

The Beaver Beacon



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The summer season of 1965 is well over the peak, yet there is no slowing down of activities nor lessening of the numbers coming to our shores. The beginning of August had us all worried with cool and damp weather for a starter, but all looks brighter now, as warm sun and calm water show promise of staying longer.

WEATHER: This is the Beaver Island Weather report as recorded by Fire Officer, Bill Wagner.

High fire hazards existed due to high winds and little rain thru-out most of the month of July. Rainfall was registered on the 2nd, 5th, 9th, 13th and 22nd, but was quickly depleted by high winds. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of rain was the start of enough rain to bring the hazard down to a safe level. Checking back through the records for the last five years, we find that we had 3.93 inches of rain in 1960; 2.55 inches in 1961; 89 inches of rain in 1962; .92 inches in 1963; 3.02 inches in 1964 and the total rainfall for July 1965 was 2.07 inches.

High temperature for this month was 81 degrees on the 22nd. The low of 37 degrees occurred on the night of the 6th. Average high was 72 degrees this month and the average low was 54 degrees. For 21 days the temperature was in the 70's; 9 days the temperature was in the 60's and for one day the temperature reached into the 80's.

Several days were foggy or hazy, but winds soon cleared the air.

ANNUAL HOMECOMING: The second week-end of August has long been the time designated to bring families and friends together on the Island. This year seemed to be especially successful in this respect, even with cool, wet weather over the week-end.

The Parade this year, was especially good, with enthusiastic participation of the various Business's on the Island and a special word of praise should go the Parade Chairman, Eddie Wojan. Even though the Parade was caught half-way through in a downpour of rain, it went off very well. Prizes were awarded as follows: 1st - Beaver Haven; 2nd - Wojan's Construction Company and 3rd - Paul Kenwabakisse's Indian Float.

From 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m., a delicious roast beef dinner was served at Holy Cross Parish Hall, from the newly remodeled kitchen, with prizes raffled afterwards. The boy's Bicycle given away was won by Mrs. Doris Sharp from Greenville.

The Day was topped off with dancing at the Holy Cross Parish Hall, to music furnished by Kenny Leach and the Stringalongs.

A grand time was had by all so why don't you make plans to join us next year?

BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Belfy of Detroit, announce the birth of a daughter, July 3rd. William Belfy is the proud Grandfather.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny LaFreniere, of Ludington, announces the birth of a daughter, Patricia, on July 30th. Mrs. Elizabeth LaFreniere is the proud Grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Richie O'Donnell, of Wyoming, Michigan, proudly announces the adoption of a five week old daughter, Deanne Marie. Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Donnell are the happy Grandparents.

SERVICEMEN'S NEWS: Jerry LaFreniere, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon LaFreniere, spent his leave on Beaver Island, the first of August.

Alvin LaFreniere, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Archie LaFreniere, has a new address as follows:

Pvt. Alvin H. LaFreniere US 55802449
HQ BTRY ARADCOON
CNT A.F.B.
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Pvt. Edward Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Palmer, spent the past week on leave visiting his parents.

The following address was received for Robert Pischner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elston Pischner.

Pvt. Robert A. Pischner US 56 - 379 - 694
D CO., 3rd BN. 1st TNG BDE
Fort Polk, Louisiana 71459

HOSPITAL NOTES: Mrs. Mary Green was admitted to Grandvue Medical Care Facility on July 16th. At our last report, Mary is doing fine.

Ben O'Donnell was admitted to the Veteran's Hospital in Saginaw, Michigan the week of July 20th.

James "The Bay" O'Donnell was admitted to Charlevoix Hospital on July 29th.

William Schmidt was a recent patient in the Charlevoix Hospital for an appendectomy operation.

Chuck Kleinhenz has been moved from the Veteran's Hospital in Saginaw to Ann Arbor. His new address is:

Charles B. Kleinhenz
Veteran's Hospital
Ann Arbor, Michigan

GAME NEWS: Our Angler's report that the out Island Bass fishing is still very good, but not running quite as big, on the average, as last year. Harbor fishing seems to really be on the up-swing, as nice catches of bass and after several years now, Perch are being caught. Perhaps, for some reason the raising of the Lake levels has something to with the returning of the Perch.

More and more people are sighting large groups of Turkeys, including many broods of young ones.

There are still big fish in the lakes of Beaver Island. Mr. Trent Gildersma of Lowell, Michigan landed a great Northern Pike, Monday morning in Lake Geneserath. It was $46\frac{1}{2}$ inches long and weighted in at 21 pounds. It sure fills the length of a freezer.

MORE SERVICEMEN'S NEWS: Lt. Col. John G. McCann has been transferred from Goose Bay, Labrador to Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

A 1/C Richard Ryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ryan, of Chicago, Illinois is now stationed on Guam with the Air Force. He is the grandson of J. L. Malloy of Beaver Island.

OBITUARIES: JUSTIN MCCAULEY - Word was received on August 16th of the death of Justin McCauley, a former Islander, in his Hotel room in St. Joseph, Michigan.

DOCK NEARS COMPLETION: The new Yacht Dock addition is nearly completed and will certainly be a major improvement to our Harbor facilities. The next time you visit Beaver Island, bring your Yacht. You do have one, don't you?

C.M.U. ENDS SUMMER SESSION: After eight weeks of field work and study, approximately 40 graduate students have completed their work on the Island and returned to their mainland duties. Their presence on the Island is a real benefit to the Community and we all hope they will often think of their experiences on the Island.

A farewell picnic was held at the Township Campground, where their tour of duty ended on a light note amid roasted corn, cold cuts, songs and a keg of beer.

The Picnic was nearly cancelled because of the disappearance of four of the group, who the day before had gone on a fishing trip, to Hog Island. Due to high winds and heavy seas, they had beached their 16 ft. boat on Hog Island and stayed the night. This was certainly the right thing to do, but needless to say, it created a great deal of apprehension here on Beaver Island.

With Coast Guard search parties by air and sea in progress, C.M.U.'s own boat the "Chippawa", set out in a downpour of rain to lend a hand in the search. The four were found all in good condition, on the north end of Hog Island by the crew of the "Chippawa".

After warm showers and a change of clothes the group of survivors were more than ready for a picnic, especially since their diet for the past day and a half had consisted of a jar of sweet pickles and a can of applesauce found in the shack on Hog Island.

WEDDINGS: Mrs. Mary Gatliff announces the marriage of her daughter, Kathleen to Glenn Wood of Edmore, Michigan, in July. Mr. and Mrs. Wood have purchased a home in Six Lakes, Michigan.

HIGH ISLAND VENTURE

Considered the most beautiful of all the Beaver group, High Island stands prominent, about four miles off Beaver Island's western shore.

From the harbor of St. James, it is approximately 12 miles to the east side of High Island, where an indentation in the shore line provides some shelter, except in Easterly and Southerly blows. The water here is deep right up to the shore and a person can step off of a good sized boat right on the beach. The clarity of the water is superb, making it a favorite spot for skin diving and each year many artifacts are found dating back to the days when the Island was home to Indians and King Ben's group of Israelites.

Upon reaching shore, one is rather startled to see two modern cabins back from the beach. These are maintained and used by the Conservation Department for game research projects. Different from the other out Islands, High Island is quite open and with new trails is easy to cover. Some of the sturdier buildings are still standing and not far from the two Department Cabins, is the eight sided foundation, where the Israelite Temple once stood.

Following a trail through unspoiled forest, to the West side of the Island, we come out at a large field that was once an air strip and pasture land. From here we can see why it is called High Island, for ahead of us are the high dunes of the Western shore. Picking the highest one, we decide to climb the almost vertical slope. Using trees and shrubs for hand holds and stopping frequently to catch our breath, we finally made it. The view from the top is breathtaking. We can see all the other Islands of the Beaver group plus the Fox Islands to the south, all setting in a bright blue sea. Before us stretches a long chute of sand leading all the way to the beach, more than a mile away. If it were only more accessible, what a ski run it would make in the winter. Going down this slope is a whole lot easier than climbing up the back side. The white sand shrieks under our feet as we take long sliding strides to the bottom. Here we pause at a beautiful little bay and admire the scene.

The hugh oaken ribs of an old vessel protruding through the sand are mute evidence that even a beautiful shore line like this can claim a victim.

Hiking around the north end of the Island the beach combing is excellent for these beaches are seldom traveled. Driftwood, net floats, sand polished stones and a wide variety of other things make distance a trivial thing. We even found a big channel bouy washed way upon the beach, where it had been for some time. It probably weighed two and a half tons, so we decided to leave it there.

With the day nearly over, we discovered our boat swinging gently at her anchor, waiting for us. At this point we discovered that our feet and legs were dog tired and a relaxing ride back to St. James would be a welcome treat.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FOR SALE: Refreshment stand with Miniature Golf Course, overlooking boat and harbor. Real money maker, good possibilities for a retired couple to supplement social security. Room for expansion. Contact Mr. A. J. Roy, St. James, Michigan.

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