

The Beaver Beacon



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HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

The Beaver Island Civic Association and the staff of the Beaver Beacon would like to take this opportunity to extend our very best wishes to you and yours for this coming holiday season.

WEATHER NEWS: For those of you who are stranded in the snow drifts, we'd like you to know that Beaver Island is having its usual delightful weather. At this writing the sun is shining - there's a slight nip in the air - and just a spattering of snow, perhaps enough for a little rabbit tracking. We will have to admit, however, that the winds have done more than just whisper through the pines!

CONSERVATION NEWS: Final reports on the deer season are not prepared as yet. Unofficial count is 112 deer killed; 61 buck and 51 antlerless deer taken. Biologists Jerry Duvendeck and Dick Moran were on the Island to check deer the first week. Biologist Winship checked the deer as they were taken from the boat at Charlevoix the last week of the season.

We thought you might be interested in the deer history of the Island. Vern Fitzpatrick checked on it and here's what he found:

Mr. Harry Bundy of Detroit, Michigan brought 13 deer to the island in 1927 - three bucks and two does. Four more does were brought in 1928. In 1938 the season was opened for the first time. Since that first season, 1361 deer have been taken - 1096 bucks and 265 antlerless deer.

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Greetings



Four coyotes were bountied during the hunting season. Two others were killed by hunters.

There is a good population of "snowshoes" and hunting success has been generally good.

Plans are being investigated for a wild turkey planting on the Island. More information on this will appear in future Beacons.

GAME CLUB NEWS: The \$25.00 prize for the largest deer killed by a Game Club member goes to Mr. Jim Rogers, Route 2, Goebels, Michigan, c/o Duck Lake, for a 205 pound buck. The deer with the largest rack was shot by Father Fitzgerald of Menden, Michigan. Joseph (Bussy) La Freniere got the first deer of the season. The largest doe taken weighed 143 pounds.

Some large deer were killed this year, some of them weighing over 190 pounds. The number of deer killed will run about 1/3 less than last year due to the warm weather which caused the deer to lie low instead of moving around, but at that, according to reports from the mainland, we are near the top of the list in percentage of hunter success for the counties of the State. Congratulations to the successful hunters; and to those of you who weren't so lucky, come back next year and try again!

The Hunters' Dinner, under the chairmanship of Mr. A. J. Roy, was a great success. Everyone seemed to enjoy the ham dinner which we had to serve instead of the traditional perch dinner because we could not get enough perch. Dr. Rice of Greenville showed colored slides which he took in the Hawaiian Islands. A report was given to the members of the Game Club projects that were worked on in 1960 and are contemplated for 1961. A total of 160 people were fed. Thanks to all who helped in this project. Total profit on the dinner was \$157.96. Total memberships and arm patches, \$190.00.

The trail down the center of the Island, from below Camp 3 or East of Miller's Marsh, to the North end of Lake Geneserath, was heavily used by hunters who came to the trail from both ends and the middle. The trail was clearly marked by tree spotting paint with red markings to the South and yellow to the North. The hunters complimented us on this and asked that more trails into the center of the Island be marked in this manner. We expect to do this and make a color coded map.

SCHOOL NEWS: Beaver Island school is preparing a Christmas Program to be presented on December 22 in Holy Cross Hall. All the children will participate.

Emmett Martin won the prize for the best drawing of a Clipper Ship.

Honor Roll

Grade 12 - Larry McDonough
" 8 - Edward Wojan
" 8 - Pauline Kenwabikisse
" 7 - Billy Gillespie
" 6 - Sandy La Freniere
" 6 - Jean Wojan
" 5 - Joseph McDonough
" 5 - Roberta Palmer
" 4 - Judy La Freniere
" 4 - Ronald Wojan
" 3 - Angie Wojan

BEAVER ISLAND TELEPHONE CO. NEWS: Thursday, January 12 is a red letter day for the BITCO. On this date their new switchboard will be put into service. Due to the change, all subscribers will have a new telephone number after this date. New directories will be distributed before the change. It is suggested that any business places wait until the new directories are out before having any printing done for the coming season. The new board will meet all the requirements for Direct Distance Dialing, although this feature will not be usable until additional trunking facilities are installed between Beaver Island and the Petoskey toll center.

OBITUARY: Our condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Max Sondereggor. Mr. Sondereggor passed away November 6. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Bishop Dudley B. McNeil at the Medical Center. Interment was at the Beaver Island Township cemetery.

Word has been received of the passing of Judge Emerson R. Boyles, one time owner of the Beavers Cottage on the east side of Beaver Island. Funeral services were held December 3, in Charlotte, Michigan. Judge Boyles served many years on the State Supreme Court bench.

Dr. Frank E. Luton wishes to express his sincere thanks and deep appreciation for the many acts of kindness, floral offerings, messages and other expressions of condolence extended to him during his recent sad bereavements in the loss of his wife and daughter.

Our sincere thanks to the Department of History and Social Sciences and to the Faculty of the Northern Michigan College at Marquette, Michigan for their gift in memory of Mr. Max Sondereggor. Mr. Richard Sondereggor, son of the deceased, is a member of the college staff.

HOSPITAL NEWS: Kurt Van Buren was operated on at the medical center on November 12. Drs. J. E. and J. P. Ludwick performed the operation with Dr. Frank E. Luton assisting. Phil Fleming of Jackson was the anesthetist. Mrs. Ruth Kidder, head of the surgical ward of Foote hospital in Jackson was also in the foursome that flew in from Jackson to operate on young Kurt. He is now better than new and completely recovered.

Our get well wishes to: Mrs. Katie Connaghan who is hospitalized in Charlevoix hospital since the 30th of November.

Mrs. Lee Cuddington (Thelma) of Grand Rapids who is out of the hospital and much improved.

Ann Gatliff who enters Little Traverse Hospital Dec. 15th and will have surgery on the arm and leg that were so badly broken in the car accident a year ago Sept. 30th.

NEW PROPERTY OWNERS: Dr. Aloys C. Metty of Ann Arbor purchased 30 acres by the airport.

Dr. Philip F. Lange of Lansing purchased two lots on the east side in Wicklow Beach.

Dr. Raymond Nelson, friend of Dr. Paul Nelson who has a cottage in Sand Bay, has purchased three lots in Wicklow Beach.

Mr. Edwin B. Howland, owner of Bittersweet Kennels, Bartlett, Illinois has purchased property on the east side.

The Carl Felix Motel has been purchased by Prof. Walker H. Hill, whose winter address is 407 Orchard Street, East Lansing, Michigan.

The former Dale Thomas Cottage, now owned by Prof. Adelia Beeuwkes of the University of Michigan is in the process of being renovated.

The Gail Berchard cottage at Nomad was completely destroyed by fire on the 28th of November.

WELCOME TO THE NEW ISLANDERS: We are happy to have with us Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Gregg and family, formerly of East Lansing, Michigan.

SERVICEMEN'S NEWS: Private Roger Pischner has the following new address: US 55690803, Co.A, Hq. & Hq. BN USATC (E) Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Lt. Col. John G. McCann's new address is F.B. Larson Drive, Westover Air Force Base, Mass.

Private E2 M.J. McCann's address is RA 16658218 Hq. 3rd. Inf. Div. Hq. & Hq. Co., APO 36, New York, New York. Pvt. McCann is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Edwin McCann.

SUMMER IS OVER - definitely. The Beaver Island Coast Guard Station closed December 1st.

The Emerald Isle goes on her winter schedule as of December 1st, leaving Beaver Island at 8:00 A.M. and leaving Charlevoix at 1:00 P.M. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday only, weather permitting.

BEAVER ISLAND
ST. JAMES MICHIGAN

The two white ducks that have proven to be a summer attraction at the Municipal Dock survived the Thanksgiving Holiday. They are being taken to warmer quarters for the winter and will return - with a family - next summer.

Ralph Rutt has moved to town from his summer home at Lake Genesereth.

Gone to the mainland for the winter: Mrs. Mary V. McDonough
Mr. & Mrs. James O'Donnell
Noni Gallagher

BEAVER ISLAND CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWS: At the meeting of Nov. 7, Burdene Stronberg was appointed as Secretary to complete the unexpired term of the late Dorothy McGregor.

On January 5th, the annual meeting of the Civic Association will be held and the election of new officers will take place. Archie La Freniere, President of the Association, and Rogers Carlisle, Civic Treasurer, announced that they will not be candidates for reelection to their respective positions.

At the meeting of December 1st, it was decided that all memberships not yet received will be \$3.00 per year. Your membership in the Civic Association entitles you to receive the Beaver Beacon for one year at no additional cost.

CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE. All memberships expire Dec. 31.

Mail the following blank with your fee to BICA MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, St. James, Michigan.

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ ZONE _____ STATE _____

Membership fee - personal - \$3.00 - After June 1st - 1.50
Membership fee - business - 25.00 - (Includes ad in BICA Tourist Guide folder. Send in at once for early printing.)

That's all for this time. See you next year!