

The Beaver Beacon



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WEATHER: Since our weather for the next few months will undoubtedly be as nearly perfect as can be expected, we feel we might as well drop this column for a while. For those of our readers who can't spend the summer with us, just imagine azure blue skies with clouds drifting across sparkling lake waters, graceful white sea gulls floating lazily on gentle summer breezes, and an occasional light rain just to keep things fresh. This is Beaver Island in the summer - and if the picture tempts you at all, come to the Island and enjoy it with us!

CLASS OF 1961: Tony McDonough, Irwin Martin, and Larry McDonough, our Seniors this year, had a wonderful time on their trip around the lake. To make things even better, Detroit won the double header that the boys attended May 7th at Comiskey Park.

The Junior-Senior banquet was held May 18th at the Beaver Lodge. All the high school students attended, along with guests Father Louis Wren, Dr. Frank Luton, Mr. C. Robinson, County Superintendent and the Seniors' parents. The Lodge was decorated in the class colors and the group was served a delicious dinner of fried chicken, mashed potatoes, Waldorf salad, buttered carrots, and apple pie ala mode.

Colleen Nackerman (class of '62) was Toastmistress and introduced the speakers who included Larry McDonough, Valedictorian; Erwin Martin, Salutatorian; and Tony McDonough who read the Class Will. Mr. Robinson was guest speaker. Class Motto was "Deeds, Not Words", Class Colors were Blue and Gold, Class Theme was "Moonlight and Roses" and the Class Flower was the red rose.

Graduation excercises were held at Holy Cross Catholic Church on May 26 with Fr. Louis Wren delivering the Commencement oration. Grades 5 through 11 sang the class music which was "Queen of Angels" and "God, Father, Praise and Glory" along with two Benediction hymns. Following graduation, a reception was held for parents, teachers and friends of the class at Beaver Island School.

Later, a Dance Party was held at Tony McDonough's where the class color theme was carried out in the home decorations. Dance music was provided by Tony at the electric guitar, Edward Palmer, piano, Gracie Palmer, guitar, and Lorraine Palmer, pianist and vocalist. Lunch was served.

Congratulations to the graduates from the Beacon Staff. We now have three more adults on the Island! Remember your motto, boys. "Deeds, Not Words".

SOCIAL NOTES: Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cull of St. James announce the engagement of their daughter, Sally, to Mr. Richard Hammermisher of Chicago. The young couple are planning a September wedding.

The wedding of the former Susan Bissel to Rayburn Bice was an item of interest early in May. The new Mrs. Bice is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Adams of Lincoln Park, long time Island visitors. Following a wedding trip through northern Michigan, the Bices will make their home at Patuxent Naval Air Base, Maryland, where Mr. Bice is stationed with the Navy.

It was with great surprise that Musette LaFreniere received a picture of the wife of her cousin, Arthur P. Gallagher, shaking hands with our First Lady, Jackie Kennedy. Arthur is the editor of the Ann Arbor News, and Mrs. Kennedy was greeting members of the American Society of Newspaper Editors at a tea in the Blue Room of the White House.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cull celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary on June 4th with an open house. Lunch and cocktails were served to the guests.

NEW ARRIVALS: Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mosdager of Indianapolis announced the birth of a baby girl on June 2nd. Mrs. Mosdager is the former Eleanore Hetherington, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Hetherington, well known Island visitors and property owners. We know the parents were very pleased with their bundle from heaven, but Dr. Hetherington was so very proud of his first grandchild that he made his own announcements to Beaver Island by telephone. In this case, we must congratulate both the parents and the grandparents!

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick LaFreniere, Jr., announced the birth of their first child, a boy, Patrick Edward, at Manistee on May 21st. Best wishes to parents and baby.

SERVICEMEN'S NEWS: The following new addresses have been received: Pvt. Joseph LaFreniere, RA 13710321, Co. A, VAS, GAR, Ft. Jackson, South Carolina.

A. J. Gallagher, Fort Trumbull, Conn., c/o Coast Guard Cutter, Owasco.

Rct. Roland Cull is spending a few days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cull, after completing his basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.

OBITUARY: Mr. Herman W. Allers passed away May 19 in Kalamazoo, Mich. Mr. Allers was a former Beaver Island resident. Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Erwin Belfy, Sr., Charlevoix; Mrs. Helen Fischner, Charlevoix; Mrs. Delia Parker, Kalamazoo; and two brothers, Charles Allers, Traverse City, and LeRoy Allers, Charlevoix.

HOSPITAL NOTES. Little Pamela McDonough was taken to Charlevoix hospital on June 1st for an appendectomy. Pam is the daughter of Wini and Lawrence McDonough. She arrived home on June 6, carrying a furry white rabbit to take the place of what she had lost! We're glad you're home and well on the road to recovery, Pam. Take good care of your bunny.

ANNUAL BASEBALL GAME between the "Has Beens" (boys past 21, not yet 90, still active) and the "Wanta Bees" (boys under 21) was held at the ball diamond on May 28th. Final score: "Has Beens" - 21, "Wanta Bees" - 18. This was a game with a lot of action, high excitement, and an even higher score for a baseball game! The first few innings showed the "Wanta Bees" ahead, but the keen minds and practiced eyes of the "Has Beens" came through with shining colors. With agility, speed, and fine grace they displayed the value of their vast experience in the art of playing baseball! Of course, we had a few aching bones around here for the next few days, and you can easily guess to which team those pains belonged! Rumor has it that some of the "Has Beens" are planning to retire from the sport while they're ahead.

HEY MAC! TOSS ME THE HAMMER: The Emerald Isle has been carrying a lot of building material to the Island. New cottages, remodelling, and general repair work are going on in full swing on Beaver.

The Civic Association's project for a post fence from the ferry dock south to the old King Strang Dock and north to the Killarney Inn has been completed. It is an attractive addition to the dock area, since cedar trees were planted in place of every fourth post. The posts are now being painted white, and Beaver Island's face lifting project goes on.

AN APPEAL FOR CHIEF ANTOINE PARK: Last month we told you we had received an appropriation of \$500.00 for improvements to our new park. In order to receive this money, we find we must match it with an additional \$700.00 or the money will revert to the County for use elsewhere.

Our biggest expense is the erection of a shelter, closed to the weather on one side with an indoor fieldstone cooking grill, so that the picnics you plan need not be spoiled by inclement weather. Along with this is the construction of picnic tables and outdoor cooking grills, all in an effort to make the park attractive and comfortable for our visitors.

We are starting our fund raising campaign with the raffling of a combination toaster and grill, drawing to be held on July 4th, winner need not be present. Tickets will sell for 25¢ each or 5 for \$1.00. Should you be visiting the Island on or before the Fourth, ask any of the business men about the purchase of tickets. They will be glad to sell you all you want! Unfortunately, laws do not allow us to sell the tickets through the mails.

Though we know our local members will make every effort to raise funds, we are afraid we cannot reach our goal of \$700.00 by local subscription alone. So we are appealing to our off-the-Island members to please give us a hand. If you wish to make a cash donation, write to PARK, c/o Secretary, Beaver Island Civic Association, St. James, Mich. Make checks payable to the Civic Association. We need your help, and any amount, large or small, will be very sincerely appreciated.

THE BEAVER ISLAND GAME CLUB planted short season corn, oats, (spring rye was not available) and white clover-ladino in several clearings on the Island. It is hoped that grain and clover will bring grouse and deer into the clearings to make hunting a little easier. The grain should also attract wild geese in the fall. The seeds are up and growing well.

FOX LAKE: Mr. Cooper, Director of Institute for Fisheries Research, and Mr. Max Hunt, Regional Fish Division Supervisor of the Conservation Department checked on Fox Lake for results of the treatment for the fish removal. Netting samples taken last summer showed 267 perch to every two pan fish and one bass. Findings after poisoning were in about the same proportion. A large number of small perch were on the shore with only a few pan fish and bass. The bass were all large (legal size) but with no smaller sizes present. The total number of desirable fish was very small for a lake of 75 acres. So anglers, get your trout fishing gear in shape. Come next spring and test your trout fishing ability on Fox Lake.

DAWN PATROL: The fourth annual Dawn Patrol will be held on July 2nd. Prizes will be awarded to flyers including free weekends on the Island. The famous Beaver Island Breakfast will be served. Golfing flyers can test their skill for prizes at our new Golf Course. Bring your own clubs.

The airport has two runways, one over 3500 feet and one over 2800 feet long. 80 octane fuel will be available at the field. Unicom 122.8. U. S. Coast Guard Helicopter and boats will be standing by. Notify your flying friends to come and enjoy one of Northern Michigan's most interesting Dawn Patrols.

LANSING POWER SQUADRON: Walker H. Hill, Beaver Island property owner, was elected Commander of the Lansing Power Squadron on May 5th.

The United States Power Squadron is an educational organization whose members devote their efforts toward teaching boating safety and navigation. It is a nationwide organization with Squadrons as far away as Hawaii and Japan.

An interesting note on the Lansing Squadron is the fact that the past four commanders, Kenneth Maxted, first commander of the Squadron; William L. Wood, second commander; Phil Gregg, third commander; and Harold Bartels, fourth commander have all been visitors or property owners on Beaver Island. This makes us wonder if Beaver Island is ever discussed in Hawaii and Japan!

NEW PROPERTY OWNER: Mr. Patrick J. Conlin, son of Judge Conlin of Ann Arbor has purchased a lot in Wicklow Beach.

NEW ISLAND RESIDENTS: Mr. and Mrs. Don Welke and son Donny, formerly of Walled Lake, Michigan, have moved to Beaver Island. Mr. Welke plans to farm and raise beef cattle.

MEDICAL CENTER NEWS: Many of our visitors and our local residents, too, are interested in the progress we are making in obtaining a new doctor for Beaver Island. As we told you, Dr. Frank E. Luton is retiring this summer.

Dr. Albert E. Heustis, State Health Commissioner, has had his staff prepare the newspaper, TV and radio news releases and some of you may have seen pictures or read articles about our appeal for a doctor.

Dr. Heustis' associate, Mr. Ted Irvin, visited the Island to prepare the news story in pictures and prepare a taped interview with some of

the Islanders participating in a panel type discussion with questions and answers. This tape is to be used for radio broadcast coverage.

If you ever see this TV release, you may wonder just how it was prepared, so we thought you might be interested in the "actors" and the parts they played in this drama!

Dr. Frank Luton played the starring role, with Joe Dillingham, Rogers Carlisle, George Van Buren, Skip McDonough, and Pam McDonough as the supporting cast. The first scenes take place in the Medical Center with Joe on the examining table and Dr. Luton checking him thoroughly. In another scene you will find Rogers Carlisle taking care that he lives to a ripe old age by having Dr. Luton take his blood pressure. Later you will see George Van Buren looking worried as Dr. Luton takes an X-Ray. Throughout the story you will see Skip, being the efficient nurse, always ready, always close at hand. But when they needed someone to play the part of expectant mother in the maternity ward, Skip had to change to that role. Fortunately, Skip is experienced in both parts, so neither was difficult for her. Finally, you will see Dr. Luton making a house call at Wini and Lawrence McDonough's home. Little Pam had a pretend cold, and the scene shows our star examining his patient's throat. The unusual thing about all this was the fact that one week later, Pam was in the hospital with appendicitis. We have been told that our local talent gave "Academy Award" performances!

Seriously, the news coverage has been quite effective, and we have had inquiries from many doctors. Several of them have paid a visit to the Island to check the facilities. No doctor has been selected at this writing, although several have shown a sincere interest in the position. We will keep you informed.

EDITORIAL: Like most folks who are writing a regular column, I'm constantly collecting and filing away for future use, bits of information that I want to share with you sometime. For example, here is something I feel is unusually good, written by a person whose name I don't know, and taken from a publication I am unable to recall. But the suggested 11 points are all guaranteed to contribute to the early end of even the most worthy organization:

1. Don't come to the meetings.
2. If you do, come late.
3. Find fault with officers and members.
4. Never accept an office; it is easier to criticize than do things.
5. Nevertheless, get annoyed if you aren't appointed to a committee.
6. If appointed to a committee, don't attend its meetings.
7. If asked by the chairman to give your opinion, say nothing.
8. After the meeting, tell everyone how things should have been done.
9. Do no more than necessary. When other members roll up their sleeves to help things along, say the association is run by a clique.
10. Hold back your dues as long as possible, or don't pay at all.
11. Don't bother about getting new members, but if you do, be sure they are gripers like yourself.

ORPHANED DEER: Donald Cole found a buck fawn, little more than a day old and apparently deserted by his mother. The fawn was left in the woods for several hours in hope that the mother would return, but she did not. Vernon Fitzpatrick, our Conservation Officer, and Don searched the area for her but no trace could be found. Occasionally, a young doe will ignore her first fawn, and it is believed that this was the case. The little fellow was brought to St. James and at present is being cared for by Vern.

The township has applied for an exhibitor's permit from the Conservation Department, and if it is granted the fawn will be displayed at the Municipal Dock Park. Evergreens will be planted to create a natural setting and a shelter and fencing constructed according to requirements of the Department. In October, the fawn will again be released in the woods.

FIVE YEARS AGO IN THE BEACON:

- May 25 - Dr. John Hetherington was the first to have his outboard in the harbor on a new type fiberglass boat.
- May 31 - Townsend Cattle Ranch caretakers of High Island, Ray Bills and John Drum had a narrow escape last week. On their return trip from Beaver for supplies, a strong Northwest wind came up and set them adrift for 20 hours. They were spotted by Al Phillips who notified the life boat station. The Coast Guard Cutter Sundew found the men on the rocks at Cross's point about 100 yards from Beaver shore. The men were suffering from cold and exposure and were taken to the Medical Center for treatment.
- June 1 - Graduation exercises were held in the Parish Hall. Graduates were Rosemary McDonough, Thelma Schmidt, Roland Cull and Hubert McCauley.

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For Sale

2 rollaway beds, \$7.50 ea. 2 double bed springs, \$5 ea. One white porcelain heating stove w/fan. Contact Rogers Carlisle, St. James, Mich.

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