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TEN COMMANDMENTS OF HUMAN RELATIONS

Dr. Carl S. Winters

1. Thou shalt love people, not just use them.
The greatest thing in the world is a person.
The greatest thing about a person is his motive, and
the greatest motive is love.
2. Thou shalt develop thy understanding.
"If every man's care were written on his brow,
How many would our pity share, who bear our
envy now."
3. Thou shalt compliment more than criticize.
You had better cover your neighbor's fault with a
cloak of charity.
You may need a circus tent to cover your own.
4. Thou shalt not get angry.
If you are right, you don't need to.
If you are wrong, you can't afford to.
5. Thou shalt not argue.
It's no use to win the argument and lose the people.
Beware of the attitude which says:
"In matters controversial, my attitude is fine,
I always see two points of view
The one that's wrong, and mine."
6. Thou shalt be kind.
You had better be kind to people you meet on the
way up!
They are the same ones you meet on the way
down.
It's nice to be important, but it's important to be
nice.
7. Thou shalt have a sense of humour.
A sense of humour is to a man what springs are
to a wagon...
It saves him a lot of jolts.
8. Thou shalt smile.
No man is ever full dressed until he has a smile on
his face.
9. Thou shalt practice what thou preachest.
One example is worth one thousand arguments.
10. Thou shalt establish a long-range habit of people-
manship. Good human relations can be the key
that opens the door to your business success.

The beginning of another year finds the island firmly in the grip of winter with nearly daily additions to the snow level. With the Beaver Islander in her winter berth at Charlevoix, St. James harbor has ceased its marine activities and transformed into a winter playground. Ice fishing shanties are beginning to appear and areas have been cleared of snow for ice skating.

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

Weather was recorded the first 21 days of this month. The average high temperature was 38 degrees, and the average low temperature was 28.8 degrees.

A high temperature of 52 degrees brought sunny, balmy weather on the 21st.

A low temperature of 21 degrees was recorded on the 15th but a low of 0 degrees probably occurred on New Years Eve.

We had a trace of snow on the ground on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and 3 inches of snow on the 8th, but by the 18th the ground was bare.

5½ inches of snow fell between the 22nd and the 30th.

ISLAND SOLDIER WOUNDED: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin have received word that their son, Ernie, has been wounded in Vietnam. Ernie was wounded in his leg between the knee and hip and would have been hit in other places but for his equipment. His radio, especially, saved him as it was struck three times.

His parents have received the Purple Heart for him which states that he was wounded in action on the 28th of December in the Republic of Vietnam.

He was in an evacuation Hospital and is now in the hospital in Japan following surgery on his leg. He will be in the hospital for about three months.

His address is as follows and we know he would enjoy hearing from all his friends.

PFC Francis E. Martin (Patient)
US 54967552

Ward 814 BL
249th General Hospital

APO San Francisco, 96267

NEW "ALL SIDES" REQUIREMENT FOR ICE SHANTY IDENTIFICATION: Michigan's winter fishermen are alerted by the Conservation Department that the law covering ice shanty identification has been changed. Under legislation passed in 1967, shanty owners must display their names and addresses in water-proof letters at least two inches high on all sides of their fish houses and shelters. Previously, this "ID" marking only had to appear on one side of ice shanties. The new "all sides" requirement is expected to make it easier for Conservation Officers to locate shanty owners who violate the law by not getting their shelters off the ice before spring breakup.

GAME NEWS: This is the time of year when rabbit hunting and ice fishing step to the sporting front, but we find it is still pretty early in the season for an accurate look into the situation. Extreme cold temperatures have made it all but impossible for dogs to hold on a rabbit tract, so at this date few have been taken.

Ice shanties have appeared on Lake Geneserath, Barney's Lake and in the harbor. Bluegills are biting in the inland lakes but the perch are slow to start in the harbor. This usually improves with the passing of time and the selection of the proper bait. Certainly by next month, we should have some details on the fishing and hunting.

THANK YOU: Mr. and Mrs. Rogers Carlisle and their daughters, Mrs. Robert C. Powell of Geneseo, Ill.; Mrs. Robert A. Chaffin of Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. John F. Carson of Mt. Pleasant, Mich. and Mrs. Gerald L. Lockwooe of Indianapolis, Ind. wish to extend a very deep thank you to everyone who helped with the Golden Anniversary Open-house, and to all their friends and neighbors who attended the party.

ALTAR SOCIETY: The Holy Cross Altar Society held their annual election and the following ladies were elected to office:

President	- Loy Malloy
Vice-President	- Evelyn Kujawa
Secretary	- Mary Minor
Treasurer	- Skip McDonough

HOSPITAL NOTES: Charlie Early is a patient in Little Traverse Hospital in Petoskey. His has been in the hospital since December 28th and will be there at least another week or two. We know he would like to hear from all his friends.

Edward Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Palmer, was a patient in Little Traverse Hospital this past month, for a few days. He is at home on the Island now.

BEAVER ISLAND CIVIC ASSOCIATION: On January 4th the Annual Election of board members was held and the following people were elected to the Board. Bud McDonough, Gerry LaFreniere, Alvin LaFreniere, Vera Wojan and Mary Minor. The following persons have one year to serve on the board: Perry Crawford, Archie LaFreniere, Clyde Fogg and Lillian Gregg. The following officers were elected from the above Board:

President	- Perry Crawford
Vice-President	- Gerry LaFreniere
Secretary	- Lillian Gregg
Treasurer	- Mary Minor

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS: The following students were home from their various colleges to spend the holidays with their parents. Edward Wojan from the University of Detroit, Patrick Crawford from Ferris in Big Rapids, Bill Gillespit from the Art Institute in Chicago, Ill., Ronald Gallagher from Michigan State University and Phyllis Gregg from Grand Valley State College.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE: The Beaver Island Christian Church Women's Circle held their annual election and the following ladies were elected to office:

President	- Marge Wagner
Secretary-Treasurer	- Gladys Schnaudigel

OBITUARIES: JULIUS WABANIMKEE - Funeral services for Julius Wabanim-
kee, 78, retired commercial fisherman, were held Dec. 16th at St.
Mary's church with the Rev. E. Frances Denay officiating. Burial was
in Brookside cemetery.

He died unexpectedly at the Charlevoix Hospital a short time after he
had been admitted.

Born at Suttons Bay, Jan. 31, 1889, he lived at Northport and Beaver
Island before coming here in the 1940's. He was a commercial fisher-
man and was employed in the fishing industry here and on Beaver Island
until his retirement. He was a member of St. Mary's Church.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. James McCann of South Haven; six
sons, Benjamin of Racine, Wis., Leo of Lake Worth, Fla., Walter of
Saginaw, Herbert of South Haven, Stephen of Grand Rapids and Frank of
Charlevoix; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, a sister,
Mrs. Nancy Gablow of Chicago and a brother, Simon of Charlevoix.

DANIEL GREENE - On December 27th, Daniel L. Greene, 91, of Beaver Is-
land died at the Charlevoix Hospital. Funeral services were held at
St. Mary's Catholic Church, Charlevoix, December 29th by Rev. Fr. E.
Francis Denay. The body will be returned to Holy Cross Cemetery at
Beaver Island for burial in the spring.

He was born at St. James, March 4, 1886 and operated a farm here un-
til his retirement to Charlevoix 12 years ago.

Mr. Greene was a member of St. Mary's Church.

He is survived by a brother, Edward D., of Charlevoix; two sisters,
Mrs. Paul Drescher, of Charlevoix, and Mrs. Andrew Gallagher, of St.
James.

MRS. JOHN JACOBS - Funeral services for Mrs. John Jacobs, 47, former
resident of Beaver Island were held at St. Mary's Church in Charlevoix
at 9 a.m. January 5th with the Rev. E. Francis Denay officiating.
Burial was in Brookside Cemetery.

Mrs. Jacobs died Jan. 2 in Chicago where she had resided for the past
seven years.

Born on High Island July 11, 1920, the former Betty E. Napont lived
there and on Beaver Island before going to Detroit to make her home
about 30 years ago. She lived there until going to Chicago in 1960.
Surviving are her husband; two brothers, Nelson Napont and Wallace Na-
pont, both of Charlevoix and a sister, Mrs. John Miscovich of Detroit.

SIMON WABANIMKEE - Funeral services for Simon Wabanimkee, 79, retired
commercial fisherman, were held at St. Mary's church at 9 a.m. January
10th with the Rev. E. Francis Denay officiating. Burial was in Brook-
side cemetery. He died Jan. 5th at a Traverse City Hospital where he
had been a patient for six months. He had been in ill health for more
than a year.

Born in Suttons Bay June 16, 1888, Mr. Wabanimkee lived at Northport
and Beaver Island before coming to Charlevoix in 1941. He was a com-
mercial fisherman until he retired.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mrs. Maggie Beaver, whom he married
in 1956; three sons, Patrick of Racine, Wis., Charles of Grand Rapids
and Fabian of South Haven; three daughters, Mrs. Paul Kenawabakissec
of St. James, Mrs. Louise Gasco of Harbor Springs and Mrs. Alex Wash-
ageshik of South Haven; a sister, Mrs. Nancy Gablow of Chicago; several
grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

MRS. HAROLD ERICKSON - Mrs. Harold E. Erickson, 61, of 223 Randall Road Muskegon Heights, Michigan, died at her home after a long illness. She had been a resident of Muskegon Heights for 39 years and very active in the First Evangelical Lutheran Church. Born on Beaver Island, Mrs. Erickson was married in Chicago on Oct. 31, 1929. She had attended schools at Beaver Island and in Muskegon Heights. She was the former Leona B. Lighton. Besides her husband, Mrs. Erickson leaves a daughter Mrs. Robert Labar of Laketon township; a son, Norman Erickson at home; two sisters, Miss Helen Herrick of Muskegon Heights and Mrs. Joseph Perigard of Muskegon; two brothers, Robert Lighton of Whitehall and Harold Herrick of Muskegon, and three grandchildren.

GONE FOR THE WINTER: Mrs. and Mrs. John A. Gallagher, Mrs. Elizabeth Gallagher and Stanley Floyd.

NEW RESIDENTS: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Southern of Rochester, Michigan have moved to the Island. They have three children enrolled in school and we want to say "Welcome " to the whole family.

FROM THE MAIL BAG: The following notes have been sent to the Beaver Beacon and we would like to have all of our readers enjoy them.

From Helen-Mary Heflin in Fort Lauderdale, Florida: Keep up your fine work with the Beaver Beacon! We enjoy it thoroughly and find it very interesting.

Suggestion for the Beaver Beacon: Instead of sending flowers when a loved one dies, send a contribution in memory of the deceased, to the Convent Fund for the Dominican Sisters. It will help the fund and be a comfort to the survivors.

Happy New Year!

From Rev. Chester Meengs in Brewton, Alabama: Look forward to the Beacon. Life in Alabama is quite different.

From Peter Norg in Arlington Hts., Ill: Getting the Beaver Beacon affords me much pleasure since the publications brings back many fond memories. My first trip was in 1928 when Ed Merson, from South Haven, and I spent a week just roaming around fishing, etc. In the early 30's I brought a group of Boy Scouts from the Holland and Grand Haven area for a camp experience.

I hope to come again with some fishing buddies in 1968.

My congratulations to you and your co-workers and Best Wishes for 1968.

From Geneva Penwitt in Pomona, Calif.; We sure enjoy the Beacon keep up on all the news out here.

Had a wonderful Xmas, 18 for dinner and ate out on the patio, it was 85 degrees.

Having nice sunny warm weather in California. Hope everyone there has a nice Christmas.

From Ralph Rutt in Hammond, Ind.: A new address and we know Ralph would enjoy hearing from his friends as he hasn't been feeling quite up to par recently.

From George Egbert, a copy of a poem written by his granddaughter, Janet Louise Scovic, aged 12 years, during her stay at his cottage in

August.

BEAVER ISLAND

The wind beats heavy 'round the cottage
Surf pounds nagging on the shore,
The pines sway, weeping in the forest,
The storm is waiting at the door.

But here deep in the heartless storming
Waits a warm but lonely peace
A happy, restful solitude
Where love is yours and problems cease.

But you must look to find the gladness,
Inside yourself, as well as here,
For you alone contain the key,
It is with you, always near.

And when you find its golden richness,
An earthly Heaven will be yours
Once you've learned you'll sure remember
How to open Heaven's door.

From a friend of Colleen McCafferty. Colleen, aged 15, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McCafferty and lives in Chicago. She is the granddaughter of Mary and Bert McDonough of St. James.

BEAVER ISLAND

Why do I find the place so dear
And when I leave it brings a tear
'Cause I found everlasting friendliness
And I have experienced complete happiness.

Why do I appreciate the snow that falls
And even appreciate the fight with snowballs
'Cause here there's fun in these special nights
And the snow falls so softly and it's so white.

Why do I strive to see the sun rise
And how do I know I found paradise
'Cause I can see beauty in nature
And even more so, God in every creature.

Why do I walk alone along the beach
And how do I know I've really found peace
'Cause this is a place of Love, I believe
And this is a place I'm never gonna leave!!!

ISLAND PRESERVE: A plea that is often made by visitors to the Island is: "Don't spoil Beaver Island, preserve its beauty!" Surely this would be just great but how can the Islanders answer this request, when perhaps as little as 2% of the land is owned by Island residents? We hope, like all who visit the island, that Beaver Island will remain as much like its old self as possible but as the Island develops many changes are bound to take place regardless of what our desires are.

Here on the island, however, we have a distinct advantage over any area on the mainland and that is that we have other islands. The Michigan Department of Conservation owns Hog, High and practically all of Garden Island, thus assuring the public that these areas will not be commercialized. High Island, deemed the most beautiful of the Beaver group, has the promise of the State of Michigan, that its natural beauty will be left unmolested, other than clearing existing hiking trails. Throughout the years High Island has been the site of logging operations, cattle grazing and cultivating crops. Nearly all of man's marks have grown over now and with each passing year it gains in beauty. This, perhaps, will soon be about the only untouched frontier in the entire state and its remoteness alone is its best protection. Actually very few people visit its shores each season, yet facilities are available to those that are seeking a remote campsite. By facilities, we mean there is a hand pump and outside john. If it were readily available the whole scene would be spoiled. The Conservation Department maintains a small dock on the north eastern shore of the Department's own boats, but can be used by the public to load and unload from. This little spot of paradise is relatively unnoticed now but as time goes on and the north country becomes more sophisticated, the value of High Island will grow.

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 GOOFED ON PAGE 5 - HERE IS RALPH RUTT'S NEW ADDRESS:

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