

# The Beaver Beacon



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Soft breezes off the lake, wailing gulls circling overhead, the muffled throb of a fish tug working nets in the distance. Sounds of summer meet our senses as the Island blossoms out to begin another season.

**WEATHER ANALYSIS:** The following is an analysis of our May weather as reported by Vernon Fitzpatrick.

Highest Day	May 31st	71 degrees
Average Daytime Temperature		58 degrees
Lowest Night	May 1st	24 degrees
Average Nighttime Temperature		37 degrees

Rain fell on 7 days.

The heaviest rainfall was on May 8th with 2-3/4 inches.

Total rainfall was 4 inches.

**SEASON OPENER:** With the temperature holding in the eighties, Decoration Day Week-end was bustling with activity. At least 12 boats visited the harbor and tents were popping up like mushrooms at the camp ground, making it appear as though summer were really here.

**ANGLERS ANGLE;** With the first of the month came the opening of bass fishing. The weather was perfect and the fish have been very cooperative. Some beauties were taken at Garden Island. One stringer of 26 averaged better than 3 pounds each.

Trout fishing at Fox Lake is still good but has eased off with the hatching of insects providing them with a steady diet. One ill equipped fisherman who had lost his hook and leader in a tree, claimed he caught his limit in trout after fashioning a hook from the proboscis of a fair sized Beaver Island mosquito that he had knocked down with a club.

Pike and bluegill fishing has been very good in Lake Geneserath, leaving little room for improvement in the fishing sport.

**NEW BOAT SCHEDULE:** Beginning June 15th and continuing until Sept. 15th, the Beaver Islander will be running every day including Sunday. Beginning June 29th, the summer schedule will begin with the ferry making two trips on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. As of June 15th it will leave Charlevoix at 9:00 a.m.

**HOW ABOUT TRYING FOR A BEAVER ISLAND VACATION. SEE PAGE 4 OF THIS ISSUE. PERHAPS A FRIEND WOULD BE INTERESTED.**

ENGAGED: The engagement of Miss Anne Gatliff and Mr. Bayard Karl Kurth has been announced. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mrs. Thomas Gatliff and the late Mr. Gatliff of Beaver Island. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Kurth of Grosse Pointe, Michigan. Plans for a September Wedding are being made by the couple.

WEDDINGS: Miss Kathleen Gatliff and Mr. Don Hanson were married in Alma Michigan on May 25th.

Mrs. Josie DeVogel and Mr. Dick Martin were married in Alma Michigan on May 28th.

MERCY RUN: Survival at sea in times of emergency often brings out some peculiar actions from people, as was the case this past week. On the evening of May 31st, three boats left Harbor Springs for Beaver Island! Approximately 12 miles from the Island the third boat, with only the operator aboard, dropped behind. Upon reaching the 2 mile bouy of St. James, the two lead boats hove to and waited for the third. After some 40 minutes, it was decided to continue in and notify the Coast Guard. The sea was choppy and boat number three had opened a seam, letting enough water in to stall the engine. Finding himself in a precarious position, the operator fired all of his emergency flares. The only method of pumping the boat depended on the operation of the engine and with it out of commission, the plight took on tremendous proportions, as the water was rising inside the boat. After donning a life preserver the operator decided to put himself in a frame of mind where he really didn't care what happened. This was accomplished by consuming all of the bottled spirits he had aboard. The quantity was sufficient to do a very through job. The Coast Guard crew came upon him some time later, sitting in his soggy craft singing his troubles away. He was towed safely to the dock and thus, the first mission of the season had been accomplished. Needless to say, this is not the recommended procedure to follow in such a case.

HOSPITAL NOTES: Lawrence Malloy returned home after many weeks in Little Traverse Hospital where he underwent surgery.

Lawrence Collins was flown to Charlevoix Hospital after suffering a heart attack on Sunday June 2nd.

NEW LOCATION: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Martin have moved into their new home in Peaine Township, which they purchased from Holy Cross Church. Father Wren is now residing, temporarily in the McCafferty house until the new rectory is completed.

The Lawrence McDonough family will reside in Charlevoix for the summer this year. They plan on moving this coming week and will return in September.

WHAT HAPPENED TO BEAVER TALES? This has been a question asked by several subscribers. It certainly isn't because we have run out of Island stories, but due to postage rates we have to hold the Beacon to 6 pages. During the summer season, with all the activity there just isn't room enough. Therefore, the stories will be continued again in the fall.

SCHOOLS OUT! The Beaver Island School closed it's doors on the 31st of May, much to the delight of the kids. As a special treat ( to the parents) they were given a two hour ride on the Beaver Islander. For some

of the younger ones, this was the first boat ride they had ever had.

**BEAVER ISLAND 1963 GRADUATES HONORED AT DINNER:** The two members of the 1963 graduating class of the Beaver Island Community High School, Carol Ann O'Donnell and Evelyn Palmer, were honored at the annual banquet at the Beaver Lodge.

Miss O'Donnell gave the valedictory and Miss Palmer the salutatory. Rev. Fr. Louis Wren, O.F.M. (Conv), Charles A. Robinson, Superintendent of the Intermediate School District, Dr. Howard Haynes, Mrs. Marion Rice, School Nurse, who was a special guest, Joseph McDonough, President of the Board of Education, Pamela Martin representing the Freshman class, Edward Wojan representing the Sophomore class, and Ronald Gallagher of the Junior class all spoke briefly. The latter also served as Master of Ceremonies. The dinner tables were decorated in the class colors, orchid and white, and carried the class motto, "Out of the harbor into the deep".

The two graduates received their diplomas at a special service at Holy Cross Church on Friday, May 24th. The Rev. Fr. Wren spoke to the graduates and their families and then presented the diplomas. Special music was by a choral group composed of students in fifth through the eleventh grades. The service closed with benediction.

**SERVICEMENS NEWS:** The following new addressed have been received:

Pvt. Isabel G. LaFreniere WA8521709  
Company D  
"Wac" U.S.A.G.  
Fort Jackson, S.C.

Spc. 4 Joseph W. LaFreniere RA-13710321  
Second Army Support Group  
Fort Meade, Maryland

**ASSISTS IN SPACECRAFT LANDING OPERATION:** AFG Brian Gallagher is a member of a specially trained Air Force Search and Rescue which was on station ready to provide recovery assistance to Major Gordon Cooper, Jr., when he made his 22 orbit flight in spacecraft Faith 7.

Airman Gallagher is load-master in the 41st Airport Squadron of the Military Air Transport Service. He is a member of the crew of C 133 Hercules jet on station.

Airman Gallagher is a graduate of the Beaver Island High School and attended Aquinas College in Grand Rapids before enlistment. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gallagher of Charlevoix.

**VACATION ANYONE?** In order to raise money for the many activities of the Civic Association, a drawing will be held on the 4th of July, which will allow the holder of the winning ticket \$75.00 towards a weeks vacation on Beaver Island. Page 4 of this months Beacon will be made up of tickets which are self explanatory. The winner will be sent a list of accommodations available, along with the various prices. One week's vacation for a dollar is the offer, plus the fact that each dollar is a great help to an organization devoted to the betterment of Beaver Island. This is your last chance to try for a Beaver Island Vacation, if you aren't interested maybe a friend will be. If anyone wishes more tickets they may be obtained by writing the Beaver Island Civic Association, St. James, Michigan.

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\$75.00 toward 1 weeks lodgings on Beaver Island  
Your choice of time and accommodations prior to Nov. 1, 1963

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SPRING CLEAN-UP: Holy Cross Cemetery has been raked, fertilized and seeded for the summer and really looks wonderful. All that could help were in attendance for about three nights and did a fine job.

St. James Township Cemetery, also, has had its annual cleaning. It was raked and cleaned and really looks wonderful.

Also, on the clean-up list was the public swimming beach and Jack Con-naghan did a marvelous job. Every thing is painted and repaired and the sand has been raked and cleaned. Plans for a diving raft are being made and it should be installed before long.

AUGUST DINNER DRAWINGS: Dr. F. E. Luton has donated a beautiful blue and white quilt and the proceeds from this drawing will go toward the Holy Cross Alter Society.

Dr. N. P. Sorenson of Greenville, donated a wonderful 11" electric fry pan and the proceeds from this will go to Holy Cross Church.

OBITUARIES: Mrs. William Belfy, who passed away in Charlevoix this spring was returned to Beaver Island for burial in the Holy Cross Cemetery. Father Louis Wren officiated at graveside services. She is survived by her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Edna McCann and two sons, Delbert and Erwin of Detroit. Coming to the Island for the services were the following: Mrs. Joseph Periogord, Miss Helen Herrick, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lighton and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Erickson all of Muskegon.

RETURNING: Returning to the Island for the summer were the following: Mrs. Mary Gallagher, Mrs. Frank Near, Dr. Luton, Mary Early, Mary Turner and returning from college was Mary Elizabeth Gallagher and Alvin La-Freniere.

Peering over the bow of the Beaver Islander, as she came into the harbor last week, was a familiar face. Once ashore, the Island's compliment of charactors was almost complete. Patsy Doney Gallagher is back.

NEW BEAVER ISLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY MANAGER: Mr. Erwin Martin has been named manager of the Beaver Island Telephone Company by the Board of Directors. Mr. and Mrs. Martin recently returned to live on the Island with their small son, Eric.

BASEBALL ANYONE? A new addition has been made to the baseball field on the Island, where every Sunday and Holiday a game is in progress. With volunteer help a new back stop was built and is really a big help for the wild baseball games. Everyone is welcome to play - men, women and children.

CHICAGO OUTING: A group of Islanders now living the Chicago area recently spent a week-end together with their families at Cedar Lake in Indiana. This has become an annual event for them and this year there were 52 in attendance.

MUSHROOMING: The "Beaver Island Association of Ardent Mushroom Pickers" found a good crop of morel and beefsteak mushrooms this year. Soaked in salt water overnight, then dried in the sun, these tasty morsels can be kept for a year. Most are found in areas of poplar, surrounding marshes.

SUMMER SERVICES: Mr. Donald "Topper" McDonough is now operating a spraying service to take care of all those summer insects.

A new coin operated laundry-mat will be open in the old LaFreniere Store this summer. Mr. Henry Allen is the owner of this service.

Another new service on the Island will be a garbage pick-up operated by Mr. Erwin Martin.

SMELT RUN? This year the smelt were very hesitant about coming in large numbers. A few were taken from the Jordon River, but only after much effort. Suckers were running heavy for over 4 weeks, which provided fun for many and kept the smoke houses of Art Larsen and Clarence Palmer busy for some time.

FLOATING FISH MARKETS: Two fish tugs from Naubinway have visited the Island this past month, bringing in catches of whitefish and perch. Gil netting around Hog and Garden has been pretty fair this spring. Signs of whitefish returning to the lakes builds up the hopes that perhaps the dreaded lamphrey eels are on the wane.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: The Beaver Lodge's Golf Course will host it's first Amateur Tournament on the 23rd of June. Some of the best amateur golfers in the state will be on hand and the public is invited. A luncheon and cold drinks will be served at the golf course at 12:30 p.m. The Golf Course looks especially good this year. Matt Melville has done an excellent job in laying out the nine hole course. This being the third year of operation, the greens are developing nicely. Don't forget your golf clubs on you next visit to the Island.

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CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FOR SALE OR RENT: 6 room house on Harbor. Lot 100' by 440'. Comptly. furn. inc. linens, G.E. Refrig. with large freezer. Semi-bas'm't. Contact Mrs. Walter Lyons, 7523 S. Winchester Ave., Chicago 20, Ill. Telephone Radcliffe 3-4536.

FOR SALE: Six room house on the harbor - opposite the power plant. Two large lots. If interested contact Norbert Gallagher, 920 Jackson Blvd., Rochester, Indiana.

FOR SALE: Year round, 7 room furnished home on Beaver Island. Large lot, attached garage, automatic heat. For interview call or write Dr. F.E. Luton, St. James - 448-5818.

FOR RENT: For rent for part of the summer to responsible family, our log cabin on Sand Bay 5 miles south of ferry dock. 2 bedrooms, living room, picture window, modern kitchen and bath, large screened porch. For information write Bishop McNeil, Old Lake Shore Road, Lake View,

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