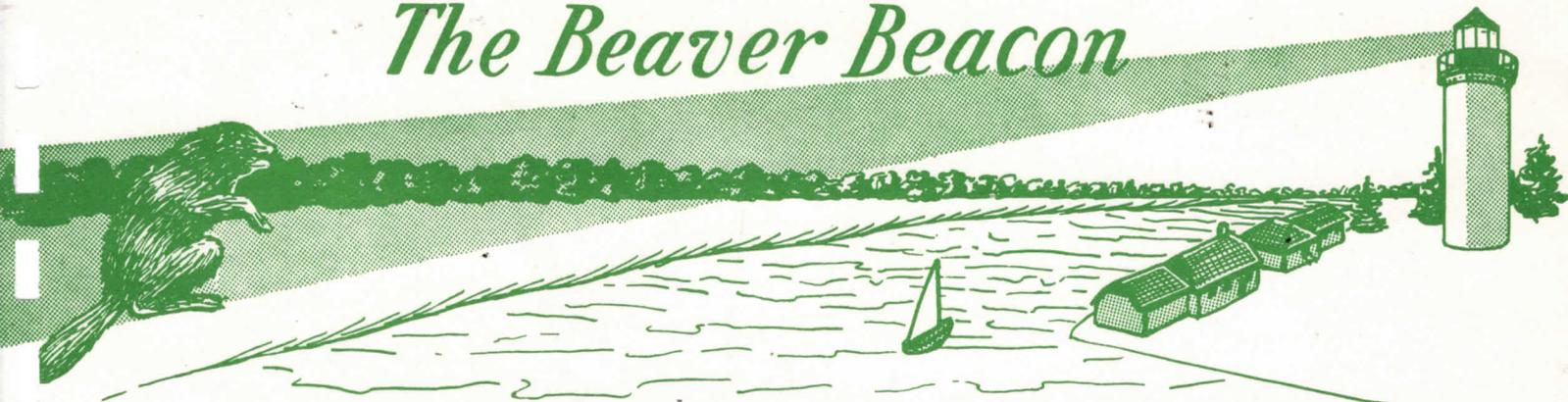


# The Beaver Beacon



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Rain! Rain! Rain! Will it ever stop? A question asked all during September and into October. Jack Frost has done his handy work in grand style though, so when the sun does break through, the beauty of it all makes these rare occasions well worth while.

**WEATHER:** The weather this month as recorded by Fire Officer Bill Wagner, was anything but pleasant for camping, fishing or most anything else. We received rain on 19 of the 30 days for a total of 9.69 inches. Twice during the month we received 2 inches or more in a 24 hour period. Although, the rain inconvenienced some, it was a welcome relief to the forest fire hazard, bringing the hazard down to a safe level for at least the next week. Cool weather was on the agenda for most of the month, with a low of 31 degrees and accompanied by a killing frost occurring on the night of the 27th. The average daytime temperature was 64.5 degrees, with a high of 75 degrees falling on the 5th. Nights were somewhat cooler with an average temperature of 48 degrees. Mixed with the rain were some snowflakes on the 26th and 27th, and fog was noted on 7 different days. Daytime temperatures varied from a low of 41 degrees to the high of 75 degrees, with 7 days in the 70's; 16 days in the 60's; 5 days in the 50's and 2 days in the 40's.

**"BEAVER ISLANDER" TAKES REST CURE:** After a season of nearly continuous running, the Motorship Beaver Islander, decided to stop on the 29th of September, after the main clutch went out on one engine. On occasion, the boat doesn't run because of bad weather, so the thoughts of not running for a day or so didn't seem so serious. However, getting the needed parts and foing the repairs took some doing, along with much time. With a back log of nearly fifty cars waiting to come across for the opening of the hunting season, the problem grew by leaps and bounds. Many disappointed patrons either went back home or elsewhere. Yet, many others came to the Island by air. Cars of all descriptions were pressed into service, trying to meet the demand for transportation. Arrangements were made with the "Arnold Line" to put the "Emerald Isle" back on the run until the "Islander" was back in commission. For five days, it was just like old times with the Emerald Isle back on the job. After two weeks of frantic efforts, the Beaver Islander was back on the run and hopes are running high that the boat problems are over.

**BEAVER ISLAND AIRPLANE TRAGEDY:** Dr. and Mrs. Edward Heneveld, of Muskegon, had found Beaver Island much to their liking and had made frequent visits here in their airplane. They had come for the opening

week of hunting, along with two other couples from Muskegon. Saturday morning they had all checked out of the Isle Haven Tourist Court and it was first believed that two couples had boarded the plane for Muskegon, but was later found to be false.

Boarding their plane, the Heneveld's taxied to the south end of the north-south runway and started their take off. Witnesses said the nose of the plane seemed to be too high, as though the pilot was trying to get it in the air too fast. After they were air-borne and above tree top height, he put it into a steep climb and the plane just couldn't make it, sliding off on a steep bank to the left. Their right wing and tail hit the top of a maple tree at the north end of the runway. The plane nosed into the ground and burst into flames, killing the occupants. This was the first accident ever to happen at this airport and we all hope it is the last.

**GAME NEWS:** The first day of October is a date of much activity on the Island with the opening of the bird season and deer season, with bow and arrow.

Partridge have been hard to come by in the early part of the season. There doesn't seem to be as many as last year but heavy rains have kept them in the very dense cover and that along with the heavy foliage still on the trees, has made shooting a very difficult task. The chances of larger bags of game will be better as the season progresses. Large flights of geese heading south are daily sights these days. Several have been shot on the Island after bad weather and strong winds from the south forced them down.

Plenty of ducks offer lots of shooting both on Beaver and Garden Islands. As of this writing, only one deer has been taken with bow and arrow. One hunter in Al Doeblers party from St. Clair Shores was the proud archer, bringing his quarry down with one fifty yard shot.

Trout fishermen should be able to look forward to a good harvest next spring, as 750 more trout were planted in Fox Lake. These fish had an average length of 10 inches. This brings the total number planted here since 1961 to 8175 legal sized trout. Some 16 inch trout have been caught with the average running around 12 inches. All these fish were brook trout. they have about everything except the kitchen sink dangles in front of them but the old stand by seems to be worms or night crawlers. PLEASE, no live minnows.

**ENGAGED:** Judge and Mrs. David E. Wilson of Ferndale announce the engagement of their daughter, Davilyn, to Hans-Juergen Stein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Heinrich Stein of Stuttgart, Germany. The bride-elect attended Bowling Green University, Ohio, where she is affiliated with Gamma Phi Beta. She also attended the Goethe Institute, Murnau, Germany, and was graduated from Michigan State University. She is a French and German teacher at Redford Union High School. Her fiance attended the University of Tuebingen, Germany. He is now a student in the Wayne State University Medical School. The couple plans a December wedding.

**WHAT HAPPENED!** We received a card from the Norbert Gallaghers in Rochester, Ind., requesting another copy of the September Beacon, because theirs had arrived stamped "Damaged In Handling In The Postal Service" and that it was. It had been in a fire. The following day we learned that the Frank Tigglemen's of Belleair

Beach, Florida, also received their Beacon damaged by fire. Did anyone else received their Beacon damaged by fire? Does anyone know anything about a fire in the postal department? There was no fire here, so it happened heading south. We would be happy to receive any information anyone might have about this.

SERVICEMEN'S NEWS: The following address has been received for Tony McDonough:

Pvt. Anthony E. McDonough U.S. 56386915  
4 D Class 83-65  
Fort Bliss, Texas 79916

Edward Palmer has arrived in Vietnam and has the following address:

Pvt. Edward Palmer USS 55802884  
54th AVN. Co.  
A.P.O. San Francisco, California

On November 9th Glen Martin LaFreniere, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie La Freniere, will go to Detroit for his draft physical.

Gerald LaFreniere, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. H. LaFreniere, was discharged from the U. S. Army on October 8th.

OBITUARIES: Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Hannah Buss of Chicago. Mrs. Buss was the former Hannah Gallagher. She was born and raised on Beaver Island but has lived in Chicago and St. Petersburg, Florida for the past 50 years. She is survived by three sons, Bernard, Robert and Francis all of Chicago. She is the aunt of Mrs. William Schmidt, Mrs. Ada Martin and Don Burke.

Charles B. Kleinhenz died in Ann Arbor, September 20th, following an illness of 2 months. The funeral was September 23rd from Holy Childhood Church, Harbor Springs, Fr. Walfrid Boesche, O.F.M. officiating. Burial was in Holy Childhood Cemetery. He is survived by his wife Martha, daughters Sally and Maxine. The Kleinhentz's lived on the Island for several years and now live in Conway, Michigan.

Funeral services for Mrs. Helen Nellie McCafferty, 85, were held Oct. 2 at St. Marys Church, Charlevoix, the Rev. Francis Denay officiating. Burial was in St. Marys Cemetery. Mrs. McCafferty, a long time resident of Beaver Island died Sept. 30th at the Charlevoix Hospital. She had been in poor health for some time although she was in the hospital only one day. She was born at St. James, March 8, 1880, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Donlevy. She married the late Francis McCafferty on the Island in 1902 and moved to Charlevoix 18 years ago following her husband's death. Mrs. McCafferty is survived by three sons, Wallace, of Taylor, Mich., and Bernard and Peter of Ashtabula, Ohio; six daughters, Mrs. Violet Custer of St. Petersburg, Fla., Mrs. Geraldine Shearer of Charlevoix, Mrs. Marcella McCauley of Frankfort, Mrs. Ann Baldwin of Blanchard Mich., Mrs. Lina Cook of Taylor, Mich. and Miss Lilian McCafferty of Charlevoix.

A son, Lanty and a daughter, Frances, preceded her in death. In addition to her immediate family, Mrs. McCafferty leaves two brothers, Daniel Donlevy of Chicago and Frank Donlevy, of Muskegon; three sisters, Mrs. Earl Miller and Mrs. James Law of Charlevoix and Mrs. James McDermott, of Chicago. Fourteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren also survive.

Word has been received of the death of Mark A. Strang, grandson of James J. Strang, in Long Beach, California, on July 27th, 1965.

**COAST GUARD MOVES OFF:** The Beaver Island Coast Guard Station closed up the 1965 season on first of October, which is difficult for us to understand. The navigation season extends through November on the Great Lakes and October and November are the stormy months, especially in the north. Records show very little rescue work done during this period in the past, which is good and we all hope it stays that way. The only thing is, with the growing popularity of hunting on Garden and High Islands, more and more boats are venturing out. It gives one an uneasy feeling knowing that in the event of trouble, help would be a long time coming.

**RESCUE AT SEA:** It isn't often that a sailboat is called on to serve as a tug, but this was the case this past week. A party of hunters, who had ventured to High Island in a small outboard cruiser, were en route back to Charlevoix and discovered their fuel supply was short, after they had reached the point of no return. This could be serious enough in the summer, when there is quite a bit of traffic between the two points, but in the fall the lake is nearly void of boats. Fortunately, a sailboat out of Traverse City, was out on one last trip to the Beaver's and happened to see the little cruiser drifting. A tow line was attached and the thankful hunters were brought safely into St. James.

**BIRTHS:** Mr. and Mrs. Donald "Topper" McDonough, of Lapeer, announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Jo, September 22. Mr. and Mrs. Bert McDonough are the proud grandparents.

We have another new Islander this month. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Severance, the manager of the Beaver Lodge, are the proud parents of a son, Steven James, born September 19th. Steven weighed in at 4 lbs. 3 oz. and had to remain in Jackson, in the Hospital, until last week, when Jan and Bob were able to bring him home. Welcome to Beaver Island, Steven.

**BRIDAL SHOWER:** On October 6th, at 8:30 p.m. a Bridal Shower was held at Mrs. Bud McDonough's for Carol Schlactor. Carol is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Reigle and will become the bride of Jerry LaFreniere, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. H. LaFreniere, on October 16th. Games were played with Florence Ricksgers and Phyllis Gregg winning the prizes.

A buffet dessert followed the opening of the shower gifts. Hostesses for the shower were Skip McDonough, Eileen Martin, Rose Conaghan, Vera Wojan, Mary Minor and Loy Malloy.

**HOSPITAL NOTES:** Mrs. Olive Dillingham has returned home following surgery in the Charlevoix Hospital.

Robert Gillespie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Gillespie, has returned home after spending 6 weeks in Munson Hospital. Robert, you remember, fractured his thigh bones in a water skiing accident.

Mrs. Russell Green is a patient in Little Traverse Hospital with pneumonia.

Charlie Martin has returned home after being a patient in Little Traverse Hospital for a week.

Frank Neer is a patient in Charlevoix Hospital following a heart attack suffered at his home on Beaver Island.

**THANK YOU:** A big Thank You from Robert Gillespie is sent to all his friends who sent him cards, gifts and letters while he was a patient at Munson Hospital in Traverse City.

### BEAVER TALES

#### TRAVELLER WRITES:

The Donegal Irishmen who "discovered" the Emerald Isles in mid-America in the mid 19th century were just another contingent of the Tirchonail exiles from landlord oppressions matching those of Philadelphia; and they had a common tradition which equally impressed their identity in the land of their choice.

#### An O'Donnell's Discovery

The story as I have it from the best available records begins in Donegal in the year 1856 when a group of men and women set sail for America on a sailing vessel out of, I believe, Burtonport, bound for Quebec in Canada. The voyage took fifty days and the party of twenty families and a few single persons landed and took passage up the St. Lawrence and finally landed at Toronto where all of them sought employment. They were soon earning a living that seemed a fortune as compared with the pay at home. One of the party was an O'Donnell and he got a job as foreman on a building project; but he soon fell out with some of the workmen and a fight followed.

Whatever happened, O'Donnell made a fast getaway and went to Buffalo where he boarded a vessel going to western ports among the Great Lakes. At Detroit which is a narrows, (that's the meaning of the name in French) a group of workmen boarded the ship. They were Government employees including carpenters and bricklayers and they were bound for a group of islands in the northern part of Lake Michigan. They were going to construct a permanent light station on one of the islands named Beaver where a temporary lighthouse had been placed a few years earlier. O'Donnell got a job on the project and never reached Chicago where was his original destination. He was so delighted with the main island and the smaller islands that adjoined it that he wrote immediately to his wife who had remained in Toronto. He told her to come on the next boat and to tell the other families that had sailed from Ireland with them to come to the lovely islands he had discovered and to make their homes there with the certainty of plenty of work at good pay. He passed the word that they would find good houses waiting for their occupancy.

### The Settlers' Arrival

That was the start of the Irish settlement; for the best part of the ship's company came on the next boat with Mrs. O'Donnell. He had to face some hard words in the beginning when the newcomers realised they were in the wilds of the Wild West in the 1850's and that though everything was a vision of loveliness the jobs were limited and hard work was ahead if they stayed. But there they were, and the houses were really there too, so they decided to make the best of it. Some were added to the crew building the lighthouse and others got jobs in a lumber camp being operated by James Cable after who the present Cable's Bay on the main island is named.

Trouble was that the newcomers from Ireland knew absolutely nothing about lumbering, and here they were trying to chop down immense trees and to drag them through primaevial trails in the dense woods to harbours where they were shipped or towed in huge rafts to sawmills. Then the men went out in small boats on Sundays and special holidays to enjoy the sport of fishing and this was something that everyone knew how to do. To the amazement of most of them the fish fairly jumped into their boats!

I shall have some names of the early settlers on the Emerald Isles in the third part of this story in next week's Democrat.

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We wish to thank Mrs. James Plemons, (Margaret Ann LaFreniere), for her wonderful help this month by cutting all the stencils for the September Beaver Beacon. Thank you, Margaret Ann.

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