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IT'S A PLEASURE...In the absence of Father Louis this is your old reporter Fr. Alexis bringing you the news, events, that transpired on the Beavers this past month. It is a distinctive pleasure to be here once again, we will have to do this more often.

TWAS A HOT MONTH...On April 5th, Fire completely destroyed the home of Bill Ricksgers..A small fire in the ole Sawmill and a grass fire at Mat Melvilles residence had the bucket brigade on the run..seems as though we need more Buckets and more runners.

OUR PRIDE AND JOY...The Emerald Isle made her first trip to the Island and returned to Charlevoix on April 7th. She then left for Sturgeon Bay, Wis. for painting and general inspection. Sure is pretty, new curtain and upholstery in the passengers lounge and a nice clean dress. She will be sailing daily during this month of May, that is except on Sundays.

SURROUNDED IN BEAUTY...Not only will the residents and visitors to the Island sing the praise of the good food at the Killarney Inn, but of the beauty of the surroundings.. Grace Cole is now putting the finishing touches to the redecorating of the Inn. Should be open for business real soon. Come on in and enjoy the good food and hospitality, you'll come back again we will assure you.

FUTURE VOTERS...To Mr. & Mrs. Norman Long (Mary Margaret Martin) a son, Michael Born March 30th. To Mr. & Mrs. Robert Armstrong, a girl, Jo Lynn on April 30th. We'll celebrate when you visit the Island by sharing a Cheroot.

Home to Roost...Those who have returned to the Island after spending the Winter on the Mainland include Nonie Gallagher, Maria Gallagher, Mary V. McDonough, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Cull, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Neers, Mr. & Mrs. James O'Donnell.

BOAT OWNER REJOICE.....Mr. Philip Gregg and Professor Walker Hill, both of East Lansing, were here over the last week-end to make arrangements for starting construction of a boat storage and service marina also winter storage for Auto's. They have purchased the Pischner saw-mill building and grounds for this project.

COLLECTORS ITEM...KING STRANG'S BOOK....We have received the last shipment of the reprint of King Strang's book-Ancient and Modern Michilimackinac. As we informed you before, only 500 of these books were printed and each book is numbered and will be registered to the buyer. We have been informed by the printer that there are no plans to print this book again. There are 28 copies of this book available through our Civic Association. Cost here on the Island \$7.50. If mailed add 27 cents for postage and insurance. The book is attractively bound and printed..Get your copy now while they are available.

A HUNDRED MILLION WELCOMES...Mr. & Mrs. Richard Stromberg, who have been Summer Visitors for the past four years, are now permanent Island Residents. Mr. Stromberg is an Architect and has made arrangements to carry on his profession on the Island, making drawings for other architects and Builders. The Strombergs own property at Point La Par at the South-end of Sand Bay. They formerly lived in St. Charles, Ill. and Green Bay, Wis.....Mrs. Stromberg by the way is quite an organist.

Also new land owners on Sand Bay are Mr. & Mrs. Evans of Ann Arbor, Mich. The lot was formerly owned by Mrs. Margaret Hanley.

As must to all men...Death came last week to Joseph E. Gallagher, former resident of the Island. Funeral services were held in Chicago, and burial in Ludington...R.I.P.

Good and Bad News....Mrs. Margaret Hanley had the misfortune of breaking her left leg, this happened in March..Hope by now that she is able to get around, better still to return to her teaching duties.. Son Terry is serving aboard the U.S.S. Watchman, a radar ship in the Pacific.

UNCLE SAMS SEA GUARDIANS....The Coast Guards returned to man the Station here on the 20th of April. They are very welcome and wonderful to have around.

ATTENTION ALL FORMER RESIDENTS....Next month we will start to publish the Names of the families who are planning to spend next Christmas on the Beavers. In future issues you'll hear more about this project. "Home for Christmas Year."

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STEAKS AND HAMBURGERS....Don Wielke and Perry Crawford, of the Pontiac area, together with our own Bud and Lawrence McDonough are beginning to raise beef cattle here.

Not even standing room....Central Michigan University extension school here on the Island is booked to capacity for their Summer Classes...

Fur Coat Anyone....Beavers trapping season is now over, and the stories we could tell would fill a book. Come on up and we'll swap stories. Karl Kuebler and Dr. Johnson caught 11, Chuck Dudley and Tony McDonough got 7. The Carlisles and Wojans got 37.

CANCER BENEFIT PARTY....Was held April 30th in the Shamrock. As in the past this party was a tremendous success. Percentage wise, Beaver Island must be ranked near the top of the list. Thanks to all who help make this party but a benefit, Cards, prizes, wonderful Music, dancing were the order of the night...All help to realize a goal of 106.00.

FRUSTRATING BUT NOT IN VAIN....Had many good people here the past week trying to catch those pesky little smelts, but in vain..yesterday May 2nd they were coming in and we dipped smelt like crazy. Perch should start coming in any day now. Come on up and catch them.

GRADUATES CELEBRATE...On April 28th the Junior & Senior Banquet was held at the Beaver Lodge. Chicken and all the trimmings, talking about trimmings the Lodge and tabels were beautifully decorated. The Theme Swan Songs was carried out in the table decorations with a swan gliding in a sea of blue amid cat-tails. After the Banquet the Prom was held in the Shamrock. The Graduates are taking a trip to Grand Rapids to see the sights. The Graduation exercises will be held in Holy Cross Church on May 24th. The Graduates are...Mary Gallagher, Anne Gatliff, Darlene Schmidt, Joe LaFreniere, Charles Dudley and Alvin LaFreniere.

The Lure of the Island....Many Visitors have come and gone since our last issue, some of the names that we have been able to come up with are; Brother Richard of the Christian Brothers, Loretta LaFreniere and Gary McDonough home from school over the holidays. Dr. & Mrs. Ludwick, Dr. & Mrs. Riley, Dr. & Mrs. Kooley, Dr. & Mrs. Kiobs, Dr. & Mrs. Mc Laughlin, Dr. & Mrs. Preston all of Jackson. Mrs. Rice, the County Nurse, Eleanor Bloom from the Health Office in Lansing, Mr. Ed Redman, County Agriculture Agents. Come again real soon, it was a pleasure to have you.

Bye see you all next month.