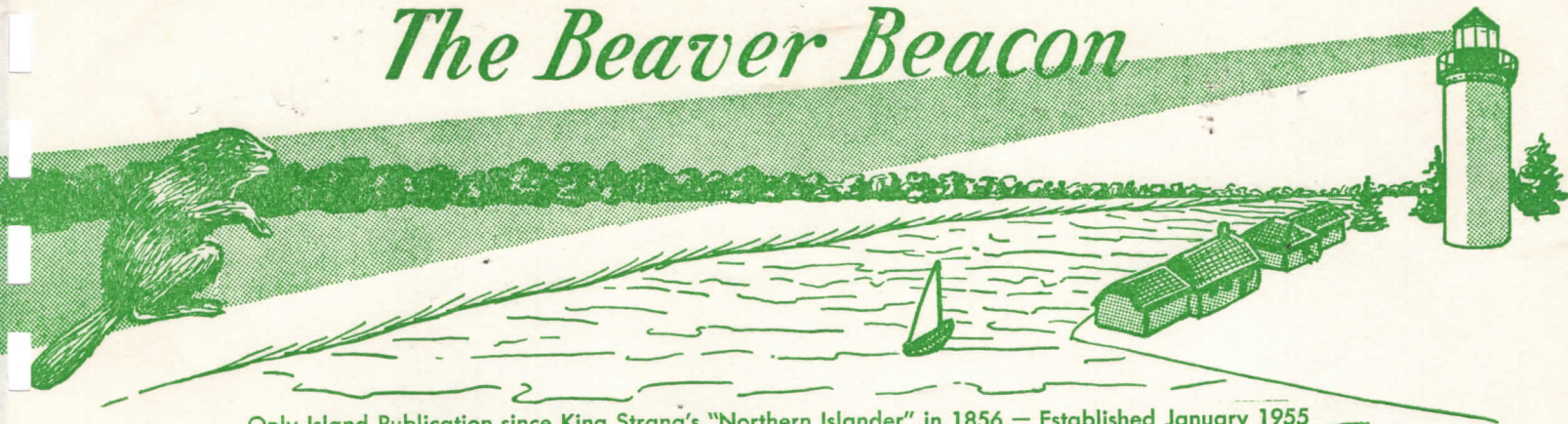


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WEATHER: Following is our weather analysis for the month of September:

Hottest day of the month was September 1st at 85 degrees.
Coldest night of the month was September 28th at 29 degrees.
Average daytime temperature was 71 degrees.
Average nighttime temperature was 56 degrees.
We had eleven days of rain with a total rainfall of 4.07".
The most rainfall in one day was the 13th with 1.7".

WHITEFISH RETURN: Hyde and Doolittle Fisheries of St. James have set nets for whitefish. They have been netting fifty to sixty pounds of the fish at each lift, the largest of the fish weighing five pounds. This is good news to those of us who find whitefish a very special delicacy. We hope Charles and Dick Martin, owners of the fisheries, will find their nets filled at each lift.

BUT PERCH DISAPPEAR: We are sorry to tell you that there is no evidence of the famous Beaver Island perch run this year. Art Larsen, who has lived on Garden and Beaver Island all his life cannot recall there ever having been an almost complete disappearance of the perch. Other Lake Michigan areas have reported little or no perch also, so Beaver Island is not alone in this unusual and inexplicable circumstance.

HUNTING IS GOOD: Squirrel hunters have reported excellent hunting this year with most of them getting their limit within just a short time. While there are many partridge this fall, shooting them has been difficult due to the heavy cover. Information has been coming in from hunters that the inland lakes and marshes are covered with ducks. This season opens October 13th. Mrs. Janet Lastinger of Detroit got the first deer of the bow and arrow season. She is a member of the Detroit Archery Association and the buck was her first trophy in five years. He weighed 95 pounds, 10 pounds more than the petite Mrs. Lastinger. So, come on you hunters. It looks like a good season for you. Enjoy October's bright blue weather on Beaver Island!

BEST WISHES. Mr. George L. Egbert, President of the Beaver Island Association of Michigan at Lansing has sent us the first edition of their newspaper, the brand, spanking new BEAVER ISLAND BEAM. To quote the BEAM, "Every Beacon, if operative and effective, must have its Beam". We are pleased to know that the Lansing Club has chosen this complimentary name for their newsletter. We want to wish the best of luck and success to our "sister" paper.

WEDDING BELLS

SCHMIDT-JOHNSON: On the 14th of September, Miss Mary Darlene Schmidt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Schmidt of Beaver Island, became the bride of Richard Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnson of Midland, Michigan. The Nuptial Mass was performed at St. Bridget's Catholic Church with Fr. Ryan officiating.

The bride was attired in a light blue street length dress with matching crown and veil and wore white accessories. She carried white and yellow baby mums. Her sister, Thelma, served as maid of honor and wore white and blue print with white accessories. Gregg Johnson, brother of the groom served as best man.

After the ceremony, a wedding breakfast was served at the Marlette Dining Room in Midland. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will reside in Midland.

CULL-HAMMERMEISTER: Miss Sally Cull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cull of St. James, chose September 10th for her wedding to Mr. Richard Hammermeister of Chicago. The young couple pronounced their vows at the Queen of Apostles Catholic Church in Dolton, Illinois with Fr. Dillion officiating.

The bride selected a light green brocaded dress in street length and wore a white orchid corsage. Her sister, Betty Lockton, served as matron of honor. Gene Balko, friend of the groom, was best man. The Hammermeisters will live in Chicago.

OLEXY-PISCHNER: On the 30th of September, Miss Constance Olexy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Olexy of Charlevoix, became the bride of Roger Pischner, son of Delores and the late Emil Pischner, at St. Mary's Church in Charlevoix.

BIRTHS

Dr. and Mrs. John P. Ludwick of Jackson, Michigan announce the birth of a baby girl, Polly Stuart, born September 1st.

Lawrence Jr. and Joanne Malloy of Chicago announce the birth of a boy on September 28th. Lawrence is the son of the Senior Malloy's of St. James.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Word has just been received that Margaret Cronyn, co-author of the SAGA OF BEAVER ISLAND and her husband and two children were involved in a serious automobile accident near Bay City. The Cronyns received initial treatment at Bay City where it was discovered that Mr. Cronyn suffered a concussion and Mrs. Cronyn a dislocated hip. Mrs. Cronyn will be incapacitated for six to eight months and has been transferred to Mt. Carmel Hospital at Detroit. The youngsters were not seriously injured. The BEACON staff wishes all the Cronyns a speedy recovery.

Mrs. H. R. Pischner is in Grandvue Hospital at East Jordan, Michigan. She will be happy to hear from all her friends.

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OBITUARIES

Fred Spaulding, former owner of the King Strang Hotel died in Chicago September 2nd. Interment was at Bay City, Michigan

John Grill, Sr., 91, of Grand Rapids passed away after a long illness. Mr. Grill came to Beaver Island in 1909, first working as a lumber scaler for the Stephens Lumber Co., on Beaver, and then as a grocer in the store now operated by Lloyd McDonough. Burial was in Grand Rapids.

Perry Smith of Charlevoix passed away the first week in September He was married to the former Ruth Gatliff. Interment was at Charlevoix.

Helen Cole McClean died unexpectedly September 27th. Mrs. McClean was a former Beaver Island resident and operated the King Strang Hotel and owned what is now Gillespie's Garage. Burial was at Tawas City, Mich.

MEDICAL CENTER NEWS: Dr. Sydney S. Schochet, our new Island physician, has taken over his duties at the Medical Center. Dr. and Mrs. Schochet are living next to the post office in the residence owned by Captain Forrest Pratt.

CONVENTION: Approximately 80 representatives gathered at Central Michigan University's center on Beaver Island for the first Clergy Economic Foundation Conference held in Michigan. The four day meeting took place September 10-14. The conferees included 42 clergymen from all faiths, and the remainder were representatives of business, industry and labor. The purpose of the gathering was to bring an honest, factual and comprehensive analysis of the American Free Enterprise system to members of the Michigan Clergy. The clergy came from all parts of Michigan. Lay representatives came from all parts of Central and Eastern United States. Keynote speaker was Rev. Fr. William Hogan, S.J., director of Industrial Economics at Fordham University. Other speakers included Dr. Wm. Haber of Michigan University, and Dr. John W. Hicks, economist and assistant to the President of Purdue University. Howard Sommer was director of the conference.

The meeting, under the co-sponsorship of the Clergy Economic Foundation and Central Michigan University, was a highly successful event. Among some of the subjects discussed were economic values in a Judeo-Christian Society, problems of organized labor in Michigan, aspects of international economy along with U.S. economy, and how various phases of economics affected various industries. All conferees were high in their praise of the hospitality offered by Beaver Islanders during the 4 day conclave.

SCHOOL NEWS: Larry McDonough, son of Lawrence and Wini McDonough entered Northwestern Michigan College at Traverse City. He is taking a Liberal Arts Course on a scholarship sponsored by Rennie Oil Co. of Traverse

Loretta LaFreniere, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie LaFreniere returned to Ferris Institute at Big Rapids to continue her commercial course.

Dr. William Edmonds, director of the Children's Clinic at Traverse City, assisted by Dr. Schochet and Mrs. Marian Rice, Charlevoix County Nurse, held a clinic here on September 28th for the Beaver Island School children.

BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY: An exceptionally interesting document has been received by Mr. A. J. Roy, President of the BIHS. It is a photostatic copy of the envelope and letter allegedly sent by Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormon Church, to James Strang, appointing Strang his successor as leader of the church, and instructing Strang to take the followers to Voree, Wisconsin. The envelope, forming part of the document, is postmarked Nauvoo, Illinois, June 19, 1844 and stamped "received" in Burlington, Wisconsin. The original is in the archives of Yale University. The copy was sent to Mr. Roy by the Treasurer of the Burlington Church of the Reformed Latter Day Saints (Strangite Mormons) from Burlington, Wisconsin (Voree). The document is three pages long, with the envelope making up the fourth page. Excerpts of the poetic letter follow.

"Nauvoo, June 18th, 1844. My Dear Son, Your epistle of May 24th proposing the planting a stake of Zion in Wisconsin and the gathering of the Saints there was duly received and I, with most of the brethren whose advise I called in, were of the opinion that you were deceived by a Spirit not of this world...Brother Hyram...favored the project not doubting it was of God. I...determined to return you an unfavourable answer...Not so the Will of the Almighty...A message from the throne of grace directed me as it inspired you...I have long felt that my present work was almost done...The wolves are upon the scent and I am waiting to be offered up...

In the midst of darkness...the Spirit of Elijah came upon me...I went away...to inquire of God how the church should be saved. I was upon the hill of the temple...I beheld a light in the heavens above...the Almighty came from his throne of rest...He appeared and moon and stars went out, the earth dissolved in space...I trod on air and was borne on wings of cherubims...the sweetest strains of heavenly musick thrilled in my ear but the notes were low and sad as though they sounded the requiem of martyred prophets.

I bowed my head...and asked only wisdom and strength for my church. The voice of God answered... 'Here behold my servant, James J. Strang, hath come to thee from far for truth...To him shall the gathering of the people be for he shall plant a stake of Zion...The name of the city shall be called Voree which is...interpreted 'Garden of Peace' for there shall my people have peace and rest from fear...There shall the oppressed flee for safety. None shall hurt or molest them. If they scatter, the ungodly of the world shall swallow them up, but if they gather to my city of Voree there will I keep them under the shadow of my wing'.

Thy duty is made plain and if thou lackest wisdom, ask of God...He will give thee unsparingly for if evil befall me thou shalt lead the flock to pleasant pastures. God Sustain Thee. Joseph Smith"

Joseph Smith was killed by a mob on June 27, 1844, nine days after the date of the letter, in the jail at Carthage, Illinois where he was confined. Today the limestone jail bears this sign: "No Smoking. Remove Your Hats. This is a Shrine of the Latter Day Saints."

We would like to remind you of the Ice Cream Social being held Oct. 15th at the Museum. Ice Cream and Cake will be 50¢ which entitles you to free admission to the Museum. Won't you please join us. Members of the Board of Trustees will be there to show you the above document along with many other items of historical interest.

MC CLURE OIL COMPANY: Well, the boys finally gave up on their first well. The total depth reached was 5383 feet. We learned from this that Beaver Island must be deeper than that, because they didn't make a hole all the way through! The hole has been plugged and men and equipment have been moved to the new site between the sawmill and Miller's Marsh. Present depth reached at the new location is 2350 feet. The water supply for the operation is being supplied from the marsh, 2000' from the site.

INTERESTING ISLAND VISITOR. Many present and former Beaver Islanders will be interested to know that Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Ritz of Western Springs, Illinois paid their first visit to the Island in 24 years. Mrs. Ritz will be better remembered as Marion Eicke, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Adolph Eicke. The late Dr. Eicke, a dentist, owned a cabin on the East Side Drive and Marion recalled vacations spent there with her parents and brother and sister. She told of how the Islanders used to visit her father with toothaches while he was vacationing. In his first years he brought no dental equipment with him and would take his patients into the yard, place them on a kitchen chair, and extract teeth without benefit of dental tools. Marion told of how the Eicke youngsters would dash to the beach to avoid hearing the cries of the patients. After one or two summers of these experiences, Dr. Eicke decided he had no other choice but to bring novocaine and dental tools. Marion's mother, aged 93, lives in California.

MANY THANKS. To Walter Wojan, Rogers Carlise, and Jewell Gillespie for their generous donations to the Beaver Island Civic Association.

To Mr. George Wheeler for taking up a collection of \$16.60 at Central Michigan University Center. The funds are earmarked for repairs to the home of Dr. Fedora Protar.

CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWS: We regret to announce the resignation of our President, George Van Buren. George and his family are leaving the Island in December. We want to thank George for his untiring efforts in behalf of our organization and we wish him success in his new venture. George and Barbara came to Beaver in 1959 as managers of the Beaver Lodge. Archie LaFreniere will take over George's duties as President until our Annual elections in December.

Many of our readers will be pleased to learn that they may now obtain additional copies of the Beaver Beacon for 30¢ each. We have received many requests for extra copies. While your membership in the Association entitles you to one copy, we have discovered that some of our members desire an extra one occasionally to send to their friends. Send coins or make check payable to the Beaver Island Civic Association and send to the Secretary.

TIME GOES, YOU SAY? AH, NO!

ALAS, TIME STAYS, WE GO.

(From the "Paradox of Time")