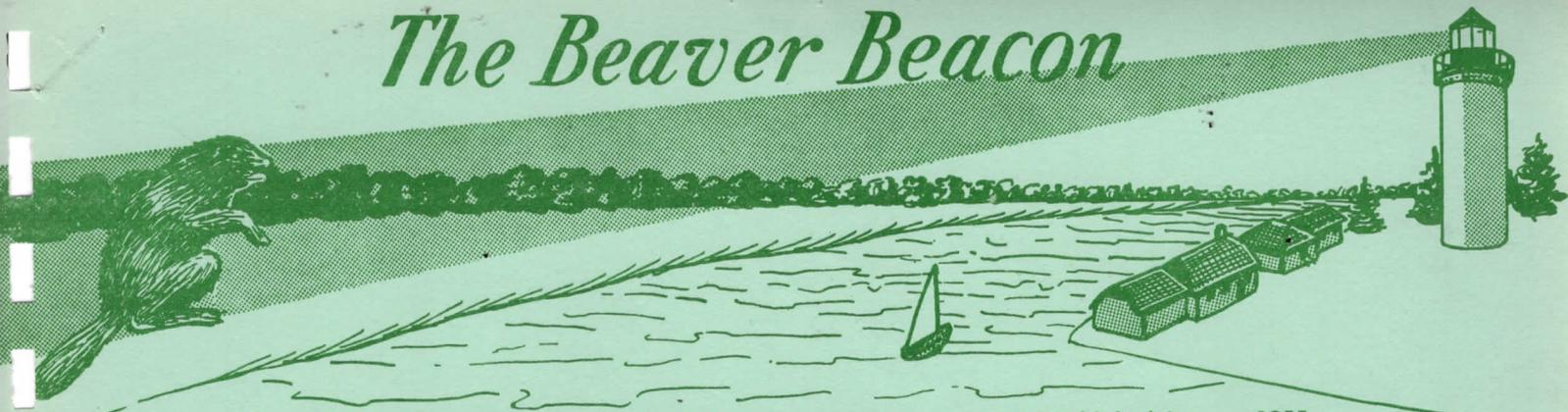


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ADOU BEN ADHEM

Abou Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase!)
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,
And saw, within the moonlight in his room,
Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,
An Angel writing in a book of gold:

Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,
And to the Presence in the room he said,
"What writest thou"? The Vision raised its head,
And with a look made of all sweet accord
Answered, "The names of those who love the Lord."
"And is mine one?" said Abou. "Nay, not so,"
Replied the Angel. Abou spoke more low,
But cheerily still; and said, "I pray thee, then,
Write me as one that loves his fellow men."

The Angel wrote, and vanished. The next night
It came again with a great wakening light,
And showed the names whom love of God had blessed,
And, lo! Ben Adhem's name lead all the rest!

Leigh Hunt

It is the season to be jolly, as preparations are being made to celebrate the birth of Christ. Actually, we on the Island are fortunate to be away from the maddening throngs jamming the tinsel department stores, where the theme of Christmas, as it should be, is all but lost to commercialism. Quiet has descended on the Island once more as another winter draws near, awaiting a sparkling blanket of white, to make the picture perfect.

WEATHER: The Beaver Island weather for the month of November as reported by Fire Officer Bill Wagner.

Average high temperature was 42.1 degrees.
High daytime temperature was 65 degrees on the 1st.
Low nighttime temperature was 25 degrees on the 29th.
Average nighttime temperature was 32.5 degrees.
Total precipitation for the month was 1.25 inches.
Snow fell on the 10th, 12th, 18th, 19th and 26th.
3 inches of snow on the ground on the 18th, but was gone by the 21st.
Ground bare at the end of the month.

GAME NEWS: As predicted, this year's deer season was very much a success with 144 deer taken. Three deer were taken on Garden Island. Approximately 400 hunters stalked the woods of the Beavers this season. Complete details about the deer season follows this article.

With deer season over the rabbit hounds are raring to go. With their fur white and little snow, these snowshoe hares are pretty easy game. It won't be long however, before nature's camouflage will pay off in their favor. Then is the time the dogs prove their worth.

This is the interim period for fishermen. Now the wait is on for a solid sheet of ice to form on the harbor so the shanties can be moved out to the choice spots for winter perch fishing. For the past four years, the ice fishing has been improving, so if the trend continues, perch will be a frequent item on Island menu's this winter.

THE BEAVER ISLAND DEER SEASON 1968: Deer hunters this year on Beaver Island had a good season, above average for the past 10 years. A total of 144 deer were taken by gun hunters and 8 by archers, and bow season will continue through the month of December so ardent archers may add to this total of 152.

In the past 10 years the average number of deer bagged has been 136.5 per year with an average of 49.6 of them being adult bucks. A first look at these numbers may lead one to think that a lot more female than male deer are being taken on Beaver, but this is not so. When the number of buck fawns bagged are added to the adult antlered bucks taken males in the kill out number females. This year, for instance, there were 92 male deer taken compared with only 60 females by combined bow and gun hunters.

The biggest buck, a 187 pound 14 point, 7½ year old deer was taken by Delmer D. White of Holt, Michigan on November 20th. He said it was a six hour drag, with help from his hunting partners, getting that trophy out from the middle of the south half of the island.

An even older buck, 8½ years, 6 points, that weighed 183 pounds dressed, was taken opening day. It and the 7½ year old, 14 pointer have evaded hunters for more years than deer in the wild usually live.

Two other bucks weighted inat "braggin' size", a 4½ year old, 8 point, 180 pounder, and a 5½ year, 7 point, 178 pounder. Several others between 135 and 170 pounds were also taken. "Nothin' wrong with braggin'" about them either.

Conditions with deer on Beaver this year look much better than in the past two years. Average weights of both fawns and year and a half old bucks, (an indication of herd condition) is up to a respectable level. Fact is, it looks like weights of these age classes will top that for mainland deer for the first time in about three years. Apparently last winter was a mild one and deer were not confined to the yarding areas for long. And taking antlerless deer, as well, as bucks, has held deer number to the point where there is enough winter food for those going into the past winter so they came out in good condition. The Department of Natural Resources hopes this winter to do a fair amount of cutting on state owned land on the south half of the Island to create good deer food conditions within the deer yarding area. With hoped for monies from Department District 5 in Gaylord and possible matching monies from the Beaver Island Game Club much can be done to increase the amount of winter food available for deer. But some antlerless deer must continue to be harvested each year in addition to the bucks taken to keep the number of deer in line with available food.

PRUNING PROJECT: The Beaver Island Game Club has started a pruning program on the old orchards around the Island in the hopes this will revive some of the neglected orchards. Gilbert Bailey has been doing an excellent job on this project, which will also provide food for our deer herd.

ALONG THE LINE: Telephone lines have been extended down the east side as far as the furthest winter resident. In this case, to include the residence of Ed and Jane Howland. The new telephone numbers for the Island will be included at the back of this Beacon.

TOWN TREE: The job of cutting, setting and decorating the town Christmas Tree was ably handled by several Island boys, without adult help. They did a beautiful job of decorating and it is a wonderful addition to the harbor area for the Holidays.

NEW HOMES: The Sister's Convent building is all set to be occupied right after the Holidays. Needless, to say, the Sisters are all excited about it. It is an exquisite home that will certainly offer much comfort for many years to come.

Jerry and Carol LaFreniere have moved into their new home on the south end of town. Much of the work of building was done by Jerry and is an effort he can be mighty proud of.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Fitzpatrick's summer home is now completed. This is a chalet type, located on the harbor side of the stree across from Jerry and Carol's. From the huge picture windows, from two levels, they command a panoramic view of the harbor. This home boasts three fireplaces. One in the ground floor level, one outside in the patio and one in the living room.

WREATH MAKERS: Under the supervision of Winnie McDonough and Evelyn Kujawa, several of the school girsl made Christmas Wreaths out of princess pine. Mr. Kujawa took the wreaths to Lansing, where they were sold, providing spending money for the girl's Christmas lists.

HOSPITAL NOTES: Jewell Gillespie was a patient in the Charlevoix Hospital.

Tony and Eddie Connaghan, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Connaghan, are patients in Little Traverse Hospital. They are both to be home for Christmas, however.

Mrs. Billie (James) Evans is a patient in Little Traverse Hospital.

SERVICEMEN'S NEWS: Paul LaFreniere, son of Vernon LaFreniere was home on leave. Following is his new address:

P.F.C. Paul V. LaFreniere
U.S. 54972395
Co. A 3rd Bn 10th Inf.
Fort Carson, Colorado 80913

OBITUARIES: AUGUSTUS SENDENBURGH - On November 27th, Augustus "Gus" Sendenburgh passed away at the Mackinaw State Hospital in St. Ignace, Michigan, following a three month illness. He was born on Beaver Island on July 4th, 1898.

He is survived by his wife, Marie and one daughter, Mrs. John (Susan) Rapson of Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

Attending the funeral was Mr. and Mrs. Ray Carnes of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Livingston of Kalamazoo, Mr. and Mrs. Emerald LaBlanc of Tawas City, Mr. and Mrs. John Bissell of Ludington, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Withers, Mr. and Mrs. George LaBlanc and Mrs. Susan Martin and Mrs. Steve Dubel, all of Charlevoix.

His brother, Joe Sendenburgh of Beaver Island, attended the funeral, also.

Burial was in St. Ignace, Michigan.

CHARLES H. LAFRENIERE - 1st Mate Charles H. Lafreniere, 55, of Frankfort, died very suddenly of a heart attack aboard the ship he was the acting captain of, the car ferry, Viking. Services will be on Sunday, December 22nd in the Frankfort Lutheran Church. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Mr. LaFreniere was at the Bennett Funeral Home in Frankfort.

Charles LaFreniere was born on Beaver Island, the son of Henry and Hattie LaFreniere.

THANK YOU: The Beaver Island Club of Grand Rapids wishes to thank all those who attended the Beaver Island Caper and helped to make it such a success.

We would like to give special appreciation to Mr. Austin Malloy who gave a wonderful contribution, in addition to returning the money from the 50/50 to the Convent Fund.

The three door prizes were won by the following people:

Mr. A. Kreuter
Mr. Harold Vander Herst
Mr. Art Lemire

WEDDINGS: BAILEY - DILLINGHAM - Mr. Gilbert Bailey and Mrs. Olive Dillingham were married on Saturday, November 30th at the Beaver Island Christian Church. Their attendants were Gail Dillingham and Milt Bennett. Mrs. H. B. Haynes was the organist and the ceremony was performed by Rev. Arthur Johnson.
A reception was held at the Beachcomber following the wedding.

LANNEN - DEUR: On Friday, December 20th, Mary Deur became the bride of Mr. John Lannen in Middleville, Michigan. A wedding trip to Beaver Island was planned by Mary and John, where they stayed at the Isle Haven Tourist Court.

T. V. PERSONALITIES: Showing an interest in Beaver Island, T. V. Station, WWTV, Channel 9 & 10, of Cadillac sent a photographer out to bet some pictures of Christmas activities here. A winter weiner roast was held at the Yacht Dock, beside the Township Christmas Tree, for the kids and even St. Nick showed up. Christmas carols were sung and a grand time was had by all. Several activities were photographed, including a visit to Capt. and Mrs. Lawrence McDonough's home, where a surprise birthday party was held for Winnie. The film will be shown on Monday, December 23rd, at 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. on Channel 9 & 10.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - The Annual Christmas Bazaar was held on Sunday, December 15th, in the Parish Hall. There was a candy booth, fish pond, the Women's Circle Booth and prizes given away. Following this a Pot Luck Supper was held for all attending. A School Play was presented and to top the evening Santa Claus arrived with candy for all the children.

CHRISTMAS TIME

Snow has mantled the Island in glistening white just in time for the holidays. Christmas trees have been hauled from the woods and now hold reign in each home, decorated with loving care.

Looking across the harbor, the lighthouse still blinks its red eye to an empty lake, as ice begins to form along the shores. Even this will soon be turned off, marking the official end of another navigation season.

The Beaver Islander, in her final trips, bringing winter's supplies, wears a sheath of ice on her bow. The crew, keeping an eye on the weather, can soon relax following the busiest season ever, after they tie her up in Charlevoix to await spring.

The Post Office is the focal point this time of year, as Islanders eagerly await their mail orders. In Frank Nackerman's unflustered manner, the huge stacks of out-going mail, is handled with dispatch even though his alarm clock has to be set just a bit earlier this time of year.

The plows are installed on the County trucks now and with each new fall of snow Don Cole and Johnny Gillespie are busy keeping the main roads plowed wide and as winter approaches more and more attention is paid to the airport, keeping our main link to the mainland open.

This is Christmas time on Beaver Island. Time for neighborly visits. Time to enjoy the beauty of the outdoors. Time to reflect just what Christmas is all about. Serene quiet is a pre-requisite to collect one's thoughts and put things in their proper perspective. As the

tempo of this troubled world increases, Christmas time is an all important time to pray for Peace and Good Will Toward All Men.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND
BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

- BEACHCOMBER TAVERN
- BEAVER HAVEN MARINA
- BEAVER TAIL RESTAURANT
- CIRCLE "M" LODGE
- ERIN MOTEL
- GILLESPIE SALES & SERVICE
- HARBOR VIEW TOURIST COURT
- KILLARNEY INN
- ISLE HAVEN TOURIST COURT
- KUJAWA BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION CO.
- ISLAND BEAUTY SALON
- RUSTIC VILLA
- KAY'S BEAUTY SALON
- LAFRENIERE'S GROCERY
- MCDONOUGH'S STORE
- MCDONOUGH'S CABINS
- SAND BLOW STUDIO
- SHAMROCK BAR
- STAN FLOYD'S RENT-A-CAR
- WOJAN CONSTRUCTION CO.

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS,
WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS,
WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS,
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

THE BEAVER BEACON STAFF

NOTE: P. I. Telephone Co. 448-2211 on Island.

BEAVER ISLAND TEMPORARY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Allen Henry	448-2357	Gallagher John	448-2391
American Central Corp.	448-2213	Gatliff Mary	448-2311
Annand Fred W	448-2320	Gillespie Jewell F	448-2205
		Gillespie John	448-2277
Beachcomber Bar	448-9281	Gillespie's Sales & Service	448-2244
Beaver Haven	448-2300	Green Russell	448-2300
Bennett Milton	448-2202	Gregg Phillip	448-2305
B. I. Community School	448-2233		
B. I. Yacht Dock	448-2252	Haynes Mrs. H. B.	448-2378
B. I. Medical Center	448-2275	Heflin Paul A	448-2386
Bissell Melville R III	448-2321	Hill Walker	448-2331
B. I. Telephone Co. Enterprise 6359		Hine Theodore	448-2349
No Toll Charge		Holy Cross Rectory	448-2230
Bonner Patrick	448-2301	Howland Edwin B	448-2313
Burke Phillip	448-2360		
		Kays Beauty Salon	448-2248
Carlisle Rogers W	448-2260	Killarney Inn	448-2268
Central Michigan Univ.	448-2325	King Dennis	448-2341
Christie Dr. J. W.	448-2270	King Strang Hotel	448-2288
Circle M Lodge	448-2318	Kuebler Karl	448-2295
Cole Donald	448-2310	Kujawa Bldg. & Const. Co.	448-2375
Cole Grace Mrs.	448-2315	Kujawa Leo	448-2375
Collar Helen	448-2203		
Combs Arnold B	448-2329	Lafreniere Archie	448-2335
County Road Comm.	448-2285	Lafreniere Gerald	448-2350
Connaghan Jack	448-2343	Lafreniere V. H. (Store)	448-2200
Crawford Perry	448-2240	Larsen Sybil	448-2312
Cull Mable	448-2395		
		Malloy John L	448-2344
Davis Edwin C	448-2328	Malloy Robert	448-2353
Deur Mary	448-2204	Martin Charles	448-2362
Dillingham Olive	448-2309	Martin John R	448-2397
Dominican Sisters	448-2385	Martin Mrs. Ada	448-2351
		Matt Melville	448-2384
Earley Charles	448-2352	Mich. Dept. of Cons.	448-2255
Erber Karl	448-2324	Minor Archie	448-2336
Erin Motel	448-2240	McCafferty Bernard	448-2238
Evans James	448-2334	McCann Edna	448-2283
		McDonough Bert	448-2332
Fire Department	448-2255	McDonough Joseph	448-2232
	or	448-2330	McDonough Lawrence
		448-2299	McDonough (Store) Lloyd
Fitzpatrick Doyle C	448-2299	McDonough Mary V	448-2395
Floyd Stanley	448-2390	McDonough Mrs. John	448-2342
Fogg Clyde	448-2380	McDonough Sophia	448-2393
Gallagher Elizabeth	448-2361		
Gallagher Maria	448-2201	Nackerman Frank J	448-2371
Gallagher Mrs. Mary W. J	448-2291	Naponts Ralph	448-2345
Gallagher Nora	448-2370	Neer Frank	448-2383
		Nelson Dr. Paul F	448-2322
		Northern Mich. Elect. Co.	448-2365

NOTE: B. I. Tellephone Co. 448-2211 on Island.

O'Donnell Frank	448-2302	Shamrock Tavern	448-2278
		Sorenson Dr. N.P.	448-2303
Powell Robert	448-2354	Southern Robert	448-2327
		Stan-Floyd's Rent-A-Car	448-2290
Ranger John J	448-2304		
Reigle L Z	448-2308	Townsend Warren	448-2265
Ricksgrers George	448-2323		
Rountree L. T.	448-2339	U. S. Coast Guard	448-2330
Roy A. J.	448-2243	Underwood Pete	448-2374
Rustic Villa	448-2331		
		Visscher Vivian	448-2241
Sand Blow Studio	448-2314		
Schmidt Wm.	448-2381	Wagner Bernard	448-2340
Schnaudigel Frank	448-2306	Welke Donus	448-2382
Sendenburgh Joseph	448-2262	Welke W.	448-2326
		Wilson David E	448-2346
NOTE:		White John C.	448-2206
Roy Provancher	448-2239	Wittenburg Wm.	448-2355
		Wojan Walter	448-2250

MEMBERSHIP DUES

That time has arrived again and membership dues should be paid by January 1st, 1969.

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 1969.

Remember the Beaver Beacon makes a wonderful gift, too.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Personal \$3.00 per year

Business \$25.00 per year

PLEASE NOTE: We need your Zip Code Number. Please be sure it is on your renewal form.

ENCLOSURE

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