



the culvert to raise the water twenty one inches. If this experiment proves effective, a more permanent structure may be built later.

**CANCER PARTY:** On May 1st the Cancer Party on Beaver Island was held under the chairmanship of Joy Green. The final total for the event was \$153.00. A big thank you goes to all the people who helped to make this party a huge success.

**FREQUENT ISLAND VISITOR MISSING IN LAKE:** Ferris J. 'Pete' Rennie, of Traverse City and property owner on the Island, was lost in Grand Traverse Bay Sunday, April 10th.

Several times during the winter 'Pete' had made trips to the family owned Marion Island, in his amphibious air sled, that was capable of going over open water as well as ice. Motor trouble, half way out, caused him to abandon the sled and attempt the rest of the trip on foot over soft ice. The sled, life jackets and hat is all that has been recovered.

Pete and his wife, Marilyn, have been generous benefactors to the Island. With the building of the Rectory, in 1963-64, they donated the huge oil tank for the heating plant. Just a week before the accident they had made arrangements to buy the Dormer estate, that takes in the Island - Ball Diamond, which they had planned to donate to the Island. Boating enthusiasts will well remember Pet's beautiful old yacht, the WREN'S NEST, that has made many trips to our shores. Our sincere sympathies are extended to Pete's family.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** On May 2nd five little Islander's made their First Communion at Holy Cross Church. They were James Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cole, Steven Kenwabakisee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kenwabakisee, Patricia Wojan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wojan, Michael Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Green and Timothy McDonough, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud McDonough. Our congratulations to one and all.

**SMORGASBORD:** The Beaver Island Civic Association held a Smorgasbord supper in the Parish Hall on April 24th. Entertainment was provided by the school children, who presented vocal selections accompanied by Vera Wojan. A short skit, directed by Mrs. Bill Wagner, was dedicated to Phil Gregg for his work at the Youth Center. It was titled the "Hoot and Hallar Beacon" and was about a frustrated editor looking for news. The following boys took part in the skit: Ronald Wojan, Dennis Wagner, Joe McDonough, Robert Kenwabakisee, Eddie Connaghan, Robert Gillespie and Buddy Martin.

A film on the forest fires in California followed the play.

**ASSOCIATE JUDGE:** In the April 5th election in Ferndale, Michigan, David E. Wilson was elected associate judge. The Wilson's have been summer residents on Beaver Island for many years, and we know that Dave will do a fine job. Our congratulations to you, Judge Wilson!

**ISLANDER'S RETURN:** Most of our Islander's have returned from spending the winter on the mainland. The most recent returnee's are: Mr. and Mrs. James Carpenter, Nonie Gallagher, Sybil Larsen, Mary 'Duffy' Gallagher, Judy Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny 'Andy' Gallagher and family, Mrs. Arthur Brown, Stanley Floyd, Mary Green, Willie Belfy, Mary and Perry Gatliff, Edna McCann, Sophia McDonough, Theresa Neer and Jeanne LaFreniere. Also home, are Mary 'Vesty' McDonough and Liz LaFreniere.

UNDERTAKER ALMOST TAKEN UNDER: With the opening of Trout season, many property owners came to the Island to try their luck fishing and to open up cabins. Several from Charlevoix came to the Island to try their hand at fishing, including Bob Winchester, John Michaels and Ralph Hess Jr., who had flown over to the Island in their planes. After some tinkering and a few cranks, they got Bob's old Chevy started in time to meet the Beaver Islander, that was bringing some of their equipment they had been unable to put on the planes. When they drove out on the dock and the time came to stop, much to their horror, the brake pedal flopped to the floor without giving a hint of stopping the car. With just enough time to "bail out", they watched their car go down the ramp and into about thirty feet of water. Skin diver, Don Meggison answered a call for assistance in the matter and dove under pack ice to fasten a cable to the submerged car. Walt Wojan, using his tractor pulled the car out. Severely dented and with dampened seats, the old Chevy is back in running order again.

SCHOOL NEWS: The following students received Honor Awards for the year 1965.

Attendance Certificates - Grade 1 - Mary Terese Green - Mark LaFreniere  
" 2 - Michael Green  
" 5 - James Wojan  
" 6 - Leonard Kenwabikise  
" 10 - Sandy LaFreniere

Honor Roll - Grade 1 - Kathie McDonough  
" 2 - Patricia Wojan  
" 4 - Joan LaFreniere  
" 7 - Angie Wojan  
" 8 - Judy LaFreniere  
" 10 - Jeanne Wojan

Certificates for Handwriting - All pupils of Grades 3 and 4.

Certificates for Manuscript - All pupils of Grades 1 and 2.

Penmanship Certificates - Grade 8 - Judy LaFreniere, Ronald Wojan

" 7 - Mary Gillespie, Ruth Gregg, Mary Ann Palmer, Angie Wojan  
" 6 - James Wojan, Gale Dillingham

Art Awards - Judy LaFreniere and Leonard Kenwabikissee - First  
Mary Ann Palmer - Second

Spelling Certificates - Grade 8 - Judy LaFreniere, Ronald Wojan, Joseph Martin

" 7 - Angie Wojan, Mary Ann Palmer, Kevin McDonough, Mary Gillespie  
" 6 - Gale Dillingham, Daniel Gillespie

Honors in Reading - Based on achievement in S.R.A. Reading Laboratory and reading of library books.  
1 - Patricia Wojan - 94 stories and library books read  
2.- Michael Green - 92 stories and library books read  
3 - Diane Wojan - 69 library books read

Drafting Awards - 1 - William Gillespie  
2 - Ernest Martin

Typing Awards - For maintaining average speed requirements for the year  
Pauline Kenwabikissee, Edward Wojan, Pamela Martin, Irene Palmer, Jack Martin

Scholarship Awards - Edward Wojan for maintaining a high scholastic average for the four years of high school He is the Valedictorian for the Senior Class.

Jeanne Wojan for maintaining a straight A average in World History for the year.

The following deserve Honorable Mention for the maintenance of a B average or better in a high school course:

Glen LaFreniere for Psychology  
Pauline Kenwabikissee for Shorthand  
Edward Wojan for Government and Drafting  
Daniel Gallagher for Drafting  
Arthur Gallagher for Drafting  
William Gillespie for Drafting  
Ernest Martin for Drafting  
Pamela Martin for Shorthand and Typing  
Phyllis Gregg for English, Latin and World History  
Sandy LaFreniere for Latin  
Dennis Wagner for Algebra and Latin

On May 7th the Beaver Island School presented its Spring Program for 1965 which included five short plays and the Honor Awards. Grades 9 and 10 presented The Mystery of Mouldy Manor - a very funny play that deliberately and delightedly kids one of the oldest and still most popular forms of American drama: the mystery-melodrama. Grades 5 through 8 presented two short plays: Jimmy Reforms written by Judy LaFreniere, Mary Ann Palmer and Mary Gillespie about an Island family importing help to reform their son and The Fatal Quest - a tragic comedy of the period when Kings reigned over the world. Boys from Grades 2 through 4 presented the Haunted House, which delighted the audience and left the 'Ghost' stranded in the middle of the stage when the curtain refused to close. The last play was presented by the pupils of grades 1 through 4 and was titled "The Little Rosebuds" dedicated to Mother for Mother's Day.

HONOR ROLL: This is the Honor Roll for the six week period ending Easter.

Grade 1 - Kathie McDonough Diane Wojan	Grade 8 - Judy LaFreniere Ronald Wojan
Grade 2 - Patricia Wojan	Grade 10 - Jeanne Wojan Phyllis Gregg
Grade 3 - Raymond Cole Pamela McDonough	Grade 12 - Edward Wojan Pauline Kenwabikissee
Grade 4 - Joan LaFreniere	
Grade 7 - Mary Ann Palmer Angie Wojan	

A Spelling Contest will be held in Charlevoix on May 19th. The contestants from Beaver Island School will be Grade 8, Judy LaFreniere; Grade 7, Angie Wojan and Grade 6, Daniel Gillespie.

The Beaver Island High School Banquet will be held on May 18th at Holy Cross Hall. The graduates, Pauline Kenwabikissee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kenwabikissee, Edward Wojan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wojan, Daniel Gallagher, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Gallagher and Glenn LaFreniere, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie LaFreniere, will be special guests. Other guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Robinson, Father Louis Wren, Dr. and Mrs. Howard B. Haynes, Mrs. Marion Rice, the Dominican

Sisters, Beaver Island School Board Members, the High School students and the eighth graders.

Graduation will be held in Holy Cross Church on Friday, May 21st at 8:00 p.m. A reception will be held in the Parish Hall following the ceremony. All are invited to attend both the Graduation and the reception.

Beaver Island School will close on June 1.

The Children of Beaver Island would like to take this opportunity to extend heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Mr. Phil Gregg for his untiring work in organizing the Beaver Island Youth Center, and his leadership during the winter. We hope that this is only the beginning of an active organization of Beaver Island and the children will be happy to see it continued.

ALTAR SOCIETY NOTES: The Altar Society's project of the Hall Kitchen Improvement is well underway. The new floor is down and next comes the cupboards. To help raise money for this project a beautiful hand appliqued Shamrock Quilt will be given away on May 30th. A ball game has been planned for that day and a lunch will be available to all from the Rustic Villa Drive-in windows, that afternoon. How about all of you joining us at the Ball Diamond on May 30th.

OBITUARIES: JOEY BROWN, one of the triplets of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Brown of Chicago, passed away on May 4th. He is survived by his parents, two sisters, and two brothers. His great-grandfather is L. J. Malloy of St. James.

JOHN D. WILCOX, passed away on April 16th after a brief illness. He was senior vice-president and trust officer of the First National Bank and Trust Company of Kalamazoo, Michigan. He was the frequent guest of John Adams and a great lover of Beaver Island, as well as the people living here. His passing is a great loss to his many friends on Beaver Island. Our sympathies go to his family and friends.

NEW MANAGERS: Mr. and Robert Severence of Spring Lake, Michigan are the new managers of the Beaver Lodge. Assisting Jan and Bob are their son and daughter-in-law, Vi and Dave Severence.

HOSPITAL NOTES: Mrs. H. B. Haynes has been a patient in Munson Hospital in Traverse City. She is at home now but returns each week for a check-up.

Milt Bennett was an out-patient in a Sanduskey, Ohio Hospital. Milt returned to the Island in time to pick the first mushrooms of the year.

Linda Wojan, again checked into Little Traverse Hospital during the past month. Her cast was completely removed and she now has a brace to help her. Everything is coming along fine but she does have to return for a check-up on May 19th.

BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sorensen of Greenville, announces the arrival of Christopher Nels, born May 6th and weighing in at 8# 8 oz. Dr. and Mrs. N. P. Sorensen are the proud grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Left of Charlevoix announces the arrival of a daughter, Cynthia Ann on May 11th. Mrs. Mary Green is the proud grandmother.

LATE REPORT: The grand total from the Chicago Party, held on March 18th, has just arrived. The sum of \$300.00 was sent to Holy Cross Church here on Beaver Island. A great big Thank You goes to all who attended this party for the benefit of Holy Cross Church.

MUSHROOMS SPROUT: With the spring rains have come a good crop of mushrooms this year. Now, of course, is the ideal time for picking, before the mosquitoes are too thick.

GARDEN ISLAND PROJECT UNDERWAY AGAIN: The Conservation Department, Game Division are busy finishing up the project that was started last fall, that of cutting trails and making clearings on Garden Island. Those from the Island working on the project are Clarence Palmer, Patsey "Doney" Gallagher, Richie Napont and Jack Connaghan. Erwin Martin is piloting the boat to and from Garden Island. When this job is complete, the same program is planned for High Island.

#### BEAVER TALES

Because of its isolated position, residents of Beaver Island have learned to be about as independent as any group of people anywhere, however, there is one basic need that has been of major concern to all that live here, that being medical attention during emergencies. This year ends the professional career of one who has helped fill this basic need for the past eighteen years.

Marion Rice has served as Charlevoix County Nurse since 1947, with a special place in her heart for the Island, as the Islanders hold the same feelings for her.

In June of 1947, Marion was first sent to the Island to stand by while Dr. Palmer was away. During this time a baby, belonging to a member of the Coast Guard and his wife, became seriously ill. With a call to Dr. Saltonstall, in Charlevoix, arrangements were made for a fast transfer to a mainland hospital. The baby and parents were immediately put aboard the Beaver Island Coast Guard boat, while a radio message was sent dispatching the Charlevoix Coast Guard boat to rendezvous with them in order to speed up the transfer. In the middle of the shipping lane, the boats met and the baby, with its parents, were transferred to the Charlevoix Coast Guard boat and headed toward Charlevoix. Between 9:00 p.m. and 12:00 p.m. the errand of mercy was made and within five days the baby made a full recovery.

In 1947 there were nearly 600 people living on the Island as compared to the less than 200 today, thus making frequent visits to the Island necessary.

In January of 1953, an epidemic of measles broke out at a time when there was no doctor on the Island, effecting nearly every family. Marion's days were without end, as she made house calls on all of the sick, with volunteers taking turns doing the chauffeuring. Each evening she had to call Dr. Grate, in Charlevoix, for medicine orders. Gamma globulin was given to all exposed children under five years, until the crisis was over.

The medicine at that time was in McDonough's Store and all numbered, so that her orders would be to give #9 to John Doe and #12 to Mary Jones. It certainly made a real numbers game out of her job.

With this small sampling of her work on the Island, to this day she doesn't think of the Island as a place of labor but enjoys the beauty of the country side and the close association of her many friends here. With her tour of duty over and her many kind deeds, that extended way beyond the term of duty, well remembered, we all hope she and her husband will make many more trips to our shores.

As a small token of appreciation for her efforts, a surprise party was given in her honor at the Beaver Lodge on the evening of May 10th, by the Beaver Island School Board. With President of the P.T.A., Lawrence McDonough as M.C. and a delightful talk by Dr. Haynes, topped off with a gift presentation by Rita Gillespie, an enjoyable evening was spent by approximately 60 Islanders. Patrick Bonner played his violin and at times was accompanied by Jewell Gillespie.

A fond farewell goes to Marion Rice from all of us and we hope she will always remember the Island as she first saw it. As she expressed it, "In June of 1947, the woods were so green and fresh, the meadows starred with buttercups and the reels along the streets with nets drying on them were so picturesque. It was such a happy, busy beautiful place and all were so kind and hospitable. For me it was a most enjoyable experience and I knew the Island would always be special".

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**YOUTH CENTER CLOSES:** The Beaver Island Youth Center has closed its doors for the year 1965. All of the children of Beaver Island would like to thank everyone who has donated time, equipment and money for this project. We would especially like to thank the John D. Wilcox Estate for the donation of \$25.00 to the Children of Beaver Island and to Father Louis for the use of the Holy Cross Parish Hall.

**NEW RESIDENTS:** Mr. William H. Adams, formerly of Lincoln Park, Michigan has moved to St. James to his cottage on the back beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Newstead (Caroline Kenwabikissee) of Traverse City, have moved to St. James with their small son. Dwayne is employed by Walter Wojan doing construction work.

**DEAR BEAVER ISLAND FRIENDS:**

Please accept my sincere thanks for the beautiful party you gave me. There are no words to tell you how much I appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. I shall never forget that wonderful evening, the surprise of it, the excellent dinner, the beautiful cake, the flowers and corsage. And I shall forever treasure the childrens' gift of the matched jewelry set, and your own more than generous purse. Truly you have paid me the highest compliment and done me the greatest honor, for which I am most grateful. It has been a real pleasure to bring our health programs to you, and your whole-hearted cooperation in this work has made it most rewarding.

Sincerely,

Marian Rice

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