

Beaver Island Once King's, Count's Home

A Mormon king, a Russian count and an Emerald Isle. It sounds like the plot of an historical novel. Indeed, thousands of words have been written about "King" James Jesse Strang, Count Feodora Protar and Beaver Island.

Anglicized from the French *le du Castor*, Michigan's Beaver Island was so named because on old maps it looked like a stretched out beaver skin.

THE ISLAND IS 32 miles offshore from Charlevoix in northern Lake Michigan. It's 14 miles long, six wide, and is the largest island in Lake Michigan as well as being the main island in a group of 13.

Beaver Island originally was a haven for wild life and a target for Indian hunting parties until Strang led a small band of Mormon settlers to the island in 1847.

Strang splintered from the main Mormon group after losing a fight with Brigham Young for the sect's leadership. Young and the main body headed west to Utah. The Strangites journeyed to Beaver Island.

Strang proclaimed himself "king" and the island's only city, St. James, was named after the monarch.

Strang's flock grew, and so did the power of the only monarchy in the continental United States. Despite the small size of the island, its population was greater than that of Emmet County on the mainland and Strang was able to control the county government.

STRANG'S AUTOCRATIC rule and religious tenets didn't sit well with the mainlanders, mainly Irish settlers and fishermen, but it was two members of Strang's own colony who shot and killed him in 1858. The colony disintegrated and the Irish gradually began taking over the island. They burned most of the Strangites' buildings, but some still remain, including the print shop which has been converted into a museum.

With the Irish takeover and because of its forestation, Beaver Island soon became known as the "Emerald Isle". To this day, the biggest holiday on the island is St. Patrick's Day.

BUT ANOTHER patron of the island was a Russian nobleman, Count Feodora Protar, who was banished by the czar because he freed his serfs. Protar, a doctor, spent 30 years on Beaver Island, taking care of the

islanders' medical needs without charge.

Beaver Island today retains the rustic charm of the past and is an ideal vacation spot for people who want to slow down, discover the wildlife and see spectacular lake sunsets.

A trip to Beaver Island starts leisurely with a cruise on the modern motorship *Beaver Islander* out of Charlevoix. It's a two hour and 15 minute trip, and you can take your car. The ship makes two roundtrips daily during the summer months. There's also air service from Charlevoix.

BEAVER ISLAND has 75 miles of improved highway, numerous bathing beaches, inland lakes and modern accommodations. There's a nine hole golf course, good fishing and hunting in season.

The island is a delight for photographers with weathered split rail fences, beached boats and the Beaver Head light house at the south tip of the island, third oldest light house on the Great Lakes.

For free information on Michigan vacations, write for the Michigan Fun-Pak, Michigan Tourist Council, Stevens T. Mason Building, Lansing, Michigan 48926.



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A CERTIFICATE citing Ford Tractor Operations' model 8000 tractor as the agriculture product of the year for the Wayne-Oakland-Macomb County area was presented to plant controller Edward McIntosh (second from right) by Westland's Gerald T. Harris, chairman of the Wayne County Michigan Week awards committee. With Harris are (left to right) Michael Gauganlian, Fred Speer, managers of the Bank of the Commonwealth and Manufacturers National Bank branches in Westland and who served as award judges; and Donald Vest, plant salaried personnel supervisor.

Airman Trains

Aviation Fire Control Technician Airman Apprentice Keith H. Coykendall, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith H. Coykendall, 20915 Glenmoor Ave., Farmington, has completed the F-4B Fire Control maintenance course with the Naval Air Station Maintenance Training Detachment 1014 at the Naval Air Station, Oceana, Va. The airman's wife, Gail, lives at 25263 Kilartin, Farmington.

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Ask Dr. QUIZMEE

Dr. Quizmee, our information specialist, is happy to answer his readers' questions in his weekly column. All responses are verified by Funk & Wagnall's Standard Reference Encyclopedia.

Ken B., a student of economics, asks: "I've read that business is in the 'doldrums'. What does that mean?"

The term "doldrums" actually refers to a region of calm and light variable winds at sea near the Equator — in other words, a place where there is little stirring!

"What are the odd-looking letters on the sides of Russian aircraft?" asks K. M., a European traveler.

Those letters are from the Cyrillic alphabet, an ancient system attributed to the 10th-century Cyril. It contains 48 characters, compared to our alphabet's 26.

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