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WHAT IS AN IRISHMAN?

What is an Irishman? He is the proudest of men. He goes his happy way with a lilt in his step and a song in his heart. This delightful, dynamic creature is gloriously in love with life!

What is an Irishman? He is a man who immensely enjoys himself and the world around him. He throws back his head to roar with the pure delight of living. He opens his heart to drink in the wonders of creation and to listen to the language of the birds and the wee, small things that call out to be heard.

What is an Irishman? He is a man of song - gay, lilting songs of the little people; loud, robust songs of the battles and victories of his beloved Ireland. He is a talking man, and his beautiful words can turn a simple tale into a soul-stirring saga. And oh! his gift for blarney will forever be unequalled and unchallenged!

What is an Irishman? Why, on St. Patrick's Day, he is king, conqueror, minstrel, bard and wizard. He is more powerful, learned and vital than any other man alive. And while he is justly proud, he is also grateful to the Almighty - for health and love, for family and friends, for a rousing song and a good argument, but most of all, he's grateful that HE IS AN IRISHMAN!

Barbara Burrow

The lion of March didn't pull any punches, ushering in the month with more snow and high winds but longer days and bright sun is taming it down with each passing day. The winter of "71" will be long remembered as a real old fashioned winter.

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

High temperature of 43 degrees on the 27th.
Low temperature of -9 degrees on the 14th.
Average high temperature 22.4 degrees.
Average low temperature 11.8 degrees.
High 5 p.m. temperature of 36 degrees on the 17th.
low 5 p.m. temperature of 5 degrees on the 12th.
Average 5 p.m. temperature 21 degrees.
Total snow fall for the month 18.5 inches.
Total precipitation including snow - 2.34 inches.
32 inches of snow on the ground on the 1st. 22 inches on the ground on the 28th.
Total snow fall since November - 84 inches.

GAME NEWS: Deep snow has made winter's wind-up rather rough on the deer herd. That is, limiting them to small areas that are quickly "broused out". Bill Wagner, Joe Brimble and Alvin LaFreniere have been working on a cutting program this past week, to suppliment their diet. By cutting patches of cedar and maple, hopes are that this will help see them through until they can broaden their range.

This just hasn't been the year for fishing. Bad weather has had some restrictions on fishing but so far, all attempts have brought poor results.

SIGNS OF SPRING: For being such a severe winter, several signs of Spring have been making themselves known at an early date. Don Burke, reports the sighting of three robins feeding near his home. Milt Bennett sighted a Jacksnipe or Sand Piper, along the shore, near the ferry dock. Archie LaFreniere reports seeing a chipmunk scurrying about his yard, looking the situation over. Father Donahue is busy getting his sap buckets hung on numerous tapped sugar maples, and will soon be boiling sap into maple syrup for his morning flapjacks.

SUNDEW VISITS: At the request of Jewell Gillespie, through Representative Phil Ruppe, the Coast Guard Cutter Sundew paid two visits to the Island, in order to deliver a supply of gasoline and fuel oil, plus bottle gas and a new radiator for one of the generators at the power plant. Mid-March is a little early to break out the harbor but supplies were really needed. It is quite a sight indeed, to watch an ice-breaker at work; smashing through 2½ feet of blue ice. It took several attempts before reaching the dock. Just about every Islander was on hand to watch the proceedings. School was let out for the occasion and through the generosity of the Captain, Lt. Cmdr. Burl Williams, the school children were given a tour of the ship. This, too, could be included as a sign of Spring, being the first vessel in the harbor since the end of December.

THROW AWAYS: About the only bad part of spring is the sudden exposure of littered bottles and cans with the receding snow. At the suggestion of the Beaver Island Civic Association, store and bar owners on

the Island have discontinued carrying throw away bottles, thus eliminating some of the potential danger of broken glass along the roads and beaches. The problem is a long way from being solved however, for in the summer many items purchased on the mainland and brought to the Island, still end up as litter on the Island and much of this is still made up of non-deteriating throw away bottles. As a plea, we would like to request that anyone bringing items in throw away containers to the Island, or anywhere else for that matter, make certain they are disposed of in the proper place.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY: A full day of activities and perfect weather, made this a better than usual St. Patrick's celebration of the Island. School was dismissed at noon for the rest of the day, so all could take part in the goings on. A picnic lunch of hot dogs, hot chocolate and coffee was dispensed by the Civic Association from the dock at Beaver Haven just prior to snowmobile races on the harbor. Recent thaws and re-freezing had left the surface of the harbor rather glary so a straight run was laid out of about a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile in distance. Five races were held. It was rather difficult to classify all the machines because of the wide variety of horse power, but it was fun anyway.

The first race was made up of old machines, 16 H.P. and under. 1st place was Buddy Martin on a Ski-Doo, 2nd was Bing McCafferty's Johnson and 3rd was Frank Sollas's Johnson.

The second race - 1st place was Jim Wojan on a Ski-Doo, 2nd place was Russell Green on a Scorpion and 3rd place was Mark LaFreniere on a Ski-Doo.

The third race was Joe Brimble in 1st place on a Chaparral, 2nd place was Father Donahue on a Polaris and Dick DeRosia, 3rd, with a Chaparral.

The fourth race was run with machines 25 H.P. to 40 H. P. 1st place was Walt Wojan on a Ski-Doo, 2nd place was Archie LaFreniere on a Johnson and 3rd place was Father Donahue on a Polaris.

The fifth race was a Powder Puff race for the women. 1st place was Lil Gregg on a Johnson, 2nd place was Joy Green on a Ski-Doo, 3rd place was Vera Wojan on a Ski-Doo, 4th place was June DeRosia on a Chaparral and 5th place was Jean LaFreniere on a Johnson.

Due to the success of the days activities on the ice, a bigger and better program will be planned for next year.

At six in the evening, a dinner was served at the Parish Hall where many hearty appetites were satisfied after a full day of activities. Following the dinner, the school children put on a short program of singing Irish songs and dancing.

WEDDINGS: MILLER - MCDONOUGH: A Saturday afternoon wedding in St. Andrew's Cathedral solemnized the vows of Miss Sally Irene McDonough and Robert A. Miller on February 27th. Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. McDonough of Wyoming are the parents of the bride. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Miller also of Wyoming. The bride wore a gown of organza trimmed with orchid ribbon and lace. An orchid ribbon was worn in her hair. The maid of honor was Mrs. Richmond M. Miller. Miss Patricia Lockton of Dolton, Ill., Miss Diane Musliwicz and Miss Gail L. McDonough were the bridesmaids.

Richard M. Miller was the best man with James L. Boelema, Michael Gavrillides, and Michael S. Miller as ushers.

Miss Shannon M. Miller was flower girl and Kevin Barry McDonough was ringbearer.

A reception in the Red Carpet Inn preceded a trip to Augsburg, Germany.

LAFRENIERE - MICELI: St. Florian's Church in Chicago was the setting for the 4:00 p.m. Nuptial Mass uniting Miss Lois Miceli and Mr. Joseph William LaFreniere in marriage. The Rev. Fr. Norman Kunz officiated at the double ring ceremony on February 13th.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Charles Miceli of Chicago. The groom is the son of Mrs. Elizabeth LaFreniere and Mr. Patrick LaFreniere of Beaver Island.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white velvet floor length gown with a fingertip illusion veil. She carried a bouquet of white roses with baby's breath.

Maid-of-Honor was Miss Ellen Kot of Chicago. The bridesmaids were Donna Kubic, Janet Miceli, sister of the bride and the flower girl was Kimberly Connaghan. They wore red velvet gowns and carried bouquets of red roses with pink daisies and baby's breath.

Best man was Alvin LaFreniere and groomsmen were Larry Kubic and Dennis Miceli, brother of the bride. Michael Miceli was ring bearer.

A reception was held at the American Legion Hall immediately following the ceremony.

Guests attended the wedding from Beaver Island, Lansing, Adrian and Chicago.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Joseph LaFreniere will reside in Chicago.

HOSPITAL NOTES: Mrs. Perry (Henrietta) Crawford was a patient in a Sarasota, Florida hospital for surgery.

Frank Schnaudigel was a patient at Little Traverse Hospital. He has been released from the hospital and will be home next week.

Jewell Gillespie was a patient in the Charlevoix Hospital.

CHICAGO ST. PAT'S PARTY: The Chicago St. Patrick's Day Party was held on March 6th at St. Kevin's Parish Hall, with a fine attendance. Attending from the Island were Bing and Madonna McCafferty, Rita and Mary Gillespie, Eddie Connaghan and Archie LaFreniere.

One added note was that Lucille Gillespie Osborn of Iowa was planning on attending with her family. The night before she was to leave for Chicago, she fell and broke her arm. She was unable to attend but her family did gather at the party anyway. Perhaps next year she will have better luck.

OBITUARIES: TED GRAHAM - Word has been received for the death of Ted Graham who passed away on February 24 in Zepherhills, Florida at the age of 64. He was a retired Captain of the C. & O. Car Ferries out of Ludington and a former Island resident. Interment was at South Haven, Michigan.

MARY ELIZABETH GALLAGHER - Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Gallagher, 83, died on Thursday, March 11th, at a nursing home in St. Joseph, Michigan. She was spending the winter months with a niece, Mrs. Donald Masini at St. Joseph.

Services were held on Saturday, March 13th, at 1 p.m. from St. Joseph's Church in St. Joseph, Michigan. The Requiem Mass was celebrated by her nephew, Rev. Father Bernard Scheid, of St. Kevin's Church in Chicago, Ill. The body will be returned to the Island for burial in the spring in Holy Cross Cemetery.

She was born Mary Elizabeth Duffy in Aranmore, Ireland, April 12, 1887 and came to Beaver Island in 1904. She married William John Gallagher in November 1912 and he died October 22nd, 1962.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. John (Sadie) Peternard, of Chicago one son, Norman Gallagher, of Port Huron; five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

The family suggests that anyone wishing to honor the memory of Mrs. Gallagher may contribute to the Holy Cross Church on the Island in her name.

MRS. J. DONALD MABLEY: Funeral services for Mrs. J. Donald Mabley, 60 of Grosse Pointe Farms were held February 27th at St. Paul's on the Lake Church at Grosse Pointe Farms. Burial was in Woodland cemetery. Mrs. Mabley died on February 25th at Harper Hospital in Detroit. Born on Beaver Island, the former Mary McCann, she was raised in Charlevoix and was graduated from the Charlevoix High School. She had resided in the Detroit area for many years. She was a member of the Women's Auxiliary of Harper Hospital, the Altar Guild of St. Paul's of the Lake, the Women's City Club and League of Catholic Women. Surviving are her husband, J. Donald Mabley M.D.; two sons, John D. and James S.; a sister, Mrs. Herbert Campbell of Grand Rapids and one brother, Daniel McCann of Chicago.

FATHER LEONARD WEBER - After 17 years of service in the Blackduck, Minnesota area, Father Leonard Weber (Brother H. Felix), 68, was given the last rites of the Church by Bishop Kenneth J. Pobish, Crookston, who concelebrated Mass with Father Weber's fellow priests, in St. Ann's Church, Blackduck, on Monday, January 25th at 11 a.m. The parish choir, assisted by the clergy and congregation, sang the Mass.

Men of the parish served as pallbearers and boys of the parish assisted in the presentation of the new liturgy for funerals.

Father Weber had resigned, January 13th because of poor health and had moved to Cold Springs, Minn.

He was hospitalized in St. Cloud Hospital almost immediately after beginning his retirement.

Father Weber, graduated from De La Salle, Minneapolis, and received his Masters degree at DePaul University in Chicago.

Before studying for the priesthood he had been a member of the Christian Brothers and taught in Christian Brother High Schools in the Twin City area.

He attended the seminary at Conception Abbey, Conception, Mo.

Father Weber will be interred in Calvary Cemetery at Crookston in the spring.

Father Weber (Brother Felix) made the 1st Retreat in 1929 and took charge of maintenance in 1931 at the Retreat House on Beaver Island.

THIS & THAT: Father Donahue returned after a month at St. Augustine's Parish in Kalamazoo where he was filling in for a friend who was on vacation.

Lloyd and June McDonough are spending a couple of months in Florida.

Sybil Larson is making an extended visit on the mainland, visiting friends and relatives.

Sheldon and Bea Parker are spending a few weeks in Florida.

Father Herbert tells us that he is making arrangements to have one of the Franciscan Fathers come to the Island some time in early May to

lead a Retreat for those so disposed to make one. This early announcement is being made in the interest of those who might like to join in and make plans to come to the Island early for it. More definite plans will be relayed next month.

Mrs. Isabelle Brimble is the new Secretary-Treasurer of the Beaver Island Medical Auxiliary replacing Mrs. Bea Underwood who moved from the Island.

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