

The Beaver Beacon



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WEATHER: If winter comes, can spring be far away. Well - with our very, very cold weather that we have had the past two weeks, we certainly hope spring is peeking around the corner. Beaver Island, at this writing, has very little snow on the ground. There has been no need for Don Cole's snow plow for over a month, but we have had below zero temperatures for the first time in many years, according to local residents.

BEAVER ISLAND IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOP: As you read in last month's Beacon, the Civic Association invited local and out-of-town business men, representatives of the Conservation Department, Central Michigan College, Charlevoix County Road Commission, and the Beaver Island Boat Company to participate in the discussion of the problems of Beaver Island's growing pains, along with discussions on hunting and fishing and the plans of the college. These meetings were held on February 3rd and 4th, and with great success. A total of 33 people attended the meetings and all phases of interest in the island were well represented.

Perhaps one of the biggest projects as far as finances are concerned was the construction of a shelter for Boy and Girl Scout groups, along with Campfire Girls and 4-H Clubs. This shelter will be constructed at the North end of the Island on the camping area owned by the township. It will be erected on a cement slab, with a shed-type roof. One end will be closed to the weather and will have a fieldstone cooking grill. This will provide the young campers with facilities for sleeping and cooking, should rain and bad weather tend to dampen their spirits.

Other projects planned as a direct result of these meetings are a tree planting along the main thoroughfare of the town, flower beds and trees to be planted at the Emerald Isle docking area, and a cedar post fence with a cap rail to designate parking areas at the dock and to line the main street on the lake side. Many good suggestions were received with regard to picnicing families, such as Karl Kuebler's suggestion that wayside areas along the roads be cleared for picnic tables. It was also brought up that a new map was needed on the island. This map would show such things as hiking trails, deer orchards, beaver dams, hunting trails, along with the better known historical points of interest already shown on our older maps. The road commission approved the idea of planting pine trees as a natural snow fence. This will not only add beauty to some of the more barren places, but serve a practical purpose as well.

Henry Allen, President of the Beaver Island Boat Company, informed the gathering that increased rates for automobiles will be in effect for the coming season. Autos will now be ferried for \$10.00 with free passage for the driver. This rate is for a car and 50 lbs. of baggage per person. Any additional baggage will be charged as freight.

Mr. M. C. Bovee of CMU informed us that the college will open the first week in May and will continue for two weeks after Labor Day. He reported that their first summer session was quite successful and that the college ended up in the black. "Not much," he said, "but a little."

Mr. Treat of the Conservation Department informed the meeting that a boat and equipment to operate it will be brought to Beaver Island during the bass season to help control the illegal bass fishing on Hog and Garden Island that has been occurring the past few years. There has also been illegal bass fishing in the winter from planes landing on Lake Genesareth when roads to the lake have been blocked with snow. The Conservation Department in the future will be notified by radio when planes land, and will send their own plane to catch violators. In connection with these violations, the Conservation Department suggested that we reinstate our Justice Court, in order that violators of the fishing and hunting laws might be tried immediately upon arrest. The Department has also promised additional help for our local Conservation officer, Vernon Fitzpatrick, during the bass, deer and other heavy hunting seasons.

Beaver Island must wait a while before becoming a State Park, according to Mr. Dodge. Finances of the Conservation Department do not permit the purchase of any new lands for state parks at the present.

The fishing on Beaver Island was discussed at great length with Mr. Max Hunt. Barney's Lake and Lake Genesareth, according to netting reports taken last summer, have a good supply of fish. Perch, small and large mouth bass, blue gills, northern pike, and other fish are in fairly large abundance in one or both lakes. Fox Lake, however, is presenting a problem to fishermen, in that the perch, blue gills, and bass are very small and show no signs of growth. Mr. Hunt said that the lake could be treated with a fish toxicant which could be used in two ways - either selective treatment which would kill only the small fish - or a complete treatment with replanting of only bass, blue gills and crappies. This will be discussed further at Civic Association meetings, and Mr. Hunt will be informed as to which process to follow. Mr. Hunt could offer no explanation for the lack of cooperation of the fish in Beaver Harbor. They are there, but they just won't bite!

Saturday evening a ham dinner was served at Beaver Lodge to the delegates and their wives. Rogers Carlisle showed films of the island that will be used for promotional advertising in the future.

The opinion of those attending the meeting was that it had been a wise and successful venture. Many thanks to those who came to the island for this purpose - the Conservation Department, Road Commission, Central Michigan University, Boat Company - to all of you, we appreciated your help, suggestions, and criticisms. We are certain that much good came of this meeting, making Beaver Island a better place to live, work and play.

COPS! SORRY A small town is where people read the local newspaper to see if the editor is getting all the news. Last month the editor of the Beacon didn't get it all! for instance:

We forgot to give our sincere thanks to Mr. Julius Gilbert of the R. G. Dunn Cigar Co. for his Christmas Gift to the Island's school children. Belated though they may be, our thanks to Mr. Gilbert are genuine.

We also forgot to mention the names of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Crawford and Dr. Heatherington as visitors to the Island over the holidays.

We have no good excuse for the omissions. We will just look ashamed and hope to be forgiven.

PARTIES: Many of you folks who see the Beavers only in the summertime write us letters asking, "What do you do in the winter?" Some have even conjured up a picture of lonely people huddled around pot-bellied stoves in which the fire is slowly dying until 8:00 P.M. or so and then crawling up to a cold garret to sleep. Ah - but 'tis not so.

January 10th the Annual Pancake Supper was held at Almeda and Bob Patterson's home. Everyone's plate was stacked with pancakes with butter oozing down the stack and thick, rich syrup following in close pursuit, along with succulent slices of thick, tender ham, eggs fried to perfection, and gallons of coffee. It was mmmmm good. Walt Wojan drank his coffee from the biggest cup on record (it must have held a quart). Lloyd McDonough talked the most about how he would do the dishes (his wife, Eva, washed and several other women dried). It was a wonderful party!

Friday, January 13th, a party was held at the Shamrock, honoring Dr. Frank Luton on his birthday. He was 82 years young. The party was a complete surprise to Doc. Mary and Bert McDonough, along with Vernon LaFreniere and Bussy LaFreniere convinced Doc to come to the Shamrock. Upon his arrival everyone sang "Happy Birthday" and Doc gave a gallant bow in appreciation. One of the big treats for our doctor was the phone call from Dr. Huestis of the State Department of Health in Lansing, Michigan. Luncheon with birthday cake was served by the Beaver Island nurses, Skip McDonough, Lillian Cole, and Joy Green. Everyone had a good time. Many happy returns, Doctor!

January 22, the Annual Polio Benefit party was held at the Shamrock. Donations of gifts were made and auctioned. The party realized \$143.00. We are quite proud of this amount, since Beaver Island has only 47 separate families living here in the winter. Sandwiches, coffee, and cake were served by Beaver Island ladies.

Add to the above the many birthday parties, dinner parties, and card parties that are held and it's pretty obvious that we may be cold in this weather, some of us still have pot-bellied stoves, it's true, but lonesome? Never!

WEDDING BELLS: On January 28th at 11:00 A.M., Miss Florence Grandmaison, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Grandmaison of Linwood, Michigan, became the bride of Vernon Fitzpatrick, son of Mr. Bernard Fitzpatrick of Clare, Michigan. The Nuptial High Mass was performed by Fr. Boughtet at St. Ann's Church at Linwood.

The bride wore a white wool street length dress with mandarin collar embroidered with rose buds and had a fingertip veil. She carried a bouquet of white and pink carnations.

Matron of honor was Emma Jane Reid, sister of the groom. The best man was Ronald Brubaker, cousin of the groom.

Immediately following the ceremony a breakfast was served at the Kenmar Grill at Kawkawlin, Michigan. Reception was at Gladwin, Michigan.

Mr. Fitzpatrick is Beaver Island's resident conservation officer and well known to both residents and visitors to the Island. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick are living in St. James.

Congratulations and best wishes to the young couple from the Beacon Staff!

ICE TRIP: The first trip this winter across the ice to Naubinway has just been successfully completed by Charlie Martin in his Model A. Encouraging the traveler along his way were Johnny Ken, Irwin and Marcus Martin, Ralph and Clifford Napont. They left on Saturday Feb. 4th and returned on Monday Feb. 6th. Charlie had to forgo his ice trips last winter, since the lake didn't freeze solidly enough. Guess this proves it has been a pretty cold winter.

BEAVER ISLAND YACHT CLUB: The August issue of the Beaver Beacon gave an account of the big celebration held at the King Strang Hotel following the Chicago-Mackinac race. At that time members of the Sabre, Gypsy, Blue Chip and others, under the leadership of Bill Whalen, Ralph Brotz and Charles Kotovic organized and incorporated the Beaver Island Yacht Club - headquarters, King Strang Hotel.

Throughout the season sixty-six yachtsmen signed the register indicating a desire to become charter members of the newly formed club. September 4th a group of interested residents gathered in the lobby of the King Strang and elected the following officers: Phillip Gregg, Commodore; Walker Hill, Vice Commodore; Ruth C. Wanty, Secretary-Treasurer; Board of Directors, Rogers Carlisle, Chairman, John A. Gallagher; Archie LaFreniere; and Vernon Fitzpatrick, advisor. LYMA Delegate, Olen R. Wanty.

In October, the Articles of Incorporation for the club were filed with the Michigan Corporation and Security Commission. By the middle of November, the Beaver Island Yacht Club received its acceptance for membership in the Lake Michigan Yachting Association.

A commercial artist is designing their own burgee and stationary. Of course, it will have a sporty beaver! All boat owners are welcome and urged to join. The membership fee is \$10.00 per year. Anyone interested in becoming a member contact: Mrs. Ruth Wanty, Sec. and Treas., Beaver Island Yacht Club, King Strang Hotel, St. James, Michigan.

SERVICEMEN'S NEWS: The Beacon has just received the following address: PVT. E-1 Joseph W. LaFreniere, RA-13710321, D-11-4, USATC Armor, Ft. Knox, Kentucky. Joe is the son of Elizabeth LaFreniere of St. James.

Richard Ryan, grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Malloy is stationed at the Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

Billy Fischner and 13 other boys have gone to Africa on a special assignment. The group left Feb. 1st, and will be there for 90 days, and then will spend 60 days in England.

Robert Palmer left the 31st of January for Germany.

GET WELL WISHES; To Eleanore McDonough, daughter of James Gallagher, formerly of St. James, has returned from Little Traverse Hospital and is feeling much better.

Jimmie Floyd is a patient at the Grandview Convalescent Home in East Jordan, Michigan.

BIRTHS: Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur (Lano) McCafferty. Mrs. McCafferty presented Lano with a baby daughter, Laurel Louise, on January 27th. Lano is the son of Mrs. Francis Mooney of St. James.

NEW PROPERTY OWNER: Dr. Philip F. Lange of Lansing, Michigan has just purchased two lots in Wicklow Beach, which is on the East Side Drive.

BITCO NEWS: Dr. Frank Luton was appointed to the Board of the Beaver Island Telephone Co. to fill the unexpired term of the late Dorothy McGregor. At the back of this issue of the Beacon, we have listed the new Island telephone numbers. Isn't there someone you would like to call?

COYOTE HUNTS: Not just rabbits are being hunted these days. The coyote hunters are busy too. Coyote population has been decreased by two this past week - ask Karl Kuebler who shot them. Archie LaFreniere is really proud of his coyote hound "Duke", and tells the following as truth. When the coyote manages to break through the circle of hunters, Duke follows it until night and then starts home. When he arrives, he raps on Archie's front window, so they will know he is back and won't have to worry!

GONE TO THE MAINLAND: Jerry LaFreniere, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon LaFreniere is spending the winter in Charlevoix with his grandparents, the Senior Erwin Belfys.

RETIREMENT: Dr. Frank Luton has announced his decision to retire as of June 30th. He has stated, however, that he will stay on in his position until a doctor has been selected to replace him.

SCHOOL NEWS: Readers are leaders. Beaver Island School joins the Library Club of America. Forty pupils have been qualified for membership by reading the required number of books. Thirty-five of this number have won the LCA Honor pin for reading six additional books.

They are now working hard to obtain the gold Honor pin. Better readers make better students. The success in life depends upon your ability to read and understand.

Honor Roll

Edward Wojan	Grade 8	Judith LaFreniere	Grade 4
Billy Gillespie	" 7	Ronald Wojan	" 4
Jeannie Wojan	" 6	Angela Wojan	" 3
Sandy LaFreniere	" 6	Daniel Gillespie	" 2
Roberta Palmer	" 5	James Wojan	" 1
Joseph McDonough	" 5		

OBITUARIES: Mrs. Edward Minor, of Newberry, Michigan, mother of Archie Minor of St. James, passed away January 31st of an extended illness. Services were held at St. Gregory's church in Newberry. Mrs. Minor is survived by her husband and nine children.

Sister Alice Clare, P.O., Principal of Beaver Island School for two terms was a cousin of Mrs. Minor.

Beaver Island was shocked to hear of the death of Bill Whalen on January 28th in Chicago. To quote the Chicago American, "A lot of those wonderful qualities which make this a better place in which to live passed out of the world Saturday night when Bill Whalen cast anchor in the harbor of the Master Skipper."

We will miss Bill's cheery greeting, his booming voice and the ever-present big cigar. Bill was one of the founders of the Beaver Island Yacht Club, undisputed King of Beaver Island's Sons of Neptune, leader of the "Yachtsmen's Jamboree" at the Shamrock bar, and only last December was named "Yachtsman of the Year" in the Chicago.

Our deepest sympathies to the families of the bereaved.

WOULD YOU BE SURPRISED TO KNOW THAT Feodore Pretar's real name was Baron Plotn, and that he was once stage manager and leading man for Miss Fanny Janauschek, world famous Bohemian tragedienne, during her tour of America?

Hope you enjoyed this month's news from America's Emerald Isle. See you in March!

BEAVER ISLAND CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Financial Report, Jan. 1st. to Dec. 31st., 1960

GENERAL FUND

Receipts

On hand Jan. 1st.....\$ 333.41

Total receipts derived
from membership fees &
advt. in Courtesy Guide... 1894.49
also
From sale of Strang
Books to date..... 273.77
Donations & approp..... 61.00
July 4th Bingo..... 84.25
Total Credits.....\$2646.92

Disbursements

Postage for Beacon and
general mail.....\$ 160.21
Secretary's Salary..... 385.00
Beacon & office supplies.... 97.79
W. Mich. Travel Bur. Adv.... 210.00
Hall Rent..... 15.00
Telephone & Misc. Expenses.. 71.09
Island Folders & Bus. Guides
plus other advertising..... 523.63
For fill, top dirt, seed &
work on new dock approach... 322.79
Strang Books for sale to
new members..... 250.00
Transfer to mimeo fund..... 100.00
4th of July fireworks..... 118.75
Memorial to Dorothy McGregor 25.00
10 chairs for meeting room.. 37.26
Total expenses.....\$2316.72
Cash on hand..... 284.96
8 Strang Books..... 40.00
Due from Historical Society. 5.24
Total Credits.....\$2646.92

MEDICAL CENTER FUND

On hand Jan. 1st.....\$ 630.57
Refund from Supply house. 24.80
Donations in memory of
Mr. Max Sonderegger..... 32.00
Donation from Mr. D. J.
Angus of Indianapolis
for med. center use..... 500.00
Total Credits.....\$1187.37

Phone at min. monthly rate..\$ 88.00
Electric power & lights..... 127.09
Painting, repairs, supplies.. 129.36
Heating oil..... 154.00
New Vacuum sweeper..... 62.31
Total expenses.....\$ 560.76
Balance on hand Dec. 31st... 626.61
Total Debits.....\$1187.37

GAME CLUB

On hand Jan. 1st.....\$ 658.95
From County Treas..... 141.64
Memberships and
Shoulder patches..... 276.00
Hunters' Dinner..... 245.71
Total Credits.....\$1322.30

Car Bodies for fish
shelter.....\$ 84.00
Mineral blocks for deer..... 45.64
Harbor drag..... 12.00
Tree paint for center trail. 6.39
Cutting out for center trail 296.61
Kroger Co..... 75.39
Cottage Bakeries..... 12.36
Lloyd McDonough..... 25.22

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GAME CLUB (CONTINUED)

Dale Rogers, largest deer....	\$ 25.00
Membership cards, hall rental, coyote bounties.....	43.73
Total expenses.....	\$ 626.34
Bal. on hand Dec. 31st.....	695.96
Total debits.....	\$1322.30

MIMEO FUND

On hand Jan. 1st.....	\$ 100.00
Credited by board.....	100.00
Total.....	\$ 200.00

For new electric typewriter to cut Beacon stencils as well as for general work	\$148.41
Total balance left.....	51.59

R. W. Carlisle, Treasurer

Following is the listing of the new Beaver Island telephone numbers for the convenience of our readers who may wish to call the island.

Adams Wm. H.....	448-5441	LaFreniere Mary.....	448-5636
Allen Henry.....	448-5757	LaFreniere V. H. (Store)...	448-5000
Annand Fred W.....	448-5970	Ludwick J E MD.....	448-5977
Beachcomber Bar.....	448-5800	Ludwick John P MD.....	448-5445
Beaver Haven.....	448-5400	Luton F E MD (res).....	448-5770
B I Community School.....	448-5633	Malloy Robert.....	448-5653
B I Medical Center.....	448-5775	Martin Mrs Ada.....	448-5401
B I Telephone Co.....	448-5111	Martin Charles.....	448-5402
B I Yacht Dock.....	448-5652	McDonough Bert.....	448-5632
Beaver Lodge.....	448-9191	McDonough Joseph (Bud)....	448-5538
Belfy Wm.....	448-5613	McDonough Lawrence.....	448-5909
Bennett Milton.....	448-5702	McDonough Lloyd (Store)....	448-5533
Bonner Patrick.....	448-5951	McDonough Mrs Rae.....	448-5742
Burke Edward.....	448-5424	McDonough Mrs. Sophia.....	448-5423
Carlisle Rogers.....	448-5560	McDonough's Farm.....	448-5974
Central Mich Univ.....	448-5975	McNeil Rev Dudley B.....	448-5979
Cole Donald.....	448-5410	Mich. Dept of Conserv.....	448-5555
Cole Mrs Grace.....	448-5415	Nackerman Frank J.....	448-5651
Collins Merton B.....	448-5504	Nelson Dr Paul F.....	448-5972
County Road Comm.....	448-5585	North Mich Elec Co-op.....	448-5665
Crawford Perry.....	448-5953	O'Donnell Frank.....	448-5952
Cull Mike.....	448-5595	Patterson Robt.....	448-5971
Dillingham J H.....	448-5959	Pay Station at Airport.....	448-9101
Dominican Sisters.....	448-5905	Pratt Forrest.....	448-5663
Fitzpatrick Vernon.....	448-5550	Rennie Feris J.....	448-5727
Floyd Mrs Flora.....	448-5591	Roy A J.....	448-5743
Gallagher Mrs Elizabeth...	448-5611	Rustic Villa.....	448-5051
Gallagher John A.....	448-5721	Schmidt William.....	448-5901
Gallagher Mrs Maria.....	448-5701	Sendenburgh Augustus.....	448-5501
Gallagher Miss Mell.....	448-5976	Sendenburgh Joseph.....	448-5612
Gallagher Mrs Mary.....	448-5411	Shahrock Tavern.....	448-9111
Gillespie Jewell F.....	448-5605	or.....	448-5678
Gillespie Sales & Serv....	448-5600	Sorensen Dr N P.....	448-5503
Green Russell.....	448-5728	Thompson A B MD.....	448-5955
Gregg Philip R.....	448-5405	Townsend Warren Sr.....	448-5720
Hill Walker.....	448-5051	U S Coast Guard Station...	448-5050
Hoffman R P.....	448-5740	Wilson David E.....	448-5700
Holy Cross Rectory.....	448-5900	Wilson David W.....	448-5705
JHD - TV Service.....	448-5115	Wojan Walter.....	448-5650
Kenwabikisse Paul.....	448-5449	Woodfield Betty.....	448-5977
Killarney Inn.....	448-5858		
King Strang Hotel.....	448-5588		
Kuebler Karl.....	448-5500		
LaFreniere D Archie.....	448-5675		
LaFreniere Joseph (Bussy).	448-5421		