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Mother nature has been outdoing herself this past few weeks, painting the woodlands with vivid colors. Week-end visitors are still coming in large numbers, to enjoy "Indian Summer" on Beaver Island. Early fall winds have kept Lake Michigan stirred up to all but stop the pleasure boat traffic, that reached it's peak in August.

WEATHER: The weather for the month of September as recorded by Fire Officer Bill Wagner.

The highest temperature was 80 degrees on the 1st.
The lowest temperature was 33 degrees on the 26th.
The average high temperature was 69 degrees.
The average low temperature was 51 degrees.
One day the temperature was in the 80's; 13 days it was in the 70's;
11 days it was in the 60's and 5 days it was in the 50's.

Total rainfall for the month of September was 2.27 inches.

GAME NEWS: The first day of October officially opened the season for hunting small game and for the bow hunters, deer are legal quarry. In promoting Island hunting, one hates to mention when game is down, for in recent past seasons all game has been on the high end of the scale. This year, however, our rabbit population is down, compared to last season, so it may take a little longer to bag the daily limit of five. Perhaps, the partridge are down some, too, but it is doubtful they are down as far as was earlier suspected. As the leaves fall, the hunting improves and now hunters are putting up more birds. More archers this year are enjoying ideal weather and some good results. At this writing, the count is six deer that have been taken with bow and arrow. Next Month we should have something to report about the first turkey season on Beaver Island.

CONVENT FUND GROWING: Efforts to raise money for a new convent for our Dominican Sisters, have now reached a total of \$15,014.56. Still some distance from the goal but with continual help, it will be met, so perhaps next year the Sisters will have a new home.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: As a promotional endeavor to encourage Island residents to make purchases, the Montgomery Ward Company of Petoskey, sponsored a Spaghetti Dinner, for all Island residents, at the Holy Cross

Hall, on the 6th of October. Ladies of the Holy Cross Altar Society prepared the dinner, with the proceeds of \$152.02 going toward the Dominican Sister's Convent fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Green were presented with a Baby Book and a Training Chair for having the newest resident on Beaver Island.

Mrs. Charles Early was the happy winner of the Blender given as a door prize for the ladies.

Mr. Frank Schnaudigel was the proud winner of a Sabre Saw given as a door prize to the men attending the dinner.

Mrs. John A. Gallagher was the very happy and surprised winner of the Wishing Well prize - a Stereo Console.

Our congratulations to the happy winners and a grateful thank you to Montgomery Ward.

AMERICAN LEGION OF CHARLEVOIX: The Leslie T. Shapton Post #226 of the American Legion, Charlevoix, is now having a membership drive. Any eligible veterans interested in joining the American Legion, please contact Robert Malloy, on Beaver Island, for assistance or write to Robert C. Nowakowski (Commander), Leslie T. Shapton Post #226, Capri Motel, Charlevoix, Michigan.

BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Russell Green announce the arrival of a new daughter on Sept. 29th. Kathleen Ruth makes six daughters and two sons for the Green family. Mrs. Mary Greene and Mr. Lloyd McDonough are the respective grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerry LaFreniere announce the arrival of a daughter, Michelle Ann on September 24th. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon LaFreniere and Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Reigle are the proud grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Doig, the former Grace Gatliff, announce the birth of a daughter, Kimberly Ann. Mrs. Mary Gatliff is the happy grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Kurth, the former Ann Gatliff, announce the arrival of a son on October 10th. Mrs. Mary Gatliff is the proud grandmother.

WE GOOFED: Last month when we listed the people going off to college, we neglected to list Bill Gillespie, who is attending The American Academy of Arts in Chicago. Please forgive us, Bill.

BRIDAL SHOWER: On October 1st, a bridal shower for Colleen Nackerman was held at the home of Mrs. Lawrence McDonough. Hostesses were Mrs. McDonough, Mrs. John Gallagher, Mrs. Sophia McDonough and Mrs. Mary Gatliff. Colleen, who will be married on October 22nd, received many beautiful gifts.

HOSPITAL NOTES: Lawrence Malloy is a patient in Little Traverse Hospital in Petoskey.

Mrs. Joseph (Bid) Sendenburgh is a patient in the Charlevoix Hospital at Charlevoix.

Sister Florian, O.P. is a patient at St. Mary's Hospital, Room 320 Grand Rapids, Michigan

Eddie Connaghan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Connaghan, is a patient in the Charlevoix Hospital following a fall from a hay wagon.

OBITUARIES: WILLIAM RICKSGERS- Services for William Ricksgers, 89, who died October 10th at Grandview Medical Facility, where he had been a patient for seven years, were held at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Cross Church. Rev. Father Louis Wren, OFM (conv) officiated and burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

He was born in Wesphalia, Germany, September 23, 1877. He came to the United States as a young man and moved to Beaver Island in 1899 where he lived all his life except for 2½ yrs. in South Dakota.

He was a retired farmer and blacksmith.

He married the former Bridgett Gallagher in St. James in 1912 and she preceeded him in death in 1959.

He was a member of Holy Cross Church.

He is survived by three sons, James H., of Traverse City, Joseph and Francis of Detroit; two brothers, Mathew, of Bellair and George, of St. James; two sisters, Mrs John Dhaseleer, of Charlevoix and Mrs. Elizabeth McCauley, of Pontiac and seven grandchildren.

The Rosary was held at 7:30 p.m. at the home of his brother, George Ricksgers.

DONALD J. ANGUS- Word has been received of the death of Donald J. Angus of Indianapolis. Mr. Angus was 79 years old and passed away on Saturday, October 1st, at Hackley Hospital, Muskegon, Michigan. Although Mr. Angus was a high-school drop-out, he pioneered graphic recording devices and was co-founder of the Esterline Ango Company. He was the former president of a company manufacturing Recording devices. He helped purchase the heating plant and hot water heater for our Beaver Island Medical Center.

During W.W. II he taught celestial navigation at United States Coast Guard classes at Grand Rapids and Muskegon. He also, tested electronic equipment aboard his yatch "Angus".

All during his life he remained active in the United States Power Squadron in Indianapolis.

His intrest in the Island has been a termendous benefit to us all.

MIKE MCCAFFERTY- Word has been received of the death of Mike McCafferty on October 4th, 1966 in San Francisco, California.

Mr. McCafferty was born on Beaver Island in 1885.

He is survived by 2 sons and one daughter; a sister and a brother.

MARIE JOHNSON- Mrs. Marie Johnson, aged 69, of 893 Aberdeen St. N.E. passed away Thursday after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, Ralph L.; three daughters, Mrs. Frank (Joan) Tiggelman of Bellair Beach, Florida, Mrs. Arlie (Beverly) Albrecht of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Joseph (Skip) McDonough of Beaver Island; eight grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 1:30 at Strien-Alman Mortuary with Rev. Edwin J. Arnold of Second Congregational Church officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

SERVICES MAN'S NEWS: Stephen J. McCann, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. J. Giles McCann of Wright-Patterson Air Base, Dayton, Ohio was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Fort Belviour Virginia on September 16, 1966. Lt. Col. McCann and son Bill attended the ceremony. Lt. McCann will remain at Fort Belvoir for three weeks to take a special station at Camp Steward in Savannah, Georgia. Stephen is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. McCann and the late Mr. and Mrs. James H. Gallagher.

Maj. George L. Egbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Egbert of Beaver Island and Lansing has returned home having completed his second tour of duty in Viet Nam. He was awarded the Bronze Star, the Air Medal for a 100 missions in support of combat operations in Viet Nam and was presented the Legion of Merit. An artillery officer, Maj. Egbert was assigned to head-quarters company of the 1st Infantry Division north of Saigon. He has been reassigned to Ft. Sill, Okla., where he will report next month.

CRANBERRY TIME: This has been an ideal year for the Island Cranberry Crop. The marshes are dry and the berries are plentiful. For some reason cranberries picked in the wild seem to taste a great deal better than those in a cellophane bag.

BUILDING BOOM: This has not only been a busy tourist season, but a busy building season, as well. The new addition on the school is nearing completion. This will mean two new classrooms and one multi-purpose room, plus an office for the principal. Construction is being done by the Don Nelson Construction Company of Detroit. New cottages are popping up through-out the Island as more and more people find the Island their chosen retreat. Dr. Ratliff, of Ann Arbor, is having a unique, double dwelling built on Sand Bay, with an elevated deck surrounding the entire structure. Wojan Construction Company of St. James is doing the building.

Leo Kujawa, who moved to the Island this summer with his family, has been busy building cottages for Erwin Grabow and "Bucky" Vreeland, plus several re-modeling jobs.

Perry and Henretta Crawford, owners of the Erin Motel, have contracted Walt Wojan to build a restaurant next to their units. The foundation has just been completed.

Beaver Haven's new boat storage building, is in its final stages of completion, has made quite a change in St. James industrial skyline. Clyde Fogg, who has recently moved to the Island from Holland with his family, is about to erect a steel shop building on the harbor. We are sure there are several other buildings through-out the Island that have been built this summer, that even we are not aware of.

PANCAKE SUPPER: On October 29th, the Beaver Island Christian Church will sponsor a Pancake Supper to be held in the Holy Cross Parish Hall. The dinner will be family style and will begin at 5:30 P.M. and continue until 7:30 P.M. or until everyone is feed. The proceeds from the dinner will go toward installing a furnace in the Beaver Island Christian Church (the former Amos home). Admission will be \$1.50 for adults and \$.75 for children under 12.

WINTER IS COMING: As winter advances our Beaver Islander's are taking off for the mainland. To date, the following people have left for the winter months. Mr. and Mrs. James Carpenter, Mrs. Elsie O'Donnell, Mrs. Mable Cull, Maria Gallagher, Matt Melville, Florence Burke and Mary "Duffy" Gallagher.

WHITE HUNTER RETURNS: After a strenuous and busy summer season, Archie LaFreniere took a few days off to do some big game hunting in Wyoming. Accompanied by fellow hunters from Indian River and Cheboygan, the party had a great time and met with success. Archie bagged an Antelope and a good sized Mule Deer, which should put him in good shooting trim for the coming Michigan deer season.

GRAND RAPIDS PARTY NEWS: Over 500 people attended the Grand Rapids Convent Fund Party on the 15th of October. Termed a huge success, a good time was had by all and through donations and tickets, the building fund took a sizeable leap. The door prize, that consisted of around trip ticket for two and your car on the ferry, plus accommodations, food, refreshments and entertainment, furnished by the various businesses on the Island, was won by Gerard Sarrell of Grand Rapids. The 50 - 50 prize, of over \$300.00, was won by Ron Nichels of Caledonia. Capt. Forrest Pratt, received the Leprechaun prize for coming the greatest distance, now hailing from Florida and formerly of Beaver Island. Serious plans can now be made to start construction of the new Convent in the coming spring, even though more funds must be raised.

87TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: At a family gathering here on the Island on September 22nd, the 87th birthday of Mary "Vesty" McDonough, was celebrated. Mary had six children, Lloyd, Lawrence, Robert, Nellie O'Donnell, Marge Teter and one son deceased. Bruce McDonough was lost in the explosion of the motor vessel, Marold. She has 29 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren. Mary "Vesty" is our oldest Island resident and we all want to wish her a VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

SCHOOL NEWS: We want to thank Dr. Wells and Mr. Paul Wallace for bringing us a number of movies from the Muskegon Telephone Company. The movies which covered various subjects, such as sports, Michigan History and Ulysses were thoroughly enjoyed by the students of Beaver Island.

Beaver Island is in the midst of a population explosion, if school enrollment figures are any indication. Sister Kenneth Marie, O.P., reports an enrollment of 75 students this fall, 18 more than the 57 enrolled last year. Most of the new students are members of five families which moved to the island over the summer. The school lost only two students through graduation in June. The Beaver Island Community School is one of the few public schools in the country operated by Catholic Sisters, all of whom are college trained and state licensed. Because of the remoteness of the island, the Board of Education has found it impossible to attract lay teachers. In addition to Sister Kenneth Marie, O.P., the teaching staff this year consists of Sister Wilma, O.P., Sister Florian, O.P., and Sister Julia Mae, O.P.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FOR RENT: Housetrailer for hunting season. Write Arthur Brown, St. James, Michigan 49782 or call 448-5958 after 6:00 p.m.

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: "GOBBLER GETTER" Wild Turkey Callers, Cedar Box Yelper, with instructions, order now so you can practice your technique before the season. \$3.00 postpaid. Russell Products, Dept. I M, Dallas, Texas, 75207.

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

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