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HOLY CROSS PARISH CELEBRATES ITS CENTENARY---The month of August was an eventful one in the life of the Island parish. The little church commemorated its 100th anniversary. An interesting history of the parish has been compiled, compaining many pictures and giving a discription of parish life in the early days. Copies may be obtained at \$1.00. The climax of the centennial came Sunday August 14th A Solemn High Mass was celebrated at 11 o'clock by the pastor, Fr. Louis Wren O.F.M. Conv.; Fr. Victor Gallagher of Reed City was Deacon and Fr. Vincent McCorry S.J., the chaplain to the Christian Brothers the Sub-deacon. The Most Rev. Allen J. Babcock, the Bishop of the diocese presided a t the Mass in the sanctuary and offered a few words of congratulation. The sermon was preached by Fr. McCorry. An overflow crowd was in attendance and taxed the capacity of the little church.

The ladies of the Altar Society under the direction of Mrs. John Gallagher served the traditional roast beef dinner--to the delight of all.

The Homecoming Parade this year was bigger and better than ever. In all twenty floats took part. Each float was discribed as the parade passed along Lake Front Rd. by Ken Gallagher over the public address system.

Our thanks to a ll who made this parade such a grand success. There was no judging for awards and no prizes given but the fun and gaiety which the parade adds to our annual Homecoming Celebration is one of the things that makes this day a special event to many of our residents and visitors.

We wish to thank the Lund Beverage Co. for donating their services and supplying such fine music for the Homecoming dance. A thank you too, to Archie and Frances LaFreniere who set them up so comfortably at Isle Haven. Thanks, too, to Bob Delaney for the use of his hi-fi.

Improvements in the Hall were completed in time for the Homecoming. New rest rooms were installed along with a new water system and an additional sink in the kitchen. We thank Dr. Luton for his contribution of a fan installation in the kitchen.

The sky is full of many sights these nights. Wednesday night August 24, Gerrie Lockwood was driving back to her cabin about the time the Echo Moon passed over and she saw something else in the sky she is sure was a flying saucer of some sort. This object was

reported by Eastern watchers but none seemed able to identify it.

CONSERVATION NEWS: State Biologists of the Game Division report that grouse shooting on Beaver Island this fall should be as good or better than on the mainland. The grouse are on the "up cycle". Opening dates are same as on the mainland--October 1.

Bass fishing continued very excellent both at Garden and on Beaver. Limit catches of larger than usual bass are still reported.

The Conservation Dept. has set the number of any Deer Permits for Beaver Island at 500 for this fall hunting. Be sure and apply soon. The deer herd looks fine.

Only a few copies of the Strang book are left. No more will be printed. Get one before they are all gone.

NEW PROPERTY OWNERS---Miss Adelia M. Beeuwkes, a Professor at the University of Michigan, has purchased the Dale Thomas cabin.

Two lots in Cable Bay have been purchased by Richard W. Larson and Vernon L. Larrowe, both of the staff of U of M.

Two lots at Boyle's Beach have been purchased by Miss Vivian H. Visschet, a professor at the U of M.

Central Michigan University classes raised our summer population by a fair margin.

Mr and Mrs Robert Seybold have purchased the Dorothy McGregor cottage on Sand Bay. Mrs Seybold operates the Pink Poodle Shop.

THE MOTORSHIP Mackinac Islander brought in docking material and constructed a sturdy piece of dock near the Conservation dock for unloading heavy oil drilling equipment.

The McClure Oil Co. has postponed drilling operations until early next spring.

BOYSCOUT TROOP 41 from Benzonia spent three days here--23 boys and 4 leaders.

The State Board of Education met at C.M. College to pick a new President for Western Michigan U at Kalamazoo.

Mr George Chase of Grand Rapids visited the Island and the site of the train wreck in which his uncle was killed 53 years ago. The B.I.C.A. keeps a white painted cross at this site and Mr. Chase gave the association a cash donation in appreciation of this.

THEY DO COME BACK! Mr and Mrs B.O. Fink and family of Auburn, Ind. visited the Island back in 1919 while cruising around the lake. Recently mother and daughter spent a day here on a cruiser and expressed the hope to come back next year for a longer stay.

NOT GOODBYE---JUST SO LONG to our many summer visitors who are gradually returning to their homes. The Townsends, Ludwicks, Seybolds, Woodfields, Nelsons, Allens, Suttons, Wanty's and Rae McDonough--to name a few.

THE CAMPGROUND received heavy use during the month of August with up to 55 campers there at one time.

GAME BIOLOGISTS will spend most of September on Garden and High

Islands in preparation for the grouse season.

THE REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE of Emmett County met on Sunday September 4th with the board of the Beaver Island Boat Co. Those who flew to the island for the meet were Don Ruffer of Petoskey, Al Phillips of Conway, George Myers and Bob Hall of Harbor Springs. A complete survey and study of a shorter water route to the Island by ferry was made.

Married were Alex Nicholas Walgus of Ambridge, Pa. and Beverly Therese O'Donnell who were united in matrimony at Holy Cross Church Saturday morning September 3rd at 11 o'clock High Mass. Attending the bride were her two sisters Carol and Margaret and her sister-in-law Mrs. Richard O'Donnell. Larry McDonough, Richard and Ronald O'Donnell attended the groom. Wedding breakfast for 35 was served at Beaver Lodge. Through the afternoon open house was held at the O'Donnell farm and it seems everyone on the Island paid a visit and enjoyed the O'Donnell hospitality.

Mr. Walgus is in the Coast Guard service and stationed in Charlevoix and there the couple will make their home. Many happy years together!

THE BEAVER ISLAND BOAT CO. held their annual meeting and election of Directors Saturday September 3rd at Holy Cross Hall. One director, Archie LaFreniere was elected to serve a 3 year term.

August 6th the new municipal dock for cruisers was dedicated with simple but appropriate ceremonies.

Rogers Carlisle traced briefly the many improvements on the island in the past ten years. These included the locally owned telephone, Medical Center, formation of the Boat Company and now the new dock.

Several members of the Waterways Commission attended and they cited the many advantages the new dock holds for the Island.

On her return trip to the Island Labor Day, the Emerald Isle went up to Cross Village and starting from behind the breakwater set out for the Island. On the test run 45 minutes less running time than to Charlevoix was noted.

SCHOOL REOPENED September 6th with the following number of children registered;

Grades 1 to 4	22 children
" 5 to 8	25 "
The High School will have 9 students.	

Two new teachers came--they are Sister Euphrosine for the high school and Sister Karen for the grade school.

Guests of Mr and Mrs A.J. Roy during August were Mr and Mrs Jesse Ryor, son Tommie, Daughter Jesslyn of Miami, Florida.

Mrs. Ellen Pischner has gone to Mesa, Arizona, to spend the winter with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr and Mrs Elston Pischner.