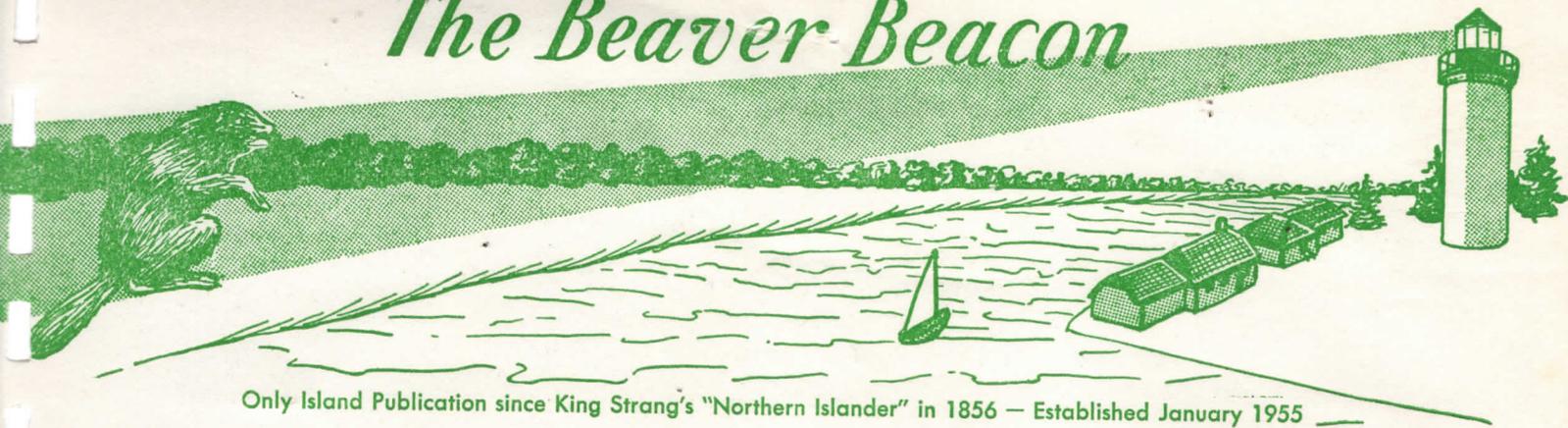


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WEATHER ANALYSIS: Following is an analysis of our August weather as reported by Vernon Fitzpatrick, local Conservation officer:

Hottest Day	August 28	84 degrees
Coollest Night	August 18	40 degrees
Average daytime temperature		74 degrees
Average nighttime temperature		57 degrees

Rain fell on nine days with a total accumulation of 5.17".

ANNUAL HOMECOMING: The Holy Cross Altar Society sponsored the Annual Homecoming for Beaver Island. The BEAVER ISLANDER, airplanes and private yachts were filled to capacity with those who came to participate in the day's events. The excellent dinner served by the ladies of the Society was well attended, along with the dance held at the Parish Hall in the evening. Rain forced the cancellation of the Parade. The electric frying pan, donated by Dr. W. P. Sorensen, was won by Ronnie O'Donnell. The Altar Society Officers have asked us to publicly thank both Islanders and visitors for their help in making the Homecoming a success.

END OF THE SEASON: Homecoming Day is perhaps one of the biggest celebrations held on the Island during the summer months. Relatives and friends make their last trip to the Island for the season, and while it is a great joy to see them, the Islanders feel some sorrow when the ferry leaves each day, crowded with cars and people. Homecoming Day marks the ending of the tourist season, with only Labor Day remaining. The BEAVER ISLANDER will now make just one trip daily, with no Sunday trips, through November. A vote of thanks to the lads, Captain and crew, for the fine job they have done this summer. The BEAVER ISLANDER will now be based at the Island for the rest of the season, and wives and families are glad to have their menfolks back with them. No more mad dashes to the dock with hot lunches, a quick "hello" and even quicker "goodbye" on those "two-trips-a-day" runs!

It was a busy year for the Island and now preparations for the winter months begin. The King Strang Hotel, the Harbor Hills Golf Course and Ice Cream Stand, the Rustic Villa Grill, and Allen's Cabins have already closed. Colors are beginning to show in the woods, marking a farewell to summer. Slowly but surely, Beaver Island settles down to a quiet autumn.

BEAVER ISLAND YACHT DOCK: This was one of the busiest areas on the Island this summer. Walker Hill reported that a total of 305 yachts took advantage of the facilities offered at the Municipal Dock from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Eighty-one of the yachts were over 40 feet in length. Forty-seven were sail boats. In addition, fifty-one boats were registered at the Beaver Haven dock and approximately twelve or fifteen boats lay at anchor in the harbor. More and more of our sailing friends have found our natural harbor a good place to visit.

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION: On August 11 at 11:00 A.M., at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Mr. and Mrs. James (the Bay) O'Donnell renewed their marriage vows made fifty years ago. The Mass was read by Fr. Louis Wren before an altar banked with flowers. Family and friends participated in the services as James and Elsie repeated the promises to love, honor and obey. In the afternoon, an Open House was held at the O'Donnell home, with a dance in the evening ending the day's celebrations.

The BEACON staff wants to extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to the O'Donnells.

WEDDING BELLS: Alice K. Travis of Fremont, Michigan chose Aug. 25th for her wedding to Irwin Martin. The former Miss Travis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Travis. Irwin is the son of the Charles Martins of St. James. The young couple was married at St. Michael's Church in Brunswick with a reception at the bride's home. They will live in Fremont.

BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Jack O'Donnell of Chicago are the parents of a girl, Rita Margaret, born August 5th. Mrs. O'Donnell is the sister of Rita Gillespie of St. James.

HOSPITAL NOTES: Lawrence Malloy of St. James is a surgical patient at Little Traverse Hospital in Petoskey.

Mrs. Joe (Bid) Sendenburg was a medical patient at Little Traverse Hospital. She has returned to her home in St. James.

OBITUARIES: Emmett McCann passed away suddenly in Charlevoix on August 11. Emmett was the brother of the late James McCann, who owned and operated the Beachcomber until his death.

John (Trotter) Gallagher passed away in August. Mr. Gallagher was a former Island resident.

Mrs. Merrill (Kay) Belfy passed away August 27 at Gile, Wisconsin, after an extended illness. Among her survivors are her husband and three sons. She was the daughter-in-law of the William Belfys of St. James.

WHEN ISLANDERS SAW Charles LaBelaunga walking down the street during Homecoming weekend, they were somewhat shocked - and with good reason. Your BEAVER BEACON had reported Mr. LaBelaunga's death in the February issue! We sincerely regret the erroneous report. The Charles LaBelaunga

that passed away was a cousin of our own Mr. LaBelaunga, now of Munising, Michigan.

SCHOOL NEWS: I sat by my window on September 4th and watched the kids go by. The boys, with hair slicked back and neat shirt and pants, dragged their feet and pushed and shoved each other a little, but the enthusiasm of summer was gone. The girls, in dresses, not blue jeans or shorts, walked a little perkier, but not too much so. It was the first day of the school term! Sister M. Karen will be in charge of the first four grades with 19 students. Sister M. Boniface will replace Sister Dennis Michael in the remaining grade school classes with 21 pupils. The High School will be under the supervision of Sister Ida and Sister Euphrosine. The two sisters will have 18 students, two in the Senior class.

It's quite some time since I have attended school, but if memory serves me right, I still recall that first day each term as being a rather painful one. Now that my school days are over, however, my sympathies tend to be with the Sisters!

SPORTING NEWS: Efforts to get more turkeys for Beaver Island have finally succeeded. The Beaver Island Game Club purchased 32 birds from the Pennsylvania Game Farm, but ran into difficulties when it came to transporting them to Beaver. The 13 week old birds left Allegheny, Pennsylvania as per schedule and were supposed to arrive in Detroit. When they didn't arrive on time a check was made. It was found the Detroit express office had merely overlooked them. They were soon on their way to Lansing where a Conservation airplane from Roscommon was to fly them to Beaver. When the plane landed it was found to be too small to handle the crates of turkeys. The birds were then sent back to the express office. Meanwhile, the Conservation Department contacted the State Aeronautics Department and found they could rent a twin-engine plane to fly the birds to Beaver Island. The turkeys' trip back to the express office was interrupted and they finally were placed on the plane and flown to Beaver. Unfortunately, the remains of one of the birds was found the next morning near the spot where they were released, a victim of a coyote.

Vernon Fitzpatrick, our local Conservation officer, reports that 460 any-deer permits will be available for Beaver Island.

Bass fishing continues to be excellent. We mentioned in last month's Beacon that visitors from Wabash, Indiana caught 20 pounds of bass at Barney's Lake in just a few hours. Returning home, they reported the good luck to friends. Labor Day Weekend showed seven more anglers, all from Wabash, trying a repeat performance of their friends. Reports were that they were successful!

NEW PROPERTY OWNERS: President Elliott and Executive Vice President Grey of Central Michigan University have purchased lots in Wicklow Beach.

IT COULD ONLY HAPPEN ON BEAVER: Several martinis were served at a local establishment sans olives with the explanation that the jar had been broken on its trip over on the boat. If you're sailing across Lake Michigan and someone wants to know "What are all those little green things?" they belong to Beaver Lodge! Unlike the new Oxydol ad, however, I believe enough martinis can make you just as white without the little green things!

A FOND FAREWELL: If some of the BEACON articles have a rather plaintive sound this issue, it is with good reason. Personal affairs force me to resign as your editor, as Mr. Stromberg and I will be leaving our beloved Beaver Island. A hundred thousand thanks to the many readers who have complimented me on the BEACON and to both Islanders and visitors who have given freely of their time to help make it interesting and fun to publish. Your new editor will be Lillian Gregg, who will also take over the duties of Secretary of the Civic Association. Lillian and her husband, Phil, and two daughters, Phyllis and Ruth have been Islanders for three years and are as fond of the Island as we have been. I know Lil will do an excellent job of keeping our readers informed of Beaver Island affairs. Good luck to you, Lil. I know you will enjoy writing the BEACON just as much as I did!

BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Mr. A. J. Roy, President of the BIHS, has reported a gift of a plaque now attached to the flag pole at the Museum. The plaque identifies the source of the pole and flag, is made of bronze with raised letters, and was donated by Mr. Al Dobler. Many thanks! Mr. Roy would still like to hear from Islanders and visitors with regard to articles for the old-fashioned kitchen now being set up at the Museum. Pots and pans, tableware, etc., may be loaned or donated to the Museum to complete this interesting project.

The Society would like to thank Mrs. Musette LaFreniere for the fine work she has done this summer on the sale of the Northern Islander, the newspaper originally printed by James Strang. She has turned over to the Society, a total of \$31.25.

Gerald R. Poor of Central Michigan University has turned over a collection of \$16.14 which was donated to the BIHS to be applied to the Protar Fund. Many of you may not be familiar with this fund. It was started about a year ago and will be used to preserve Dr. Protar's home and grounds. Anyone wishing to help in this cause may make donations to the Secretary-Treasurer, Beaver Island Historical Society, St. James, Michigan.

At the party held for the benefit of the Museum on September 2nd, Ronald Grant of Lansing Michigan was the lucky holder of the ticket for the Zenith television set. The party was well attended.

At a meeting of the Society, Mary Minor resigned her position as Secretary-Treasurer. Olive Dillingham has been appointed in her place. Burdene Stromberg also resigned as trustee of the Society, but a replacement has not been selected at this writing.

Memberships in the Society are past due. The Historical Society was formed over five years ago. The purpose of the organization is the restoration of historical buildings and sites and the collection of items of historical nature to be displayed for the enjoyment and interest of our Island visitors and friends. Won't you help the Society by filling in the form below and returning it with your check. We need the help and assistance of all those who have found the Island an interesting place to live and to visit. Remember, your membership fee is tax exempt.

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"GOODBYE TO BEAVER"

I feel the autumn breeze, it chills her land,
The Master Painter strokes with careful hand,
No footprints mar the path of drifting sand,
Her town grows lonely.

Her winding Island lanes glow red and gold,
Her apple trees bow down with all they hold,
And suddenly I know her summer's old,
A memory, only.

Her cabins and hotels, all shuttered down,
Her fields and flowers turned a russet brown,
The surf upon her shore, a haunting sound,
Now I must leave her.

These things that I have known, the memory
of dear friends I have found, will follow me,
In dreams I know I'll hear her calling me,
"Come back to Beaver!"

Sincerely,
Burlene Stromberg