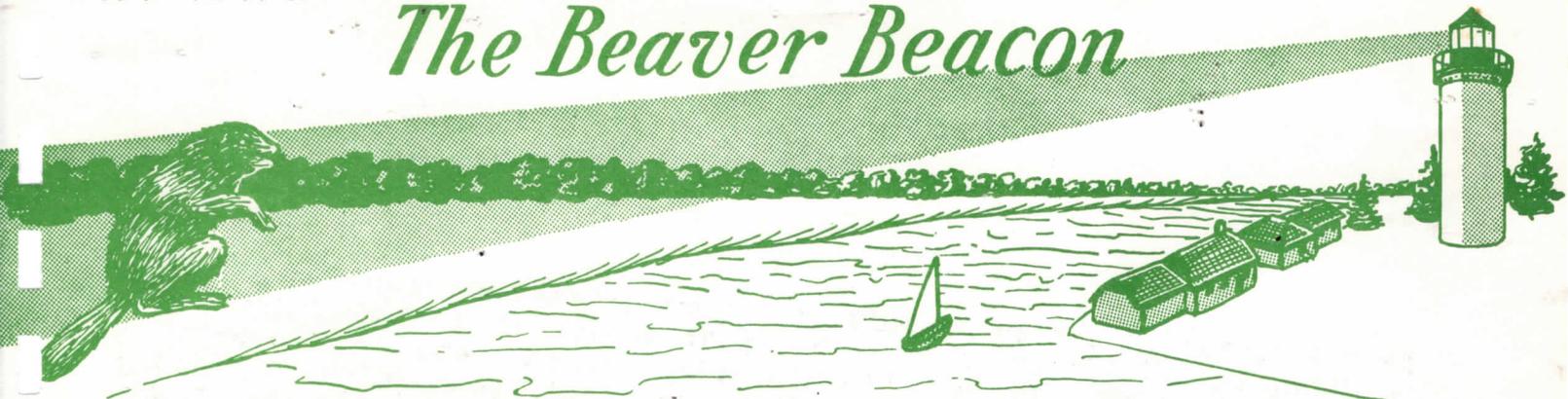


The Beaver Beacon



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Spring showers are washing away the evidence of the winter just past and stimulating a new cloak of green to decorate the island for the approaching summer season. With diminishing wood piles and oil supplies at a low ebb, the start of the Beaver Islander's season will be met with anticipation by many Island inhabitants.

WEATHER: Beaver Island weather as recorded by Fire Officer Bill Wagner for the month of March.

Most of the month was rather cool and stormy. For 24 days during the month the temperature was above 30 degrees. We had 23 inches of snow on the ground on the 1st of the month, and it melted down to bare field and roads by the end of the month. Some snow remained in the woods by the end of March. We received 9.5 inches of snow this month and .68 inches of rain on the 27th and 28th.

Daytime temperatures varied from 16 to 61 degrees, with a high of 61 degrees falling on the 31st. Average temperature for the month was 36.3 degrees.

Nighttime temperatures were somewhat cooler, with a low of -14 falling on the 8th. Nighttime temperatures varied from -14 to 39 degrees, with an average of 17 degrees.

Below zero temperatures were recorded on 4 nights.

Total snowfall for the month was 9.5 inches and total since November 1st was 67.2 inches.

Total precipitation since November 1st was 11.77 inches. Oh yes, we received 6 inches of snow on the 1st day of Spring.

Temperatures were below 20 degrees for 1 day, in the 20's for 6 days, in the 30's for 16 days, in the 40's for 7 days and in the 60's for 1 day.

GAME NEWS: Now that the roads are open all the way around the Island, we can get an idea of how our game survived the winter. Deer coming out of their winter yards appear healthy and numerous. Those getting the best luck at conditions in the woods at this time of the year, are the Beaver Trappers. Rogers Carlisle, Karl Kuebler, Ron Wojan and Dennis Wagner have found evidence of quite a bit of coyote activity. There is no doubt that the coyotes have taken their toll of deer, rabbits and turkeys for this time of year the evidence can readily be seen.

Anglers will be interested to learn that the Conservation Department is planning to poison out the brook trout, pan fish and rough fish from Fox Lake next fall. Bob Drummond, District Fish Biologist, said the lake will be re-planted with rainbow trout. The brook trout, that were

planted in 1960, have fallen victim to gill lice, a parasite that infects the gills and fins of trout. Drummond explains that the rainbows are far less likely to be so infected. Gill lice, he said, have no effect on persons who eat fish infected by them.

Members of the Beaver Island Game Club requested the re-poisoning and replanting of Fox Lake. Rainbows of four to six inches will be planted each year thereafter. By the spring of 1968 these rainbows will be keeper size. At maturity, they should reach a length of 18 inches.

During mid-winter, a lone Beaver decided to move into town and set up housekeeping under Henry Allen's boat house. Very much unafraid, he nonchalantly chewed on small saplings along the shore, directly in front of the Post Office. "Poor" Milt Bennett, took several close up pictures of the Beaver in action, one of which was published in the Charlevoix Courier.

LAND SWITCH: The American Central Corporation, of Lansing, Michigan, recently purchased most of Henry Allen's property on Beaver Island, including the Donegal Bay area, much of the land surrounding Font Lake and other sizeable pieces. On the 1st of April, Howard J. Bonnet, Vice-President of American Central Corporation, invited business persons from the Island, Charlevoix and Harbor Springs to a luncheon at the Circle M Lodge, to explain their plans of the future. Mr. Bonnet explained that his company is strictly a land development concern with aims of plotting out the parcels, building roads and selling lots. Much time was spent by Mr. Bonnet, answering questions of interested islanders. The entire development will span many years, so immediate changes will be very slight. The area of development will be called "Port St. James" with lots ranging in size from 60 to 100 ft. frontage. Three sample cottages will be constructed near the Yacht Dock and will house their real estate office. Fifty-seven people attended the luncheon, including Henry Allen, Grover Geneit, Charlevoix County Register of Deeds, Joe McPhillips of the McPhillips Flying Service and Tom Roe of Phillips Flying Service, Harbor Springs.

BEAVER ISLANDER MAKES FRIST TRIP: With a capacity load of freight, the Motor Vessel, Beaver Islander, pulled away from her berth at Charlevoix at 1:00 p.m. on the 15th of April, and put her bow into the choppy sea of Lake Michigan to start another season of ferry service to the Island. For the past week or so Captain Lawrence McDonough, Engineer John A. Gallagher and Russell Green, have been busy getting the vessel ready for the new season, dressing her in a new coat of paint and checking equipment.

ARIZONA NOTES: We would like to announce the arrival of Sgt. Robert A. Pischner at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Elston Pischner, in Phoenix, Arizona. Sgt. Pischner arrived home from Viet Nam on the eleventh of March and will leave the tenth of April for an additional six months in Viet Nam. He has been over there for the past thirteen months but he says it's so nice that he would like to finish his army career over there.

Matt Melville left the beautiful state of Arizona for the cold of Michigan. He went by way of California and from what we hear he enjoyed his trip.

After being in Phoenix for such a short time, Mrs. Sophia McDonough

left the eighteenth of March for an indefinite stay in California. The former Eileen Gatliff and her husband came to Phoenix so Mrs. McDonough went to California with them. Sister Mary Thomas, daughter of Mrs. Mary Gatliff, had a brief stop in Phoenix on her way from California to New Mexico where she will make her retreat.

TEE TIME: Golfers will be glad to hear that Matt Melville has plans for extensive improvements at the Golf Course this spring. In the plan of improvements will be the completion of the fairway irrigation system and the remodeling of number four and six greens. The greens will be planted to Toronto C 15 Creeping bent grass, as soon as the growing season starts. A schedule of golf events are in the process of printing and will be published in the near future.

CHICAGO PARTY: Results are now in on the Chicago St. Patrick's Party. Besides everyone having a wonderful time, the party netted \$600.00 for the Convent Fund, making it truly a success.

ENGAGED: Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gauthier, of Lake Leelanaw, announces the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Marie, of Grand Rapids to Mr. Owen Boyle, of Chicago, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Boyle. The marriage will be solemnized at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Lake Leelanaw, September 16, 1967.

OFF TO THE SEAS: Archie Minor and Don Burke left the Island for their respective ships on the great lakes. Archie is aboard the S. S. P. Roberts, Jr. and Don is aboard the S. S. Henry Shipps.

AND HOME AGAIN: Returning recently from the mainland, where they spent the winter, is Maria Gallagher, Katie Connaghan, Rose and Pat Bonner, Matt Melville, Lillian and John Gallagher, Mary and Bert McDonough, Stanley Floyd and Raymond Lewis.

BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Richard O'Donnell announce the adoption of a son, Michael Daniel. Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Donnell and Mr. and Mrs. James Gallagher are the proud grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Ellen Nackerman) Verduyn, 1577 Beverly St., Madison Hts., Michigan, announce the arrival of twins, Bruce and Brian on Friday, March 31st. Bruce weighed in at 6 lb. 5 oz. and Brian was 7 lbs. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nackerman are the proud grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brown announce the adoption of a daughter, Darlene Eve, on March 27th. Dale is the son of Stella and Francis Brown of Chicago. Mr. Lawrence Malloy is the happy grandfather.

Bob (Holiday) and Charlotte McDonough, of Grand Rapids, announce the arrival of a son, Kevin Barry. This is number fifteen for the McDonough's and their third son.

BURNING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED: By state law, burning permits are required for all open fires whenever the ground is not covered with snow. Permits can be obtained from Conservation Dept. Field Stations. If possible, all trash and debris should be burned in a covered trash burner. No permit required when burning is done in a covered trash burner.

SCHOOL NEWS: Penmanship Awards from the Zaner-Bloser Company to:

5th Grade - Pam McDonough, Carol Kujawa and Raymond Cole
6th Grade - Joan LaFreniere and Audrey Wojan
7th Grade - Allan Crawford and James Wojan
8th Grade - Daniel Gillespie

The Company grades the papers and sends a report of those students whose writing is up to the standard for their grade level.

The Faculty of Beaver Island School releases the honor roll for the fifth marking period of the academic year. Deserving of honor are the following:

Grade 12 -- Jeanne Wojan	Grade 4 -- Dawn Martin
Grade 10 -- Ronald Wojan	Timothy McDonough
Judy LaFreniere	Patricia Wojan
Grade 9 -- Angie Wojan	Grade 3 -- Diane Wojan
Grade 6 -- Janine Howland	Kathy McDonough
Joan LaFreniere	Grade 1 -- Bernadette Green
Audrey Wojan	Linda Wojan
Grade 5 -- Julie Gillespie	

There is only one more try for the missing names! Let's try and make it, students.

April 17 marked the annual Senior Government Day which was held at East Jordan Public School. The five members of the Beaver Island Senior Class attended and found the day most profitable educationally. They discussed current topics of interest such as moral and juvenile problems, civil rights and education. The Seniors were asked to give a report of each topic upon return to their local Government Class. The Seniors would like to take this opportunity to thank all who made this trip possible for them -- among who especially are the Beaver Island Board of Education who paid their transportation across the lake, and the Charlevoix - Emmet Intermediate School Superintendent -- Mr. Charles Robinson who drove the class to East Jordan from Charlevoix.

April 18 was the day that the "miracle" happened! It was truly a day of FIRSTS for the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade pupils of the Beaver Island School. They had written their radio teacher, Miss Joan Knortzer of Ann Arbor, that it was not possible to attend the song festival. She wrote back that she had contacted a few people and to keep hoping.

Thanks to Mr. Robinson, to the Beaver Island Boat Company, to the Beaver Island School Board, to the weather, to station WJML, to Sister Kenneth Marie, to the chaperones, Mrs. Rita Gillespie, Mrs. Rose Conaghan, and Mrs. Winnie McDonough and Sister Julia Mae the trip to Boyne City was made possible. The real highlights of the trip were: the FIRST class trip for the pupils, the FIRST school bus ride, the FIRST song festival, the FIRST lunch in a school cafeteria, and the FIRST time to be met on the Charlevoix side by Mr. Robinson, the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Harry Welliver of the University of Michigan radio station, the photographer from the Charlevoix Courier, Mrs. Hoper, the school nurse, and Mrs. Marge Jengle, the Charlevoix School bus driver. It was truly a day that will not be forgotten.

HIGH FLIERS: March 31st marked the date of the annual Beaver Island Kite flying contest, held at Frank O'Donnell's field. With no lack of wind, kites were soon doing their antics in the sky, swooping, diving and occasionally crashing to the ground. Final results were:

Boys' Division: Winners Judges: Frank Nackerman
Highest: Richard Gillespie Jerry LaFreniere
Longest: Steven Connaghan
Homemade: Joseph Kenwabikisee
Uniqueness: Jeff Howland and Hugh Cole

Girls' Division: Winners Judge: Carol LaFreniere
Highest: Pamela McDonough and Joan LaFreniere
Best Flyer: Audrey Wojan
Longest: Jan and Weston Howland

PHONE LINES: A hearty thanks are in order to Dick LaFreniere, who during our telephone blackout, manned the portable phone installed in his store. This kept the communication line open between the island and the mainland until temporary phone service could be installed.

THANK YOU: The family of Vernon E. Runberg would like to extend their grateful appreciation to their many friends, for the beautiful floral tributes, Masses and kind expressions of sympathy.

Mrs. Bill (Marge) Wagner wishes to thank everyone who remembered her with flowers, prayers, get-well wishes and letters during her recent convalescence. Also, for the many kindnesses extended her family.

CANCER PARTY: An auction of donated gifts was held on the night of April 15th for the Cancer Fund. Headed up by Joy Green, the many items were auctioned off by Frank Schnaudigel and Phil Gregg to a comparably small crowd, with the net results of \$138.80. A good time was had by all attending and following the auction, coffee, sandwiches and cakes were served.

OBITUARIES: Funeral for Dr. Albert F. Litzenburger, 63, Charlevoix County Health Officer for 27 years, was held March 28th from the Stack-us Funeral Home in Boyne City, with the Rev. R. J. McBratnie officiating. Burial was in Maple Lawn Cemetery. During his many years of service, Dr. Litzenburger came to the Island many times to take care of the Island children.

FREE RUNNING DOGS TO WILDLIFE YOUNG GREAT DANGER: Michigan dog owners are reminded by the Conservation Department that they only have through April 15th to field train the winter kinks out of their animals this spring. After that and until July 15th, dogs may not be worked afield except when they are being used exclusively for fox hunting. Reason for the three month moratorium on dog training is to protect nesting wildlife and their young.

All dog owners are urged to keep their pets at home or tied up during the highly important nesting period. Free running dogs take a high toll of young rabbits and fawns, prevent successful nesting of ruffed grouse and destroy ground nesting song bird young.

CONVENT FUND LOYALTY DINNER: On Sunday, May 28th, a Loyalty Dinner will be held in Holy Cross Parish Hall. The Convent Fund drive is now well underway with the present total being \$19,748.19. A grand total of \$35,000.00 is needed, so plan on attending this Loyalty Dinner to help put the Convent Fund over the top. More details will be in next month's Beacon.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

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

FOR SALE: 8 Room House plus two baths. Automatic oil heat. Former Sisters Convent. Pleasant Surroundings. Beaver Island. Contact Fr. Louis Wren Phone 448-5630

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NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

On the following page is a list of the new telephone numbers. All names and numbers not listed will remain the same as they were before the fire.

NAME	NEW NUMBER
Annand, Fred W.	448 - 5320
Beachcomber Bar	448 - 9481
Beaver Island Telephone Company	448 - 5341
Beaver Lodge	448 - 5231
Bissell, Melville R.	448 - 5321
Bonner, Patrick	448 - 5301
Brown, Arthur	448 - 5308
Burke, Don	448 - 5610
Central Michigan University	448 - 5325
Circle M Lodge	448 - 5318
Connaghan, Jack	448 - 5323
Crawford, Perry	448 - 5240
Davis, Clark	448 - 5328
Dillingham, Olive	448 - 5309
Dominican Sisters	448 - 5285
Erber, Karl	448 - 5324
Erin Motel	448 - 5240
Floyd, Stanley	448 - 5280
Fogg, Clyde	448 - 5780
Gallagher, Nora	448 - 5379
Heflin, Paul A.	448 - 5286
Hill, Walker	448 - 5331
Killarney Inn	448 - 5268
Kujawa, Leo	448 - 5722
LaFreniere, Vernon H. (Store)	448 - 5360
Ludwick, Dr. John E.	448 - 5329
Martin, Ada	448 - 5251
Martin, Charles	448 - 5252
Martin, Erwin	448 - 5346
Martin, Gerald	448 - 5250
Martin, John F.	448 - 5318
McCann, Edna	448 - 5355
McDonough, Lawrence	448 - 5287
Nackerman, Frank J.	448 - 5351
Neer, Frank	448 - 5283
Nelson, Dr. Paul F.	448 - 5322
O'Donnell, Frank	448 - 5302
Powell, Robert	448 - 5254
Ranger, John J.	448 - 5305
Reigle, L. Z.	448 - 5708
Ricksers, George	448 - 5300
Rustic Villa	448 - 5331
Schmidt, William	448 - 5281
Schnaudigel, Frank	448 - 5306
Shamrock Tavern	448 - 9491
Stan Floyd's Rent-A-Car	448 - 5290
U.S. Coast Guard	448 - 5330
Welke, William	448 - 5326
Airport Paystation	448 - 5311