

The Beaver Beacon



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FLEETING TIME! Another month! Something must be said in praise of the January weather. The days were delightful, cold and still. Almost every day it snowed, if only a little. Hunters with their dogs, or just hiking, down the old roads or deserted pathways, it is indeed a winter wonderland. And everywhere and always - the solemn stillness. The month of February should be something different again, at least according to tradition. The morning of the 2nd, the sun came up strong in a cloudless sky and the groundhog after seeing his shadow went back to his hole for a prolonged winter.

BIG MEETING---Election of Officers for the Beaver Island Civic Association (B.I.C.A.) was held on January 7th at the parish hall. Elected to the Board of Directors were: Grace Nackerman, Lillian Gallagher and Vernon Fitzpatrick. The officers are:

President - Archie LaFreniere
V. President- Vernon Fitzpatrick
Secretary - Mrs. Dorothy McGregor
Treasurer .. Rogers Carlisle

Many plans and projects for the coming year were discussed.

HONOR ROLL:

Senior	-	Mary Gallagher
Junior	-	Erwin Martin
Sophomore	-	Colleen Nackerman
Freshman	-	Carol Ann O'Donnell
Seventh Grade	-	Edward Wojan
Sixth	"	William Gillespie
Fifth	"	Jean Wojan
Fourth	"	Roberta Palmer
Third	"	Judy LaFreniere and Ronald Wojan
Second	"	Darlene Welsh.

Congratulations children on your fine work. We are happy Darlene Schmidt came back to school after Christmas, even though she is in a wheel chair. She has made up her work and passed all the exams.

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Congratulations to Mary Gallagher who is Valedictorian of the Senior Class with an average of 2.66 out of a possible 3; and to Darlene Schmidt who is Salutatorian with an average of 2.21 out of a possible 3.

ARCHIE LAFRENIERE has two more Deluxe Units nearly completed at the Isle Haven Tourist Court. They will be ready for occupancy by May 1st. The new units feature individual space, private patio and carpark. Walter Wojan, likewise, is now completing four new Deluxe Light House-keeping Units of cedar log construction. The location is adjacent to the Isle Haven Court on the north.

Guests this past month at the Isle Haven were: Fr. William Malewitz and Fr. Anthony Majchrowski of Flint. Dr. and Mrs. Fred Kellogg and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jarvis of Grand Rapids. The two Fathers as usual enjoyed hunting and fishing on Lake Genesareth. 46 bluegills and 2 Pike along with a number of snowshoe rabbits taken with the aid of some Island beagles. The Kelloggs and Jarvis took an old fashioned winter sleigh ride, sleigh bells and all with Larry McDonough who owns and operates the Island Horse Riding Stable.

A Crew of five for the Ace Tree Trimming Service are still on the Island trimming trees for the Rural Electric Co.

HOLY CROSS PARISH NEWS - The past week Matt Melville, Glen McCafferty and Father Louis painted the altar in the Church. It is white with a little gold and green trim. After a little rest the same crew will get busy and varnish the pews.

Last week the Sodality went for a sleigh ride. Fourteen members piled onto two sleighs and spent an hour and a half up and down the back roads singing and laughing. The ride ended at the Shamrock where hot chocolate was served.

This year marks the 100th year since the establishment of the parish. The Centennial celebration will be held during the month of August.

Plans are in the talking stage of "Home for Christmas in '60." Watch for more of this in future issues.

Dr. Luton celebrated his birthday this month with a group of Island men at a dinner served at Bussy LaFreniere's.

POLIO FUND raising party was held at the Shamrock on January 30th.

The three teen-agers of Bay City who had a picnic in the snow to prove that in Michigan picnics are not limited to summertime have nothing on a group of our Island youngsters. The latter enjoyed a weiner and marshmallow roast out on the ice in the bay. Skating followed the roast.

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Bill Bennett, son of Mrs. Victoria Dudley graduated from International Business Machines School, in Kansas City, Missouri on January 21st. Bill finished second in his class.

WEDDING BELLS rang for Phyllis Squire and Daniel Wojan January 30th in Ludington. The Ceremony took place at St. Stanislaus Church

LATE BULLETIN on the March of Dimes Party held January 30th. \$120.00 was made and many thanks to those that made it a success.

SMILES: There isn't much to see in a small town, but what you hear makes up for it.

The superintendent received a memo from his foreman: "I'm sending an accident report about Casey's foot. He dropped an 18 inch wrench on it. Now, under "Remarks" do you want mine or Casey's?"

DUES: We find that an increasing number of our members are sending in a check for \$2.00 for a "single" membership. The \$2.00 rate was established for a single person not married. The rate for a married couple is \$3.00. So, we suspect those who are married but are sending in the \$2.00 do not know our financial structure. We depend on our membership fees to do these many things: Sending the Beacon each month to our members costs us about 75 cents per year per member not to mention the time and work donated by quite a few people to prepare and mail each edition. From the balance of the money we keep up the Medical Center, work on Conservation projects for fishing and hunting improvement, provide and maintain picnic tables and thrash bbls., 4th of July Picnic, Dawn Patrol as well as many other civic functions like preparing publicity releases. We pay for the Island advertising folders and the Business Guide. We help with needed civic improvements for which there is not enough money raised otherwise-for example in 1958 we donated \$500.00 toward the Airport improvement and in 1959 another \$500.00 toward the much needed new dock. A financial report is being included with this issue of the Beacon. We need your continued support. Every dollar is put to good use - for your benefit as well as for ours.

BEAVER ISLAND CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Financial Report, Jan. 1st. to Dec. 31st., 1959.

GENERAL FUND

Receipts

On hand Jan. 1st.-----\$616.22

Total receipts derived
from membership fees &
advt. in the Courtesy
Guide-----\$1796.99
also-

From sale of Strang
Books to-date,
Fourth of July Picnic 206.43
Profit from Dawn
Patrol----- 78.47
Total Credits-----\$2698.11

Disbursements

Postage-primarily mailing of
Beacon----- \$144.58

Supplies including paper,
stencils & ink for Beacon 158.95

Secretary's salary----- 282.50

West Michigan Travel
Bureau, advt.----- 210.00

Hall rent----- 10.00

Miscellaneous supplies &
equipment, repairs & phone
bill----- 59.64

New Island Folders &
Courtesy Guides and signs 849.03

Participation with the two
Townships in raising our
share of the cost of the
new dock to obtain Water-
ways Comm. help----- 500.00

Reprints of Strang's Book
for sale to our members-- 50.00

Set aside for fund toward
purchase of new mimeograph
for Beacon----- 100.00

TOTAL EXPENSES 2354.70

On hand Dec. 31st. (cash) 333.41
Total Debits \$2698.11

MEDICAL CENTER FUND

Receipts

From Mr. D. J. Angus of
Indianapolis a check for \$500.00

On hand Jan. 1st.----- 322.88
Total----- \$822.88

Deposited 1/20/59----- 500.00
Total Credits '59-\$1322.88

Disbursements

Phone at monthly rate----\$ 85.80

Electricity----- 62.04

Repair work on building &
grounds----- 84.43

Supplies & equipment in-
cluding oil for heating-- 335.18

Insurance----- 124.86

Total----- \$692.31

B al. on hand Dec. 31st.- 630.57
Total Debits \$1322.88

GAME CLUB

Receipts

On hand Jan. 1st.-----\$417.66
From sale of shoulder
patches and member-
ships----- 371.00
Profit from Hunter's
Dinner----- 161.01
Grant from County
Board of Supervisors- 175.00
 \$1124.67

Disbursements

Shoulder Patches for sale--\$114.62
to members----- 105.00
Work with road building
equip. and other work pro-
jects----- 90.00
Work on fish shelter in
harbor----- 38.50
Bounty paid trapper on 14
coyotes----- 70.00
\$25.00 prize for largest
deer----- 25.00
Entertainment of visitors
working on projects----- 22.60
 Total-----\$465.72
On hand Dec. 31st.-----658.95
Total Debits-----\$1124.67

Special Mimeograph fund-----\$200.00 on hand.

BEAVER ISLAND CIVIC ASSOCIATION

CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP is due. All memberships expire Dec. 31.

The BEACON is sent monthly to all members.

Mail with your fee to BICA MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, St. James, Michigan.

Name _____

Street No. _____

City _____ Zone _____ State _____

Single membership \$2.00 - After June 1st -- \$1.00
Husband & wife 3.00 - After " " - 1.50
Business 25.00 - (Includes ad in BICA Tourist Guide folder.
Send in at once for early printing)

ST JAMES MICH
BEAVER ISLAND

