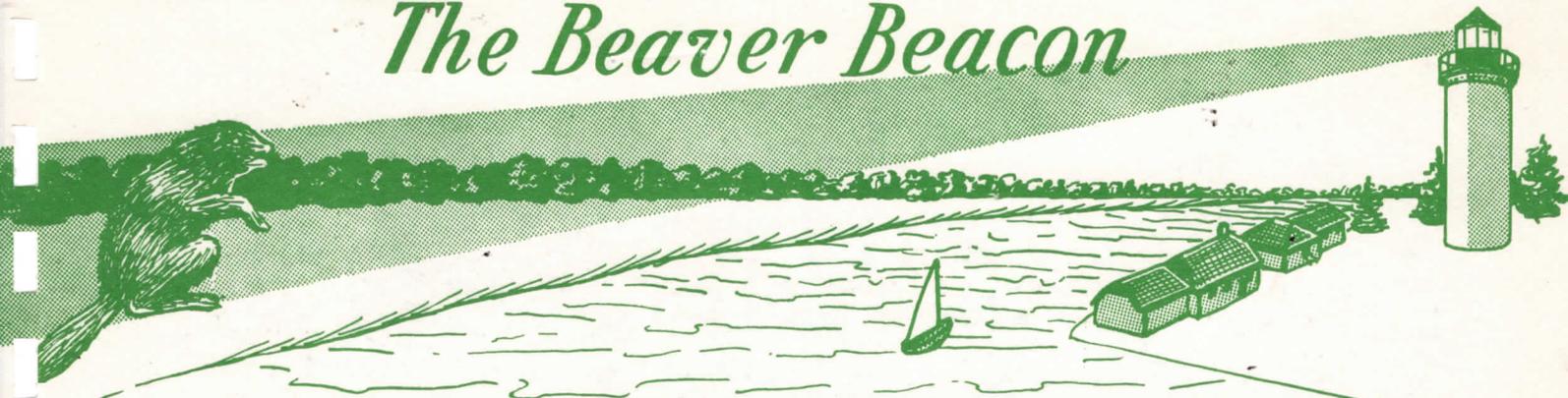


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Christmas slipped right by without leaving the usual blanket of white. Now that the New Year is here winter has decided to make itself known. The Beaver Islander is tied in her berth at Charlevoix and a smooth sheet of ice now covers the harbor. This along with a light fall of snow on the pines, makes the winter picture nearly complete.

WEATHER: This is the weather for Beaver Island during the month of December as compiled by Fire Officer Bill Wagner.

December 1965 - Total precipitation was 1.39 inches.

December 1964 - Total precipitation was 2.62 inches.

Total precipitation for 1965 was 33.77 inches.

Total snowfall for December was 1.5 inches.

Highest temperature was 55 degrees on the 31st.

Lowest temperature was 16 degrees on the night of the 19th.

Average low for the month was 27 degrees.

Average high for the month was 35 degrees.

Temperatures were in the 40's for 8 days, in the 30's for 17 days and in the 20's for 5 days.

GAME NEWS: Mother Nature played a dirty trick on the snow shoe rabbits by turning their fur white and then not providing snow to match. With their numbers high and under these conditions, bag limits were easy to come by. Now, with snow on the ground, a good dog makes the action come a little faster.

Coyote Hunter's - It is no longer necessary to turn in the pelt when you bounty a coyote. Only the scalp is needed, but as in the past, the complete animal should be presented when you bounty. The animal **MUST** be bountied within 7 days after taking.

ICE FISHING STARTS: Now that the Island's inland lakes have frozen over, fishing shanties are beginning to show up on favorite spots at Lake Geneserath and Barney's Lake. No definite report on the results yet, but we are certain the supply of bluegills is good this year. Two shanties have appeared on the harbor but as yet we have had no results of the fishing.

ERMINE COAT, ANYONE? Anyone wishing to order an Ermine cape or coat should contact "Poor Milt" Bennett. Milt caught a rather elusive Weasel last week, in a live trap. While transporting his prize back to town the critter escaped from the trap making the trip not only hurried but

harried.

Reaching home, the weasel eventually left the quickly abandoned car, but with determination, Milt reset his trap and captured it again. The time the animal was presented to Sister Florian's Biology class. Milt is planning on refining his trapping techniques and expanding this new exploit.

B. I. SCHOOL TO BE ENLARGED: For several years now, the Beaver Island School has been plagued with the dilemma of having a teaching force with capabilities that far exceeded the facilities. At present, there are no facilities to teach basic chemistry and physics. Also, room for a library, typing and sewing is very limited. New plans call for the addition of two large class rooms and a multipurpose room. The new class rooms will be for the lower grades while the existing building will be remodeled to accommodate the high school. An election, held on the 10th of January, to vote in the bond issue, went through with a vote of 46 to 2 in favor. It is hoped that construction can be started this summer. The estimated cost of the project is \$62,000.00.

CROSS VILLAGE SHOWS FUTURE PROMISE: Following, is a copy of the telegram received from Senator Pat McNamara (D-Mich.) and Congressman Raymond Clevenger (D-11th Dist.).

"Pleased to inform you that U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has completed navigation survey report on Cross Village Harbor and has recommended construction of harbor at Cross Village on grounds that it would be economically justified.

The proposed small-boat harbor would provide benefits for recreational and commercial fishing craft and for operation of the ferry to Beaver Island. Also, it would include facilities for recreational facilities on the breakwater structure.

Army engineers recommended construction of 2,300 feet of breakwaters, an anchorage and maneuver area of about eight acres and 10 feet deep; a flared harbor entrance channel 12 feet deep decreasing in width to 100 feet between the breakwaters, and for bituminous breakwater surfacing for recreational fishing.

Estimated cost of project is \$1,172,000 for construction and \$2,600 annually for maintenance, exclusive of costs for navigational aids, of which Federal share will amount to \$723,00 for construction and \$2,500 annually for maintenance.

In accordance with law, the report will be reviewed by the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors in Washington, D. C., with final action scheduled sometime after Feb. 3, 1966."

This will be quite a shot in the arm to the quiet little town of Cross Village and a definite break for the boating public venturing to the Island.

Cross Village is just 17 miles from St. James and about 18 miles from Petoskey.

B.I.C.A. HOLDS ANNUAL ELECTION: With the lure of coffee and fresh home-made donuts, a good crowd turned out for this meeting. After the various reports were read by the Secretary, Treasurer and Committee Chairman, the ballots were passed out for the election of five new board members. While this was in progress, Dr. Haynes and his nurses

Joy Green and Skip McDonough were called on to prepare to deliver a baby upstairs.

The election continued, however, and final results were as follows:

President	- Jack Martin	Secretary	- Lillian Gregg
Vice-President	- Rogers Carlisle	Treasurer	- Mary Minor

The other Board Members are Erwin Martin, Vera Wojan, L. Z. Reigle, Joy Green and Bud McDonough.

Committee Chairmen are as follows:

Game Club - Erwin Martin	Activities - Marge Wagner
Medical Center - Dr. H. B. Haynes	Commerce - Archie LaFreniere
Beacon - All Committee Chairmen.	

Meeting adjourned.

Meanwhile, back at the the delivery room, time was passing slowly for the expectant mother, Margaret Bolton (Kenwaubikise), her husband, Albert, her mother, Isabel Kenwaubikise and the Doctor and nurses. At 8:10 a.m., the following morning, a 5 lb. 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. girl was born and a very tired Doctor, nurses, grandmother, new mother and father called it a day. Brenda Lee, the new arrival is doing fine.

ARIZONA NOTES: We wish to thank Helen Pischner for our Arizona news and hope she keeps up the good work.

Gone to California for Christmas was Matt Melville. Matt thought he would find a difference between Christmas in Arizona and California, but he found none. There is no snow in either place. (And none on Beaver Island, this year)

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Gillespie at their home in Phoenix, were their daughter, Judy from South Carolina, and their son, Peter, and his wife, Sharon, from Illinois.

Funeral services for David Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Davis, the former Sharon Pischner, were held the twenty-eighth of December. David was born the twenty-third of December and passed away the twenty-fourth. David has a brother, Von, who was one year old the thirtieth of December. Richard Pischner has received his Greetings from the Armed Forces. Richard is scheduled to leave the twelfth of this month but as yet his destination is unknown.

In the hospital for treatment of bronchitis was Von Davis. Von had been out of the hospital about a week when his grandmother, Mrs. Elston Pischner was admitted fro treatment of asthma. Both grandson and grandmother are now home and doing very well.

"We, the Pischner's, of 930 West Moreland, Phoenix, Arizona, would like to extend a belated Season's Greetings to you, the readers of the Beaver Beacon. If ever, you make it to Phoenix, don't hesitate to drop in on us".

OBITUARIES: MRS. ANNE O'REGAN - Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Anne O'Regan of Winter Park, Fla., Mrs. O'Regan was the former Anne Cull, who was known to Island residents. She was a sister of the late Mike Cull. Mrs. O'Regan's body was returned to Chicago for burial.

CARL PETERSON - Funeral services for Carl "Pete the Swede" Peterson were held at the Winchester Funeral Home on January 7th, the Rev. Alexander Wood officiating.

The body was taken to the mausoleum at Brookside Cemetery. Burial will be at St. James Township Cemetery on Beaver Island in the spring. Pete, 76, died January 4th in Little Traverse Hospital in Petoskey where he had been a patient one day.

He was born in Sweden October 4, 1889 and came to the United States in 1908.

In 1933 he moved from Carleton, Michigan to Beaver Island. He was a Greatlakes sailor and later worked as a lumberman.

He is survived by two brothers, Axel of Duluth, Minn. and David of Sweden; and one sister, Mrs. George Anderson, of Sweden.

Beaver Island has lost another old friend.

BEACON LOSES STAFF MEMBER: For the first time since the Beacon was established in 1955, Loyolla Malloy won't be on the staff. Loy and her daughter, Arlene, will be spending the winter in the Grand Rapids area. Not entirely out of the picture though, Loy has been appointed as the mainland roving reporter.

YOUTH CENTER ACTIVITIES: Like most volunteer organizations in small communities, help to operate the Center has held activities pretty much to a minimum this year. Regardless of this, the Center is doing a lot to fill in the idle moments of the youngsters over the week-ends. Through the efforts and leadership of Marge Wagner and the help of the Dominican Sisters and Lillian Gregg, a Christmas Program was presented, using all the school children that wanted to participate and a few who didn't. It went off very well, however, and was well attended.

As an added feature this year, an ice skating rink is being built below the Church hill. Actual flooding of the rink will be held off until snow on the harbor ice prevents skating there. Volunteer work by Walt Wojan and his tractor has provided about a half acre of level ground for this project.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roy donated a Shuffleboard Set to the Center, which should offer many hours of entertainment.

The new tumbling mats have been given a real work out this year by boys and girls alike. Perhaps, next year more equipment of this nature can be acquired.

WEDDINGS: Davilyn Jon Wilson became the bride of Han-Juergen Stein in a double ring candlelight service Saturday at St. John's Episcopal Church, Royal Oak.

Vows were solemnized by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Dudley B. McNeil, retired Bishop of Western Michigan, and the Rev. John French of Ferndale.

The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. David E. Wilson, 465 East Hazelhurst Ferndale. Mr. and Mrs. James Krick of Ann Arbor, substituted for the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Heinrich Stein of Stuttgart, Germany, who were unable to attend.

The bridegroom lived with the Kricks from 1957 to 1958 while an exchange student here.

The bride chose a princess style gown of brocade, styled with a bateau neckline and Watteau train. A brocade Dior bow held her bouffant veil of imported French silk illusion. She carried an arrangement of Amazon

lilies and stephanotis centered with a white orchid.

Donna Moffett of Ferndale was maid of honor. Serving as bridesmaids were Judy Eichhorn of New York, Mrs. John Stone of Ferndale and Mary Jean Hess of Detroit.

They wore empire gowns styled with pistachio green brocade bodices and crepe skirts, and carried small, natural mink muffs topped with single orchids. Mink bows were their headpieces.

The bride's brother, David B. Wilson of Ferndale, was bestman. Ushers were Frederick Hansz and Manfred Heuser, both of Detroit, Benjamin De Winter of Ferndale, Richard Wilcox of Kalamazoo and William Duhn of Birmingham.

A reception was held at Coveyou's Lounge, Hazel Park. The couple is honeymooning in Switzerland and Germany. They will live in Ferndale. The bride is a Ferndale High School graduate. She attended Bowling Green State University in Ohio, the University of Lyon in France and Goethe Institute in Germany. She received her degree from Michigan State University, and teaches at Redford Union High School.

In 1958, the bride was an exchange student in Germany and lived in the Stein home. The bridegroom's sister, Barbara, lived in the Wilson home in 1959 while an exchange student in Ferndale.

The bridegroom attended the University of Tuebingen in Germany. He is a student at the Wayne State University Medical School.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Stein.

SNOW TRACKS: With a blanket of fresh snow on the ground, the story of winter island activities is recorded until a fresh fall or wind erases it.

Turkey tracks have been noticed in abundance this year, in many parts of the island. They are easy to spot during the winter and seem to be doing very well. The swamps are laced with the tracks of the many rabbits and often times, right behind them are the tracks of the hunter's beagle.

The wary Coyote, though seldom seen, leaves his trail while he searches in his never ending quest for food.

Sled, sleigh and ski tracks indicate the younger set are on the move. Something new in recent years, are the tracks of power sleds and their range is only limited by their fuel supply, so these tracks are seen everywhere. During a winter hike through the woods, a person can find many stories written in the snow.

SCHOOL NEWS: An assembly was held on December at the Beaver Island School. All grade and high school students took part.

Grades one thru four sang songs for Christmas and read poems.

Grades five through eight presented a pantomimed play, "The Silent Spot" with Mary Gillespie as Sister Eurphrosine and Leonard Kenwaubikise as Sister Julia Mae, putting up a tree and decorating it.

The Dancing Puppets was presented with Mary Ann Palmer, owner of four puppets, Richie Gillespie as Henry, Joan LaFreniere, Joey Kenwaubikise and Jan Howland as her dancing puppets.

The following people acted T. V. Commercials - Danny Gillespie, Tony Connaghan, Joe Kenwaubikise, Kevin McDonough and Angie Wojan.

Gale Dillingham recited a Christmas poem.

The high school students chose for their subject the Birth of Christ.

The introduction was given by Sandy LaFreniere and paintings were presented by Jeanne Wojan, Dennis Wagner, Ernie Martin, Joe McDonough, Roberta Palmer and Buddy Martin.

Readings were given by Judy LaFreniere, Ronnie Wojan and Sara Kenwaubikise.

GAME CLUB MEMBER WINS PRIZE: Each year the Game Club offers a \$25.00 prize to the hunter who bags the largest buck. The only stipulation is that he or she must be a Game Club member. Two non-members bagged larger deer; 180 and 185 pounders respectively, but, could not qualify. Bill F. Roberts of Elgin, Illinois, on his first hunting trip to the Island shot a nice 8 point buck that weighed in at 160 pounds. Congratulations, Bill.

MORT NEFF IS COMING: Sometime this next week, Mort Neff and his crew are to do some Island rabbit hunting. To see their results, keep tabs on his show "Michigan Outdoors", Thursday nights. The exact date is not known at this writing.

HOLIDAY VISITORS: The following people came to Beaver Island for the Holiday's: Jack Cull, the James Elms family, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. (Bussy) LaFreniere, Johnny Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. John Adams, Curley Harsel, Mr. and Mrs. James Evans, Jr. and family, Bruce McDonough and sons, Loretta and Glen LaFreniere, Carol and Ronald O'Donnell, Jack Volk, Gary Huard and John Zillich with two friends. College students home were Coleen Nackerman, Pauline Kenwaubikise, Joe Evans and Eddie Wojan. Servicemen were Joseph LaFreniere, Alvin LaFreniere and Mr. and Mrs. James Plemons.

GONE FOR THE WINTER: Along with Loy and Arleen Malloy, the following people have left us for the winter: Mary and Bert McDonough, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Gallagher, Edna McCann, Bill Belfy, Isabel LaFreniere, Judy Palmer and Stanley Floyd.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FOR SALE: Cottage for sale in Beaver Harbor. Contact Jewell Gillespie, St. James, Michigan.

FOR SALE: Lot for sale on Sand Bay, plus 3 lots on Beaver Harbor. 40 acres for sale at Beaver Island Airport. Other lots are available. Contact Vernon H. LaFreniere, St. James, Michigan.

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