

The Beaver Beacon



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WEATHER: The following is our weather analysis for the month of May as reported by Vernon Fitzpatrick:

Highest daytime temperature	81 degrees	May 17
Lowest nighttime temperature	31 degrees	May 9
Average daytime temperature	65 degrees	
Average nighttime temperature	42 degrees	

Rain fell on ten days with a total accumulation of 1.8". The heaviest fall occurred on May 13 with a total of .83". Snow flurries were reported on the morning of May 8th.

SCHOOL NEWS: Beaver Island Community High School made the newspapers all over the state by graduating the smallest class in Michigan. The two graduates were Coleen Nackerman, daughter of Postmaster and Mrs. Frank Nackerman and Isabel LaFreniere, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth LaFreniere.

The graduates were guests of honor at a banquet at Beaver Lodge. Other guests included Fr. Louis Wren, Superintendent of Schools Charles Robinson, the Seniors' parents, school board members, and all the high school students. Class colors were mint green and silver. The class flower was the red rose. The class motto was "Sans Dieu, Rien" (Without God, nothing). Carol Ann O'Donnell was toastmistress and Coleen read the class will.

Commencement exercises were held May 25th at Holy Cross Church with Fr. Louis Wren delivering the graduation address.

The graduates left for a trip to Detroit and Chicago, accompanied by Carol O'Donnell and Evelyn Palmer (Class of '63) with Frank and Grace Nackerman acting as chaperones. The group saw a double header baseball game at Detroit and were to be given a tour of Chicago's places of interest with Jack Cull as guide.

Though our class was small, our girls are pretty and intelligent, and we are very proud of them.

Archie and Frances LaFreniere will proudly attend graduation exercises for their daughter, Loretta, at Ferris Institute at Big Rapids, Mich. Loretta has completed her commercial course at the Institute. She has passed a Civil Service examination and will be employed by the State.

Archie and Frances had further reasons for pride when they learned

Loretta had been awarded \$50.00 and a plaque for being voted the most outstanding Catholic girl on campus. The BEACON staff extends its sincere congratulations to both parents and daughter on this occasion.

BIRTHS: Rita and Jewell Gillespie are the parents of a girl, Cynthia Rose, born May 16th. The Gillespies are now the proud parents of nine youngsters.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nugent (Grace Palmer) are the parents of a girl, Karen Faith, born May 20th at Ludington. Grace is the daughter of the Clarence Palmers of St. James.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS: Raymond Lewis is a surgical patient at Grand Rapids.

Earl Boyle is undergoing examination at Detroit Marine Hospital.

Bid Sendenburgh was a medical patient at Charlevoix Hospital.

DEATHS: Mrs. Louis Barkely of Detroit passed away May 20th after an extended illness. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Bruce McDonough of Charlevoix, daughter-in-law of Lloyd and Eva McDonough of St. James.

Mrs. Cecelia Griffin, 80, of East Jordan died May 30th. Surviving are seven children. Mrs. Griffin was the sister of the late Nels LaFreniere of St. James. Eva McDonough, Archie and Vernon LaFreniere attended the funeral held from the Watson Funeral Home in East Jordan.

FISHING NEWS: Several commercial fishermen have anchored in Beaver Harbor with excellent catches of whitefish. Naturally they had no trouble selling these tasty fish on the Island.

Fishermen have reported fine catches of bluegills at Lake Genesareth, while bass anglers have had good luck both at inland lakes and Garden Island. Bass season opened early this year in an attempt to give the fishermen a better chance at the fish before warm weather drove them into deeper water.

Records are being kept of fishing success at Fox Lake. The report received from Vernon Fitzpatrick shows the following: Thirty fishermen caught 33 trout in 78 hours of fishing from opening day April 28 to May 30. This should leave 1464 trout for those of you who have not tried trout fishing at Fox Lake!

LUCK OF THE IRISH: Lloyd and Eva McDonough must have carried a lucky amulet with them when they attended the Spartan Stores, Inc. convention. Lloyd was given a special award as a new member of the "Old Guard". This award is granted to those who have been members for fifteen years. But the big surprise occurred when Eva learned she was winner of a color television set and Lloyd's name was drawn as the recipient of a solid copper teakettle on a standard and a "chip & dip" set. Our congratulations to both Lloyd and Eva.

ANIMAL STORIES: Willie Schmidt has a problem to contend with. He recently saw one of his cows making a mad dash for the barn. Wondering at the cause of her rush, he glanced across the field and saw a large coyote. But looking closer at the cow, he discovered the reason

for her anguish. The coyote had bitten off about half of the cow's tail! Now Willie is spending sleepless nights trying to decide what can be attached to the stubby end to help the cow switch off the flies. How about a fly swatter, Willie? Seriously though, this is quite a situation when a cow is unable to take an afternoon siesta without fear that all or part of her may become supper for coyotes.

We have often heard of strange attachments between animals, and Lawrence and Wini McDonough have one to add to the collection. Recently they purchased a Shetland pony for their youngsters. They were amazed one morning to find the pony had taken over the parenthood of a kitten. When they glanced out their window, they found the two animals sound asleep in the morning sun, their noses pressed tightly together in true animal affection!

THE SWALLOWS COME BACK TO BEAVER ISLAND: Ordinarily, anyone riding with the Beaver Island Boat Company must pay the standard fare. However, four unusual passengers have been given free passes for as long as they desire. One couple meets the boat about a mile from Charlevoix and rides into the city. The other two travel daily from Beaver to Charlevoix and back. The seasoned travelers are swallows who have taken up residence on the EMERALD ISLE. The first pair are building a nest in the pipe anchor davit at the bow of the boat. This activity has been observed for three years, and begins each year just before the boat starts to lay overnight at Charlevoix. The other couple has built a nest on the main deck. The birds have created an interest for the paying passengers and are probably the most photographed swallows in Michigan - thus the free passes for the stowaways.

MC CLURE OIL COMPANY LEAVES BEAVER ISLAND: Because a show of oil was reported in the third well drilled by McClure last fall, Islanders were surprised to learn that McClure Oil Company was removing its equipment from the Island. The reason given was only that the equipment was needed elsewhere. Rumors persist that they plan to return, but no word has been received from McClure offices.

MANY THANKS: Beaver Islanders and particularly Dick and Musette LaFreniere want to publicly thank Melvin Bissell III, who flies his private plane to the Island, for getting the Unicom repaired. Mr. Bissell stated that he especially appreciated having the radio on the Island and donated the cost of the repairs. Many fliers to the Island may not know that the original cost and continued upkeep of the radio has been a responsibility accepted by Dick and Musette in an effort to provide a safer flight across the water. Keeping the radio operational can prove quite costly, and Mr. Bissell's donation to the cause is sincerely appreciated. Fliers wishing to contact Beaver Island may again call Unicom on frequency 122.8.

ANOTHER PROUD PARENT: Mrs. Elizabeth LaFreniere has reason to be proud of her family. Besides seeing her daughter, Isabel, graduate this year, she has just received word that her son, Joseph was made Specialist 4th Class. His new address is Co. A, 15th Bn, 4th TNG, Regiment, Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Another son, Patrick, who is employed by the Burns Detective Agency at Detroit was promoted to Sgt. of the Guard at Manistee. Her son-in-law, James Clemens, husband of Margaret Ann, was made Chief Sgt. James is at the photo laboratory at Fort Richie, Maryland.

PURCHASE ISLAND HOME: Mr. & Mrs. Gus Sendenburgh reported the sale of their home on Main Street to Mr. and Mrs. Olin Wanty of Ypsilanti, Mich. Mr. and Mrs. Sendenburgh have moved to St. Ignace. The Wantys are the owners of the King Strang Hotel.

Islanders will also miss Dora and Don Welke who have moved to Wixon, Michigan where Don has accepted a position. We will look forward to their early return.

BOAT COMPANY PROGRESS: Members of the Board of Directors of the Beaver Island Boat Co. went to Sturgeon Bay to check on the progress of the BEAVER ISLANDER. They were disappointed to learn that the new ferry would not be available for service until July 20th, almost a month later than originally planned. The new BEAVER ISLANDER is the first ferry to be built in the United States under the recently relaxed rules of the Coast Guard, permitting more length under the same operator's license. Because of this, extensive shop drawings must be made of many individual sections of the boat. These drawings must meet approval of the Coast Guard in Washington. Because this first boat will be the standard of design for future ship builders, constant changes have been required in the design, thus holding up progress for the Sturgeon Bay Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Corp. The boat will be launched on July 16th, the pilot house - already built - will be placed on her deck and she will be brought to the Island.

BEAVER ISLAND CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWS. Plans are being formulated for our Fourth of July Carnival. There will be fun, food and fireworks. Come one and all. We guarantee you a good time.

NOTICE TO CHICAGO AREA READERS: Through the continued efforts of Ed Howland of Bartlett, Ill., Beaver Island will be host to Art Mercier of the Art Mercier Sports show over WBBM radio and TV. Mr. Mercier plans to bring two cameramen with him to help prepare a word and picture story for WBBM television. Time and date of the show has not been set at this writing, but we will keep you posted.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FOR SALE

6 room house on harbor. Lot 100' by 440'. Cmply. furn. inc. linens, G.E. refrig. with lge. freezer. Contact Mrs. Walter Lyons, 7523 S. Winchester Ave., Chicago 20. Telephone Radcliffe 3-4536.

1926 Ford Model T Coupe, A-1 condition. Price \$400. Write Don Welke, 3009 Wixon Road, Wixon, Mich.

FOR SALE

4 lots, total 132' front., 266' deep. Across from Med. Center overlooking harbor. Lge. pine trees. Excellent for business or home. Contact Warren Townsend, 621 Lawndale Court, Holland, Michigan

38 Acres, one mile south of airport. \$10 per acre. Write to BEACON XYL., St. James, Michigan

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

With more and more yachts entering Beaver Harbor, we'd like to print the anthem of the yachtsmen:

"O Lord, Thy sea is so great, and my ship is so small!"