

The Beaver Beacon



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Old Man Winter seems close at hand now as the winds hold to the north most of the time. We have seen our first snow flurry of the year but had no accumulation, as they did on the mainland. The lights of the Yacht dock are out, the Beaver Islander is hauling large quantities of groceries, hay and fuel oil; these are little indications that hint of winter coming.

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

Hottest Day	October 15th	77 degrees
Average Daytime Temperature		54 degrees
Coollest Night	October 25th	26 degrees
Average Nighttime Temperature		42 degrees

Rain on 14 days with a total of 1.47 inches.
Heaviest rainfall on October 24th with .50 inches.
SNOW FLURRIES ON OCTOBER 24th AND 26th.

BEACHCOMBER'S PARADISE: It is pretty much a known fact that Islanders and people that like to visit islands, have for years and years been attracted and even addicted to the sport of beachcombing, always wondering what might be found washed on the beach around the next point. We don't have too many Petoskey stones or Agates, nor do we have colored shells and pieces of Coral, but quite often we get reports where someone finds a Coast Guard boat or two. As a matter of fact, three so far this year. Last week we found one, just south of Cables Bay, that was a dandy. She was 64 feet long and high and dry as you please. Milt Bennett and Ralph Rutt wanted to put it in Lake Geneserath to run summer excursions. Charlie Martin just wanted it to play with, but before anything could be decided, the Sundew came along and pulled her off and away. Well, sometimes that's the way things go but you just can't give up and if the Coast Guard doesn't run out of boats, the prospects still look good.

AIRPORT DEVELOPEMENT: Anyone who uses or visits the Airport can see that a lot of improvements have been made. The woods surrounding the parking area have been cleaned out, the road leading into the Airport has been built up and the N. S. runway is being widened. This work

has and is being done almost entirely by one man - Karl Kuebler. Karl has spent a lot of time and used his truck to haul away rocks and stumps. Karl gets no pay other than the satisfaction in knowing he is doing an important job for the Island. He has registered nearly 400 planes this year and being a man of several jobs isn't able to be there all the time. He estimates that he has probably missed nearly that many. This gives us an idea just how essential it is that we keep the Airport well maintained and plan for future development.

MUSEUM NOTES: The Beaver Island Historical Society has just received a box of forty-two items for the Museum. These items are from our Great-Grandma's kitchen and were used on the Island by the Dormer family in the middle eighteen hundreds.

They include such things as spice boxes, butter molds, nutmeg grater, coffee mill and also a collection of Indian Baskets. Under separate cover we received a Hebrew Bible belonging to King Strang and authenticated by Mr. Dormer, also several old books from the 1850's. These were sent by Mrs. John McDonald, daughter of Mr. Dormer, whom I am sure many people of the Island remember. We are very grateful for Mrs. McDonald's continued interest in the Museum.

Won't each of you who reads this Beacon search your attics, basements, barns, etc. for items to place in the Museum. Kitchen utensils will be very gratefully received. Our Museum is creating much interest through out this state as well as many others and bringing many visitors to the Island.

Wanted: Your Beaver Island Historical Society would like to complete a collection, which they have started, of pictures of all the boats that have served the Island together with their explanations. If you have any of these pictures, won't you please send them, one and all to us, together with as much history as you can furnish. These will be placed in frames in the Nautical room. So much lake history is tied up with the Beaver Island group that we believe this will be an out-standing exhibit, and very interesting for the visitors to see. We are especially interested, also, in mementoes of the Civil War. We have a few but would like to add to our collection and would appreciate anything you may have pertaining to this era. We would also like to obtain a listing of Beaver Islander's who served during the Civil War. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Beaver Island Historical Society
A. J. Roy, President
Olive Dillingham, Secretary

Don't forget to keep your membership in the Beaver Island Historical Society. Send us your check for 1962-63. We need your membership.

TIME MARCHES ON: The old wall clock that has been telling time in the Shamrock Bar has disappeared and in its place stands a beautiful new modern clock. Archie LaFreniere donated the old clock to the Museum where it can continue to give people the time of day for many years to come.

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT NEWS: Of the 458 any deer permits for Beaver Island, 257 permits were issued. The deer range management program is now underway with a cedar cutting permit in Section 35 of T38NR10W (west of Johnny Martin's gravel pit) and two controlled burns approved - a 170 acre burn in Section 26 and 27 of T38NR10W (east of the first

oil well site at the end of the King's Highway) and a 56 acre burn in Section 8T37NR10W (east of Doty's camp). Due to inclement weather this fall the burns will be made in the spring.

ANGLER'S DELIGHT: You no doubt remember reading about the planting of Trout in Fox Lake last year and those who fished it were pleased with their catches of Brook and Rainbow Trout. 216 fishermen fished for 294 hours and caught 166 trout. Recently the Lake was restocked with 3,000 legal sized Brook trout, and so for this next season we feel it will be necessary to offer a few suggestions as to the proper way to fish Fox Lake. Those fishing from boats should be extremely careful in baiting up. The best way is to get on your knees in the bottom of the boat and bait the hook under the seat. Those fishing from shore should conceal their bait by "baiting up" behind a tree, for there are now over 4,000 trout in the lake and are apt to attack if prematurely aroused. Sample nettings were made this fall to see how the original plantings were coming and the Fisheries men of the Conservation Department were amazed to find that some already weighed over a pound. Fresh trout in the frying pan is hard to beat.

GAME CLUB NOTES: Also pertaining to the above paragraph, Perry Gatliff caught the largest trout recorded by a Game Club member from Fox Lake and won the \$5.00. The trout weighed an even one pound.

The Bass season does not close until Dec. 31st but to date the largest bass recorded by a member was caught by Steve Smith, son of Dr. and Mrs. Smith of Grand Rapids. It weighed 4-3/4 lbs.

The Beaver Island films are still available for showing to groups. Any one wishing to borrow them may do so, simply by writing to Rogers Carlisle or the Beaver Island Civic Association and stating when they want them and for how long a period. These films show Beaver Island during all the seasons of the year and are very worthwhile viewing.

MR. Barney Lastinger, bow and arrow hunter from Detroit, is happy with his skill. Last year both he and Mrs. Lastinger shot their deer here. This year he shot a trophy. The big buck weighted 195 lbs and had unusual horns with 15 points and nubbins.

NEW PROPERTY OWNERS: Dr. William Vandenberg and Mr. Titus Hager both of Grand Rapids have purchased property in Sand Bay at Boyles Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert A. Lloyd of East Lansing, Michigan have purchased 2 lots in St. James.

HOSPITAL NOTES: Mrs. William Belfy (Alice) is hospitalized at Charlevoix with a broken hip received when she fell in her home.

Lawrence Malloy returned to Little Traverse Hospital for another check-up.

Mrs. Joseph Sendenburgh has returned to her home following a check-up at Little Traverse Hospital

Both Mrs. Elizabeth Gallagher and Mrs. Mary Green have returned to the Island following hospitalization on the mainland.

WITH THE SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN: We have included women in the heading because Beaver Island now has a WAC as a member of the Armed Forces. Miss Isabel G. LaFreniere, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth LaFreniere, has a new address as follows:

Pvt. Isabel G. LaFreniere WA8521709
Co. "B 3" WAC Trg. Bn.
U.S. Wac Center
Ft. McClellan, Alabama

Army Sgt. Roland J. Cull participated with members of the 57th Artillery's 2nd Missile firing practice, which ended October 6th at McGregor Guided Missile Range, New Mexico. The group got an award for the outstanding Battery. Sgt. Cull's unit is regularly assigned to Chicago, Illinois and is part of the nationwide U. S. Army Air Defense Command.

SHRINERS DECEND: For three days, Sept. 22, 23 and 24th, the Beaver Lodge played host to 25 flying Shriner's from South Bend, Indiana. On this particular week-end the airport looked as though another Dawn Patrol was in progress. This was certainly a gay group and showed every sign of thoroughly enjoying themselves, and we hope that they will return to Our Island again.

NEW FACE FOR THE HALL: Many who remember the near tragic day when the Holy Cross Parish Hall caught fire during the 1961 Dawn Patrol, can really appreciate the fine job of re-siding and re-roofing done by Walt Wojan and his able crew of wood butchers and nail benders.

OBITUARIES: Henry LaFreniere, retired Light House Keeper from Point Betsie Light House near Frankfort, Michigan, passed away following an extended illness. Mr. LaFreniere was a former Islander and eldest brother of the late Nels LaFreniere of the Island.

BIRDS GOING SOUTH! As the birds leave for the warmer southern climate so are some of our Islanders heading away for the winter. Dr. Luton left for Lansing, Michigan, the Mike Culls - to Bay City and Chicago and Nonie Gallagher to Charlevoix. The Jim Carpenters left for Grand Rapids, Stanley Floyd to Chicago and by the next issue of the Beacon many more will have joined them.

PARTY TIME: After the hustle and bustle of the summer season and everyone got settled down again, a belated party was held at the Beaver Lodge for Dr. Haynes and his charming wife, Bess. Over eighty persons attended the buffet dinner in honor of our new Island Doctor. Since both Dr. and Mrs. Haynes enjoy hiking, fishing and hunting, the Island quickly became their permanent home instead of a summer retreat as it was previously.

HUNTER'S DINNER: Remember the wonderful dinner that was served at the Hunter's dinner last year, well, this year the menu will be the same. * a fried chicken with all the trimmings and prepared by our able cooks, Ada Martin and Mary Gatliff. This year the dinner will be held on Saturday, November 17th and we hope all of you hunting on the Island will be there in full force.

THE BEACON STAFF WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING THE NEWS TURNED INTO EITHER LOY MALLOY OR THE GREGG'S BY THE 1ST OF EACH MONTH, IF POSSIBLE.

THANK YOU

HIGH ISLAND VENTURE: Two weeks ago, two hunters arrived on the Island via the Beaver Islander. With them they had an impressive assortment of hunting and fishing equipment, including a 12 ft. aluminum boat. Hailing the local cab, they wanted to be driven to the closest point to High Island, where they intended to hunt. From Donegal Bay they set off after making arrangements to be picked up in time to catch the boat two days later. Two days later there was no sign of them. It seems their motor wouldn't work and there was a fair sea running, so they waited until it calmed a little and rigged a sail with a blanket and set out. This night it was snowing hard with no visibility and once they started they couldn't turn back for they had no cars. Luck was with them though and they landed about 2 miles south of Donegal Bay. Needless to say, this is not a recommended mode of travel between the Islands, especially this time of year.

SCHOOL NEWS: The Halloween party was a great success. The costumes were excellent, it was a hard task to choose for the best and for the funniest. After much examination Jeff Rudolph won the prize for the funniest costume, for being the best Hobo. Mark LaFreniere won the prize for the best looking girl in the crowd. Many did not recognize young Mark.

Games were played by the grade children and prizes were given. A movie, the Third Man on the Mountain was enjoyed by all. After the movie, the Activities Committee served a lunch of doughnuts and cider to all present.

Our thanks to the School Board for the movie and to the Activities Committee for the lunch. Thanks to Father Wren for the use of the hall.

Stop! Look! and Listen! A sixty dollar watch is the prize at a Benefit. Where? When? By Whom? By the High School pupils, during the month of November. Don't miss seeing the \$60 Gruen watch. It has everything a good watch would have. The watch will be displayed on Nov. 15 and 16th.

WE GOT THE VOTE OUT: Election day was a busy one here on the Island, as every effort was made to get all the voters out. In Peaine Township only two eligible voters, on the Island, did not vote and in St. James Township only three eligible voters, on the Island, did not vote. Joy Green deserves a comment at this point. She did her civic duty by voting and the same day delivered a real fine, red-headed, 7¹/₂ oz. baby girl, Anne Marie. The next day the father (Russell) had mixed emotions: elation with a new daughter and delation with a new Governor. Many long faces appeared on the streets of St. James the day after the election.

This is the second Election baby for the Greens because in July of 1961, Joy delivered another girl on Election day - Beth Ann. Our congratulations to the Green family.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FOR SALE OR RENT: 6 room house on Harbor. Lot 100' by 440'. Comptly. furn. inc. linens, G.E. refrig. with lgc. freezer. Contact Mrs. Walter Lyons, 7523 S. Winchester Ave., Chicago 20. Telephone Radcliffe 3-4536.

FOR SALE: Christmas wreaths made of pine, balsam and cedar. Mrs. Vernon Fitzpatrick, St. James.

