

The Beaver Beacon



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The old saying "Spring will be a little late this year" could well have originated on the Island. This is not the Island's best season. It takes so long for the waters of the big lake to warm up. Several homes took down the oil or wood stoves and now are looking at the vacant place with much regret. But summer's coming slow but sure--- the trees are pretty well leafed out, the lilacs are all in bloom--- and its been fun gathering mushrooms, and there is a real super duper crop of mosquitoes this year.

ANNIVERSARIES - Mr. and Mrs. Erwin E. Belfy of Charlevoix (former Island residents) will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary June 9th. Congratulations to them on this most happy occasion. Mr. Belfy was recently confined to the hospital. We hope his good health continues.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cull celebrated their 47th Anniversary on June 4th, again, Congratulations.

On May 22nd Father Joseph Herp O.F.M.C., pastor on the Island from 1951 to 1959, celebrated his silver anniversary of ordination to the priesthood at St. Anthony's Church in Louisville, Ky. Happy Anniversary!

WEDDING BELLS - rang out for the following on May 28:

Erwin Belfy and Imogene Carthart at St. Philip Neri Church in Detroit.
Wilbur Jude Martin and Delores Ann Lasinkas, in the Cathedral at Grand Rapids.

Donald L. Falting and Patricia Kay Belfy in St. Mary's Church, Charlevoix. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE HAPPY COUPLES.

Mrs. Elizabeth LaFreniere announces the engagement of her daughter Mary Cecilia to Archie Minor, of Newberry, Michigan. A winter wedding is being planned.

Anne Heard will marry Mr. W. J. Wilbert at St. Dorothy Church in Chicago, on June 18th.

Eleanor Heatherington is getting married on June 11, and will honeymoon at Isle Haven Tourist Court.

BORN - to Mr. and Mrs. George Van Buren a son, Mark George, on May 10.

A Gift of \$10.00 was received from retired Supreme Court Judge, Emerson R. Boyles to use toward publication of our Beaver Beacon. Many thanks, Judge.

Mrs. Johnston will return from Alaska July 1st, but will return before the 15th of September.

DEATHS: Frank Skopp died June 3rd at Orlando, Florida. His body was brought to Chicago for burial at Resurrection Cemetery.

Solemn Requiem Mass in the presence of Bishop Allen J. Babcock was offered Friday morning June 3rd for the soul of Father Alexander Zugelder who died in St. Mary's Hospital, Grand Rapids, after attaining the amazing age of 91 years. Father Zugelder was pastor of the Island parish from 1899 to 1905. He built the present rectory and the Sisters Convent and enlarged the Church. He is remembered by the old-timers on the Island with affection. Burial was in Resurrection Cemetery, Grand Rapids.

Father Louis attended the funeral of Father Zugelder in Grand Rapids last week. He assisted as pall-bearer, together with Father Alexis and Father Brannigan, both former pastors here. Father Neubecker assisted as Deacon of the Mass.

Three cheers to the school children for the lettering "BEAVER ISLAND SCHOOL" which now appears on the school building.

THE LAUNDROMAT, Killarney Inn and Beaver Lodge and Harbor Hills are all open and ready for the summer season.

HONEYMOON HAVEN - It seems as though Beaver Island is an ideal spot for honeymooners. Several couples have spent their honeymoon on the Island; and we understand others are thinking of doing the same.

NEW PROPERTY OWNERS - Professor Robert J. Snow, Department of Music, at the University of Notre Dame, has purchased two lots in Sand Bay at Boyles Beach. And, together with his brother, a Lieutenant on a nuclear submarine, they have purchased several other lots in the same area.

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Wanty, owners of the King Strang Hotel, have purchased the Ella Sommerville home.

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HOLY CROSS PARISH ITEMS - The summer schedule for Masses is now in effect. The time: 8 and 10 O'clock.

The following children received their First Holy Communion on Sunday May 8th at the 9 O'clock High Mass: Kevin McDonough, Mary Gillespie, and Darlene Welsh. Angela Wojan, being sick, received the following Sunday.

Two assistant pastors, Fathers Roland and Luke, of Lansing, Michigan, visited the Island May 9th, for a few days vacation. Fr. Luke is an accomplished skin diver. He brought along all his equipment, but found the days unsatisfactory.

Island boys in the Armed Forces:

Kenneth L. McDonough
S R 5460461
Company 143
Recruit Training Command
Great Lakes, Ill.

Ret. William G. Pischner
R A - 16 - 656 - 828
Co. A-2nd Bn - 3rd Regt. Basic
Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

Roger Pischner and Gary McDonough--their training address will be in next months Beacon, and Alvin LaFreniere and Joe LaFreniere left to enlist in the Army.

Some people are no good at counting calories, and they have the figures to prove it!

Dads beat the Kids in a Memorial Day ball game, the score was 24-13.

FOUR NAVY SHIPS laid all night at the entrance to the harbor recently. A Liberty Boat brought a number of the sailors and officers ashore.

A DEAD BOBCAT was found on Garden Island by a Conservation Officer.

SENATOR FRANK ANDREWS - Our State Senator from Hillman announced that he will not seek re-election again due to ill health. The Senator has given a good account of himself down at Lansing and has been a good friend of our Island during his tenure of office. Our best wishes to you, Senator, for a job well done.

AN OIL COMPANY visited the Island recently and took leases on several sites. Three test wells will soon be sunk.

SHRINERS HOLIDAY - Thirty-six Shriners visited the Island over the weekend of June 4th.

SUMMER STUDIES - The first summer class of C.M.U. has arrived and taken up their studies at Central Michigan's Beaver Island Branch.

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B.I. SCHOOL NEWS - The 1960 Ceremonies of Beaver Island High School were held in Holy Cross Church Tuesday evening May 24 at 8 p.m. Six graduates received their diplomas: Mary Gallagher; Anne Gatliff; Darlene Schmidt; Joseph LaFreniere; Alvin LaFreniere; Charles Dudley. The Commencement address was given by Father Louis, who stressed the vital need for religion in higher education. The upper grades and high school students sang in the choir. School closed on the last day of May. All grades went on the annual outing to Barney's Lake and Mt. Pisgah. The school board treated the children to ice-cream.

MIKE CULL has been appointed Harbor Master and is now located in his new office at the Municipal Dock. Installation of an ice machine is now complete.

Mary Agnes Allen graduated from Marygrove College in Detroit June 1st and will be married on June 11th. Tom Allen graduated from Notre Dame in Civil Engineering on June 5th and finished 5th in his class.

THE U.S. COAST GUARD CUTTER SUNDEW was in port recently with the crew bringing along their wives to enjoy a cruise trip.

THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS have arrived in force and the group is on a 20 day retreat under the direction of Brother Frederick.

Word was received recently that Lawrence Malloy Jr. is in Little Company of Mary Hospital in Chicago. We hope it is not serious, and that he has a speedy recovery. His address is 95th and California Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

NEW TOURIST COURT - Walter and Vera Wojan's new tourist court is now completed and open for business. A real nice place too, stop in and see for yourself. Good Luck Vera and Walter!

LANDSCAPING of the grounds around the new yacht dock is well under way. It will be a bright spot in our community.

A.J. AND MABEL ROY have returned for the summer and have their golf course all primed up for the season. The Historical Museum is also open, they inform us. They remind us to be ever on the lookout for any article of historical value that may be placed in the Museum.

Gordan Freeman, Jack Rader and Bob Neff, all of Charlevoix have leased the Beaver Head Lighthouse and plan to use it as a hunting lodge.