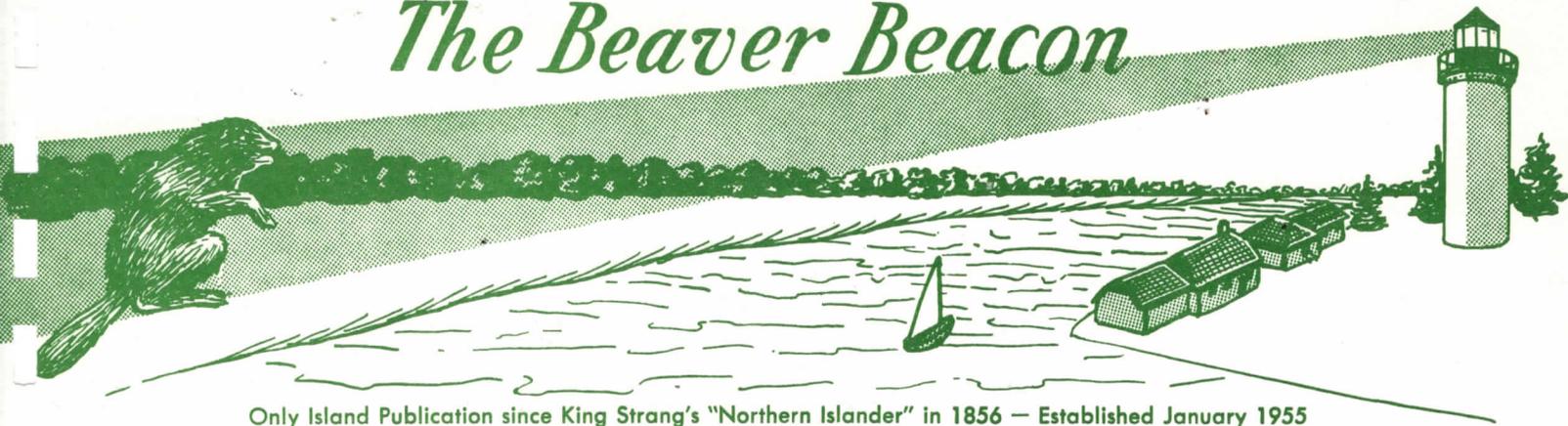


The Beaver Beacon



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Beaver Island has pulled a blanket of white up under her chin and snuggled down for the winter. The Beaver Islander, after her last trip on December 28th, is tied in her winter berth at Charlevoix and her crew is now enjoying these restful days on the Island. The harbor has not frozen in completely yet, but the north side provides plenty of ice for the kinds to use.

YULETIDE NOW EBBED: Another holiday season has passed leaving us pleased with our efforts and relieved to be back to normal. St. James looked especially impressive this year as more of the residents put up outside decorations. Walt Wojan toppled a forty foot spruce tree, then kidnaped several "volunteers" to raise and decorate it on the lawn of the Yacht Dock. A job well done and enjoyed by all.

Helping us celebrate the Holidays were Bill and Florence Wittenburg of Lansing and her sister-in-law, Paige Holberg; John and Laurene Adams of Kalamazoo; Johnny Bonner and Stanley Burns; Bussey and Alberta LaFreniere and the Clyde Fogg family of Holland, Michigan. Asked what they wanted for Christmas, the Fogg boys said "All they wanted was to come to Beaver Island".

Also, home for the Holidays were Alvin and Loretta LaFreniere, Jerry LaFreniere, Colleen Nackerman and Mary Gallagher. In the language of the teen-ager, this has been a "Cool Yule".

RABBIT HABIT: This has been an ideal season for rabbit hunting, for the Island is heavily populated with big snow shoe rabbits. "Poor Milt" and his babied Beagles, have been having the time of their lives as the rapidly growing number of pelts hanging on the trees indicate their success. Erwin Martin and his brothers, Ernie, Emmett and Buddy have also had no trouble getting their daily limit. The army of rabbit hunters has grown this year with Glen LaFreniere, John DeVogel, Robert Gillespie, Ron and Eddie Wojan, Russell Green, Bud McDonough, Archie Minor and Phil Gregg joining the ranks.

WINTER VISITORS: Several inquiries have been received regarding off season accommodations - a question that has been rather hard to answer in the past. LaFreniere's and Wojan's Motels are available throughout the

year. Also available this year is Jack and Eileen Martin's Circle M Lodge, offering rooms and meals. Reservations are requested.

Another note we would like to inject, regarding off season visits. Thanks to the efforts of Peaine Township the East Side road, from St. James to Lake Geneserath will be kept plowed whenever possible this winter. This will really help open up the rabbit hunting and ice fishing potentials.

WEATHER: Our weather as reported by Vernon Fitzpatrick for the month of December is as follows:

Highest Day	8th	46 degrees
Average Daytime Temperature		29 degrees
Lowest Night	27th	-10 degrees
Average Nighttime Temperature		19 degrees

The heaviest snowfall was on December 11th with 3.2 inches.

The total snowfall for the month was 6.3 inches.

Snow on the ground at the end of the month 4.6 inches.

NEW PASTOR AT ST. VINCENT FERRER'S: In an impressive ceremony held on Wednesday, December 18th, at 7:30 p.m., Very Reverend Roland J. McCann, O.P., was installed as pastor of St. Vincent Ferrer's Church, Lexington Avenue and 66th St., Manhattan. Most Reverend Philip J. Furlong, auxiliary bishop of New York, presented to Father McCann the keys of the church, the book of Gospels, the shell with which the water of Baptism is poured, the confessional stole, and the Holy Oils. All of these presentations are followed by a prayer and symbolize the powers especially associated with the office of a Roman Catholic pastor.

At the conclusion of the ceremony Bishop Furlong and Father McCann will approach the High Altar, and the following prayer will be recited: "The Altar of the Holy Church is Christ. May you for many years here offer the Sacrifice of Our Lord, Jesus Christ and through Him, with Him and in Him render all honor and glory to God, the Father Almighty in the unity of the Holy Spirit." The ancient Christian kiss of peace will then be given by the Bishop to the new Dominican pastor, and by the pastor to his fellow priests.

Father McCann has been stationed at St. Vincent's ever since he completed his theological training in 1957. His principal task as an assistant parish priest there was the direction of the Rosary Shrine. He has also been active in the direction of the parish societies and as priest-moderator of the famed choirboys of St. Vincent's. On November 25th, Father McCann was elected Prior of the religious community of Dominican priests at St. Vincent's. He has been confirmed in this office by Very Reverend R. L. Every, O.P., former prior and pastor at St. Vincent's, who was recently elected Provincial of the Dominican Province of St. Joseph.

Father McCann was born on Beaver Island, Michigan, on September 21, 1924. He served with the Army Air Corps in North Africa and India during the Second World War. In 1949 he joined the Dominican Order, after ungraduate studies at the University of Detroit and at Providence College, Providence, R. I. In 1956 he was raised to the priesthood by Bishop Edward C. Daly, O.P. in Washington, D.C.

In 1957 Father McCann earned his licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical College of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. Before his assignment to St. Vincent Ferrer's, he attended courses in the graduate school of sociology at the Catholic University of America.

Congratulations to Father McCann from his many friends on Beaver Island and all the readers of the Beaver Beacon.

BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Pat Burke, R #2, Box 230, Grand Junction, Michigan, a daughter, Mary GERALYN on December 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Miexsell, a daughter Lari Ann on December 13th. The Miexsells are frequent visitors to the Island.

ISLANDER EXPANDS: The U. S. Coast Guard at St. Ignace, has notified the Beaver Island Boat Company that the passenger allowance for the Beaver Islander has been increased from 150 to 200. This is good news to all who have interests on the Island, as the greatest share of the Island's economy depends on the Beaver Islander. As the transportation is increased, so the Island grows.

AWAY FOR THE WINTER: A few more names to add to the list of Islanders leaving for the winter are Mary and Bert McDonough, Mary Green, Stanley Floyd, Edna McCann and Bill Belfy.

The following left just to spend the holidays with friends and relatives but have returned to the Island. Gale Dillingham, Karl Keubler and Bid and Joe Sendenburgh.

BEAVER ISLAND CIVIC ASSOCIATION: The Annual Election was held on Jan. 2, 1964 with the following results: New Board Members Elected - Walter Wojan, Bud McDonough, Mary Minor, John Gallagher, Erwin Martin, Joy Green and Dr. Haynes. Members still on Board - Jack Martin and Lillian Gregg. New Officers:

President:	Bud McDonough
Vice President:	Dr. Haynes
Secretary:	Lillian Gregg
Treasurer:	Joy Green

THANK YOU: We want to express our deep appreciation for the generous donation of \$500.00 to the Beaver Island Medical Center by Mr. K. J. Angus of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Our deep appreciation also goes to Dr. Frank E. Luton for his donation of the Erin Green draperies behind the Altar in the new Rectory Chapel.

ALTAR SOCIETY: The new officers in the Holy Cross Altar Society are as follows:

President	Mary Minor
Vice President	Nellie O'Donnell
Secretary	Grace Nackerman
Treasurer	Lillian Gallagher

The Bazaar, which was held on December 22nd was a huge success. The total receipts were \$80.00.

The winner of the quilt, made by Elsie O'Donnell, was Father E. Wieber, St. Mary's Parish, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

HOSPITAL NOTES: Art Larsen is still in the hospital at Ann Arbor and we know he would love to receive some mail from Beaver Islanders. His address is as follows:

Arthur Larsen
University Hospital
7-West
Ann Arbor, Michigan

MUSEUM NOTES: The Beaver Island Historical Society has had a very fine year with many more people visiting the Museum and all expressing their appreciation of the many articles on display. We are receiving much publicity through the State about our Museum. We find in talking to visitors, that many come to the Island for the express purpose of visiting the Museum. This is very encouraging. Again we wish to ask that any one having articles of historical value, would you please loan them to your Museum. Make it the finest in Michigan. We have received quit a lot of items in this past year and need lots more. We submit our financial report up to Nov. 1st, 1963. Anyone wishing to join the Historical Society can do so by mailing your check to Beaver Island Historical Society. Regular membership is only \$3.00 per year; Contributing membership \$10.00 per year; Life Membership only \$100.00. We need your support. For information, write to Secretary - Beaver Island Historical Society, St. James, Michigan.

Financial Statement of the Beaver Island Historical Society from November 1, 1962 to November 1, 1963

Receipts:

November 1, 1962 - Cash Balance	149.25
Membership	438.00
Attendance (507)	253.50
T V Project	300.16
Books, papers and cards	177.32
Donations	24.25
Insurance for wind damage	142.32
	<u>1484.80</u>

Disbursements:

Insurance	99.90
Office Supplies	103.35
Books, papers	160.55
New roof, upkeep	378.22
T V Project	152.18
	<u>894.20</u>
Cash in Bank	578.60
Cash on Hand	12.00
	<u>1484.80</u>
Total	

Check #182 for \$7.00 outstanding making bank balance showing \$585.60. Books and papers purchased this year inventory at cost, on hand \$63.68.

Mable E. Roy - Secretary pro tem

Payment of \$400.00 due on property paid November 22nd, leaving a balance of \$400.00.

CAROLING: On December 22nd, the girls of Beaver Island went Christmas Caroling. Colleen Nackerman, Mary Gallagher and Loretta LaFreniere joined the girls from the 5th through 12th grades and Sister Eurphine, Sister Boniface and Sister Karen with the carols. Also with the group was Loy Malloy, Vera Wojan and Lil Gregg. Three new voices joined the singers this year caroling from the automobiles - Linda and Ann Wojan and Ronnie Gregg.

Hot Chocolate was served the group upon returning to the school.

ADULT MEETINGS SCHEDULED: Last winter Dr. Haynes started a group meeting to discuss various topics of mutual interest. Held every other week, it was met with enthusiasm. The meetings will be continued again this winter in the basement of the Medical Center. Beginning Wednesday, the 15th of January and continuing every other Wednesday. Every one is welcome and refreshments will be served.

BEAVER TALES

We will have to guess at the year as 1885, but the story is positive and points out the fact that love often times drives a man to action that under normal circumstances, he would never think of.

Johnny Malloy was a big strapping lad in his early twenties and very much in love with an Island girl. Because of his size, Johnny had acquired the nickname of Johnny Buffalo. He was built like a pine stump and not an ounce of fat on him.

He was a good man in the woods and timber was being cut on South Fox Island, so early in the fall, Johnny sailed to the Foxes to work. The work was hard and the days were long. On clear days he could easily see the head of Beaver Island, where his Irish lass was.

A logging camp is a lonely place for a young lad and Johnny had made up his mind that when the ice made, he was going to bridge that gap. Winter was coming on with ice forming along the shore, and each day freezing out just a little further. Currents between the Islands retarded the freezing, but finally, he could see that it had frozen all the way.

He needed the whole day to make that 18 mile trek across the ice, so after breakfast, he paid no attention to the pleadings of the other men, not to try it, and started out on the ice. The Fox Islands were soon falling behind him and the Lighthouse at the head of Beaver Island came into view. The ice was slick and fresh frozen. Ominous cracking was occurring more frequently. Johnny laid down on the ice to distribute his weight, and noticed by the air bubbles in the ice, that it was just a little over an inch thick. Figuring that it would be safer to continue than to turn back, Johnny began to roll towards his goal.

The miles were slow to pass in this manner but the ice was holding and on he rolled. Finally he reached old ice with a few inches of snow on it and once again he could get to his feet. Beaver was just a few short miles away now, with the Lighthouse clearly in sight. Once ground was under foot, Johnny Buffalo's pace increased. His sister lived at Nomad, about five miles away, and he would give her quite a surprise. As dusk was closing in, familiar surroundings indicated he was getting near the village.

Needless to say, Johnny's sister was surprised to see him and was astonished to hear how he had come. Not many words were exchanged before Johnny inquired as to how his girl was. His jaw dropped to the floor as she explained that his girl had just recently married another man.

The wound finally healed, however, and Johnny Buffalo found a new love and eventually married Bridget Boyle, settled down to wedded bliss in grand style, as they raised twelve Beaver Islander's.

WEDDINGS: On Saturday, the twenty-eighth of December, Miss Karen Irene Pischner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard H. Pischner of Charlevoix became the bride of Mr. Gabriel M. Campbell. The Wedding Mass was read at ten o'clock in the morning in Saint Mary's Church, Charlevoix, Michigan. A reception was held immediately following the ceremony in Saint Mary's Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell will reside in Howell, Michigan.

SCHOOL NEWS: The SRA Reading Laboratories have been purchased for both of the grade school classrooms. Through the use of these Reading Laboratories an individualized program of basic reading instruction has been introduced in grades 2 - 8. The program permits each pupil to progress as fast and far as his individual capacity permits. The pupils are finding the program stimulating and many are reaching new peaks of reading performance.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Preparations for the Christmas party began on Saturday, December 21st when the 9th and 10th graders came to school to make a double batch of ice cream.

By December 23, the day of the party, all was in readiness. The grades had a box-lunch type of party. The pop was provided by Archie LaFreniere.

The entire school was treated to Christmas candy by the School Board. Ralph Rutt also provided a treat for the children before he left the Island. Money for a treat was given by two friends from Lansing, Mr. John Pryer and Mr. Charlie Pegg.

We wish to thank all the mothers who helped to provide refreshments for the different classes.

To all, a big thank you for making the Christmas party such a grand success.

EDITOR NOTE: We have received so many nice comments and notes from Beacon readers that we would like to share a few with you:

"Sure enjoyed your last Beacon" - Richard O'Donnell, Wyoming, Michigan

"We thoroughly enjoy your paper and can hardly wait to revisit your friendly Island" - William Sergeant, Metamora, Illinois

"I still keep up with events on Beaver Island thru the Beacon; I get it regular and everything else stops when it comes until I have read it 2 or 3 times. I don't know who is sending it to me, but please, no matter who is sending it, don't stop sending it. It means a lot to me and I read it completely. While I am reading it I am back on Beaver Island again in my thoughts and memories, the most pleasant memories of my life. God Bless and keep you all" - Fr. F. M. Keenan, Waupun, Wisconsin

We want to thank all of you and this month especially we want to thank Vera Wojan, who with her very busy life took time to type the December Beacon (our largest), when Lil Gregg sprained her wrist by tripping over her own feet.

We leave you with Best Wishes for a Very Happy New Year and an old Irish toast which takes care of the future:

"May you be seven years buried before the devil knows you're dead."

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