

Island Is Marooned by Ice, but Taxes Break Through

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Washington Island, Wis.—

They're still marooned on Washington island, but the tax report got in on time.

This island on the tip of the Door county peninsula has been cut off from its normal access to the mainland by ice since Mar. 3. But the town's tax report was due in this week at Sturgeon Bay, the county seat.

Mrs. Sarah Magnusson, the town treasurer, beat the deadline Monday by flying to Sturgeon Bay with the report.

Ferries Stopped

Air traffic is the only remaining travel link between the island and the mainland. Normally, a ferry makes a daily trip. In other winters, the ferries may have been halted for a day or two by ice.

But this year the ice has been too much for the steel hulled crafts. The problem was solved

for a while last week when ferry crews and coastguardmen used a Jeep and a model A truck to travel the four miles across the ice.

Saturday one wheel of the Jeep broke through the ice. That ended such trips. That also ended mail deliveries.

Cutter on Way

The Sturgeon Bay coast guard said Tuesday that the cutter Mesquite, now in the southern part of Lake Michigan, was on its way to cut a path through the ice. The job should be done in about three days, although it may provide only temporary relief.

Old timers have called this year's ice formations the worst in memory. The island's 610 residents are reporting few difficulties, and thus far there have been no medical emergencies.

The island's air field is being kept in A-1 shape to handle such emergencies as the tax report.

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