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THE WEARIN' O' THE GREEN

Oh, Paddy dear! and did ye hear the news that's goin'
 round?
 The shamrock is forbid by law to grow on Irish ground!
 No more St. Patrick's day we'll keep; his color can't be
 seen,
 For there's a cruel law ag'in' the Wearin' o' the Green!

I met with Napper Tandy, and he took me by the hand,
 And he said, "How's poor ould Ireland, and how does
 she stand?"
 "She's the most distressful country that ever yet was seen,
 For the're hanging men and women there for the
 Wearin' o' the Green."

An' if the color we must wear is England's cruel red,
 Let it remind us of the blood that Ireland has shed;
 Then pull the shamrock from your hat, and thro it on
 the sod,
 An' never fear, 'twill take root there, though under foot
 'tis trod.

When law can stop the blades of grass from growin' as
 they grow,
 An' when the leaves in summer time their color dare not
 show,
 Then I will change the color, too, I wear in my caubeen;
 But till that day, please God, I'll stick to the Wearin' o'
 the Green.

While most of the state has been fighting mounting banks of snow, Beaver Islanders have been enjoying unusually warm weather, realizing of course, that it isn't apt to last. Winter just doesn't give up that easily.

WEATHER: This was recorded by Bill Wagner, Fire Officer for the Department of Conservation.

February was rather warm, with about half the month's temperatures in the 30's and 40's. Daytime low was 0 even, all day on the 22nd. Night temperatures were 0 and below on the 3rd, 4th, 19th, 22nd and 23rd, with the low for the month of -9 falling on the 23rd. High daytime temperature for the month was 43 on the 7th. The 10th and 15th ran a close second with 41.

Average nighttime temperatures 10.5 degrees.

Average daytime temperature 27.5 degrees.

3 days the temperature was in the 40's.

11 days the temperature was in the 30's.

4 days the temperature was in the 20's.

10 days the temperature was below the 20's.

There were 10 inches of snow on the ground at the end of the month. Total snowfall for the month was 18.8 inches, with 10 inches falling on the 1st.

Total snowfall for the winter (to-date) 59.3 inches.

GAME NEWS: Another successful rabbit season has just ended, giving dogs and rabbits a well deserved rest and the hunters are rather tired of eating rabbit.

The Michigan Beverage News this month has a picture and article about Beaver Island rabbit hunting!

Erwin Martin reports he counted forty-four turkeys at the Airport last past week. Walt and Vera Wojan took some pictures of the turkeys last Sunday, on a trip to the airport.

Ice fishing, too, has pretty much come to a halt, as no recent reports of their activities have come in, except "Poor Milt", who has devised a new way of catching fish, and hopes to try it this summer. He plans on tossing bits of bubble gum in Lake Geneserath and when the fish chew it and blow bubbles, they will naturally come to the surface making it a simple matter to scoop them up with a landing net.

In this month's Ford Times Burgess Scott has an article titled, "Islands of the Inland Seas". On page 23 you will find a very interesting article on Beaver Island.

NOTICE TO FISHERMEN: Fishermen with shanties are reminded that all structures must be removed from the lakes (or streams) before the ice becomes unsafe. Law prohibits the owner from burning them or letting them fall through the ice. Let's not wait too long to remove these shelters. And when you get them to the beach, let's take them home and not leave them for someone else to look at and create an eye-sore along the beach all summer, on either private or public property.

B. I. YOUTH CENTER HOLDS BOX SOCIAL: Facing the usual dilemma of depleting funds, an old fashioned Box Social was planned for the 27th of February, to remedy the situation.

It was hoped that enough money could be raised to purchase their own

record player. Headed by Eileen Martin, Winnie McDonough, and Marge Wagner, notices were posted and arrangements made. A real good turnout produced an impressive pile of decorated box lunches. Boxes prepared by the sixth grade girls down, were auctioned off by Bill Wagner and the bidding was mighty lively, too. Lawrence McDonough made the older boys and men dig deep as he auctioned off those prepared by the Junior High and High School girls and women. A cake walk was also held with six cakes given out as prizes.

Prizes were given out to the owner of the prettiest box, that of Sandy LaFreniere, and to the highest bidder, which was to be a free dinner at the Circle "M" Lodge. This was a tie between Jack Martin and Dick LaFreniere, so a decision was made to give the free dinner to the three Seniors, Eddie Wojan, Glen LaFreniere and Pauline Kenwabikisse.

Through the efforts of the girls, the Committee and the generosity of many, the party was a huge success, with a total of \$172.00 being raised and a fine new record player is on its way.

The Youth Center, after traveling a rather bumpy road, is beginning to take shape, as more and more youngsters are taking an active interest in it. Sights are now being set to establish their own building, to be maintained and furnished through the efforts of the kids. Any one having games, jig-waw puzzles, or most anything the kids might enjoy and it is laying idle, give the Center a thought. It would really help.

LET'S PARTY, PARTY, PARTY: Again, we want to remind you about all the St. Patrick parties.

Chicago: The Annual St. Patrick's Day Party will be held March 13th at the Stelmaszck Walter Post #792, 8521 Commercial Ave., Chicago. There will be dining and dancing and everyone is welcome. The proceeds goes to Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island.

Lansing: The Annual St. Patrick's Dinner of the Beaver Island Association of Michigan will be held on March 13th at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 420 N. Capitol Avenue, Lansing. Everyone is welcome.

St. James: On March 17th a card party will be held with the proceeds going to the Kitchen Improvement Fund of the Holy Cross Altar Society. The donation will \$1.00 per person and there will be refreshments, door prizes and lots of fun. Bring your deck of cards and join us at 8:30 p.m.

St. James: The Annual St. Patrick's Dinner will be held on March 21 at 5:00 p.m. in the Holy Cross Parish Hall. The price is \$1.00 per adult, first thru sixth grades will be \$.50 each and pre-schoolers will be free. Come on lets all turn out for this.

WEDDINGS: Shelest-Wojan: On Saturday Marion M. Shelest and Anthony Wojan, Sr. exchanged marriage vows during a nuptial Mass solemnized at St. Mary's Church in Charlevoix.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. John Shelest of Saginaw and the late Mr. Shelest.

The Rev. Victor Gallagher of Reed City officiated at the single ring service. Mrs. Frank Oleksy was the organist.

Mrs. Arthur Wojan was the bride's attendant and Mr. Walter Wojan assisted his brother as best man.

BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Terry Brown of Chicago are the proud parents of triplets. Born on February 16th were two boys, Jimmy and Joey and one girl, Jayne. The Browns, also have 17 month old twins. Francis and Stella Brown are the grandparents and L. J. Malloy is the great-grandfather. Congratulation to all.

We would like to add a note on the birth of Robert Bruce Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald (Lil Connaghan) Cole. Robert is the 54th grandchild of Mrs. Kate Connaghan. Altho Mrs. Connaghan had 14 children and now 54 grandchildren, this is the first one to be born in the month of February. We think this is quite a record.

HOSPITAL NOTES: Linda Wojan, was a recent patient in Little Traverse Hospital where she had part of her cast removed. Linda is the four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wljan and is suffering from a dislocated hip. The past few months she has had both legs in a cast down to her ankles but when she returned to the Island this time part of the cast had been removed. On her left leg clear to her knee and the right leg, a little above the ankle. By this summer we all want to see Linda hopping like a bunny rabbit.

Mrs. Francis Ricksgers, the former Anna Marie Sendenberg, has been in East Side General Hospital in Detroit for the past two weeks with a broken pelvic bone and a cut on her head from a fall down the stairs in her home. At the present time she is confined to her bedroom and we know she would enjoy hearing from her many friends. Her address is 1433 Fischer St., Detroit, Michigan.

L. J. Malloy has returned to Little Traverse Hospital in Petoskey for a check-up.

We have just received word that Mrs. Vernon "Fitz" Fitzpatrick (Florence) had a tumor removed in early January. At the last report everything is fine and so are the whole Fitzpatrick family, Fitz, Florence and Jennifer.

TRY, TRY, AGAIN: We have just had the following story related to us. Jimmy Rennie, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. (Pete) Rennie of Traverse City, is one of 14 boys and 9 girls chosen to represent the Central Division of the U. S. Skiers Association. They are the National Junior Champion Team and will leave Traverse City, Friday, March 12th, by plane and fly to Bend, Oregon for the event that will take place between March 15th and 20th. This is for boys and girls up thru 18 years of age. Last year Jimmy tried out for this and the first trip down broke his leg. This year we wish him the best of luck and no broken legs.

DOG OWNERS: Owners of dogs are cautioned that it is unlawful for any person to permit any dog to molest, harass or annoy any game bird or animal during their respective closed season. Rabbits will soon be having young and break up nests. At this time of year the Deer may be in a weaker condition and dogs running deer can easily catch and kill them or tire them to the point of exhaustion. Dogs on a deer track may be killed by any Law enforcement Officer. Let's take care of our hunting dogs and save future embarrassment to everyone.

OBITUARIES: Word has been received here of the death of Charles J. LaBologna in January 1965. Mr. LaBologna, who lived in Munising, was 76 years old and had spent 14 years of his childhood here and was well

known to Beaver Island. He is survived by his wife and several neices and nephews.

Joseph 'Sam' Donlevy of Chicago, Illinois passed away on March 3rd. He is survived by his wife, Lovella, two brothers, Francis of Muskegon and Dan of Chicago; four sisters, Sadie McDurmott of Chicago, Rachel Low of Charlevoix, Nellie McCafferty of Charlevoix and Margaret Miller of Charlevoix.

Jack Burke, son of the late Emma and Edward 'Bub' Burke passed away in Independence, Ohio on March 4th. He is survived by his w dow and three children. Also, two brothers, Gene and Douglas and a sister Mrs. Marvin (Florence) Cross.

HOSPITAL NOTES: Karl Keubler has returned to Little Traverse Hospital for a check-up.

Wm. Schmidt is recouperating at his home following his collaspe on Ash Wednesday.

SERVICE MENS NEWS: We have a new address for Edward Palmer, who recently became one of Uncle Sam's boys. Edward is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Palmer.

Pvt. Edward Palmer US 55802884 CA
13th Bn 4th Tng Bde
USATC Armors 51st Plt.
Fort Knox, Ky.

Visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie LaFreniere, is Alvin LaFreniere who is home on his first leave following his induction into the Army.

Also, home for a leave is Jerry LaFreniere, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon LaFreniere.

SCHOOL NEWS: This is the Honor Roll for the last marking period.

Seniors	- Edward Wojan	Grade 4	- Joan LaFreniere
Sophomores	- Jeanne Wojan	Grade 2	- Michael Green
	Phyllis Gregg		Patricia Wojan
Grade 7	- Mary Ann Palmer	Grade 1	- Gerald Connaghan
	Angie Wojan		Mary Terese Green
Grade 8	- Judy LaFreniere		Kathie McDonough
	Ronald Wojan		Diane Wojan

On Wednesday, March 10th and Thursday, March 11th, Open House will be held for the parents of Beaver Island. All parents are invited to visit school and observe their children at work.

A Beaver Island Youth Council was formed on February 26th with the following members elected.

First Grade - Kathie McDonough	Seventh Grade - Ruth Gregg
Second Grade - Tim McDonough	Eighth Grade - Ronald Wojan
Third Grade - Pat Wojan	Ninth Grade - Roberta Palmer
Fourth Grade - Raymond Cole	Tenth Grade - Phyllis Gregg
Fifth Grade - Joseph Kenwabikisse	Eleventh Grade - Bill Billespie
Sixth Grade - Dan Gillespie	Twelfth Grade - Edward Wojan

Officers were elected as follows:

President	- Edward Wojan	Secretary	- Phyllis Gregg
Vice-President	- Bil Gillespie	Treasurer	- Roberta Palmer

LOOKING BACK: In the March issue in 1955 we read the following items

On St. Patrick's Day, 1955, there was a Box Social and an Amateur Night. A great time was had by all.

A Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball was sponsored by the Junior Class on Feb. 22, 1955, in the Parish Hall. Frank Nackerman, wearing a Spanish Dancer's costume was crowned King, Bert McDonough in woman's garb was crowned "Queen" and Kurt Felix, as a Chinese Mandarine, was honored as their Page.

Walt Disney's Comics for March 1955 had a picture of the Beaver Island Post Office and Frank's pot-bellied stove. Anyone see it?

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FOR SALE: Six Room house on harbor. 3 bedrooms and bath, partly furnished, large lot with waterfront property on St. James Harbor. Write Mrs. Ada Martin, St. James, Michigan or call St. James 448-5831.

FOR SALE: Refreshment stand with Miniature Golf Course overlooking boat and harbor. Real money maker, good possibilities for a retired couple to supplement Social Security. Room for expansion. Contact Mr. A. J. Roy, St. James, Michigan

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FIRST CLASS

See you next month and a Happy St. Patrick's Day

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