It looks as though summer will finally make it. The days have warmed up and the waters have turned a heavenly blue and fishermen are beginning to talk about the extra big one that got away. Many yachts are now seen tied up at the new municipal dock.

JOSEPH BALSANO of Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has completed his collecting amphibians on the Beaver Islands. His work is part of a study of blood chemistry being carried out by the Government.

For those of us who thought the bird population of the Island included only crows and gulls let it be known that the bird watchers in the Ornithology class at G.M.U. Lodge identified over 100 species of birds during their field work here this month.

Mr. Rodeheffer and Mr. Day from the Institute of Fisheries Research are collecting fish and food samples on Lakes Geneserath, Fox, Barneys and Port. This is part of a lake improvement program carried out by the Fish Division of the Department of Conservation.

A number of twin fawns have been sighted, indicating a healthy deer herd.

Bass fishing has been improving steadily with a number of fishermen getting their limits.

Pan fishing has been good on Lake Geneserath with a number of bluegills nine to twelve inches long being taken.

A group of explorer scouts (Post 26) from Battle Creek and another troupe (# 8 6) from Portland stayed at the State Forest Campground.

Ninety Charlevoix County 4H children made a round trip on the Emerald Isle on July 7th.
The Conservation Department now has a 16 foot patrol boat stationed at the field office on Beaver Island.

DOCTOR N.P. SORENSON will be doing dental work on the Island from August 8th through August 19th. Anyone needing dental work will please remember the dates.

BORN TO MR. AND MRS. TERRY HALLORAN (Mary Malloy) a daughter Monica Louise on June 8th.
And to MR. AND MRS. JEWELL GILLESPIE a daughter Kathleen Marie on June 16th.

THE BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY has received several more items of interest. A child cradle from Mr. and Mrs. Mackerman, an old ox yoke, one of two used on the Island and a hand made model of an old type sailing vessel and an Indian ax.

Harbor Hills Miniature Golf Course is now open. Bring the family for a game and see how the youngsters enjoy it. The course is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. twenty-five cents for children under fourteen. We have added mats, sundae and banana splits to our regular menu of cones, sandwiches, soft drinks and coffee. Special for Friday, free coffee with each game of golf.

HOLY CROSS PARISH ITEMS-- The Centennial of the Parish will be celebrated next month in connection with the annual Homecoming. The following is the schedule for services:

Sunday August 7th High Mass for the Deceased members of the parish 10:00 a.m.
2:30 p.m. - Procession from the Church to the cemetery. Rosary will be recited on the way. At the cemetery, prayers for the dead and blessing of the graves.
7:00 p.m. - 8 p.m. The Holy Hour of Thanksgiving.

Sunday August 14th Solemn High Mass 11 a.m. in the presence of His Excellency the Most Rev. Allen J. Babcock, Bishop of the Diocese. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Vincent P. McGorry S.J. A history of the parish reviewing the past 100 years is prepared. Copies may be obtained at the local stores and for those out of town by addressing the Church---the price $1.00 pp.

The famous roast beef dinner will be served until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday August 14th. In the evening a dance will be held in the parish hall.

Father Fabian Keenan O.F.M. CONV., a former pastor and now stationed at St. Helena's Church, Hobbs, New Mexico is feeling much better and there is hope that he will attend our Homecoming.

CAPT. AND MRS. FOREST PRATT have arrived from Florida to spend the summer at their home here.
A Miscellaneous Shower was held recently honoring Beverly O'Donnell whose marriage to Alex Welgus (U.S.C.G.) will be an event of Sept. 3rd.

THREE JEEPS carrying oil seeking men of the McClure Oil Co. are now covering the Island during the preliminary work prior to the drilling for the precious fluid. Heavy drilling equipment is to be brought over on the Mackinac Islander along with a barge, and it is expected that drilling will get underway about July 15.

Mr. Fred Annand of Lansing, Michigan, who last year purchased the George Donat Farm plans to stock it with beef cattle in the near future. Work is now progressing on erecting fences.

Twenty-five Barbershoppers, making their headquarters at Wojan's Tourist Court, enjoyed the weekend of the 4th on the Island.

The fireworks the night of the 4th was a thing of beauty. The rockets bursting high in the air and cascading down in multicolored flaming stars was beautiful.

The old Beaver Island jail for many years a curiosity to visitors was moved to a new location next to the Museum.

Mrs. J. Lawrence Malloy, visiting in Chicago, fell and fractured her ankle. She is slowly recovering.

PINK POODLE-- Mrs. Bob Seybold of Jackson is managing a gift shop at Beaver Lodge. It will be known as the Pink Poodle Shoppe.

Mary Elizabeth Gallagher, daughter of Lil and Johnnie Gallagher, has been awarded a Northern Michigan Jobbers Association Scholarship. She plans to attend North Central College in Petoskey to become an elementary teacher.

A card from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lemke, enroute to Ireland informs us they are homesick for the Beavers....well, we'll miss them too this summer.

Pvt. Roger J. Pischner who entered the service recently has the following new address: US 55690803 3rd Bn. Co. C 6th Bldg. 3rd Trng. Regt. Ing. USATC Armor. Fort Knox, Ky. He is the son of Mrs. Emil Pischner.