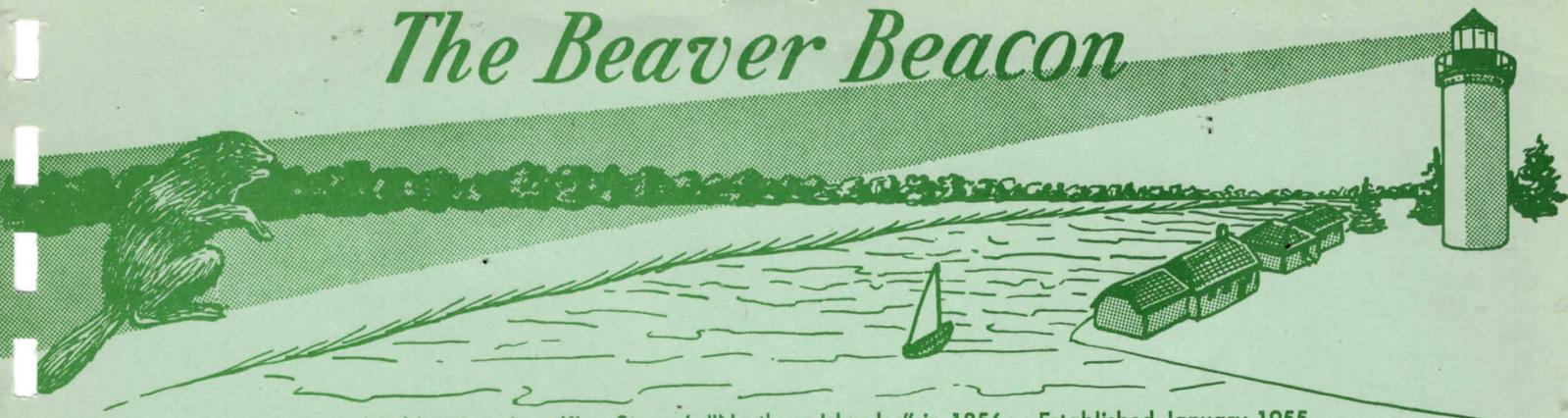
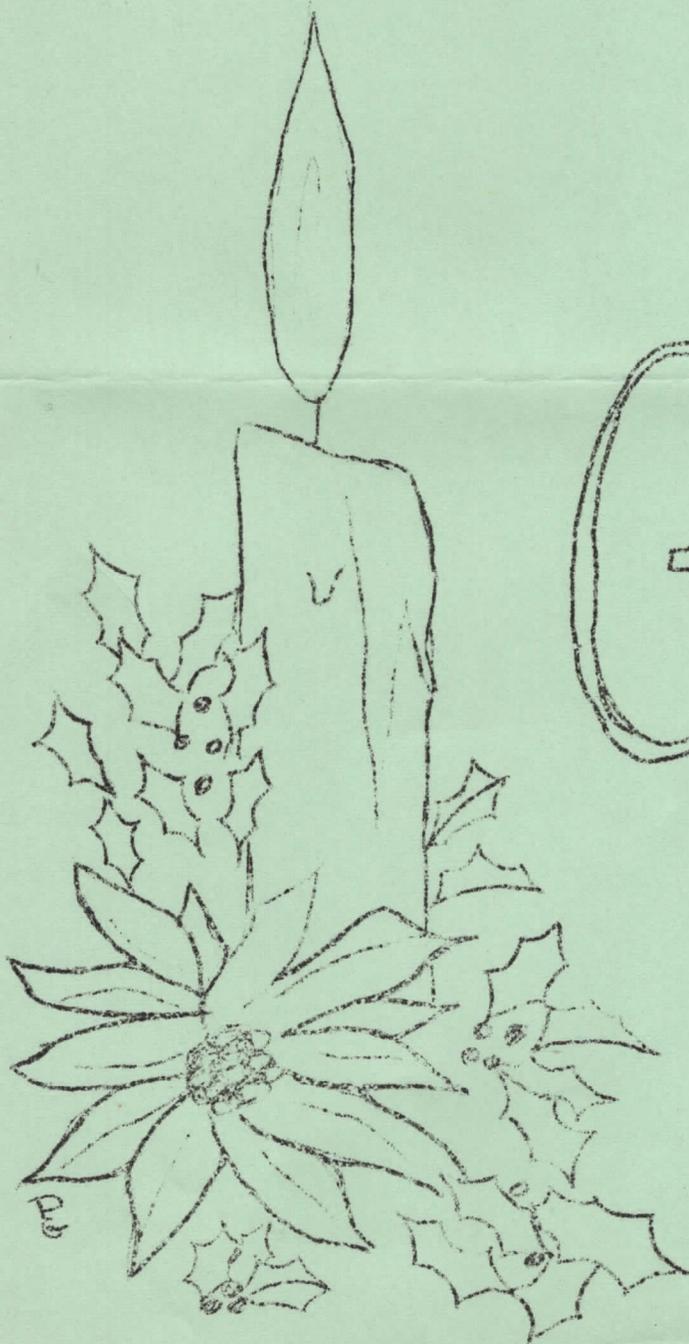


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Creetings

Nature's Christmas decorations are being draped over the Island in preparation for the holidays soon to follow. Spruce and cedar trees bent under the weight of fresh fallen snow make the landscape appear as a living Christmas Card. Red-nosed youngsters, oblivious to the cold, are trudging to the hills with their sleds, or to Gull Harbor with skates about their necks, while the parents make frantic efforts preparing for the holidays ahead. This marks the time when the Island is on its own once more and winter has slowed the pace on the Island as though a spell has been cast over the land.

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

Most of the month was wet, windy and cool. The highest daytime temperature was 48 degrees on the 2nd, 10th, 11th and 12th. The lowest temperature was 16 degrees on the 30th. Rain or snow fell on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th. There was a trace of snow on the ground on the 27th thru 30th. Average daytime temperature was 37.2 degrees and the average nighttime temperature was 28.4 degrees. Temperatures were in the 40's for 8 days, in the 30's for 19 days and in the 20's for 3 days.

OPEN-HOUSE FOR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY: On December 28th, from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. an Open House will held at the Beaver Tail to honor Mr. and Mrs. Rogers Carlisle on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle, former Indianapolis residents, observed their 50th Wedding Anniversary on November 29th. They were married November 29, 1917, at Lansing, Michigan. Mr. Carlisle, formerly a manufacturers' representative in Indianapolis, is retired. He attended Michigan State University when it was Michigan Agricultural College, and Mrs. Carlisle attended Mt. Pleasant Normal School, which is now Central Michigan University. He is a life member of Scottish Rite and Shrine. They have four daughters, Mrs. Robert C. Powell of Geneseo, Ill., Mrs. Robert A. Chaffin of Seattle, Wash., Mrs. John F. Carson of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan and Mrs. Gerald L. Lockwood of Indianapolis, Ind.; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

GAME NEWS: This years deer season ended with a far better score of success than last year. 137 deer were taken with the count being fairly evenly split between bucks and does. The largest buck taken was shot by an Island resident, L. Z. Reigle who bagged an 8 pointer that dressed out at 188 pounds. The final week of hunting was high lighted by the success of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Doebler, of St. Clair Shores, Michigan. Mrs. Doebler (Phyllis), following her husband's instructions, had let a large doe pass her stand in the hopes a buck might be following. Sure enough, a nice eight pointer stepped into her sights and she dropped it with a well placed shot. Her husband??? Well, he had to settle for a doe, on the final day. However, both were good sized deer. Only one party did any hunting on Garden Island for severe weather prevented much travel between the islands. The one group got two good sized deer though the particulars of which we do not have.

The annual Hunter's Banquet went off very well with a good turn out of hungry hunters enjoying a fine chicken dinner. Proceeds of the dinner and Game Club dues will go toward improving game habitat on the Island.

CHARMED PILOT: In last month's Beacon we described the plane crash on the Island that the pilot miraculously escaped injury in. Unmentioned was the fact that just 12 weeks prior to the crash, Paul Eddy, had been in a serious automobile accident in which he had received a compound fracture of his right leg. About 2 weeks after the crash, Paul, flying the same kind of plane, a twin engine Beechcraft, was making landing at another air field when a good sized buck deer bounced into the path of the incoming plane. Though neither plane nor pilot received much damage, the deer didn't make it and Paul ended up with his buck, firing nary a shot.

SERVICEMEN'S NEWS: Army Private Francis E. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin, completed nine weeks of advanced infantry training recently at Fort Polk, La. Private Martin reported at Fort Lewis, Washington on November 4th, after spending his furlough with his parents. His address is as follows:

PFC Francis E. Martin US54967552
B Co. 1/52 Inf.
198 Inf. BDE
APO, San Francisco, 96219

Mrs. Sybil Larsen has received word that her grandson, Arthur G. Souter has been named Sailor of the Month for the second time within two years. Art is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Souter of Holland, Michigan. He will be discharged from the Navy the day after Christmas and will enroll in Michigan State University to continue his studies.

WEDDINGS: GILLESPIE - WOJAN: Holy Cross Church was the scene of the marriage ceremony of Miss Jeanne Marie Wojan and John Wayne Gillespie on November 25th at 6:00 p.m.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wojan and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Gillespie.

The Monsignor Victor Gallagher performed the double ring ceremony. Mrs. Ruth Colby was organist and soloist was Mr. B. Fischner.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a full length, white satin, A-line dress. She carried a colonial bouquet of white carnations and yellow roses.

The maid of honor was Miss Sandy LaFreniere. Her dress was gold brocade, full length, empire style. She carried a colonial bouquet of white carnations and yellow mums.

The bridesmaids were Miss Mary Gillespie, sister of the groom and Miss Angela Wojan, sister of the bride. They wore aqua, full length, empire style gowns. They carried colonial bouquets of white carnations and yellow mums.

Miss Ann Wojan, sister of the bride, wore a full length white gown and carried a basket of yellow roses.

The best man was William Gillespie, brother of the groom and the groomsmen were Edward Wojan, brother of the bride, and Joseph LaFreniere.

The ushers were Robert Gillespie, brother of the groom, and Ronald Wojan, brother of the bride.

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Immediately following the ceremony, the reception was held in Holy Cross Hall. A buffet supper was served to 300 guests. St. James will be the home of the new Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie. Guests attended the wedding from Charlevoix, Grand Rapids, Battle Creek, Detroit, Kalamazoo and Chicago.

PRIZES: The Sunbonnet Sue Quilt was won by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Martin. The proceeds from the Quilt went to the Convent Fund.

Danny Gillespie was the winner of the Radio, with the proceeds going toward the Senior Class.

The top trophy, a Pony donated by Stanley Floyd, was won by the Dominican Sisters. Someone put their name in as a joke and they won.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: On Sunday, December 10th, the Annual Christmas Bazaar was held at Holy Cross Hall. There were booths, games, prizes and food for all attending. Not only this year did we have a Christmas Tree, but Santa Claus was there in full dress, too.

SAILORS RETURN: Don Burke and Archie Minor have returned to their homes on Beaver Island following the closing of the shipping season.

OBITUARIES: GEORGE H. McCANN: Mr. McCann was killed near Detroit when his truck ran off the road and struck a tree. Employed as a truck driver with Darling Freight Company, Muskegon, he came to Muskegon from Luther in 1966. He was born Aug. 24, 1915 on Beaver Island and married the former Doris Tobin, of Muskegon, in 1966.

Mr. McCann was affiliated with Moose Lodge No. 703 in Reed City and the Elks of Birmingham, before moving to Muskegon. Besides his widow, Doris, he leaves one daughter, Mrs. Sally Ann Thrush, of Belmont; a step-daughter, Robin Tobin, at home and his mother, Mrs. Edna McCann, of Muskegon. He also leaves three grandchildren.

JAMES CULL: Word has been received of the death of James Cull, 85, of Pontiac, on November 28th. Mr. Cull was born on Beaver Island on April 2nd, 1882.

BERNARD D. O'DONNELL: Funeral services for Bernard (Ben) O'Donnell, 77, were held at Holy Cross Church at 10:00 a.m. on December 12th with the Rev. Louis Wren O.F.M.(Conv.) officiating. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

The Rosary was recited Monday evening, December 11th, at the Frank O'Donnell home, where the body laid in state until the hour of the Mass.

Mr. O'Donnell, a veteran of World War I, died December 9th at the V. A. Hospital in Saginaw where he had been a patient for two months. Born at St. James, March 24th, 1890, Ben was a Great Lakes sailor and followed the sea until his retirement. During World War I he served with the U.S. Army. He had always made his home on Beaver Island. He was a member of Holy Cross Church.

Surviving are a brother, Frank of St. James and three sisters, Mrs. Charles Roddy of Chicago, Mrs. Frank Hall of Dearborn and Mrs. Frank Neer of Detroit.

FATHER FRANK L. McLAUGHLIN: Bishop William Hickey, Saginaw auxiliary, offered Requiem Mass at 10 o'clock Saturday December 2nd, in St. Mary's Cathedral for Father Frank L. McLaughlin, 67, formerly of the Grand Rapids diocese, who died November 29th in Saginaw after a short illness. He was the brother of Dominican Sister Mary Kevin McLaughlin, professor of music education at Aquinas College. Fr. McLaughlin was ordained in 1926 at St. Andrew's Cathedral and served in St. Mary's parish, Alma; St. James, Montague, and Holy Cross Beaver Island, becoming a priest of the Saginaw diocese in 1940 as pastor of St. Mary's, Hemlock. At the time of his death he was pastor at St. Agatha's parish, Gagetown. He is also survived by two brothers, Delbert, Pontiac and Edward, Merrill.

HOSPITAL NOTES: Dorothy Malloy Ryan of 7709 So. Marshfield, Chicago, 60620, has returned to her home following surgery in a Chicago hospital.

BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Corneil Gatliff of Detroit, announce the arrival of a son, Robert Paul, on October 28th. Mrs. Mary Gatliff is the proud grandmother.

GONE FOR THE WINTER: The following persons should be added to the list of Islanders leaving for the winter months on the mainland. Mary and Bert McDonough, Mrs. Nonie Gallagher, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Neer, Mr. and Mrs. Curley Hartzel, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wittenberg, Elsie O'Donnell, Mary "Vesty" McDonough, Ada Martin and Jack, Sophia McDonough, Mr. and Mrs. George Ricksgers, Mabel Cull and Mrs. Edna McCann.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE CARNIVAL: The Beaver Island Christian Church Women's Circle will hold their Annual Cookie Carnival at the Church on December 19th from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. There will be cookies, candies and gifts for sale and refreshments will be served to all.

MEDICAL SERVICES CONTINUE: Since the passing of Dr. Haynes and with winter coming on, the residents of the Island have been worried about this situation. Saving the day was Dr. Christie, of Harbor Springs, who has been filling the gap by flying to the Island in order to keep the Medical Center functioning at least 2 days a week. This will be the case until permanent arrangements can be made. To acquire a Doctor on such short notice has been a tremendous relief to us all. More details will follow as arrangements are finalized.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

That Time has arrived again and membership dues should be paid by January 1st, 1968. Many people have already paid their dues, but if you have not why not enclose \$3.00 with the form below to make sure you will receive the Beaver Beacon all of 1968. Remember the Beaver Beacon makes a wonderful Christmas Gift, too, so why not do your Christmas Shopping now.

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CHRISTMAS IS....

Christmas is MUSIC...the clear call of church bells and the clear young voices of children singing "Silent Night."

Christmas is a brilliance of LIGHTS...flickering lights of trees, quivering lights of candles, warming lights of hearth-fires, embracing lights of houses spilling over with family and friends. Christmas is the happy light in the eyes of grown-ups once again childlike and the starlight in the eyes of the children.

Christmas is a WELCOME...the garland on the door, the welcome song on the threshold. It's the welcome wreath 'round our hearts...

Christmas is LAUGHTER...a special kind. We've all heard it...the season's laughter. It reaches out, comforts and encompasses us. And Christmas is a smile, a quick smile to the storekeeper, to the neighbor down the street, to the stranger. It is an extra smile to our family. Christmas is a communion of spirit.

Christmas is a hundred different FRAGRANCES all rolled into one. The pine boughs and the baking bread and the burning wood and the plum pudding. That's just the beginning. There's the smell of just-waxed floors and newly-polished furniture, the fragrance of dozens and dozens of cookies. Did you ever see so many different kinds of cookies? Christmas is the help of clumsy little hands decorating, then storing cookies in gaily-colored tin boxes.

Christmas is GIVING...the ever-so-many packages... to us and from us ...and the excitement of the mail boat, making her final trips. There are brown-paper-covered boxes and decorated tiny ones and giant ones and round ones and square ones...tinsel and glittering and gold-covered, or just plain white tissue-wrapped presents. And we sit in the middle of a mountain of holly paper and red ribbon and gum stickers and "Do Not Open Until..."

Christmas is the importance of MAIL...not only the packages, but the hundreds of cards...the cards purchased from the child next door... the lists of names and addresses...Christmas is the crowded Post Office ...the stringing of cards received on a bright red ribbon, or pinning them to the tree or perching them on the mantel. Christmas is a wealth of remembrance carried by a five-cent stamp.

Christmas is THE TREE...a green tree, carefully selected from the woods...a miniature baby tree or one that brushes the ceiling.

Christmas is LOVE...the message carried all through the centuries from the first Christmas gift of a tiny Babe. Christmas is The Birthday revered and celebrated all over the world. Christmas is an expression of love for The Child born that day and love for His way.

Christmas is "PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TOWARDS MEN...."

THERE IS NO MORE APPROPRIATE TIME THAN

THE HOLIDAY SEASON TO SAY "THANK YOU"
AND EXPRESS OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR THE
CONFIDENCE YOU HAVE PLACED IN US AND THE
OPPORTUNITIES YOU HAVE GIVEN US TO SERVE YOU.

MAY THE COMING YEAR BE A HAPPY AND HEALTHFUL
ONE FOR YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES.

BEACHCOMBER TAVERN

BEAVER HAVEN MARINA

BEAVER TAIL RESTAURANT

CIRCLE "M" LODGE

ERIN MOTEL

GILLESPIE SALES & SERVICE

HARBOR VIEW TOURIST COURT

ISLE HAVEN TOURIST COURT

KILLARNEY INN

LEO KUJAWA, CONTRACTOR

LaFRENIERE'S GROCERY

McDONOUGH'S STORE

McDONOUGH'S CABINS

RUSTIC VILLA

SHAMROCK BAR

STAN FLOYD'S RENT ALL

WALTER WOJAN, CONTRACTOR

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

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