

# The Beaver Beacon



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Somewhere, during the exchange of seasons, we lost our spring and jumped right from winter to summer. Lush new foliage now covers the islands and even the water looks bluer. Perhaps, now we can look forward to a season of balmy breezes and bright sunshine.

**WEATHER:** Beaver Island weather for May as recorded by Fire Officer Bill Wagner.

Total rainfall for the month was 1.56 inches.  
The average high temperature was 56 degrees.  
The average low temperature was 36.17 degrees.  
The lowest temperature was 24 degrees, on the 2nd and 8th.  
The highest was 73 degrees on the 22nd.

There were 4 days that the temperature was in the 70's; 5 days in the 60's; 13 days in the 50's; 8 days in the 40's and 1 day in the 30's.

**CONVENT KICK-OFF HELD:** Most everyone who visits the island realize the unique position of the island school. A public school taught by Sisters of the Dominican Order of the Catholic Church. We feel fortunate, indeed, to have the Sisters here to teach the children, for their lives are dedicated to their work that they do so well. We feel that the very least the Island can do, would be to do what we can to make them as comfortable as possible. Since the turn of the century, the Sisters have taught here on the Island. All this time the Sisters have lived in the same dwelling, that has long since served its usefulness. A \$5.00 a plate dinner was held at Holy Cross Parish Hall on the 29th of May to Kick-Off the drive to build the Sisters a new home.

Father Louis Wren served as **Toastmaster**, introducing Father Aidan Witte, O.F.M.C. of Grand Rapids, as Guest Speaker, who gave an inspiring and humorous talk. Also, present at the Speaker's table was Sister Leonard representing Mother Victor, Prioress General of the Dominican Order.

A fine attendance gave the drive a start of \$455.00 toward the goal we all hope will be achieved in record order. The Committee heading up the task is - Father Louis Wren, Chairman; Archie LaFreniere, Treasurer; Sister M. Euphrasine, Secretary; Mary Minor, Altar Society; L. T. Rountree, Assistant Treasure and Virginia P. Rountree, Secretary Pro Tem.

**REMEMBER - GIVE TO THE BEAVER ISLAND CONVENT BUILDING FUND - NOW**

**GAME NEWS:** Now that the Fox Lake trout have slowed down their vicious attacks on casted baits, the season for the fighting smallmouths is in full swing. This past week-end some beautiful catches were brought back from Garden Island.

Charter parties of Charlie Martin and Erwin Martin brought back limit catches of some of the largest bass caught in years. Four and five pound bass are big ones!

Dr. Bates, skipper of the cruiser Reel Lucky II, of Harbor Springs, and his jovial crew, went to the winner's circle with the grand daddy catch of the week-end. Though the fish wasn't weighed, visual evidence proved one of their's was the largest. With the lake levels rising, favorite bass hangouts are again accessable, which will certainly help to make this a notable season.

Commercial fishing is still on the up-swing, though Charlie Martin is the only one operating from the Island. His pond nets off of Sand Bay are producing some sizable catches. The largest catch of one day, stands at 1800 pounds of whitefish, certainly quite a change from two or three years ago.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** As the Beaver Beacon went to press last month, a surprise Birthday Party was held in honor of Lin Rountree's 84th birthday. Lin and his wife, Virginia, moved to the Island four years ago, from Chicago. Now holding the honor of being the Island's eldest year-round resident, he leads an active life helping with the Museum and other major Civic duties.

Over fifty friends helped celebrate this 84th year of a man sure to enjoy many, many more useful years.

**ISLAND GRATUATES TWO:** William F. Gillespie and Ernest Martin formed a short line of two, as they marched down the isle of the Holy Cross Church to receive their diplomas from Father Louis Wren.

Bill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Gillespie and Ernie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin.

Following the Commencement, a reception was held for the two Seniors at the Holy Cross Hall, where refreshments were served to a large attendance, with dancing following.

**CHARRED SHEETS:** While building his cabin on the Island, Marshall Sheets of Boyne City, set up a small tent as temporary housing. To provide heat on cold nights, Marshall used a small gas cooking stove. While lighting the stove the flame got out of control and set the tent afire giving him just enough time to get out and watch his tent and belongings turn to a small pile of ashes. This is bound to expedite the completion of the cabin, however.

**SUMMER'S HERE:** As the weather warms up the summer business places are opening and many changes have been made to business places open all year.

The Circle M Lodge has a new summer schedule and will be open from 10:00 a. m. until 2:30 a. m. The Shamrock Bar is having a face lifting with a new redwood porch and front being put on. The Erin Motel has again opened its doors for the summer. The Beachcomber Bar is again open for the summer as is the Killarney Inn. LaFreniere's Store and McDonough's Store have both had improvements made to service their customer's faster. The Rustic Villa Cabins are open and the Rustic Villa Grill is under the management of Mrs. Marge Wagner this year.

OBITUARIES: MRS. THEODORE WOJAN - Funeral services for Mrs. Theodore T. (Mary Margaret) Wojan, 38, was held from St. Marys Church, May 30, the Rev. E. Francis Denay officiating. Burial was in St. Marys Cemetery. Mrs. Wojan died on May 27th at the Charlevoix Hospital where she had been a patient seven months.

The former Mary Margaret LaFreniere was born at St. James, Beaver Island May 1, 1926. She was graduated from the Beaver Island High School and in 1947 married Theodore Wojan at St. James. The couple lived on the Island and in Ludington, Detroit and Trout Lake. They came to Charlevoix last year where she was a member of St. Marys Church.

Besides her husband she is survived by two sons, Robert Jr. and Richard J. of Charlevoix; her mother, Mrs. Irene Melville of Charlevoix; four half-brothers, Vernon and D. Archie LaFreniere of St. James and Patrick and Joseph LaFreniere of Chicago; three half-sisters, Mrs. David Pike of Montague; Mrs. Lawrence McDonough of St. James and Mrs. James Elms of Ludington.

CARL 'PETE THE SWEDE' PETERSEN - Graveside services were held at the St. James Township Cemetery by Dr. H. B. Haynes for Carl 'Pete The Swede' Petersen on May 27th.

'Pete', 76, passed away on January 4th in Little Traverse Hospital in Petoskey.

ALL HERE? Just about all of the Islander's have returned from spending the winter on the mainland. The latest to return are Mrs. Mable Cull, Mrs. James O'Donnell, Ralph Rutt, Evelyn Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. George Riscckgers, Mrs. Elizabeth Gallagher and Bill Adams.

HOSPITAL NOTES: Mrs. Ada Martin has been a patient in the Flint Osteopathic Hospital. Latest reports are that Ada will be back home this week.

Joe Sendenburgh has returned to his home on Beaver Island after being a patient in the Charlevoix Hospital for five weeks.

Mrs. Edna McCann has been a patient in the Charlevoix Hospital and returned home this week.

EVERYONE'S SHOT: Mrs. Frances Hooper RN from Charlevoix and Dr. Litzenberg from East Jordan held a clinic at the Medical Center on May 31st to give the children of Beaver Island booster shots and measles vaccinations.

BRIDAL SHOWER: A bridal shower was held for Mary Elizabeth Gallagher on May 27th in the evening at the home of Mrs. Grace Nackerman. About 40 women attended the affair. Refreshments were served and games were played. Hostessess were Grace Nackerman, Loy Malloy, Sophia McDonough and Lil Gregg.

NEW COMER'S: Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kujawa and their two children have recently moved to Beaver Island. At the present time they are renting the James O'Donnell house, and plan living on Beaver Island for most of the year.

Another new resident is Mr. and Mrs. Dennis King. Mr. King is a biologist with the Conservation Department. They are renting Jewell Gillespie's house, opposite the power plant.

WEDDINGS: GALLAGHER - HEILIG - Mary Elizabeth Gallagher of Charlevoix became the bride of Donald Eugene Heilig of Charlevoix in a double ring ceremony at St. Marys Church on June 11th. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Gallagher of St. James and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Heilig of Charlevoix.

The Rev. Francis Denay performed the ceremony before an altar decorated with yellow and white gladioli.

During the ceremony the bridegroom's father sang Ave Maria. Mary Margaret Geiken sang On This Day, Oh Beautiful Mother as the bride placed her bouquet at the Statue of the Blessed Mother. Mrs. Frank Oleksy was the organist.

The bride wore a gown of sheer dacron organza with a detachable train of Venise lace. She wore a matching mantilla veil. She carried a cascade of white glamelias centered with red roses and stephanotis, the center becoming a corsage for her white and blue linen going away outfit. The Matron of Honor was Mrs. Fred Faber, sister of the groom and the bridesmaid was Mrs. William Golden. They wore identical gowns in aqua taffeta with chapel veils and carried colonial bouquet's of variegated roses.

Attendants for the groom were Mr. Fred Faber and Mr. William Golden.

Ushers were the bride's brothers, Ronald and Arthur Gallagher.

The bride's mother was attired in a coat and dress ensemble of aqua linen saki with a picture hat and accessories of gold. She wore a corsage of yellow miniature tea roses.

The groom's mother was attired in a coat and dress ensemble of celery green with white accessories. She wore a corsage of gardenia's.

The reception was held at the V.F.W. Hall in Charlevoix, where a buffet supper was served at 6:30 p. m. Music was furnished by Bob Nowakowski's four piece orchestra.

Guests attended from New York, Milwaukee, Chicago, Holland, Mackinaw City, East Tawas, Beaver Island, Petoskey, Ferndale, Grand Rapids, Alan-son, Ellsworth, Ohio, Jackson, Lansing and Detroit.

McCANN - TIDMORE - Miss Kathryn McCann of Omaha, Neb., daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Edwin McCann of Charleovix, became the bride of Robert Leon Tidmore of Omaha, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Tidmore of Springfield, Mo., at St. Mary's Catholic Church on June 4th.

The Rev. Fr. Victor P. Gallagher, uncle of the bride, performed the double ring nuptial high mass. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

A reception was held at the Argonne with Mrs. James McCann, sister-in-law of the bride, cutting the cake.

Following a honeymoon to Northern Michigan the couple will live at 1326 So. 52nd St., Omaha, Neb.

The bride is a graduate of Marywood Academy and Marquette University. She served as a Papal volunteer in British Honduras.

The groom is a graduate of the University of Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy.

KLEINHENZ - TRAMMELL - The marriage of Miss Sally Charlene Kleinhenz and Mr. Robert E. Trammell was solemnized on June 4th at a 10 a.m. Nuptial Mass at the Holy Childhood Church in Harbor Springs. Rev. Father W. Boesche performed the double ring ceremony before 100 guests. The altar was decorated with lillies of the valley and yellow gladioli. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Charles B. Kleinhenz and the late Mr. Kleinhenz of Conway and formerly of Beaver Island. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Trammell of Iola, Kansas. Given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. Lewis S. Kleinhenz, the bride wore

a floor length gown of chantilly lace over white satin with traditional fingertip sleeves and a sweetheart neckline. A crown of pearls held her fingertip length veil. She carried a cascade of red sweetheart roses and white carnations with an edging of lillies of the valley. The 11 a. m. wedding breakfast following the ceremony, was given by the bride's autn and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kleinhenz at the West Traverse Town Hall.

The 2 p. m. reception was held at the same hall and given by the bride's mother.

After a wedding trip to Wisconsin they will be at home where Mr. Tremmell is stationed at the Superior Entry Light Station at Superior, Wis. The bride is a graduate of Alanson High School and the groom is a graduate of Iola High School in Kansas and is presently serving in the United States Coast Guard.

SERVICEMEN'S NEWS: James M. Houston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Huston and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nackerman, has completed his training at Great Lakes Naval Center in Chicago, Ill. After a two week leave at home he is now stationed at Philadelphia Naval Air Base for four months of aircraft training. His address is:

James Huston A.A.B 50-32-94  
N.A.F.T.U.  
Philadelphia Naval Air Base  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The following change of address has been received for Tony McDonough and Danny Gallagher.

P.F.C. Anthony E. McDonough US 56 386 915  
B. Btry. 6th Bn. 62nd Arty.  
A.P.O. New York, N.Y. 09162

Daniel Gallagher S A  
U.S.C.G.C. Arundel (WYTM-90)  
Streeter Drive  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

NEW TRAILERS: Pam and Robert Palmer and Carol and Jerry LaFreniere are both new owner's of housetrailers. The Palmer trailer is located near the Circle M Lodge and the LaFreniere trailer is nest to LaFreniere's store.

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#### BEAVER TALES

The following article has been written by Erwin Martin about a trip he and his wife, Alice, made around the Island last week-end.

It seems that June is a month for wildLife and nature to play their parts on Beaver Island. While traveling around the Island, Sunday, I encountered a total of 27 adult deer and 12 young fawns. In one group there were 13 adult deer and I think I saw about five spotted fawns scattered through the herd. They were not long in putting their white tails to the air and running gaily across the field, leaving us nothing

to see but an occasional white flash of their tails, as they disappeared into the hardwoods. We, also, saw three does with twin fawns and another with a single fawn. There were many deer crossing the road or making a quick jump back into the woods as they saw us approaching.

While going down the Tom McCauley road, there were three tom turkeys feeding in the field, not paying too much attention to their intruders. Later we saw eight more turkeys cross the road at the old Boyle farm. Two of them flew up and across the road and perched onto a sappling, making a beautiful shot for a camera. Some people have reported seeing turkey nests with eggs in them. We hope they do not tell where they are located, as no one should bother the hens while they are nesting or brooding their young. We would like to remind people to keep their dogs chained up, and not let them roam loose and disturb our young wildlife.

We stopped at Round Lake and counted eight beautiful Canadian geese, that our Game Club planted there. I could not find any signs of their nesting as of yet. The Game Club planted ten mated pairs of wing clipped Canadian Geese on Round Lake back in March. We did not anticipate that they would walk away, but some of them did. Matt Melville has reported seeing up to 10 of them going for their early morning swim in his water pond at the Beaver Lodge Golf & Country Club, but they don't seem to stay more than two days at one time, probably too much golfing going on. Talk about geese swimming, the Conservation Department's student biologist, Dennis King, says he saw three of our geese swimming around in Garden Island Harbor. They had to swim about six miles to get there, as they are wing clipped and cannot fly at all. It seems that there are many more wild ducks nesting on the island this year than there has been in the past years. To help them along, the Game Club turned six mallards loose on Font Lake and two on Barney Lake. I saw the two on Barney Lake, Sunday, and also discovered their nest with nine little eggs in it. While looking for my two little friends on their nest, two of our Canadian geese swam out of the weeds, and went honking on their way across the lake.

Rabbits can be found nearly anywhere along the road edges in the evenings. There are many young ones to be seen scurrying quickly across the road or back into the swamps. Some people tell me that they have seen broods of partridge, I guess we were not lucky enough to see any today.

There were two mud turtles digging holes in the road at Miller's Marsh, getting ready to lay their eggs and bury them. I happened to find one that had already buried eleven tiny pullet like eggs in the road. Turtles dig a hole about seven inches deep and as they lay their eggs they kick a little dirt over each one and bury it and they lay the next egg on top of the other and repeat this process until all eggs are laid and buried. I wonder what the weight of vehicles traveling over these nests in the road does to them, we seem to have a lot of turtles on the Island.

We were down to Garden Island fishing the other day and we certainly had good luck. The small mouth bass were hitting just great and from all reports still are. We caught five Northern Pike, with one going 10 $\frac{1}{4}$  pounds. It seems the pike were in a feeding mood for about 45 minutes, and we should of had many more on our stringer, but some of the fellows tried to yank them in the boat and you just don't do that to a northern pike. Also to add to our troubles, we didn't have a landing net aboard.

Most of the parties fishing the outer islands the first week-end reported in with their limits or close to it. Some of the fellows caught eight bass going from 4 to 4½ pounds apiece, that sure is a nice fish to catch. The bass are on their beds now, which is about three weeks earlier than previous years. Boaters will find a difference in the water level on the shoals this year. I would judge the water to be up about 15 inches, this enables fishermen to get into all of the bays with their small boats. I, also, think that the high water makes a difference in the bass fishing. I found bass on beds in certain bays the other day where last year there were none.

After spending a couple of days fishing at Garden Island, it sure looks like we are going to have good fishing for the summer. Reports from the inland lakes on Beaver have been very favorable too. So if you are a fisherman, come up and join us fishing, and if you don't fish, than there are many other ways of enjoying yourself on the Island, like just taking it easy or going out and watching the wildlife play their part, as we have mentioned above.

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**OFF TO SPAIN:** Word has been received through Mrs. Edna McCann that her nephew, Father Jerome McCann, O P, of New York City has been appointed by the Master General of the Dominican Order to an international commission to study and make recommendations for adaptations of Vatican Council II. The first of the meetings will take place in Madrid, Spain on the 20th of June.  
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**BOATS FOR RENT:** New 14 ft. Meyers Aluminum boats for rent, 63" beam, 22" transom height -- available with new 20 H.P. Johnson outboard. Boat and motor suitable for traveling to adjacent Islands. 12 ft. Meyers Aluminum boats also available on inland lakes and harbor here. Contact **WOJAN'S BOATS**, St. James, Michigan. Phone 448-5650.

**FOR SALE:** Home for sale in village, with 60 foot beach frontage overlooking the Harbor. Partly furnished. Ada Martin, St. James, Michigan Phone 448-5831 or 448-5973.

**FOR SALE:** Refreshment Stand with Miniature Golf Course, overlooking boat and harbor. Real money maker, good possibilities for retired couple to supplement social security. Room for expansion. Contact Mr. A. J. Roy, St. James, Michigan - 49782.

**FOR SALE:** Cottage for sale in Beaver Harbor. Contact Jewell Gillespie, St. James, Michigan 49782.

**FOR SALE:** Lot on Sand Bay for sale, 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 49782

**FOR SALE:** Large T V, good condition. Contact Patrick Bonner, St. James.

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