

The Beaver Beacon



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The most active month of the year has now begun on Beaver Island. From all indications it appears as though it will break all previous records. Most all accommodations are booked to capacity for the remainder of the season. We suggest that if you have a vacation in mind on Beaver Island, please, call ahead for reservations.

SAILOR'S HAVEN: After the Chicago-Mackinaw and Port Huron-Mackinaw races, many of the boats of the racing fleet paid us a visit. Boats such as the Gypsy, Tanya, Kitenna, Aria and Buccaneer spent several days enjoying the tranquility of the island. At this writing more than three hundred yachts have visited the harbor, with the yacht dock being filled to capacity for over four weeks.

WEATHER ANALYSIS: The following is an analysis of our July weather as reported by Vernon Fitzpatrick.

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| Highest Day | July 25th | 91 degrees |
| Average Daytime Temperature | | 78 degrees |
| Lowest Night | July 4th | 43 degrees |
| Average Nighttime Temperature | | 57 degrees |

Rain Fell on 6 days
The heaviest rainfall was on July 19th with .3 inches.
Total rain fall was .89 inches.

Highest temperature recorded in Michigan was 112 degrees at Mio on July 13th, 1936.

Highest temperature recorded in United States was 134 degrees at Greenland Ranch, California on July 10th, 1913.

ANNUAL HOMECOMING: August the eleventh marks the date for all ex-islanders, friends and relatives and everybody in general, who likes to take part in this gala event, to come to the Island and help celebrate. This day will include a parade in the afternoon, featuring floats from the various business places and anyone else desiring to build one. A dinner will be served at the Holy Cross Hall, and with the able staff of cooks on hand, this will be a treat nobody would want to miss. In the evening a dance will be held at Holy Cross Hall with music by Ray Miller. What happens with the rest of the day is anybody's guess but our bet is, there won't be a dull moment when old friends meet and new ones are made.

REMEMBER HOMECOMING - AUGUST 11, 1963 - COME ONE - COME ALL.

BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Belfy of Detroit announce the birth of twins, on July 30th. Mark Erwin and Susan Marie are the grandchildren of William Belfy of St. James.

Gene and Margaret Ellen (McDonough) Connaghan of Chicago, announce the birth of a daughter on August 1st. Kimberly Anne weighed 9 lb., 12 oz. at birth and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert McDonough and Mrs. Kate Connaghan of St. James.

WEDDINGS: George Nelson Pike, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Pike of Montague will be married to Judith Carol Turcott on August 17, 1963 at Christ The Good Shepard Church, Lincoln Park, Michigan. Nelson was born on Beaver Island and he graduated in June from Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo with a B. S. degree. Nelson has accepted a position with the Mona Shores school system to teach government and history classes.

Miss Ann Gatliff, daughter of Mrs. Thomas Gatliff and the late Mr. Gatliff, and Mr. Bayard Karl Kurth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Kurth of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, were married in St. Ambrose Church, Detroit, on July 20th. The couple traveled through northern Michigan and then spent a few days on Beaver Island before returning to Detroit.

On Saturday, May 4th, Miss Shirley Frish and Mr. Charles Dudley were married in Kansas City, Mo. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dudley and grandson of Mrs. Kate Connaghan.

Miss Sharon Ann Chiszar and Mr. Daniel Harmon were married on August 3rd in South Bend, Indiana. Daniel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harmon of South Bend and grandson of Mrs. Kate Connaghan. Mr. and Mrs. Harmon are now visiting Beaver Island.

HOOK & LINE DOING FINE: Bass fishing at Garden and Hog Islands is still very good. Those that really try, seem to have little trouble bringing in limit catches.

One party who was planning on fishing at Garden Island, launched his boat at the Conservation Dock. He didn't notice the belting to run his car on and backed into the lake a little too far. After having Gillespie's winch his car out, he finally got started, but in the process dropped an oar on his favorite fishing rod and broke the top off. This party finally reached Garden Island, broken fishing rod and all, and caught his limit in bass. This is an ardent fisherman.

Another party, pike fishing at Lake Geneserath, had met with much success in landing five good sized ones, and had them securely placed on a heavy cord stringer. You can imagine their surprise upon catching the sixth one, when they found the first ones they had caught had chewed through the stringer and released the others. At that the sixth one, with a strong thrust from the fisherman, followed the five back into Lake Geneserath.

UNDER WATER WONDERLAND: The sparkling clear waters around the Islands have been luring many self appointed treasure hunters this summer. Detailed results are sometimes hard to get and then the exact location of some of the old wrecks are a closely guarded secret of the person or persons finding them. Al Dobler, of Detroit, found wrecks at French Bay, Iron Ore Bay and Sand Bay. The most unique thing about fresh water treas-

ure hunting over finds in the ocean, is the remarkable state of preservation of old wooden vessels. Lack of oxygen prevents the timbers from rotting, where as in salt water, wood eating worms, or "Toreas" soon destroy all submerged wood. It's a different world under water, quiet, cool and very beautiful. Skin diving is a rapidly growing sport for old and young, and the "Beavers" are fast becoming a favorite spot for the sport. Past history proves there are many undiscovered treasures among the Islands, not gold or jewels perhaps, but the lure of searching for old and rare artifacts is a strong one.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED: At least it will be in another two weeks. The new St. James Mission is well on it's way and will be an impressive addition to the Community. The new Mission will stand atop the hill, across the road from the St. James Cemetery. This is near the site of the first Protestant Church on Beaver Island many years ago.

MISSION BAKE SALE: August 10th, the Saturday before Homecoming. Contributions gratefully accepted at LaFreniere's Store before 11:00 a.m. Sale opens at 10:00 a.m. 'til sold out or 1:00 p.m. Katherine Wilson has freezer space for baked goods donations for those who must bake earlier in the week. For more information call Mrs. Paul Nelson, 448-5972 or Mrs. D. E. Wilson 448-5700.

HOLY CROSS RECTORY: Father Louis Wren announced at Mass that Walter Wojan of St. James had presented the lowest bid for the rectory. The new Rectory will be built, soon, between the Church and the Medical Center on the hill overlooking the harbor.

OBITUARIES: Mr. William Greene, 80, passed away at the Grandvue Medical Facility in East Jordan on August 1, 1963. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery. Those attending the funeral from away were Mrs. Grace Skidmore, Mrs. Viking Hannel and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Courtode all of Traverse City. Pallbearers were Bob Malloy, Ronnie O'Donnell, Jack Martin, Alvin LaFreniere, Robert McDonough and A. J. Gallagher.

Our sympathies go to Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Gillespie who lost their son at birth on August 1st.

Funeral services for Mrs. Joseph Left, 62, the former Veronica Gallagher, were held at Holy Cross Church on July 18th. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Relatives and friends gathered at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix on July 17th to recite the Rosary.

Mrs. Left died in a Detroit Nursing Home.

A native of Beaver Island, where she was born March 9th, 1901, the former Veronica Gallagher, was married to Mr. Left at Holy Cross Church. They had gone to Chicago in 1936 to make their home. Mrs. Left has resided in the Detroit area since her husband's death 10 years ago. While in Chicago she was a member of St. Mary's of the Lake Church. She had been in failing health for several years. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Desmond Currier of Birmingham; one son, William J. Left of Chicago; several grand children and a sister, Mrs. Fred Zalusky of Ludington. Her nephews Father Bernard Schied of Chicago and Father Victor Gallagher of Reed City said the funeral Mass. Also attending the funeral were Norman Gallagher and his daughter Maureen of Linden; Michael McCann of Charlevoix Dr. and Mrs. Morrell Scheid and son of Chicago; Eddie Lagerman of Traverse City; Franklin Left of Jackson Beach, Fla.; Mrs. Gerald Left, Sr. and

son Gerald and his son, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Chemski of Ludington. Mrs. John Petermard and daughter, Miachelle of Chicago and Mrs. Mark Cross and Mrs. Steve Dubell of Charlevoix.

SERVICEMENS NEWS: A. J. Gallagher is home on a 15 day leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Gallagher.

Arthur G. Souter, Hospitalman Second Class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Souter, the former Doris Larsen, of Holland, and grand son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Larsen of St. James, had the honor of being chosen as Sailor of the Month aboard the USS Galveston CLG-3 out of San Diego, Calif. He has been in the service for 3 years. The USS Galveston was chosen the Ship of the Year and Miss Y.M.C.A. of Philadelphia, was sent out to San Diego, Calif. to present a plaque to the Galveston. Hospitalman Souter was awarded \$50.00 and presented a 1963 Plymouth Converible with which to show Miss Y.M.C.A. San Diego for two days. (Editor's note - WOW)

THEY DO RETURN: Mr. and Mrs. William Ludwig returned to the Island after an absence of 25 years. Bill was Chief for 3 years at the Coast Guard Station here on Beaver Island.

HOSPITAL NOTES: Mary Green has returned to the Island following a check-up at the Charlevoix Hospital.

SEVEN RETURN: Seven Island girls who became Nuns, all returned to the Island at the same time this summer. Sister Marie Thomas Gatliff, Sister Lorraine Gibson, Sister Lenora and Sister Alexander Gallagher are Dominican Sisters. Sister Mary Clare, Sister Brigetta and Sister Isabel Malloy are Mercy Sisters. Sister Mary Clare is celebrating 50 years in Religious life and on her return to the Island, fell and fractured her hip. The next day she had to be flown to Ann Arbor where she underwent surgery. Word has been received that the operation was successful and she is now recuperating at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

SEA-GOING GOAT RETURNED TO HOME ON MERCER BLVD: Charlevoix's sea-going goat is now grazing peacefully at its home on Mercer Blvd. after its lake voyage, a most unusual experience for even a goat. The goat itself apparently had not made any reservations with James Gallagher, who takes care of such arrangements for the Beaver Island Boat Company but people and goats, too, often don't make reservations; so when Mr. Gallagher found the goat tied in the hold of the Beaver Islander he just assumed that its owner had taken care of its passage. When the boat departed for St. James the goat was aboard. But upon its arrival there was no one on hand to 'meet' the animal. In fact, it wasn't until then that the crew came to realize that the whole thing was a joke. However, it wasn't any joke to the goat which needed to be milked. Mary Gatliff took care of that before putting the nanny aboard for the return trip. Upon arriving in Charlevoix, the animal was returned to its owner, Albin Dunance, who had been searching all over for the errant nanny. This incident has given Charlevoix and St. James residents quite a chuckle but chances are the goat population in the north is having an even bigger one as it discusses the gullibility of humans.

NOTICE: Dr. Sorensen will take appointments for dental service from Aug. 4th through Aug. 22nd at his Beaver Island office.

COMPLETING SHRINE: Father James J. Hannan, S.J., a 78 year old priest who has built shrines all over the midwest, is completing his 41st on the campus of Duchesne College and Academy in Omaha, Nebr. Father Hannan was the Beaver Island Retreat Priest (30 days) for 25 years - 1933-1960.

ST. JAMES TRAFFIC PROBLEM: Who would ever guess this would ever occur on Beaver Island? It only happens at certain times and at only one place but it has become a real problem. At boat time a good share of the Island summer population comes to town for this momentous occasion, and the closer they get to the docking site, the better the view. Essential vehicles, such as trucks to unload freight, have a real challenge in threading their way through the onlookers in order to remove freight that often has to come off before cars can be unloaded. It's sorta' like trying to go through a revolving door with skis on. We would like to request that anyone coming to see the boat, please, park your cars along the street and walk to the boat. It isn't very far and would help solve this problem.

ISLANDERS WIN: The Coast Guard Ship Acacia recently anchored in St. James harbor for a period of 12 hours. During this time a base ball game was arranged between the men on the ship and the Islanders. A pony of beer was the prize and as we said before - the Islanders won.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FOR SALE OR RENT: 6 room house on Harbor. Lot 100' by 440'. Comptly. furn. inc. lincns, G.E. Refrig. with large freezer. Semi-bas't. Contact Mrs. Walter Lyons, 7523 S. Winchester Ave., Chicago 20, Ill. Telephone Radcliffe 3-4536.

FOR SALE: Six room house on the harbor - opposite the power plant. Two large lots. If interested contact Norbert Gallagher, 920 Jackson Blvd., Rochester, Indiana.

FOR SALE: Year round, 7 room furnished home on Beaver Island. Large lot, attached garage, automatic heat. For interview call or write Dr. F. E. Luton, St. James - 448-5818.

WANTED: Old two cycle inboard marine engines complete or restorable and small steam engines used in boats on Michigan waters. Also unusual small boats with or without engines. Write Bob Huxtable. Box 1107 Lansing 4, Michigan.

BEAVER BEACON SUBSCRIPTION: Anyone interested in a membership in the Beaver Island Civic Association, which includes a subscription to the Beaver Beacon, may become a member for the balance of 1963 by sending \$2.00 with your name and address to the B.I.C.A., St. James, Michigan.