

# The Beaver Beacon



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With the end of bird season comes a short lull prior to deer season. It's during this period residents, of the Island, make most of their preparations for the coming winter. Wood piles are growing, pantry shelves begin to sag under the weight of reserve canned goods, boats are coming out of the water to be stored for another season and summer cottages stare vacantly at wind whipped beaches.

**WEATHER:** Beaver Island weather as recorded by Fire Officer Bill Wagner for the month of October.

The weather through October was mostly rainy, overcast and cool. A total of 2.27 inches of rain fell during the month. Weather was taken 24 days of the month for an average high of 54 degrees and an average low of 37.5 degrees. The high of the month, 68 degrees, fell on the 18th, with the low of 24 degrees occurring on the 29th. Temperatures were up in the 60's for 8 days, in the 50's for 8 days, in the 40's for 7 days and one day came close with a 38 degree reading. Snow flakes were mixed with the rain on the 23rd.

**HUNTER'S BANQUET:** The 22nd of November is set aside for the Annual Hunter's Banquet here on the Island. Sponsored by the Beaver Island Game Club, this is hoped to be the biggest and best dinner yet. Swiss steak and home-made pies are on the menu, with enough supplies to assure everyone a large serving. A movie and question and answer period with Game Division personnel, afterwards, is the entertainment. Tickets are now on sale, at business places on the Island, for \$3.00 and will be, up until the time of the banquet.

**B. I. DELEGATION MEETS U. S. C. G. BRASS:** During an inspection trip to Charlevoix, by Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Edwin J. Roland, Admiral Willard Smith and 11th District Congressman Raymond F. Clevenger, an open house was held at the new Charlevoix Coast Guard Station. A delegation, made up of Archie LaFreniere, Phil Gregg, Dick LaFreniere and Jewell Gillespie flew over to meet the dignitaries, and also state our wishes to keep the Beaver Island Station open longer. Admiral Smith stated that plans call for a permanent station to be built at Beaver Island within the next seven years. The crew would jump from five to ten men, with a Chief in command. With the continuous growth of boating popularity, the need for a more adequate station is apparent.

**GAME NEWS:** 1965 certainly won't go down as a record year for bird hunting, but those that really put their heart in it, went home with birds. With the season ended, the Wiley Partridge will no doubt come out of hiding.

This year's deer hunting potential looks especially good and accommodation reports indicate that the Island will have a full house of hunters the first week.

Five deer met their end with bow and arrow. Most unusual, was a dandy six point buck brought down by Harry Wanty of Ypsilanti. Harry is a dwarf, and we bet he is the only person so handicapped to come up with such a trophy.

**OLD EYESORES DISAPPEAR:** This past month has brought about some major improvements in the appearance of the village of St. James. The Roen Dredge and Dock Company were contracted by the Township of St. James to remove the remains of three old shipwrecks from the harbor. The Annabelle, from in front of Henry Allens, the Hattie Fisher and the Eagle, from in front of Elizabeth Gallagher's.

The old Shillelagh, that had served as a saloon, restaurant, gift shop and finally as a vacant and deteriorated building at the foot of the dock, was pulled down and burned. Now the area is graded over and waiting for future development.

The new episcopal Church was initiated with but one coat of protective finish, with the result of two years weathering giving it the appearance of many more years of service than it had actually existed. The building has now been refinished on the outside and looks much better.

**WEDDINGS:** Business places on Beaver Island closed early Oct. 16 as most of the residents on the Island turned out for the 6 p.m. nuptial mass uniting Carol Ann Schlacter and Gerald Nelson LaFreniere at Holy Cross Catholic Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Reigle, of St. James, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon (Dick) LaFreniere, of St. James.

The double-ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Louis Wren before an altar decorated with roses and gladiolus.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her stepfather, wore a candle-light satin, floor length gown with a train trimmed with chantilly lace. The fingertip veil was secured by a Juliet cap. She carried a bouquet of red sweetheart roses and white carnations.

Maid of honor was Miss Pamela Martin, of St. James, who wore an azure blue floor length dress with matching headpiece. Bridesmaid was Mrs. Leonard Wright, of Flint, who wore a gown of identical blue.

Best man was Leon LaFreniere, the groom's brother, and the usher was Lawrence McDonough, of Grand Rapids.

The bride's mother wore a bottle green, two-piece dress, with a yellow orchid corsage and autumn haze accessories.

Mrs. LaFreniere wore a burgundy suit with pink orchid corsage and autumn haze accessories.

A reception and buffet supper followed the ceremony at Holy Cross Hall attended by 150 people.

The couple left St. James by boat October 17 for a week's wedding trip through Northern Michigan. They plan to live in St. James.

For traveling, the bride chose a chocolate brown and beige suit with cocoa brown accessories..

The bride attended Holy Redeemer Grade School in Flint and Grand Blanc High School. She also studied at the Joan Claire Beauty College in Flint

The bridegroom attended Charlevoix Grade School and Beaver Island Community School.

Among the guests at the wedding were the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene J. McLean; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wright of Flint; Mr. and Mrs. Edsel Walker of Grand Blanc; Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Walker of Flint; Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Belfy, Sr, the bridegroom's grandparents, of Charlevoix; Dr. and Mrs. John Ludwick, Jr., of Jackson; Mrs. Pete Rennie, of Traverse City; Mr. and Mrs. John Adams, of Kalamazoo; Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Campbell, of Howell; and Mrs. Emil Pischner, of Charlevoix. Our very Best Wishes to Carol and Jerry and a big Welcome Home.

ARIZONA NOTES: We want to thank Helen Pischner, of Phoenix, Arizona, for sending us the following news items. We are sorry that we could not reproduce the picture she sent of Pvt. Robert Pischner, but perhaps, sometime in the future the Beaver Beacon will be able to have pictures in it.

Home on leave was Pvt. Robert A. Pischner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elston Pischner. Robert arrived home from Fort Polk, Louisiana on the third of October and left for Fort Aberdene, Maryland, the thirteenth of October. At Fort Aberdene he will go to Ordinance School and will learn all about military artillery. While in Fort Polk, Robert received a medal for sharp shooting.

We all get surprises! The Pischner's were surprised when they answered their telephone and found themselves talking to Jack Cull. Jack, his mother, Mabel, and Roland spent a couple of days in Phoenix, before going on to California.

Also in Phoenix, is Matt Melville. Matt must like Arizona as he visits us every winter.

In Good Samaritan Hospital was John Gillespie. He underwent an eye operation on the fourteenth of October.

Also, in the hospital, was Elston Pischner. He underwent a hernia operation on the eighteenth of October at St. Joseph's Hospital. Home until he recovered, was his daughter Barbara Adams, from Utah.

SERVICE MEN'S NEWS: The following is a new address for Robert Pischner.

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The following article was sent to the Beaver Beacon from Mannheim/Sandhofen, Germany and dated November 4, 1965.

Staff Sergeant James H. Plemons, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Plemons, 306 Sherman Street, Mexia, Texas, has been selected to attend the Army Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, Georgia as a candidate for a commission in the United States Army.

Plemons, one of three brothers now serving in the Armed Forces, received a pleasant surprise in addition to his notification that he had been selected as a candidate. It seems that his brother Leldon, who is reported to have one of the top "Country & Western" bands in Germany, has also been accepted as an Officer Candidate, and would attend the same class as his brother, James.

The strange twist to all this, is the fact that Leldon and James both submitted their applications without the others knowledge. The third brother, Weldon, who is (you guessed it) Leldon's twin, is currently

serving in Okinawa. No telling, he might also be going. Prior to joining the Industrial Center, where he was assigned duty as Administrative Noncommissioned Officer, Sergeant Plemons (James) was assigned to Fort Richie, Maryland.

A veteran of eight years service, he is married to the former Miss Margaret LaFreniere, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth LaFreniere, of St. James, and is currently enjoying a leave with his wife, prior to attending class on the 28th of this month.

HOSPITAL NOTES: Frank Neer is again a patient in Charlevoix Hospital, following another heart attack.

Dr. Haynes has returned to the Island after spending sometime in Munson Hospital.

Willie Schmidt was a patient in Charlevoix Hospital during the past month.

Lloyd McDonough was a patient in Little Traverse Hospital for a week, during the past month.

Mrs. Charles (Marion) Martin was a patient at Little Traverse Hospital for a week during the past month, also.

Jimmy Kenwabikisse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kenwabikisse, recently had his tonsils removed.

Ernie Toth, of Grosse Ile, Michigan, who has a summer cottage on the Island harbor, is recuperating at home following an operation for the removal of his eye.

YOUTH CENTER STARTS SECOND YEAR: Using Halloween as the opening date, the Youth Center began it's second season with a party. Marge Wagner, Lilian Gregg and the Dominican Sisters served as the hostesses, and arranged games and prizes for the smaller children, while a Scavenger Hunt was organized for the older ones, with a case of pop, donated by Archie LaFreniere, going to the winners of the Scavenger Hunt. With the party in progress, Halloween mischief was held to a comparable minimum. The Center is a project of the Beaver Island P.T.A., with financial assistance from both St. James and Peaine Townships. Plans this year are to include arts and crafts and a program of physical fitness and gymnastics. With small numbers in the same age groups, a wide variety of activities are needed to keep them all busy. Anyone faced with the problem of what to do with games, puzzles or toys, that perhaps your own youngsters have grown tired of, the Youth Center would be glad to put them to use.

PAT & ROSE CELEBRATE 50TH: Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Bonner were honored Wednesday, October 27th, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

They attended Mass at Holy Cross Catholic Church and Mr. and Mrs. Bert McDonough took them to breakfast at the Beaver Lodge.

In the evening scores of friends came to visit them and Mrs. Rita Gillespie and Mrs. Rose Connaghan presented them with a decorated cake. While their house filled with well wishers, Pat kept his fiddle warmed up with jigs and square dances in the kitchen. Amid all the celebrating many friends and relatives paid their respects to the happy pair by phone. At the height of the evening, the large and beautiful cake was

cut and served with ice cream, to all the guests. Pat and Rosie were married on Beaver Island and have lived here all their lives. They have three children, Johnny, of Connecticut; Robert, of Kalamazoo and Mrs. Mary Wunker, of Grand Rapids. They also have eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Congratulations to Pat and Rose and the hope for many, many happy years.

**SCHOOL NEWS:** The following is the Honor Roll for the first marking period.

Seniors -	Pamela Martin	Grade 5 -	Joan LaFreniere
Juniors -	Jeanne Wojan	Grade 3 -	Patricia Wojan
Freshmen -	Judith LaFreniere	Grade 2 -	Gerald Connaghan
Grade 8 -	Angela Wojan		Kathie Mcdonough

**Proud Sufferers:** During the past several weeks pupils in grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 have been suffering joyfully from blisters and callouses on their hands. They have discovered that it isn't easy cutting, punching and trimming tough pigskin. However, they are all rightfully proud of their finished project -- moccasins for themselves and for other members of their families. They are all grateful, too, to Lulla Brock, a teacher at Ironton Public School, who so kindly donated all the pigskin for the project.

**THIS AND THAT:** In the October Beacon we mentioned that we had received word that some Beacons had been in a fire. Since the article appeared, we have received letters from East Chicago, Ill.; Cleveland, Ohio and Bradenton, Florida about burned mail. We do not know where it happened but a mail car did have a fire in it.

Word has been received that the Allen's Cabins, on the Harbor, have been sold to Mr. Pittman of Ann Arbor. The Allen's still have their home on the Harbor.

We have two new 50 foot housetrailer on the Island. One is owned by Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Goldhammer of New York. The other, known as the "Tiger's Den", is owned by Jack and Eileen Martin.

**NEW RESIDENTS:** From Illinois, comes Mr. and Mrs. Provancher, the parents of Mrs. L. T. Rountree, who will be making Beaver Island their home.

New residents who arrived late this summer are Mr. and Mrs. Duane Newstead, the former Caroline Kenwabikissee, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bolton, the former Margarate Kenwabikissee.

**LATE REPORT:** Robert Gillespie returned to Munson Hospital, Traverse City, to have his cast removed. Robert will have either a new cast or steel brace, but that won't be decided until next week.

**BEAVER TALES:** Our Beaver Tales by the Traveller will be continued in the January issue of the Beaver Beacon. Please join us then, won't you.

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Our thanks goes to the Beaver Island Youth Center boys and girls who helped put this months Beacon together.

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