small turtle and his limit of Blue Gills.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FOR SALE: Home, overlooking St. James Harbor on Beaver Island. 6 rooms, 2 story with 3 bedrooms, bath down stairs, partly furnished. Write or call Mrs. Sybil Larsen, St. James, Michigan. Phone 448-5502.

FOR SALE: Six room house on the harbor - just east of the new Episcopal Chapel - two large lots. If interested contact Norbert M. Gallagher, 920 Jackson Blvd., Rochester, Indiana.

FOR SALE: 1 roo Log Cabin on Kings Highway, known as McCourts Cabin. Partially furnished - inside toilet. Price \$2500.00. Mrs. Chester Chmura, 1745 W. 19th St., Chicago, Illinois.

FOR SALE: 160 acre farm, income property. Write Box A, Beaver Beacon, St. James, Michigan

FOR SALE: One Super D Graflex Camera $3\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{4}$ film pack, extra lens and filters and film pack holder and case (nearly \$200.00 original cost); Kodak Transparency Enlarger for $2\text{-}1/8$ x $3\text{-}1/8$ negative from 35 mm transparency; Solar double condenser enlarger takes up to $3\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{4}$ negative (retail over \$100.00); Federal Condenser enlarger for up to $2\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{4}$ negatives; timer for enlarger; enlarger easel; dark-room light; chemicals; two electric print driers; print press; cut film and roll film developing tanks; \$25.00 contact printer; photo flood bulbs and holders; very large quantity outdated double weight enlarging paper from 5 x 7 to 14 x 20, may be useful for experiments - total cost over \$500.00 will sell for \$150.00 -- R. W. Carlisle, St. James, Michigan.

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH

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