

The Beaver Beacon



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This is that time of year we wish all our summer visitors could take a peek at the Island in all it's Autumn glory. The stillness of the fall air is occasionally interrupted by the singing of Buzz saws or the barking of Chain saws, as the Winter wood piles grow. Life has slowed a pace so these beautiful days can be fully enjoyed by all.

WEATHER ANALYSIS: Vernon Fitzpatrick, local Conservation Officer, has given us the following analysis of our September weather:

Hottest Day	77 degrees
Coollest Night	33 degrees
Average Daytime Temperature	63 degrees
Average Nighttime Temperature	41 degrees
Rain fell on 16 days with a total accumulation of 3.02".	
Heaviest rainfall on September 16th with a total accumulation of 1.04".	

NEWS FROM THE GAME CLUB: From all indications it looks as though the Perch won't be running again this year. We just hope that, perhaps, they will in the Spring.

This should be a real good year for hunting the wary Partridge. There are lots of them and the sport is hard to beat. The count is high on Garden Island, too and a person surely doesn't have to worry about crowded hunting conditions. It should be noted, however, that the best "Pat" hunting isn't until later in October, when the foliage thins and they come out of the dense woods after the ripe weed seeds.

Duck hunters can be assured of plenty of shooting around the small lakes and back woods pot holes. We heard a large flight of Geese last week and some have been seen on the Island.

Disembarking from the Beaver Islander, now, are quite an assortment of hunters-tall, short, skinny and fat, shot guns and some with bows and arrows, all in hopes of a bag limit. GOOD LUCK, BOYS!

The Game Club reports that the 32 wild Turkeys, 13 week old birds, purchased in Pennsylvania, arrived on Beaver Island after a trip to Detroit by express and from there to Beaver Island by air thru courtesy of the Conservation Department. All arrived in good condition. The ones brought here last fall hatched out a number of little ones this spring, so we should have the start of a good flock, now.

BEAVER ISLANDER SCHEDULE: It should be noted here for the interest of the Hunters, especially, the following change in the ferry schedule. The BEAVER ISLANDER leaves St. James at 9:00 a.m. instead of 8:00 a.m. as shown on the printed schedule.

FAREWELL TO OUR SECRETARY AND EDITOR: On Sunday afternoon, September 23rd, we bid Boots and Dick Stromberg adieu at a Farewell Party in the basement of the Medical Center. We are sorry to see you leave, Boots and Dick, but wish you both well in your new venture. We hope that all the BEACON subscribers will bear with us as we continue the BEACON with new editors.

NEW PROPERTY OWNERS: The sand of the Island has seeped into the shoes of quite a number of people this year, casting it's spell to return again. Rogers Carlise tells us that property has been going quite fast on the East side.

Mr. & Mrs. John D. Murphy of Royal Oak, Michigan have just purchased 2 lots in Wicklow Beach #1.

Mr. & Mrs. W. F. Wittenburg of Lansing, Michigan have purchased the George Blackburn cottage on Lake Geneserath.

Mike Repack and Dave Bowers of Battle Creek are planning a new cottage on the Nomad corner. Construction will start on Monday October 8th.

CORRECTION: President Elliott and Executive Vice-President Green of Eastern Michigan College have purchased lots in Wicklow Beach.

RECORD HOLDER: For many it is either difficult or impossible to visit the Island on week-ends and even then the visits are few and far between. We think we have found a record holder for this endeavor. Mr. William Boelter of Saginaw, Michigan has been coming up here on summer week-ends since 1960. He missed one week-end in 1960, made it for 30 week-ends straight in 1961 and had to attend a funeral in 1962, missing one week-end. In three years, only once did he miss getting back on schedule, missing one days work. We wish you luck, Mr. Boelter, and hope that 1963 brings you back to the Island for 30 straight week-ends again.

Another record holder of visits to Beaver Island is Lawrence Garthwaite of Coopersville, Michigan. The Garthwaite group have been coming to Beaver Island, every year, hunting for the past 20 years. We hope they will continue the practice for another 20 years.

A BEAVER ISLAND FIRST? Dr. N. P. Sorenson has informed us that Peter and Wm. Lyndrup were on Beaver Island to plant 750 Scotch Pine and Blue Spruce seedlings for him. Although, Dr. Sorenson's seedlings were planted for beautification only, there is a great deal of vacant land on the Island, which could be planted to Christmas trees, and which might prove very lucrative to the owners. At the present time there are many Tree Farms on the mainland of Michigan.

MEMORY TIME: Last week the old Conservation Patrol Boat #1 came into the Harbor for a few days. Many will remember when she was operated by Capt. Charles Allers, Erwin Belfy and the late Emil Fischner. She is now privately owned by skin diving enthusiasts, who have been scanning the bottom around the Islands looking for relics. No astounding finds were reported, but it is a known fact that there is much to be found.

A recent visitor to Beaver Island was Edward Chase of Grand Rapids, Michigan, the nephew of the engineer killed when his train was derailed during the lumbering days on Beaver Island. Mr. Chase told many interesting stories of the days when he lived on the Island, himself, during the time of the Beaver Island Lumber Company.

Another interesting fact, was that his Grandfather, who owned a small home on Lake Geneserath, was one of the settlers driven off the Island by the Strang regime.

HOSPITAL NOTES: Mrs. "Buster" (Rita) Elms was a recent patient at a Ludington hospital, but has returned to her home where she is recuperating.

Mrs. Dave (Helen) Pike is hospitalized in Hackley Hospital, Muskegan, after being overtaken, while watching football practice, by four football players from the school where she teaches in Montague, Michigan. Hope you won't be there too long, Helen.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gallagher is recuperating at her daughter's home in Charlevoix, after being discharged from the Charlevoix Hospital.

Mrs. Mary Green is a patient at the Little Traverse Hospital in Petoskey.

Miss Patty Wojan, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Wojan, is a surgical patient at Little Traverse Hospital.

OBITUARIES: Our sympathies go out to the William Belfy family in the sudden death of their son, Merrill, on September 12th in Gile, Wisconsin. Besides his parents, he is survived by a son, Billy, a sister, Mrs. Edna McCann of St. James and two brothers, Delbert and Erwin of Detroit.

Mrs. Elizabeth Boyle passed away at her home here on October 5th. She had been an Island resident for many years, coming here from Harbor Springs, Michigan. She was the widow of the late William J. (Brutz) Boyle. Her survivors include 3 daughters, Mrs. Clarence (Lorraine) Palmer, Mrs. Jack (Irene) Boyle and Mrs. Willard (Mary) Fischner; two sons, Edward and Patrick and 22 grandchildren. Our sympathies to the family.

COLLEGE NOTES: Larry McDonough has returned to Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City.

Mary Elizabeth Gallagher is attending Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo this year, after finishing two years in Petoskey.

Alvin Lafreniere returned to Mr. Pleasant for his second year at Central Michigan University.

Colleen Nackerman is enrolled for her first year at Marygrove College in Detroit.

WEBBING STRETCHER'S MEET: Now there is no need to throw out that old shabby chair or that sofa with the springs sticking out, for now there is a whole team of well versed upholsterers on the Island. Last week Mrs. Clare Brown from Boyne City, the Home Demonstration Agent of Charlevoix County, set up class in the basement of the Medical Center. She spent 4 days teaching upholstery to a number of Island residents. Several pieces of furniture emerged from the basement on the fourth day looking pretty sharp. A few hammered thumbs were the only mishaps.

ATTENTION COYOTE HUNTERS!! Roy Chambers and Roy Vincent of Indian River, owners of a pack of coyote hounds arrived on the Island Monday, October 8th for a week of hunting the wary coyote. From what we saw of this sport last December the number of Hunters, that are participating, are sure to enjoy a week of hunting action.

YACHTING NEWS: The yacht, At Last, owned by Hugh Ray of Batavia, Illinois, was severely damaged by sudden high winds and heavy seas on Monday, September 10th. The C & O car ferry answered their May Day call and escorted the crippled yacht safely into Ludington harbor. Mr. & Mrs. Ray are well known summer visitors here for a number of years.

WITH THE SERVICE MEN: A. J. Gallagher is spending a 20 day leave with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. John A. Gallagher. When he leaves St. James, he will return to New London, Conn.

Gary McDonough, son of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence McDonough, was chosen Airman of the Month and received a trophy, dinner at the club for his squadron and a 4 day sightseeing trip in an Airforce plane to Oslo, Norway.

At the present time he is stationed at a Nato Base in Aniano, Italy, near the base of the Alps, after serving 1 year of duty at Thule, Greenland. His new address is as follows:

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2187 Comm. Sq. (A.F.C.S.)
A.P.O. 293
New York, N. Y.

GOLDEN WEDDING BELLS: Our best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. William Belfy of St. James, who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 30th.

SCHOOL NEWS: In behalf of the Dominican Sisters of Marywood, the Sisters of Beaver Island wish to express their sincere thanks for the sympathy and prayers of the people of Beaver Island in the recent death of the five Members of their Community.

The physical fitness of the Beaver Island School will be well cared for in the use of the new sports equipment provided by the Beaver Island School Board. The children have a new Volley ball and net, tether ball game, soft balls and bats as well as craft work for smaller Children.

The Board has also made arrangements for a movie each month for the entertainment of the children during each month of the school year.

NEW RESIDENTS: The Jack Martins of Flint have returned to Beaver Island to spend the winter with us. At the present time, they are residing at the Beaver Lodge.

TELEPHONE NEWS: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Dillingham recently attended a meeting of the Independent Telephone Companies in Lansing, Mich. Taking a few extra days before the meeting, they also attended the wedding of their niece in Detroit, where the lucky gal to catch the Brides bouquet was Gail Dillingham.

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Telephone Radcliffe 5-4536.

SPRING AGAIN??? There are some who would let you believe it gets cold in October on Beaver Island. We have reports from several good sources that signs of Spring are already here. Sweet peas are in blossom and Bob Molloy reports that the raspberry bushes behind their house have blossoms on. Maybe we ought to try planting some palm trees and banana plants.

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH

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BEAVER ISLAND