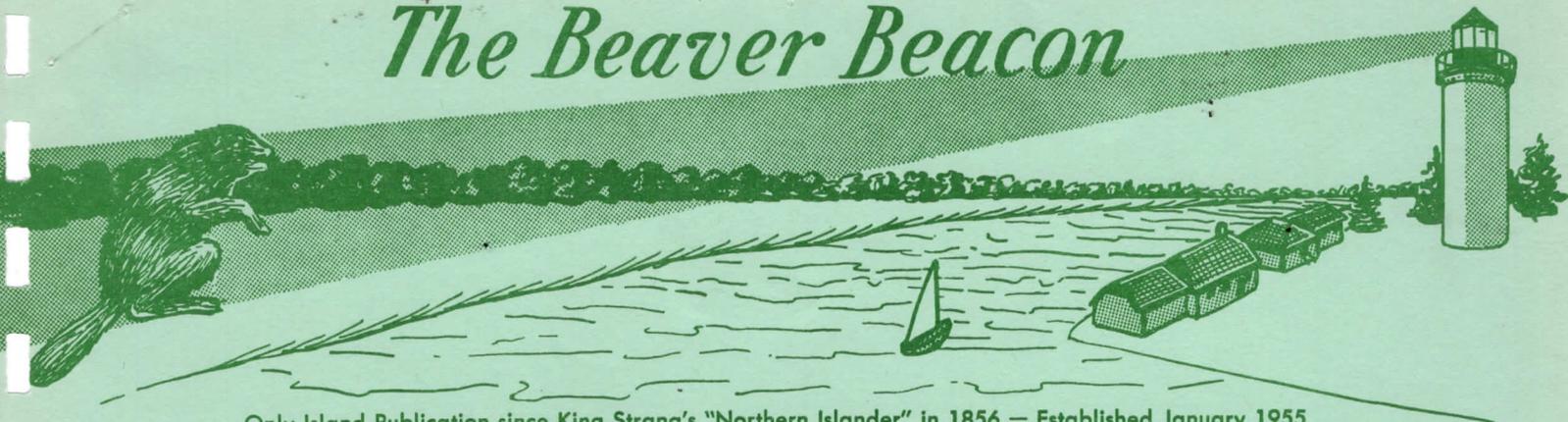


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After a series of blizzards and nearly continuous, bone chilling winds, the weather seems to be trying to make amends. Clear blue skies and snow that sparkles in the sun, lends refreshing new beauty to the Island. Certainly these are days to relish and enjoy, for this beautiful tranquillity passes quickly.

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

The high 5:00 p.m. temperature of 37 degrees was on the 22nd.
The highest temperature of 49 degrees was on the 22nd.
The lowest temperature of -4 degrees was on the 1st.
The average high temperature was 28.1 degrees.
The average low temperature was 14.8 degrees.
The average 5:00 p.m. temperature was 24.8 degrees.
Total snowfall was 15.5 inches.
There was 24" of snow on the ground on the 1st and 12" on the ground on the 31st.
We had fog on 3 days.
We had sleet on 3 days.
It snowed on 17 days in the month of January.

GAME NEWS: For the past two weeks, members of the Beaver Island Game Club, plus many others, have had a real good look at game conditions on the Island via snowmobile. The Turkey population is either way down or they are scattered pretty thin, for no large groups of them have been spotted. Karl Keubler has set up several feeding stations and checks them each day, so at least those in the northern half of the Island are getting considerable attention.

This year the rabbits are up but the hunters are down. With so much snow in the woods dogs and hunters alike find the going a little tough yet, several parties have met with good results.

The Harbor is decorated with about fifteen shanties but for some reason the perch have been very uncooperative. A few have been taken but have been hard earned.

Sheldon and Bea Parker, who moved up to their cottage on Font Lake for the winter, have had real good success catching bluegills on Barney's Lake. Bea displayed one beauty last week that measured $11\frac{1}{2}$ inches with many more that were of bragging size.

Lake Geneserath, that often produces fabulous catches, has attracted but one party, made up of Ron Wojan and Dennis Wagner. They have been catching bluegills in large quantities and several pike. Their shanty is something to be marveled at however, for it's nearly as large as a cottage and is even equiped for overnight stays.

A trip to the south end of the Island via snowmachines provides an excellent look at a sizeable portion of the Island's deer herd and we are happy to report that not only are their numbers impressive but they appear to be in excellent health and are able to range about to secure food.

Much concern has been raised regarding the evidence of an increasing number of coyotes on the Island and efforts are being made to reduce their numbers. Recently, Roy Chambers and Roy Vincent, both of Indian River, came to hunt coyotes. Within the first two hours of hunting Roy Vincent shot one of two out on the ice off Donegal Bay. The shot, by the way, was approximately 200 yards with the coyote running. At this writing the hunters are still at it and a final report will have to be reserved for next month.

BEAVER TRAPPING SEASON: March 20 through April 7 is Beaver trapping season and all Beaver taken must be sealed at the Department of Natural Resources Field Office by 5:00 p.m. April 9th. Licenses are available now at the Field Office.

ICE LITTER SPELLS DANGER WITH THAW: Litter on ice is making its annual appearance in areas used by fishermen. Department of Natural Resources officers are preparing to crack down with arrests when they find debris such as cans, bottles and other refuse. They point out that when ice melts some of the bottles and cans wash up on beaches and prove dangerous to swimmers.

ILLEGAL TO CHASE WILDLIFE ON SNOWMOBILES: Snowmobilers are reminded by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that it is against the law in Michigan to chase wildlife on their powersleds. Law officials for the DNR stress that point after receiving several recent complaints of deer being harassed by snowmobilers. They are also concerned over reports of snowmobiles being used to drive out foxes which, too, violates the law against pursuing or worrying wildlife with any type of powered craft.

John A. Anguilm, chief of law enforcement for the DNR, reports; "We're all for snowmobilers having a good time, but the chasing of wildlife with their machines is neither sporting nor humane, and that's why there is a law against it. Deer are having a tough enough time this winter, and we urge powersledders to give these animals the right of way and to avoid buzzing through deeryard areas." Those arrested for harassing wildlife with their snowmobiles face a possible maximum fine of \$100 and/or sentencing of 90 days in jail.

POLIO PARTY: The Annual Polio Party was held on February 1st, at the Shamrock, to raise funds for this worthy casue, by holding an auction of donated gifts. The team of auctioneers made up of Frank Schnaudigel, Lawrence McDonough and Bill Wagner, did a terrific job that always brings amazing results, considering the small number of people in the community. \$209.00 was raised, plus the fact, everyone had a good time.

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HOSPITAL NOTES: Mrs. Patrick (Rose) Bonner was a recent patient in the Charlevoix Hospital.

Peter Johnson is in the Charlevoix Hospital suffering from a broken hip.

Tim Smith, son of the late Raymond and Bonnie Smith and nephew of Bill and Joe Sendenburgh, is in the St. Joseph Hospital, Room 222 in Mishawaka, Indiana. He has been unconscious for 35 days following an automobile accident.

Mrs. W. R. Campbell, mother of Mrs. Grace Nackerman, has returned home from a pontiac Hospital following a very severe heart attack.

GLIMPSES OF ERIN: Father Dennis O'Keefe, of the Irish Order of The Holy Ghost, who paid a social visit to the Island last week, showed his collection of colored slides of his native Ireland. The multi-purpose room of the Beaver Island School was filled to capacity for the showing. Not only were the pictures beautiful but the narration done in Father O'Keefe's rolling Irish brogue lent a descriptive atmosphere to the event. Following his slides on Ireland, pictures describing his missionary work of the past 20 years in the now strife-torn Republic of Biafra in Africa, were shown. An entertaining as well as educational evening was had by all who attended.

BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Volk (Colleen Nackerman) announce the birth of a 6 lb. 4oz. baby girl on February 21s in St. Luke's Hospital, Utica, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nackerman are the proud grandparents.

SERVICEMEN'S NEWS: The following address has been received.

DT 1 Robert G. Burhans, Jr. U.S.N. 5274235
11th Dental Co. 1st Marine Air Wing
F.P.O. San Francisco, Calif. 96602

ICE CUTTING: Almost a chore of the past, is putting up lake ice for summertime use. In order to have ice for packing his catches of whitefish, Charlie Martin and his crew cut and hauled over 200 huge blocks of ice out of the harbor and packed them in sawdust for future use.

BOX SOCIAL: An old fashioned Box Social was held at the Shamrock on Saturday, February 14th. This was held for the benefit of the Medical Center Auxiliary. Lawrence McDonough auctioned off the decorated box lunches to the total tune of \$132.00. Not only was the evening beneficial, but a good time was had by all.

BEAVER TALES

SNO-FUN

Sunday, February 9th was one of those "storybook" winter days. Not a breath of wind and bright blue cloudless skies made the snow laden pines shimmer as though they had just been decorated with millions of diamonds. It was unanimously agreed that in order not to waste such a

perfect setting that a trip to the south-end of the Island was in order. After Church, snow machines were readied, supplies (food and beverages) were loaded and all available trucks and trailers rendezvoused in front of LaFreniere's Store, where the machines were loaded on. Under way by 1:15 p.m., the caravan headed down the Island where the road had been plowed out to the fishing site at Lake Geneserath. Eleven machines and twice as many merry Islanders headed across the frozen lake to meet up with the east side road from the South Arm. With rolling drifts of deep snow, the ride was comparable to something you would have to pay for in an amusement park, with the bonus of breath-taking beauty. Several stops were made to admire the ice formations along the east shore or to take pictures to preserve the moment. Just prior to reaching the lighthouse, deer in groups of two to four would bound into the shelter of the woods or stand in bewildered silence as this strange looking caravan chugged by. The further south we went the larger the number of deer became, until counting them was out of the question. Upon reaching the east end of Iron Ore Bay, the group stopped to take it all in, for a winter glimpse of this area was never possible before and is something to behold. Deer could be seen scattered over the snow covered dunes, running or standing, curious at this intrusion. Proceeding around the bay to Cheyenne Point, the concentration of the deer was even more pronounced and it was also noted that the browse line in the cedars was especially noticable. With a chain saw, several cedar trees were downed in the area and a number of mineral blocks were strategically placed to supplement their meager diet before heading back. Fresh air and activities of the afternoon had whetted appetites to a high peak, so a warming fire at the fishing site and the smell of grilling hamburgers was a crowning glory to an already perfect day. Tired but refreshed, wind burned but relaxed, the caravan headed back home as the shadows of the pines lengthened and a day to remember was over.

In the summer, when we meet with inquiring tourist, they often remark, "Your Island is beautiful but it must be miserable in the winter. What do you do to pass the time?" We just smile and say, "Oh, you get used to it after awhile and pretty soon you learn to live with it."

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