

The Beaver Beacon



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WEATHER ANALYSIS FOR OCTOBER:

Highest Daytime Temperature - October 6th and 8th - 72 degrees.

Average Daytime Temperature - 53 degrees.

Lowest Nighttime Temperature - October 14th - 39 degrees.

Average Nighttime Temperature - 42 degrees.

Beaver Island had eleven days of rain in October with a total rainfall of 2.29". The maximum amount of rain falling on one day was .80" on October 19th.

GAME CLUB NEWS: The Beaver Island Game Club has planned an excellent dinner for all you hunters who plan to get your buck on Beaver Island. The dinner will be held on November 16th, with serving from 6.00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. The menu this year will consist of 1/2 of a Beaver Island Northern Fried chicken, with potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, cole slaw, dinner rolls, coffee and cake. Mrs. Mary Gatliff and Mrs. Ada Martin are in charge of the kitchen and they and their committee promise you a delicious dinner. The evening's entertainment will include the showing of films from the Conservation Department on various phases of hunting.

The Game Club is again awarding \$25.00 for the heaviest deer taken from the Island. The deer must be weighed by the Conservation officer on the Conservation scale. The winner must be a member of the Game Club prior to his shooting the deer. Ask any of the local merchants about membership. Memberships will also be taken the evening of the dinner.

Vernon Fitzpatrick informs us that the Conservation Department has taken another test of Fox Lake to determine the amount of toxicity remaining in the water. We are sorry to report that the fourteen brook trout placed in the lake have died, meaning that the poison has not yet disappeared. Vernon explains that this is due to the fact that the lake is not used and the water has remained quiet during the summer months. On mainland lakes where other activities occur such as boating and water skiing, the poison disintegrates much more quickly. There is still some chance that the 2500 brook trout will be placed in the lake this year. However, if not, they will be planted in the Spring. All trout placed in the lake, regardless of when they are planted, will be legal size and available to the angler next year.

Archie LaFreniere, with much assistance from his hound dog "Duke", shot the first coyote of the season on October 27th.

Rogers "Dead Eye" Carlisle shot two partridge with just one shot. He must be carrying a horseshoe in his pocket.

Karl Kuebler was the first to connect with the geese this year, and Troy Yoder of the Conservation Department got a beauty, too.

There have been a number of reports of sighting of pheasants on Beaver. Years ago, when farming was done more extensively, pheasants were very plentiful, but with the abandonment of farming, the birds gradually disappeared. Now that we have a number of farms in operation again, perhaps we can once more enjoy the sport of hunting these tasty birds.

The six wild turkeys released in August at Angeline's Bluff have been seen near town. They appear healthy and have grown considerably. Since these birds have done so well, we are pleased to know the Conservation Department is planning to bring more turkeys to the Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Neer had an unusual experience a short time ago. They kept finding partially eaten rabbits in their garage. One evening as their car lights shone in the garage, they saw three large cats. Frank set a trap for the animals and to date has captured twelve of them, the largest weighing 18 pounds! Some of these cats are born in the wild, while others were, at one time, family pets that ran away and reverted to the wild. Frank says they grow to tremendous size in the wild and are very destructive to small game, as they become excellent hunters.

Last year our Game Club cleared out a trail from the road, just North of Dody's camp which lies on the road that turns off the West Side Road and runs Northeast back of Miller's Marsh. The trail ran Southeasterly to the middle of the North end of the main body of Lake Geneserath. They also painted marks on trees along this trail-red facing South-yellow facing north. These marks are close enough together and large enough that no one should be able to cross this trail without seeing the painted marks. Many hunters used this trail last deer season and some nice deer were taken there.

This year the Game Club has added two more trails. One leaves the fishing site area on the North arm of Lake Geneserath and runs Westerly to join the trail put in last year. It joins that trail about 1/2 mile North of the Lake. This trail is marked also-orange to the West and aluminum to the East. There is a location map at each end of this trail.

Also a trail has been marked from Dody's camp, Southeasterly to the West side of Lake Geneserath and generally parallel to the 1960 trail. This is marked blue to the South and white to the North. Both this trail and the 1960 trail have location maps at their beginning on the road. These two trails can be reached by car on the road below Miller's Marsh. All three trails make good hiking trails. They are well marked and easily followed. The painted maps give you a good idea of the roads at the South end of the Island and their relation to these trails. Try them.

Hunters in our local houses of refreshment almost invariably get around to discussing merits of their dogs. But a certain gentleman from Chicago has topped all stories so far. He claims he and his pointer were out walking in a park one afternoon. They came upon a man sitting on a bench and suddenly the dog stood like a statue in a perfect point. The dog owner tried to move the dog, but he wouldn't budge. Finally he asked the gentlemen on the bench if he had something in his pockets that would cause the dog to behave in this manner. The man replied to the contrary. The dog owner introduced himself and asked the other man his name. "I'm Mr. Partridge," the man replied!

BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Mr. A. J. Roy has received one of the original pictures of Feodora Protar from Mr. and Mrs. Pat Bonner. It is a large photo of Dr. Protar sitting in front of his home. Mr. Roy has had the picture framed and it now hangs in our museum. Ask to see it when you visit the Island.

We now have available the diary of James J. Strang, which has been transcribed by Mark A. Strang, grandson of the Island king, and published by the Michigan State University Press. Much of the original diary was written in code. The diary covers the period of Strang's life from 1831 to 1836 and was discontinued at that time because of lack of cash to purchase another blank book. It has been transcribed with accuracy and gives you an insight into the character and type of man who was later to become so much a part of Michigan history. Anyone interested in Strang's life and ideas will find this a fascinating book. There is also an excellent bibliography for those of you who wish to delve further into the story of James Jesse Strang. The book is available from the Beaver Island Historical Society for \$3.75 plus postage.

The ice cream social held at the museum attracted over 70 visitors. We were happy to see the interest shown in our efforts to promote the Historical Society.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT of Charlevoix has asked us to publish the following law with regard to Driver's licenses:

No person shall drive any motor vehicle upon a street or highway in this state unless such person is first licensed as an operator or chauffeur, or is authorized by a specific permit duly issued by the Michigan Dept. of State. An Operator's license requires the signature of father, mother or guardian of an applicant under 18 years of age, or if applicant has no father, mother or guardian, another responsible adult may sign. A minor's restricted license may be issued at age 14 or 15 upon showing of extenuating circumstances or need. Parent or guardian must sign application.

WELCOME, NEW PROPERTY OWNERS: Louis F. Lawrence, M.D. of Birmingham has purchased property in Sand Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis R. Fugitt have purchased a lot across the road from the Amoss home in St. James. Mrs. Fugitt is a sister of Mrs. Frank Nackerman.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Frue of Ann Arbor have purchased lots in Wicklow Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Marble of Pleasant Ridge, Michigan have purchased a lot in Wicklow Beach.

SERVICEMEN'S NEWS: Richard Napont has gone into the Army. His address is Battalion 15, Company D., 6th Regiment, Fort Knox, Kentucky.

RETIREMENT: August Sendenburgh, who has been employed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for 30 years, recently retired from Civilian Government Service. He and his wife and daughter plan on spending the winter on Beaver Island and at the end of the school year move back to their home at St. Ignace.

BIRTHS. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fisher of Midland, Michigan announce the birth of a daughter, Leah, on October 19th. Mrs. Fisher is the granddaughter of Ted and Marion Heine who own property on Beaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter McCauley of Pontiac are the parents of a baby boy born in October. The McCauleys are former Island residents and Mrs. McCauley is the daughter of Ceil Kinney, also formerly of the Island.

OBITUARY: We have just received word of the death of the eight month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sanderson at Teheran, Iran. Mr. Sanderson is with the Diplomatic Corps. Mrs. Sanderson is the daughter of Sophia McDonough of St. James.

WEDDING BELLS: On October 21st, Miss Madelyn M. Wojan became the bride of Melvin P. Renaud. The bride is the daughter of Anthony Wojan, Sr., and the late Mrs. Wojan of Charlevoix, Michigan, and sister of Walter Wojan of St. James.

SCHOOL NEWS: The Junior Class gave a Halloween party on October 31st. Prize for the funniest costume was awarded to Ruth Gregg, who kept her identity a secret by dressing as a hobo. Because the judges could not decide on just one pretty costume, the following awards were made. Joseph Kenwabikisse, dressed as a bride; Julie Gillespie, dressed as a Sister; and Danny and Mary Gillespie, who were costumed as a bride and groom. Games were played and prizes awarded to the winners. At the end of the party, refreshments were served. All reported having a good time.

Have you noticed the School sweaters the high school pupils are wearing? If not, better take a look. We are very proud of them.

HOLY CROSS PARISH NEWS: Bishop Allan J. Babcock came to the Island to confirm thirty eight children. He enjoyed his short stay and said he would like to return.

MANY THANKS: to Dr. Sydney Schochet, our new Medical Director. The Doctor purchased all the furniture at the Medical Center from our former Island Physician, Dr. Frank E. Luton, and has now donated it to the center.

CHIEF ANTOINE PARK is now a reality. The shelter has been completed and the fireplace installed. We want once again to thank the many of you who helped us by purchasing tickets, by your generous cash donations, and the promotional work done by all. The park is located at one of the most beautiful spots on the Island and we hope both residents and visitors will take advantage of this new facility. We were fortunate to complete the work in time to receive the \$500.00 assistance from the Charlevoix County Board of Supervisors.

MC CLURE OIL COMPANY discontinued drilling at the site between the saw-mill and Miller's Marsh. They reached granite at 4800 feet, with no sign of the black gold. The drilling equipment will be moved to the new site across from French Bay road, as soon as the records on the present well have been completed.

A FOND FAREWELL to Liz and Francis Mooney who recently sold their farm to Gabriel M. Campbell of Howell, Michigan. The Mooney's have moved to Rogers City, Michigan. They will be missed on the Island.

CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWS. Once again it is time to remind you to renew your membership in the Association. All memberships automatically expire with the December issue of the BEAVER BEACON. Future issues will continue to contain hunting, fishing, and local news and we're certain you won't want to miss a single issue. In the next few months, we will be formulating our plans for next year's tourist season and will keep you posted. Your continued support of our organization is appreciated, as it is only through these memberships that we are enabled to carry out our various programs, including the publishing of the BEAVER BEACON. Personal memberships are \$3.00 per year. If you have not already renewed your membership, fill out the blank below, make your check payable to the Beaver Island Civic Association and forward to Burdene M. Stromberg, Secretary, Beaver Island Civic Association, St. James, Michigan.

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Petoskey Stone items a specialty. Also agates, petrified woods, other materials. Polished Pet. Stone Ash trays, \$7.50 to \$12.50. "Polish your own Petoskey Stone" kits-all materials & instruc.-\$2.00.

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The staff of the BEAVER BEACON wants to wish all of you a very happy Thanksgiving. When you say your prayers, don't forget to be thankful for the things you DIDN'T get last year!

See you next month!