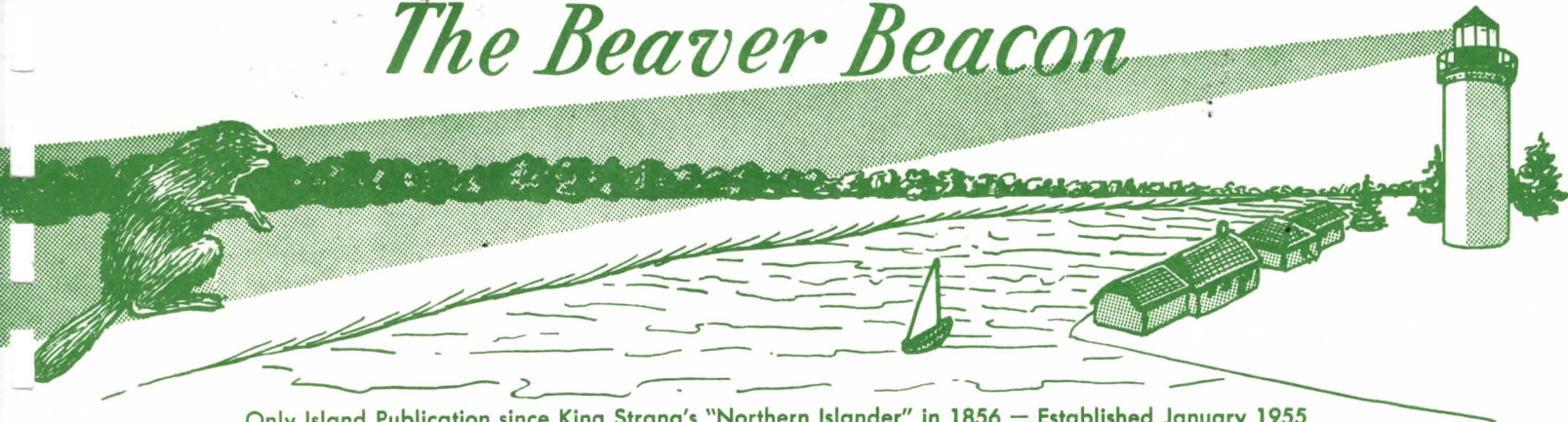


# The Beaver Beacon



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Hot weather, clear skies and the natural air conditioning of Beaver Island is bringing more and more people to our shores. Thus, another summer is in full swing.

**CIVIC HAILS 4TH:** The Beaver Island Civic Association held it's annual 4th of July Carnival at the Holy Cross Hall. This event headed up by Eileen Martin, included games for young and old, plus a bake goods sale, a white elephant sale and also, lunches were sold. At 8:00 p. m. games were played in the Parish Hall and then the drawing for the 1964 \$100.00 Vacation was held. Our winner this year was Mr. Thomas Nowak, 614 Oldfield Street, Alpena, Michigan. Our heartiest Congratulations, Mr. Nowak. After dark, a fireworks display over the harbor, under the harbor and along the beach, was set off to celebrate this memorable day. It seems some of the rockets didn't do exactly what they were supposed to do, but they did go off. All in all we had a wonderful 4th of July.

**GOLF NOTES:** The Beaver Lodge Golf and Country Club has made extensive improvements on the popular nine hole golf course this year. A new seventh hole has been entirely revamped with a new green designed and constructed by Matt Melville, the local pro.

The green has been planted with Toronto C 15 creeping bent stolans. This particular strain of grass was propagated originally on Prince Edward Island, Canada, and is one of the hardiest and immune to most truf diseases of the recent strains developed.

Players visiting the course this year will find this new addition a real challenge and improvement. It is planned to open this new hole this season.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Bacchine, Pro and owner of the Evergreen Golf Club in Scottsdale, Arizona were visiting Matt Melville the past week and were guests at the Beaver Lodge.

**BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** The Museum is now open for visitors. We have collected many new items of interest and would welcome many more. If you have some article or document that relates to history or was owned by your grandparents and wish to loan the same to your Museum, why not send it to the Museum for display. I will be happy to pick it up if you call me. We have so many things on display for your pleasure.

If you have a old cast iron tea kettle or any other old cast iron cooking utencils and will loan them, we will put them on display. We need old dishes, knives, forks and spoons. We have some but need more to

complete Grandmother's Kitchen.

We just brought to the Island a child's sleigh of the year 1861 to 1865 that the early children were given a sleigh ride in. It is interesting to see how our Museum has grown and each person on the Island should visit it so you can tell what we have on display to your friends.

The Beaver Island Historical Society held the annual meeting at the Parish Hall, Monday evening, June 29th. This was postponed last fall due to the illness of the President.

Three new Trustees were elected. One for two years, Mr. James Carpenter, two for three years, Mr. Len Rountree and Mr. Walter Wojan. Officers for the ensuing year are President A. J. Roy, Vice-President Archie LaFreniere and Secretary-Treasurer, Len Rountree.

Plans were discussed and practically formulated for the annual party to be held in the Parish Hall, September 5th. The plan this year is to clear the Print Shop of all indebtedness. We need cooperation from all, won't you help?

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roy made a trip to Burlington, Wisconsin in May and while there, visited the site of the town of Voree, established by the Mormons about 1844.

There are still a number of the old buildings still standing, most of which are built of sandstone, which the Mormons quarried from a quarry in town. This was closed when the Mormons left but was re-opened a few years ago. The old Post Office was made of cobblestone.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy visited the home of James Strang's parents and were shown the room in which King Strang died.

The Strangites, as they call themselves, had several very attractive redwood markers, with the history, made and presented them to the Beaver Island Historical Society.

The Beaver Island Historical Society is going to install some of the new Redwood signs, mentioned in the above paragraph, at the Historical places on Beaver Island, also some black and white painted signs. These are very attractive and should assist the visitors who come to the Island, to locate these different spots. These signs are very costly and we ask each Mother to please ask their children not to destroy these signs as it makes it easier to locate these historical spots of 1850 to 1856. We wish to thank each Mother and Father for your help to preserve these signs.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Beaver Island, Michigan

WEATHER: The following is our weather report for the month of June compiled by our Conservation Officer Bill Wagner.

Highest Temperature recorded June 30th - 85 degrees  
Lowest Temperature recorded June 2nd - 32 degrees  
The average daily temperature was 70 degrees

There were 3 days in the 50's - 12 days in the 60's - 13 days in the 70's and 2 days in the 80's.

Total rainfall for the month of June was 1.45 inches.

Come on up and join us and get away from the hot hot city.

EX-HIGH ISLANDER VISITS: On June 29th, William Buck and his wife visited Beaver Island for the first time since he left the Islands in 1926. In the summer of 1920, William Buck and his parents, who were Israelites, left Benton Harbor, Michigan aboard the Schooner, Rosabelle. Two and one-half days later they arrived at High Island, which was to be their home for the next six years.

The Israelite Community on High Island, was an active one, with a saw-mill and fishing providing most of the commerce. Flourishing gardens produced an abundance of vegetables, much of which was sold to the inhabitants on Beaver Island.

William Buck related how, in the winter, he rode Ice Boats between High and Beaver Island for the mail and supplies. Often times the ice would be  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 feet thick.

He remembered his school days on the Island and named his teachers. For one year he was taught by Madeline Kishigo, of Harbor Springs, for two years he was taught by Lucille Gillespie of Beaver Island and two years under Della Wyland, a House of David teacher.

Life was not easy on the Island and the William's family wanted to leave. Money was scarce and Bill remembers spending many hours gathering acorns to be sold by the pound as hog feed, in order to save enough money so he and his parents could leave.

This was accomplished in 1926, after six years of Island living. The family moved back to Benton Harbor, which to this day is their hometown.

DENTIST ANYONE? Dr. N. Peter Sorensen, Jr. will be at the Island from July 16 to July 30th. The Dental Office will be open at that time.

Rae Sorensen, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. N. P. Sorensen, a regular visitor of the Island, is spending two months in Europe. Rae is enrolled at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, this fall.

Dr. N. P. Sorensen, DDS, had rather an unusual patient recently, when "J. M." the Chimp came in, not voluntarily, however, to have eye teeth pulled. The operation was a success except that J. M., according to his "mother", Mrs. John Clark, tested out his diminished chewing power by gnawing a dresser when he arrived home.

CARD OF THANKS: LARSEN - We wish to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all who helped or assisted in any possible way, at the passing on June 3rd, of Arthur Larsen, St. James, Beaver Island. We especially want to thank the Rev. Charles Stoppels of the Reformed Church of Charlevoix, the pallbearers, those who sent flowers and cards



OBITUARIES: Word has been received of the death of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ricksgers in Lapeer, Michigan on July 10th. Mr. and Mrs. George Ricksgers are the grandparents.

INTERESTING SIDE NOTES: Sherry Smith, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Smith will be at the National Music Camp at Interlocken July 27th to August 9th. Sherry won a scholarship there with the All-State Orchestra. She, also, won a first in school regional competition and an "excellent" regional rating from the Michigan Federation of Music Clubs. Sherry plays the Cello.

Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Smith have some of their polished rock slabs being displayed at the New York World's Fair. One wall of the Michigan Chapter Room of the Dupont Pavilion of Interiors is decorated with them. The Smith's are active rockhound members of the Grand Rapids Mineral Society. Many examples of the rock and mineral jewelry they make can be seen in the stores on Beaver Island, as well as in Michigan Museums.

A new business that has opened on Beaver Island is Rose Connaghan's Country Store. It is located in the country - at the Connaghan home to be exact. Just follow the King's Highway to the last house and you have arrived at the Country Store.

You may purchase anything from a donut to a ladies straw hat. Let's all go to the Country Store in the very near future.

We have received word that Jack Burke, Gene Burke's brother, has been made Captain of the Henry Steinburner out of Cleveland, Ohio. Our Congratulations, Captain Burke.

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### OUT FISHIN'

A feller isn't thinking mean - out fishin'  
His thoughts are mostly good - out fishin'.  
He doesn't knock his fellow men, or harbor any grudges then,  
A fella's at his finest when - out fishin'.

A feller's glad to be a friend - out fishin'  
A helpin' hand he'll always lend - out fishin'.  
The brotherhood of rod and line, and sky and stream is always fine.  
Men come real close to God's design - out fishin'.

A fella isn't plotting schemes - out fishin'.  
He's only busy with his dreams - out fishin'.  
His livery is his coat of tan; his creed - to do the best he can,  
A feller's always mostly man - out fishin'.

He learns the beauties of a stream - out fishin'  
And he can wash his soul in air that isn't foul with selfish care  
And relish plain and simple fare - out fishin'.

We wish to thank Mr. J. D. Allen for his permission to publish the above poem.

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LATE NEWS: Jack Connaghan's barn caught fire and burned to the ground  
early on July 11th - about 5:00 a.m. This was the first fire for Beaver  
Island in 1964.

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