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Now, we can say that spring is here, as wild flowers blanket the forest floor and the trees are donning their green finery. Winds from the east kept the first part of the month rather cool and wet, but all of that is soon forgotten as the Island blossoms out to start the 1964 season.

WE RECEIVED the following poem, but we do not know the author or title. We thought, perhaps, you would enjoy it, too.

"If you want to live in the kind of a town,
Like the kind of a town you like,
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
And start on a long, long hike."

"You'll only find what you left behind,
For there's nothing that's really new;
It's a knock at yourself when you knock your town,
It isn't your town - it's you."

"Real towns are not made by people afraid
Lest somebody else gets ahead;
When everyone works and nobody shirks,
You raise a town from the dead."

"And if you make your personal stake,
Your neighbor can make one, too;
Your town will be what you want to see --
It isn't your town - it's you!"

WEATHER ANALYSIS: The following is the weather report from our new Fire Officer, Bill Wagner.

Lowest Temperature recorded for April - 9 degrees on 4th.

Highest Temperature recorded for April - 80 degrees on 18th.

Rain fall for April - 3.29 inches.

8" of snow on the ground on the 1st - Snow gone and the ground bare on the 9th.

Temperatures ranged from 28 degrees to 80 degrees with:

1 day in 20's

5 days in 50's

5 days in 30's

2 days in 60's

6 days in 40's

1 day in 80's

Weather recorded 19 days this month. Average temperature - 49 degrees.

HOSPITAL NOTES: Arleen Malloy was a recent patient at the Charlevoix Hospital, for an appendectomy operation.

Mrs. Eva McDonough is a patient at Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids. She entered the hospital on May 2nd.

William Belfy is still in Little Traverse Hospital at Petoskey.

Mrs. Onnie (Joe) McPhillips was a recent patient at the Charlevoix Hospital.

Also, in Little Traverse Hospital, is Rogers Carlisle, who is undergoing a Gall Bladder operation.

Mrs. Mary Turner has recently been released from the hospital after undergoing a Gall Bladder operation.

Mrs. Mary Green is a patient in Charlevoix Hospital and from all reports is coming along splendidly.

Miss Mel Gallagher is visiting her brother and family in Charlevoix at this time. She plans to be back on Beaver Island before Decoration Day.

RETURNING ROBINS: Added to the list of returnee's is Nonie Gallagher, Peter Johnson, Elizabeth Gallagher, Fern and Jim Carpenter, Mabel and Mike Cull, Frank Neer, Dr. Luton, Edna McCann and altho, she was not gone all winter, who was away for some time, our galavanting, Mary Minor Welcome home, you all.

LIGHTHOUSE AWAKENS: The past month we have all enjoyed seeing a light at the point, after a long dark winter. This month we were delighted to see the Coast Guard return to man the station. Our crew this year consists of Don F. Thurston, BML; Alfred C. Anderson, SN-BN; David E. LeRoy, SA; Mathews Gentes, FA and Max Selfridge, EN-1. We are most happy to welcome you back, Gentlemen.

WEDDINGS: Following their marriage, Saturday morning, May 2nd, in St. Alphonsus Church a wedding breakfast and evening reception were held in St. Adalbert's Hall feting Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wayne McDonough who exchanged their marriage vows with Rev. Thomas Landers officiating. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Taylor, 865 Prospect Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, and Capt. and Mrs. Lawrence McDonough of St. James. The bride, the former Kay Ellen Taylor, entered the sanctuary attired in a floor length gown of silk organza accented by embroidered alencon lace appliques repeated in the short sleeves and chapel train. A Queen Anne crown secured her waist length veil of embroidered English illusion and she carried a cascade arrangement of white carnations and hyacinths. Miss Suzanne VonDestinon was the maid of honor and Mrs. Robert Gleason and Miss Loretta LaFreniere of Lansing were bridesmaids. They wore pink organza frocks with rose patterned schiffli embroidery, matching bows with bouffant veils on their hair and carried pink and white carnations and white daisies. Mathleen McDonough of St. James assisted her brother as flower girl and Robert McDonough was his cousin's ringbearer. Gary McDonough of St. James assisted his brother as best man. Seating the guests were Terry Taylor, of Traverse City, the bride's brother, and Carl Gahlmen.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard O'Donnell and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Billin were masters and mistresses of ceremonies. The couple left on a wedding trip to

Virginia.

Those attending from the Island were Capt. and Mrs. Lawrence McDonough, Gary, Kevin, Joseph, Kathy and Pam; Mrs. Mary McDonough, the groom's Grandmother; Mr. and Mrs. Bud McDonough; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon (Dick) La Freniere and son, Paul and Alvin LaFreniere.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Sunday, April 26th, four children made their First Holy Communion. Father Louis officiated at the Mass. Sister M. Karen, O.P. was their teacher. The children were Raymond Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cole, Pamela McDonough, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Lawrence McDonough, Julie Gillespie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Gillespie and Doris Kenwabakeissee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kenwabakeissee.

OBITUARIES: Mrs. William Adams, 63, of Lincoln Park and summer resident of Beaver Island, died unexpectedly Saturday, April 25th, at Riverside Osteopathic Hospital in Trenton, Michigan. Funeral services were held at the Winchester Funeral Home at 2 P.M., April 30th, with Rev. Raymond J. McBratnie officiating. Burial was in Brookside cemetery. The Charlevoix chapter, O.E.S. assisted at the service. Born at Boyne City, June 11, 1900, the former Ila G. Ross had lived here and in Bay Shore, where she had operated the Shintangle. She had resided many years in southern Michigan. Surviving are her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Gordon (Marcia) Raby of Lincoln Park and Mrs. Walter (Jean) Smigel of Southgate; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. John Nemath of Detroit.

Word has been received here of the death of William Parker in Pontiac. He was the brother-in-law of William Schmidt and Mrs. James O'Donnell.

EARLY BOATER: The first boat to tie up at the Yacht Dock this year, was Tom Loeb's "Tim-Tom", from Charlevoix. Accompanying Tom was his son and Art Ranger. If our memory serves us correctly, Tom was the first in last year, too. Needless to say, there was plenty of room at the dock.

HIGH MASS: A High Mass will be celebrated at Holy Corss Church, Beaver Island, on May 31st in Thanksgiving for relatives, friends and all who helped make my recovery possible, cards, letters, flowers and Spiritual Bouquets. A special thank you to Very Rev. Father Jerome McCann, O.P., who flew from New York to be with me. Eva McDonough

FROM OUR REPORTER IN INDIA: Ellen Hill of East Lansing, who practiced her swimming during several summers on Beaver Island, produced and directed the AQUA FOLLIES, a synchronized swimming show performed at the National Sports Club of India in New Delhi in April. After a year in the ice show at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago, Ellen joined her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Walker H. Hill, last fall in India, where her father is one of a group assigned by Columbia University to serve as educational advisers to the national government. Her sister, Mary Emory, who traveled with Ellen to India, directed part of the show and performed in some of the acts. The following is a review of the show that appeared in the Times of India: "The U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Chester Bowles, his wife, and some invitees were the privileged few who witnessed a charming display of aquatics at a press preview of the Aqua Follies at the NSCI pool on Thursday evening. It was fun, frolic, romance and acrobatics in water. Girls looked like ethereal nymphs in their colourful, shiny bathing costumes. The ease with which they achieved various geometrical formations in the flood-lit

pool bespoke the hard work put in by the Director of the Follies, Miss Ellen Hill.

The solo item, "Regal Splendour", by Miss Hill had a touch of aquatic mastery.

The performance ended on a patriotic note when the participants formed the National Flag through the entire length of the pool to the strains of the National Anthem.

Very fine reviews of the show also appeared in the Indian Express, The Patriot and The Statesman.

GAME NEWS: The Smelt run, like last year, was a real short one. They ran heavy for about three nights and stopped. Suckers are running at Cables Creek, however, so there is still fun to be had in that department.

The opening of the Trout season saw a very good turn out at Fox Lake. Over all, the fishing is excellent, though there are times in the day when they just aren't interested in being caught. The bait this year, so far, has been mostly worms. Last year the largest Trout caught, weighed just a pound. So far this year the largest reported was 16", and already several over a pound have been caught. I should add, however, that membership in the Beaver Island Game Club is necessary before a person can be eligible for a prize of \$5.00 for the largest Trout caught during the season. Membership in the Game Club is \$1.00.

Rogers Carlisle tells us of being on Fox Lake when the Brook Trout decided to feed. In 15 minutes, he had his limit. Four successive casts caught four Trout. The five Brook Trout weighed 3 lbs., 11 oz. Much bigger trout have been caught, one was 16" long and Rogers heard of one 18" long, but didn't see it.

Reports of turkeys being seen in several parts of the Island let us to believe they are doing alright.

MUSHROOMER'S ARE AT IT: The spring rains have brought the Island's crop of mushrooms up for picking. The experts, like Milt Bennett and Karl Kuebler, can find them by the bushel. In the years they have been doing this, no one has been able to find out exactly where their spots are. Mushrooming is like fishing and favorite spots are carefully kept secret. However, this year they are so plentiful that even we novices are having no trouble finding them.

Anyone taking up this sport should have a good idea just what he is looking for because an error could make someone mighty sick and once in a while death is the end result of not knowing. This sounds like a rather ticklish past time but there is absolutely no danger if a person does a little research on the subject. A new book is out now to prevent any errors in determining mushrooms types. Also, you would be amazed at how many different varieties are good to eat. Anyone interested in this sport should have a copy of "The Mushroom Hunter's Field Guide", written by Alexander H. Smith. This is a real fine book and fully illustrated. It is available at the Beaver Island Museum or by contacting Mr. A. J. Roy, at St. James.

MORE ISLAND FACE LIFTING: Several changes will be noted by the season's visitors this year. The new Erin Motel, near the dock, is nearing completion as is Wojan's addition to their Harbor View Tourist Court. Dr. and Mrs. Haynes have completely re-done the former Pratt residence, next to the Post Office. New siding and roof has made a tremendous difference.

Central Michigan University has begun construction of a 24' by 48' laboratory building, to be in use this summer.

MOVER'S: Bud and Skip McDonough will be moving back into the city of St. James soon. They are purchasing Dr. Luton's home.

Bill Wagner, the new Conservation Officer, and his wife, Marge, are purchasing the Walter Lyon's residence, and will soon be settled down.

HOUSE WARMING: To get the season off to a rearing start and also, a chance to celebrate Mother's Day, all at once, Carl Baber, the new Manager of the Beaver Lodge, swung the doors open on the season on the 9th of May. We wish Carl and Connie a very successful season and will do our best to help get it started.

On April 23rd, the Beaver Island Civic Association sponsored a cake and coffee 'get acquainted' party for the Carl Babers, at the Circle M. Lodge.

PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION: The regular Parent Teachers Association meeting was held on Sunday afternoon, April 19th, at the Beaver Island Community School. After the business at hand was discussed, the subject of raising funds for an Activity Program for the pupils was discussed. The program will start in the fall. Father Louis has agreed to donate the use of the Parish Hall for use in the program. Equipment must be purchased to provide several activities for the children.

SCHOOL NEWS: The Honor Roll for this marking period is as follows:

Senior - Ronald Gallagher
Juniors - Edward Wojan, Pauline Kenwabikise
Freshmen - Jeanne Wojan
Eighth Grade - Sara Kenwabikise, Joseph McDonough, Roberta Palmer
Seventh Grade - Judy LaFreniere, Ronald Wojan
Sixth Grade - Kevin McDonough, Angie Wojan
Fifth Grade - Richard Gillespie, Joan LaFreniere, Audry Wojan
Fourth Grade - Julie Gillespie, Pamela McDonough
Third Grade - Michael Green, Patricia Wojan

On May thirteenth, the Beaver Island High School Banquet will be held at Holy Cross Hall. Mr. Charles Robinson, County Superintendent of Schools, Father Louis Wren, Dr. and Mrs. Howard Haynes, the Parents of the three seniors (Nancy Kenwabikise, Ronald Gallagher, John Gillespie) Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kenwabikise, Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Gallagher and the members of the Beaver Island School Board will be present.

Entertainment following the dinner, will be music furnished by Robert, Edward and Evelyn Palmer.

Graduation in Holy Cross Church will be on Friday evening, May 15 at 8:00 p.m. A reception in the Parish Hall will follow the graduation, to which all are invited. There will be refreshments and dancing.

Conics, tests, etc. will follow the next week and school will officially close on May 22nd.

RAMA NIGHT: On Friday night, May 8th, the Beaver Island School put on a program that deserves special mention. The one act play "Submerged" was presented by the Junior and Sophomore boys. "Indian Braves", an Indian

dance was put on by the boys of grades 1,2,3,4. "Surrender At Appomattox", a short play written and acted by the 5,6,7 and 8th grade boys. "Mixed Up Party", written and produced by the 5th through 8th grade girl "Roughly Speaking", a one act play, was presented by the 9th and 10th graders. The "Virginia Reel" danced by the boys and girls from 1st to 5th grades, ended the children's presentation. The entire program was well planned and presented, reflecting the effort put forth by both the students and Sister's. Though the attendance was good, we only wish that more could have seen it.

HONORS: Many of the students of Beaver Island School have maintained outstanding scholastic records. Many others have done exceptional work in a particular subject. These boys and girls deserve congratulations, and were presented with honors.

Bookkeeping - 1. John Gillespie - 2. Ronald Gallagher

Attendance - Raymond Cole, Doris Kenwabikise, Joseph Kenwabikise, James Wojan, Angela Wojan and Robert Kenwabikise.

Honor Roll - Patricia Wojan, Joan LaFreniere, Kevin McDonough, Mary Ann Palmer, Angela Wojan, Judy LaFreniere, Ronald Wojan, Roberta Palmer, Sara Kenwabikise, Joe McDonough and Edward Wojan.

Special Scholastic Awards - Reading Achievement based on work in SRA and Library reading - 1st Honor - Pamela McDonough, 2nd Honor - Joan LaFreniere, 3rd Honor - Audrey Wojan.

Spelling - One or less words wrong in every spelling test. - Mary Ann Palmer.

Drafting - 1. John Gillespie, 2. Ronald Gallagher, 3. Nancy Kenwabikise

Essay Contest - 10th and 11th Grader's - 1. Edward Wojan, 2. Pauline Kenwabikise, 3. William Gillespie

Science Project - 1. John DeVogel, 2. Edward Wojan, 3. William Gillespie

Science Award - Pauline Kenwabikise, Effort - Ernest Martin, Pamela Martin, Glen LaFreniere

8th Grade Diploma's - Robert J. Gillespie, Sara M. Kenwabikise, Joseph H. McDonough and Roberta Y. Palmer

Cap and Gowns to Seniors - Nancy Kenwabikise, Ronald Gallagher, John Gillespie

STUDENT TEACHER: Mary E. Gallagher is a student teacher at the Vine St. School in Kalamazoo.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Gallagher of St. James, Mary is a graduate of Beaver Island High School. She is in her senior year at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo. Next year Mary will enter her teaching career as 4th grade teacher in the Charlevoix School system.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

POP SALE: McDonough's Cabins on Sand Bay. Inquire, Lloyd McDonough, St. James, Michigan - 49782.

BEAVER PELTS FOR SALE by Walter Wojan and Rogers Carlisle. Any not sold immediately will be sent to tanners and processed, ready to be used by furriers. These are the rare "Black" Beaver.