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A word of appreciation to Doctor Joseph W. Christie, M.D.,
physician and surgeon, from his Beaver Islanders:

Dear skillful hands that tenderly
Massage the aching limb
And gently wipe the fevered brow
Of womenkind and men

Some day Our Lord will say to you:
You soothed me in My pain
You touched My bleeding shoulders
And helped Me rise again

And you will say how can it be
That was so long ago
And He will say to you: My son
You surely must agree

When you did it unto these My least
You did it unto Me

Gratefully
Your Beaver Islanders

Summer is nearly over and many are wondering where it went or when it's coming. July and early August sure didn't offer the best in vacation weather but with those few nice days in between, activities have kept a good pace regardless.

WEATHER: The Beaver Island weather for the month of July as reported by Fire Officer Bill Wagner.

High temperature of 83 degrees on the 20th and 22nd.
Low temperature of 43 degrees on the 6th.
Average high temperature was 74.3 degrees.
Average low temperature was 56.8 degrees.
Low 5 p.m. temperature was 57 degrees on the 3rd and 4th.
High 5 p.m. temperature was 76 degrees on the 20th.
Average 5 p.m. temperature was 65.9 degrees.
Total rainfall for the month was 4.11 inches.
Fog occurred on 14 days.
Total rainfall since January 1st is 14.57 inches.

GAME NEWS: Fishing, of course, is still the big thing and over all, it has been and is a good fishing season. Those scrappy bass have been plentiful all season and for the first time in many years, perch are being caught all summer.

HOMECOMING: Homecoming this year was deemed a big success with a profit of \$2,056.00 for Holy Cross Church. The Homecoming Dance held on Saturday, August 12th, was attended by approximately 130 people, who danced to music furnished and donated by Lorraine, Irene and Edward Palmer and Chucky Dudley. Approximately 310 dinners were served on Sunday at 12:00 noon in the Holy Cross Hall. At 3:30 p.m. the Annual Homecoming Parade was held under the chairmanship of Martha Miller, with the theme this year "The Months of the Year". The following prizes were awarded:

- 1st Prize - Marge Wagner for her Halloween Float
- 2nd Prize - The Shamrock for the float "Who Threw The Overalls in Mistress Murphy's Chowder".
- 3rd Prize - Robert Gillespie for his ship float.

- Basket of Joy was won by Dick Gallo
- Dana Sue Gillespie won the \$100 Bill.
- Amy Zajakowski won \$50.00
- Mark Duncan won \$25.00.
- Goofer won \$15.00

Any suggestions for a Theme for next year's Homecoming Parade would be greatly appreciated.

On Homecoming Day, the clowns in the Parade gave away balloons that had been filled with helium. Nancy Wagner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wagner, took a white balloon and had her name and address put on it. She released it about 6:00 p.m. from her front yard. Nancy received a card from Ruth Bier, August 21, telling her that they had found a white balloon with her name and address on it at Greenbush, Michigan, north of Oscoda while they were walking along the beach of Lake Huron on the morning of August 15th.

The ladies of the Holy Cross Altar Society wishes to thank all the ladies who helped at the 1972 Homecoming week-end.

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THE BEAVER ISLAND CLUB OF GRAND RAPIDS

ANNOUNCES

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL BEAVER ISLAND CAPER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1972

at the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL
5830 Clyde Park Ave. S.W.
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Hours are 8:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.

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PROCEEDS ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF BEAVER ISLAND

ENGAGEMENT: Mr. and Mrs. Dick Martin of Beaver Island announce the engagement of Mrs. Martin's daughter, Mary Margaret DeVogel to David Allen Fischner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Fischner, of Charlevoix. An October 7th Wedding is planned.

GOLF NOTES: On behalf of Beaver Lodge Golf and Country Club, I would like to express thanks to everyone for making our season a success. We appreciate the enthusiasm shown by the merchants and players. Special thanks to our friends who took the time and effort to sponsor tournaments:

Robert Gillespie - "The Beaver Gems Open"
Jim Janda - "The Beachcomber Open"
Dick Gallo - "The Castaway Open"
Dick & Jean LaFreniere - "The Beaver Island Classic"

and also to the merchants who contributed prizes:

Island Rental	Gillespie Sales & Service
The Shamrock	Bee Hive
McDonough's	Circle M

Have you noticed the new "starter house" that is nearing completion because of the hard work of Robert Gillespie, Buzz Anderson, Chub Wilmont, Bob Adams and Arthur Gallagher.

Someone has suggested that we have a tournament about the middle of September (after the hectic summer is over) - especially for "Islanders". Sounds like an excellent idea!

We're proud of the interest our new members have taken in the course this year and we're looking forward to next spring already.

Matt Melville

HOSPITAL NOTES: Mrs. Elizabeth Gallagher is a patient in Little Traverse Hospital in Petoskey. After suffering a heart attack, Mrs. Gallagher has been given a "permanent Pacemaker". One added note is that Mrs. Gallagher had to celebrate her 90th birthday in the hospital. A belated Happy Birthday and come home soon, Mrs. Gallagher.

Franke Solle, son of Dr. and Mrs. Christie, was rushed to Little Traverse Hospital, via helicopter, due to an emergency appendectomy. Frank is now home now and feeling fine.

John Gillespie was taken via helicopter, also, to Little Traverse Hospital, following a fall from a telephone pole. We are delighted to say that he is home now, but on crutches.

Mrs. Joseph Christie was a patient in Munson Hospital in Traverse City, Michigan.

Mrs. Patrick LaFreniere was a patient in Little Traverse Hospital for surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Demorest, of Lansing, who have a summer home at the south end of Beaver Island, were enroute to St. James when they lost control of the car and hit a tree. Two of the occupants of the of the automobile had to spend the night at the Medical Center, but have returned home now.

Mrs. Paul Harmon is recuperating at her home at 1251 Hickory Rd., So. Bend, Ind. 46615. Mel suffered a broken back in an accident, while on her way to the Island on June 30th.

WEDDINGS: St. James on Beaver Island, one of Michigan's smallest communities with an estimated population of 275, played host to one of the state's largest 1972 weddings Saturday, August 19th, when Jean Boyle of Kalamazoo became the bride of Gary McDonough of San Francisco. More than 300 persons, mostly the couple's Irish kith and kin from across the country, jammed tiny Holy Cross Church chapel for the 2 p.m. ceremony, with dozens of others waiting outside on the lawn. In the evening, between 500 and 600 persons attended a sit-down buffet supper in Holy Cross Hall across the street from the church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boyle of Chicago, former residents of Beaver Island.

The bridegroom is the son of Capt. and Mrs. Lawrence McDonough of St. James. Capt. McDonough is skipper of the Beaver Islander. Officiating at the double ring ceremony was Fr. Herbert Graf of Holy Cross Church, assisted by Msgr. Victor Gallagher and Fr. Edward Donahue. Mrs. Walter Wojan was organist and Barry Pischner was soloist. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a Victorian-styled gown of flocked white viole and carried a bouquet of red and white carnations.

The bride's sisters served as her attendants. Mrs. Sharon Campbell of Kalamazoo was maid of honor, with Mrs. Ray (Grace) Matela, Mrs. James (Theresa) Gack, and Miss Sue Boyle, all of Chicago, serving as bridesmaids. They wore floor-length gowns of dusty rose flocked with white and carried bouquets of white carnations.

Flower girl was Lori McDonough of Grand Rapids, a niece of the bridegroom and ring bearer was John Matela of Chicago, nephew of the bride. The bridegroom's brothers served as his attendants. Larry McDonough of Grand Rapids was best man and groomsmen were Kevin and Joe McDonough brothers of the groom and Bud McDonough, cousin of the groom. The bride is a graduate of Bremen High School in Midlothian, Ill., and worked as a bookkeeper for the Upjohn Co. in Kalamazoo.

The bridegroom is a 1959 graduate of the Beaver Island School. After serving in the Air Force he attended the Northrop Institute of Technology in Los Angeles for two years. He presently is employed by the Buzzell Electric Co. in San Francisco as an electrician.

The couple will remain on the Island for several days before returning to the West Coast via Reno and Lake Tahoe. Out-of-town guests attended the wedding from California, Chicago and many Michigan cities.

A post-wedding luncheon was held at the McDonough home on the island Sunday afternoon.

Although the Boyles left Beaver Island before Jean was born, she has been a frequent visitor on the island over the years.

The Boyle and McDonough Families would like the relatives and friends to know how much they appreciated their presence at the wedding and also a very sincere "thank you" to the ladies that prepared and served the tasty buffet supper. The table was beautiful.

LAFRENIERE - BECKER: Miss Joan Eileen LaFreniere and Mr. Philip K. Becker were married on Saturday afternoon, August 26th in Holy Cross Catholic Church. The Reverend Herbert Graf officiated at the 2:30 p.m. ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Archie LaFreniere, of St. James and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Becker, of Portage, Michigan. The bride was attired in a mint green empire style gown with the bodice and long full sleeves embroidered in white. A cluster of fresh flowers was worn in her hair and she carried a basket of fresh garden flowers.

Honor attendants were Miss Sue Hallawacks, attired in a sleeveless yellow empire gown and Mr. Kurt Becker, brother of the groom. Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held at the bride's home. Following a trip to Canada the couple will reside at 513 Sage St., Kalamazoo, Michigan.

EGGERSDORF - GALLAGHER: Miss Deborah Eggersdorf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Eggersdorf, of Bekling Road, East Jordan and Michael James Gallagher, son of Mrs. Vernon H. LaFreniere of St. James, Beaver Island were united in marriage July 13th at Chicago, Illinois. A reception was held for 300 guests at the American Legion in Charlevoix on July 30th, with the orchestra from The Steinhouse in Petoskey providing the music. Debbie sang with the orchestra two nights a week/ Michael attended schools in Charlevoix, Michigan and Lake Worth, Florida. He graduated from the Charlevoix High School and spent 2 years in the U.S. Army, 1 year in Korea. He is employed at General Motors Corp. in Pontiac. Deborah graduated from East Jordan High School in 1968 and was employed at the Park Place Restaurant in Charlevoix and the Steinhaus in Petoskey. They are at home at 2423 Elizabeth Lake Road, Apt. 124, Pontiac, Michigan.

NOW ABOUT THAT 'KISS OF PEACE'. . . . : The following article was sent to the Beacon Editor with the following note: "I am confident that all of them (Beacon Readers) will get a "kick" out of the enclosed article. In these days of Ecuminism, we all understand each other well enough to enjoy it. Thank you." Fr. Donahoe.

PORTLAND, Me. (NC)-- The liturgical Kiss of Peace has become the Handshake of Peace, but some Catholics are still uneasy about the practice. The Church World, the diocesan newspaper here, has some words of humorous advice:

- It is permitted to keep your gloves on for handshake if your hands are dirty, wet or bleeding profusely.
- If there are only two of you in church who feel like shaking hands ---please go to a neutral corner.
- If nobody wants to shake hands with you, you may shake hands with yourself--but first lay down your missalette. It is better not to greet yourself at this time. People are already staring at you.
- If you happen to be situated next to a former spouse, former cell-mate, or an income tax examiner--it is advisable to omit the handshake and all reference to peace or war.
- If some eager handshaker has interrupted your devotional meditation, and you cannot recall the proper response, you may reply to his "Peace" greeting with a standard phrase, such as "I never bet with a stranger."
- It is perfectly proper to maintain a death-grip on your purse or wallet when confronted by an especially aggressive handshaker. His confederate could be quietly lifting your property while you are distracted. This destroys peace.
- If you should have the misfortune to attempt to handshake with an aggressive Conservative Catholic and receive a quick punch in the nose, please do not remain bleeding and moaning in the pews. Report immediately to the Liturgy Committee to obtain a list of qualified oral and plastic surgeons--at no charge.
- If you wish to shake hands with more than one neighbor, it is proper first to announce your political affiliation and office you are running for.

BEAVER TALES

The following article was sent to the Beacon Editor from Mr. Hugh Harley of County Donegal, Ireland. The article appeared in the Donegal Democrat on Friday August 25th, 1972, on page 1.

ARANMORE MAN WAS GOD-SON OF NAPPER TANDY

A letter from Beaver Island, stronghold of Irish Gaelic culture, to Mr. Hugh Harley, ("Traveller") adds an interesting sidelight on the intriguing story of how emigrants from Aranmore Island off the Donegal coast established a little Gaeltacht on this lovely island in Lake Michigan on the U.S. / Canadian border.

The letter is a sequel to the publication in the "Democrat" a few months ago of the English translation of a Gaelic poem sung by Catherine Gallagher on Aranmore on a morning in 1867 as she prepared her children for exile overseas. The poem was noted by the family, memorised and cherished by them on Beaver Island.

The letter is from Miss Clementine McCauley, an ex-teacher, aged 71, a great-grand-daughter of Mrs. Gallagher, who had the poem translated into English by her father, who greatly treasured the Irish tongue during his life-time on Beaver Island. He died in 1958. Miss McCauley's grandfather's name was James Napper Tandy Gallagher. In her letter to Mr. Harley she tells how he came to bear the name. When he was born on Aranmore, priests in Ireland were in hiding. His father was concerned about having the baby baptised, but there was no priest available. From the window of the island cabin one morning the father saw a French vessel at anchor close-by. Thinking there might be a priest on board he placed the baby in a basket, and asked a 16 year old island girl to accompany him on a currach out to the ship. The crew received him in a friendly way, admitted him on board to the presence of a priest and a young man who he took to be a French officer. The priest proceeded with the baptismal ceremony, requesting the young man to act as god-father. The young man was Napper Tandy. The vessel was, of course, the French warship, Foche. Many a time on Beaver Island he satisfied the curiosity of the natives by telling them the story of how he got his name.

VISITED ARANMORE

Miss McCauley was the only member of the Gallagher clan to visit Aranmore. It was in 1959 that she came to Ireland and she recalls how frustrated she felt when the travel agency who arranged her tour told her they "had no way of knowing" how she would get to Aranmore. On the advice of a cousin, Nell Gallagher, she wrote to Mr. Jack Boyle, of the Glen Hotel, Aranmore, who at one time worked on a lighthouse tender which delivered supplies to the lighthousekeepers on Lake Michigan. Jack got her to the island as his guest, but she could not stay more than one night. I went through England, Scotland and Wales, and then to Lourdes on that trip, but my journeying through beautiful Ireland was the highlight of all", Miss McCauley remarks.

NOTE: Napper Tandy was a leader in the ill-fated Irish uprising of 1798. This flamboyant Irish hero's name appears in the song, "The Wearin' of the Green".

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