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MICHIGAN OUTDOOR WRITER'S

June 1964

Beaver Island welcomes the Michigan Outdoor Writer's Association, who at this writing, are absorbing the lore of the Islands and trying their hand at bass, pike and trout fishing. The group, consisting of around sixty, are being housed at Central Michigan University facilities with the overflow going to Beaver Lodge and motel units here. This annual meeting of the Outdoor Writer's is held in a different location each year. This year Beaver Island has the honor of playing host from June 11th to 14th.

Original planning of this meeting was formulated by Mr. Charles Welch, Regional Conservation Department Director, who is co-chairman for the MOWA with Mr. Gregg Smith, owner of the Boyne Citizen in Boyne City. Mr. Howard Sommers of Central Michigan University, is working with Mr. Welch and Mr. Smith. We feel certain the MOWA will find the Beaver's an interesting and enjoyable place and hope they will return many times.

Friday, June 12th the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce will host the Outdoor Writer's at a cocktail party on the Island. Saturday, June 13th, the MOWA will be the guests of the Beaver Island Civic Association Game Club at a cocktail party, before their banquet.

A brief business meeting will be held on Sunday morning at which new officer's will be elected. Mr. Len Barnes, editor of the Automobile Club's magazine "Motor News" is the present President of the group.

A highlight of the meeting on Beaver Island will be an address by Ralph McMullan, the new Conservation Department Director. The Outdoor Writer's will depart on the Beaver Islander at 2:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

We are delighted that you choose Beaver Island for your meeting and do come again, soon.

The pulse of Beaver Island has quickened as the summer season gets under way once again. More and more summer cabins are being occupied, pleasure boats are beginning to arrive and the Beaver Islander's complement of passengers is growing with each day.

GRADUATIONS: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Sendenburgh, of St. James, proudly announces the graduation of their oldest granddaughter, Donna Jean Ricksgers, 20, from the Detroit Business Institute on June 12, 1964. She has completed a two year Secretarial Course and is presently a Private Secretary for two attorneys in downtown Detroit.

Mary Elizabeth Gallagher graduated on June 6, 1964 from Western Michigan University. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Gallagher and son, Arthur, attended the exercises in Kalamazoo. Mary Elizabeth will be teaching 4th Grade in the Charlevoix School System this coming fall.

Vernon LaFreniere was the first dental patient of Dr. N. Peter Sorensen, Jr. after receiving his degree from the University of Michigan Dental School and passing his State Dental Boards. Dr. N. Peter Sorensen, Jr. has been a frequent visitor of the Island for the past 15 years.

Sheila Brown, daughter of Stella and Francis Brown of Chicago, graduated from Xanier College in Chicago, Illinois.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY GRADUATION: The 23 surviving members of the Wayne State University School of Medicine, Class of 1914, which originally numbered 54, were honored, Wednesday, May 20th, at the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, with the presentation of Golden Anniversary Diplomas. Eighteen of the recipients reside in Michigan, the remainder in California, Florida, Kentucky and Ohio.

Awards are presented to 50-year graduates of the School each May by the School's Alumni Association, in connection with a Clinic Day sponsored by the Association.

Among those who received diplomas was our own Beaver Island Physician, Dr. Howard B. Haynes.

The Class of 1914 were the first to receive their M.D. degrees from the Detroit College of Medicine and Surgery. Until the previous year, 1913, the institution had been known as the Detroit College of Medicine, but upon Dr. Burt R. Shurly's assuming the deanship, the College was reorganized and renamed. This name change was only one of several in the transition to what is now known as the Wayne State University School of Medicine.

Our heartiest Congratulations, both to the graduates of 1964 and 1914.

BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Boy Nugent of Ludington announce the birth of a daughter, Dawn Elizabeth Lorraine, on June 2nd. Mrs. Nugent is the former Grace Palmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. John LaFreniere of Ludington announce the arrival of Judy Louise, 6# - 3 oz., on May 13th. Elizabeth LaFreniere is the proud grandmother.

Capt. and Mrs. Vicent Beilman of Lincoln, Nebraska announce the birth of Suzanne Marie on May 6th. Mrs. Beilman is the former Audrey White.

NOTICE: Dr. Sorensen, Sr. will be doing Dental work at his Island office from June 29th to July 11th, 1964. Calling early the first week for an appointment will be appreciated.

WEATHER ANALYSIS: The following is the weather report for June from our Conservation Officer, Bill Wagner.

Highest Temperature recorded - 78 degrees on June 7th.
Lowest Temperature recorded - 30 degrees on June 8th.
Recorded a low of 32 degrees on 21st and 30th.
Average high for the month was 65 degrees.

5 days in 50's - 15 days in 60's - 5 days in 70's.

Total rainfall for the month was 6.07 inches.
3.17 inches of rain fell from 7 a.m. to 12 noon on 22nd. There was some wind and lightening damage on this date.

RETURNING: The Harbor Master of Lake Geneserath returned to Beaver Island. Ralph Rutt, returned the day the last Beacon went to press, but it was too late to put it in.

Also returning was Nellie and Frank O'Donnell, Mary Early, Mary Gallagher and the A. J. Roy's. Mrs. Helen Collar has returned for the summer as well as Mr. and Mrs. George Ricksgers.

NEW ADDITION TO HARBOR: The North Shore towing the Tanker #2, loaded with fuel oil and gasoline came into the harbor on June 6th, and unloaded in two huge storage tanks that Jewell Gillespie has installed beside the Power Plant.

HOSPITAL NOTES: Mrs. Eva McDonough is an out-patient at the Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids and we are all looking forward to having her back on the Island before too much time has elapsed.

Mrs. Tellis O'Brien is a patient in the Charlevoix Hospital following a fall at the Grandvue Medical Facility. She suffered a broken hip and arm in her fall. Our best wishes for a fast recovery is sent you, Mrs. O'Brien.

FARM BUREAU WINNER: Edward Wojan of St. James attended a dinner in East Jordan, where he was congratulated by Rep. Don Gordon, and Farm Bureau lobbyist Dan Reed for his essay "My American Heritage". Next month Eddie and Ted Weidman of Charlevoix, will attend the Farm Bureau's youth for citizenship seminar at Camp Kett, Tustin, Michigan. Eddie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wojan. Congratulations, Eddie.

4TH OF JULY CIVIC CARNIVAL: A grand celebration is planned on the 4th of July for everyone of all ages. In Holy Cross Hall there will be booths with entertainment for all and also refreshments for sale. At 8:00 p. m. there will be games in the Parish Hall with the climax being the drawing for the \$100.00 vacation. After the drawing there will be a beautiful display of fireworks at the harbor's edge. You do not have to be present to win so why not fill in the next page and send it along with your donation. YOU MAY HAVE THE WINNING TICKET.

SCHOOL NEWS: This week the Dominican Sister's are leaving for the summer and school is officially closed until September.

This is the last Honor Roll for the year.

Grade 12	Ronald Gallagher	Grade 6	Kevin McDonough
Grade 11	Pauline Kenwabikise		Mary Ann Palmer
	Edward Wojan		Angie Wojan
Grade 9	Jeanne Wojan	Grade 4	James Wojan
Grade 8	Joseph McDonough	Grade 3	Richard Gillespie
	Robert Palmer		Joan LaFreniere
Grade 7	Judy LaFreniere		Audrey Wojan
	Ronald Wojan	Grade 2	Julie Gillespie
		Grade 1	Michael Green
			Patricia Wojan

RETREAT: The Christian Brothers are with us again this year for a 30 day retreat. Welcome back.

OBITUARIES: Martin Arthur Harsen, 66, of St. James died Wednesday, June 3 at Little Traverse Hospital, Petoskey, after a one year illness. He was born January 30, 1898 on Garden Island. July 1918 he married Sybil Tilley in Charlevoix. Surviving besides his wife are a daughter, Mrs. Raymond (Doris) Souter of Holland, a sister, Mrs. Christina Gowman, of St. Clair Shores and three grandchildren. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 6, at the St. James Medical Center with Rev. Charles Stoppels officiating and burial was in St. James Township Cemetery.

Mrs. Lloyd Howard of Middleville, Ohio was killed on May 28th in an auto mobile accident in Ohio. Mrs. Howard, the former Mary Rita Burke, is survived by her husband, Lloyd; 4 children; 2 sisters and 3 brothers, Philip, Patrick and Robert. Mrs. Clara Schmidt and Mrs. Ada Martin left the Island to attend their sister's funeral.

NOTES: William Belfy returned to his home here after being a patient at Little Traverse Hospital for six weeks.

Stanley Floyd has purchased the Bill Green farm and instead of having Jack the Giant Killer on the Island, we have Stanley the Mighty Gopher Hunter.

At Homecoming there will be a Quilt made by the Ladies of the Parish, given away. Tickets will be \$.50 each or 5 for \$2.00. If anyone wishes tickets, please write to Mussette LaFreniere, St. James, Michigan

Mr. and Mrs. James Evans of Rockford, Michigan have moved into their home on Beaver Island as permanent Island residents. We want to welcome them to our community.

COME AND JOIN US ON THE 4TH OF JULY AND REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR TICKETS.

SEE YOU ALL NEXT MONTH

"BIG ART"

From the homestead cabin of Egedius and Christina Larsen, on Garden Island, the healthy cries of a new born son could be heard. Arthur Larsen came into the world on the 30th day of January in 1898.

Garden Island, in those days, was a busy little Community all of its own, with a school, church, post office, store and dotted with homesteads and net sheds of commercial fishermen.

Being born to the sea, young Art found the feel of a deck under his feet much to his liking, so handling his father's boat almost went hand in hand with learning to walk.

Their closest neighbor was Uncle Pete Jensen, who had several sons, who with Art, kept the two households rollicking with activity.

Fishing was big business and Art's father was doing well, bringing in huge catches of Lake Trout and Whitefish. In 1906, the family moved to Beaver Island and built a fine new home on the harbor of St. James.

At an early age, Art began fishing with his father, and each day learned just a little more. Each trip out was a new lesson, whether it was learning the habits of fish, the way the boat handled in a particular sea or what the clouds predicted the weather to be the next day.

As the years rolled by it seemed as though Art would never stop growing, for soon he was head and shoulders over most men and was soon dubbed "Big Art". Although of a gentle nature, one of his cousins relates, "nobody gave Big Art any sass".

Art's mother died in 1913, and he continued to work with his father until his death in 1923. Both are buried on Garden Island.

His bachelor days ended after meeting Sybil Tilley of Beaver Island. Art and Sybil were married in Charlevoix in 1918.

The fishing industry remained good until the terrible storm of Armistice Day in 1940, when so many lives were lost on the Great Lakes. Art lost nearly seven thousand dollars worth of nets and his big diesel tug, the Estonia, broke her moorings and went high and dry on the beach. This seemed to be the turning point in Great Lakes fishing as many had lost expensive equipment and the Trout were getting scarce. Though fishing was in his blood, Art sailed as Diesel Engineer on boats plying the northern waters, such as the White Swan and the North Shore. Being an ingenious mechanic, it has been said "Big Art" could make a diesel run on soft coal if he had to.

This colorful life came to an end June 3rd, 1964, after a years illness. Arthur Larsen, "Big Art", was laid to rest in St. James Township Cemetery on the 6th of June.

BEAVER BEACON SUBSCRIPTION: Anyone interested in a membership in the Beaver Island Civic Association, which includes a subscription to the Beaver Beacon, may become a member for the balance of 1964 by sending \$2.00 and filling out the form below. You may join for the rest of 1964 and the whole year of 1965 by enclosing \$4.50 with the form.

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