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Only A Mother

There are times when only a mother's love

Can understand our tears,

Our bitter disappointments

And all our childish fears,

There are times when only a mother's heart

Can share the joy we feel

When something that we've dreamed about

Quite suddenly is real!

There are times when only a mother's faith

Can help us on life's way

And inspire in us the confidence

We need from day to day,

For a mother's heart and a mother's faith

And a mother's steadfast love

Were fashioned by the angels

And sent from God above.

Remember that old rhyme, April Showers Bring May Flowers? Well, we have the May flowers but mainly because they are very persistent, for the price is still being paid for the warm March we had. Those days that are nice are real nice but, oh boy! The bad ones have been real dilly's. Spring is here though for the calendar tells us so.

Weather: The Beaver Island Weather for the month of April as reported by Fire Officer Bill Wagner.

High temperature of 65 degrees on the 21st.

Low temperature of 19 degrees on the 13th.

High 5 p.m. temperature of 55 degrees on the 15th and 21st.

Low 5 p.m. temperature of 25 degrees on the 9th.

Average high temperature was 47.6 degrees.

Average low temperature was 32.6 degrees.

Average 5 p.m. temperature was 41.5 degrees.

Fog occurred on 8 days.

Thunder storm on the 20th and 21st with a total rainfall of 2.0 inches.

5 inches of snow fell on the 9th and 10th.

Total snowfall for the month was 5 inches.

Total precipitation for the month was 3.74 inches.

Game Club News by Sheldon Parker: Not much game club activity.

Smelt run on Beaver this spring was light and short.

Sucker run in full swing at present. Heaviest in Cable's Creek, altho there appears to be some in nearly any flow of water running into Lake Michigan.

As far as we can tell from the shore, no ducks or geese have set up house-keeping in the nests provided at Green's Lake. Hopefully, it's still early.

A few mushrooms have been picked. Mostly beefsteaks. With the regular morels just starting to show up. After all this rain, if the weather warms a bit, we should have lots of them.

Births: Dr. and Mrs. Hans Stein, of Royal Oak, Michigan, announce the birth of a son, Eric James, on April 26th, 1973.

Dave and Kathryn Wilson of Rochester, Michigan and Beaver Island are the proud grandparents.

Township News: St. James and Peaine Township Boards met at a joint meeting which was held on April 30th.

The following appointments were made at the meeting:

Dump Caretaker - Walter Wojan
Harbor Master - Curley Hartzell
Airport Manager - Stanley Floyd
Airport Maintenance - Olive Bailey
Township Cemetery - Dick DeRosia

School News: As you well may know, May is graduation month on Beaver Island. This year, Rock DeVogel, Richard Gillespie, Bernie Miller, Hugh Cole, Steve Conraghan, Jeff McGlocklin, Mark Welke and Mike Martin will be taking the step out of high school life into the world. The big day is May 25, 1973 at 8:00 in the Holy Cross Church. Afterwards, a short reception will be held in the Holy Cross Hall.

On May 15th a Spelling Bee will be held in Charlevoix for the grade school children.

A road side clean-up was made around the Island by the school children with the proceeds of \$50.00 going to the Junior Class. This money was donated by the Beaver Island Civic Association.

The high school students of our school are fortunate in having the opportunity to participate in a First Aid Course sponsored by the Charlevoix County Sheriff Department. Deputies Harold Thomure and Bill Welke are instructing the classes on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

On Wednesday, May 23, at 6:00 p.m. the Junior-Senior Banquet will be held at Holy Cross Hall. Attending will be the Seniors, their parents, the High School students, the 8th grade students, the Faculty, the School Board, Dr. Christie and special guests.

Engagement: Mr. and Mrs. Philip R. Gregg announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Ellen, to David Ray Himebauch. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Himebauch, of Charlevoix.

The Wedding will be held on the Island on September 22nd.

The bride-elect is owner of Ruthie's Bit's of Beaver Gift Shop, on Beaver Island and her fiance is employed with Will Flow Company.

Harbor Clean-up: On Saturday, May 5th, a harbor clean-up was held with a huge turn out of trucks and workers, including school children. A fine job was done and everyone deserves a big Thank You.

Beaver Island Medical Center Auxiliary: The Beaver Island Medical Center Auxiliary is again planning monthly luncheons at the Circle M Lodge, this summer with the schedule as follows:

June 19th

July 10th

August 21st

September 25th

The luncheons will begin at 1:00 p.m. with a donation of \$2.00 the price. Everyone (men & women) is welcome.

At the August 21st luncheon, a beautiful snitted multi-colored Afghan, donated by Sue Montague, will be given away.

On July 25th, a Rummage Sale will be held at Beaver Haven Marina from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please do not take items to the Marina until July 24th and please have your items priced. For further information, please call Betty Anderson 448-2228.

Also, remember our Christmas Gift Tree to be given away at the bazaar in December. Please send your contributions to Betty Welke or Sue Montague.

Hospital Notes: Charles Martin was a patient in Little Traverse Hospital.

Homer Brady was a patient in Charlevoix Hospital following a fall on Beaver Island. He slipped on the wet grass and broke his leg.

First Communion: First Communion for Amy Green, daughter of Joy and Russ Green, was held on April 19th. Following the service a reception was held at the Green home.

Altar Society: Holy Cross Altar Society is planning a Chicken B-B-Q to be held on May 27th at the Holy Cross Parish Hall beginning at 4:00 p.m. Why not plan on joining us on that week-end.

Loudermat Opens: Mrs. Lawrence McDonough has announced the opening of the Green Acres Loudermat for the season.

The Adventures of Martha Miller by Bernie Miller: Yes, folks, here we are with another episode in the lives of George and Martha Miller. Believe it or not, Martha has graduated from the cranberry marshes to the beaches of the south end of the island. Only this time she took George along to share in her high adventures. Most of you know that the Millers have a snappy new Chevrolet Blazer. On April 12, 1973, this brand new car made its maiden voyage around Beaver Island with George at the wheel and Martha as close advisor. The general purpose of the trip was to comb the beaches for valuables. George took the car down to the right of Cheyenne Point to have a look around. All went well until he went to turn around. After 10 minutes, & a few well chosen words directed to the car, George brilliantly concluded that he was stuck. The moment of truth strikes - the moment you realize that you have quite a hike back towards town to find a telephone. Not too far down the road, they realized that there was a Coast Guard helicopter circling above their heads. If you know Martha you can probably guess what she did next. Yes, she was waving her arms wildly in hopes that they would spot her. This is when she decided to play "Robinson Crusoe" and write "Help!" in the sand with the heel of her shoe. Apparently the helicopter saw the marooned car and landed on the beach to see what was the matter. The first course of action proposed was to have the pilot radio Dick's store and send someone down to pick them up. Martha then suggested they take them to town to get help. After consulting the pilot, they agreed to do just that. So, folks when you were wondering this afternoon just what was happening when the Coast Guard helicopter set down at the Coast Guard station in the harbor, it was just Martha up to her traveling tricks once again.

Beaver Lodge Golf Course News by Matt Melville: Opening of the golf season is scheduled for Memorial Day, May 30th.

Jim Janda, chairman of the Tournament Committee has announced a Flag Tournament on that date, as the opening of the 1973 golf season.

A series of tournaments will be held weekly during the season.

Buz Anderson, the chairman of the membership Committee has all the data on memberships and rates for 1973.

Robert Gillespie, chairman of the Grounds Committee will assist in the purchase of equipment to keep our course well groomed for the season.

Mrs. Martha Miller has been appointed Secretary and Treasure. She will also act as chairman of the Women's activities in golf.

Doctor Ludwick and Matt will act as Board of Governors and will assist with the different committees.

Christening: Craig Allen Wagner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wagner, was christened at a sunrise service on Easter Sunday. This special service was held to Commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Beaver Island Christian Church.

From The Mail Bag: On April 28th, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lockwood and Mr. and Mrs. Don Langford were hosts for a pitch-in dinner at the Lockwood's home in Indianapolis for Indianapolis residents who own property on Beaver Island or who vacation there. The event was so successful that plans are to make it an annual affair. Following happy hour and after a delicious dinner, all of the guests enjoyed seeing slides of the Island and movies of the Island filmed by the late R. W. Carlisle. Guests included: Suzy and Evan Steger, Alice Hetherington, Mary Hetherington, Diane Hetherington, Mable and Ray Waltz, Frank and Marie Fry, Mrs. Jo Carlisle, Pam and Mark Hetherington, Jenny Hetherington, Carolyn and Richard McFarland, Sharon and Roger Orebaugh, Carlyn Orebaugh, JoAnn and Boynton Booth, Marty and Eugene Bales, Kent Langford and Bruce Langford.

McDonough's Market Marks 40th: Sunday, May 6th, an Open House was held at McDonough's Store, in celebration of 40 years of operation under the McDonough name. Refreshments and a huge cake were offered to a sizable crowd, who stopped by to offer Congratulations to Bud, Skip and June McDonough. The history of the Store it'self goes back much further than 40 years, however. On May 16th, 1903, the Beaver Island Lumber Company purchased the property and were rapidly constructing the facilities necessary to accommodate the growing number of Company employees. This included a large bunk house, horse stables, warehouse, several homes along Freesoil Avenue and the Company Store, which is now McDonough's. On May 15, 1915, the Beaver Island Lumber Company sold the store to John Grill, who ran the store until 1933, when it was purchased by Lloyd and Eva McDonough. Gone now is the wood stove and cracker barrel, the flour bins, oat bins and the row of big glass cookie jars along with the coal scuttles, oil lanterns and red flannel underwear. The store is modern now with a much wider variety of items to choose from. It's still a general store though, and retains the charm of those days gone by, for it is a meeting place to swap yarns and catch up on the latest news while shopping for everything from a loaf of bread to a pound of nails. Our Congratulations to the McDonough's and may the next forty years be as eventful as the last.

Holy Cross Church Services: The following hours have been set for Masses at Holy Cross Church. At 8:00 p.m. Saturday night and 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning until July 1st. Beginning in July, Sunday Masses will be at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Beaver Tales

Ships of The Past

Since our very skimpy article covering the story of the Erie L. Hackley, we have received more information regarding this vessel from Mrs. Fred Floyd, of Muskegon, Mi and from Janet Coe Sanborn, Curator, Cleveland Picture Collection and Editor of "Inland Seas",

The "Hackley" was built in Muskegon in 1882 for Capt. Seth Lee's Muskegon Lake Ferry Line. Carrying the registry No. US 135615, her dimensions were 79 x 17.4 with a maximum draft of 5.2 ft., 90 gross tons, 75 net. She served in Capt. Lee's Ferry Line along with the "Centennial" and the "Mary E. Menton" until 1893, when Capt. Lee sold out. Captain Peter D. Campbell acquired the vessel at this time and operated the little steamer between Whitehall and Muskegon until 1898. The Captain moved to Charlevoix in 1899 and put the "Hackley" on the run from Charlevoix to the Maritou Islands, a long and tedious route. In 1902 the mail contract for the run to Beaver Island from Charlevoix was acquired. (This completely contradicts the previous information we had.) Captain Campbell sold the vessel at this time but remained as Captain. The new owner being Benjamin Newhall, of Chicago.

The era of the "Hackley" was quickly drawing to a close, for in the early part of 1903 she was purchased by the Fish Creek Transportation Company of Menominee, Mi for service on Green Bay. During the summer of 1903 she ran to various ports on the Door Peninsula, under the command of Capt. Joseph Vorous, of Fish Creek, who owned the vessel in partnership with Henry Robertory and backed by area stockholders.

On October 3, 1903, the "Erie L. Hackley" cleared Menominee at 5:05 p.m. setting a course for her first stop at Egg Harbor. Perhaps figuring that the wind would die down as the day ended, Captain Vorous soon found his little vessel caught in a real blow. At 5:57 p.m. she was in trouble off Green Island and had broached to several times and finally fell off into a trough and was swamped by the huge waves. She was carrying 12 passengers and a crew of seven. In a matter of moments the vessel had gone down and survivors took refuge on floating wreckage in the raging and bone chilling water. One group of six persons floated for 14 hours on a deck covering until picked up by the Goodrick Steamer "Sheboygan". Two others were saved but 11 in all lost their lives in this disaster. Captain Vorous was last seen, still in the pilot house, desperately trying to head the little vessel into the wind. The foundering is annually remembered in Menominee as the city's worst marine disaster.

Some days later, the cabin of the lost ship floated ashore near Eagle Bluff. All life belts were found in place, attesting to the suddenness of the ship's sinking. The "Hackley" was gone but not forgotten, as the depths of Lake Michigan hold her remains.

Home Again: The following people are home again after spending the winter off the Island, on a few weeks away visiting.

John and Lillian Gallagher, Kay and Curley Hartzell, Karl Keubler, June McDonough, Stanley Floyd, Angie Wojan, Roberta Connaghan, Mary Gillespie, Perry and Mary Gatliff Kathleen and Mickey Malloy, Mabel and Jack Cull, Matt Melville, Marie and L.Z. Reigle, Pat and Eleanor LaFreniere, Kate and Raymond Connaghan, Ruthie Gregg, Isabel and Joe Brimble, Raymond Lewis and Sybil Larsen. If we missed someone, we'll catch you next month.

Already missed Loy Malloy, Robert Gillespie and Pat and Jim Janda. Sorry.

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Contact: Joseph A. Allen
 37110 Charter Oaks Blvd.
 Mt. Clemens, Mi 48043
 Phone (313) 465-4455

Patches: Beaver Island Patches are for sale at LaFreniere's Store. The price is only \$1.00, postpaid. Please write V. H. LaFreniere, General Store, Beaver Island, St. James, Michigan 49782.

Interested In Purchasing Beaver Island Property: Either lake front or acreage. Please call or write - Richard Wather, 7000 West 16th St., Berwyn, Illinois 60402. Telephone (312) 484-5534.

For Rent: Two cottages for rent on Cable Bay during July, August and September. All modern conveniences. Contact L. Meengs, 39 Lawrence St., Zeeland, Mi 49464. Telephone - 616-772-2939.

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