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After a cold and wet beginning, summer has finally come to the Island and with it many boat loads of summer visitors. With such a slow beginning this season will hardly set any records, but the past three weeks have been pretty near perfect for all outdoor activities.

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

High temperature 77 degrees on the 26th.
Low nighttime temperature 36 degrees on the 22nd.
High 5 P.M. temperature 72 degrees on the 27th.
Average high temperature 63.7 degrees.
Average low temperature 45.2 degrees.
Average 5 P.M. temperature 57 degrees.
Total rainfall for month 7.54 inches.
Total precipitation since Jan. 1st (including snow) 16.8 inches.
Fog occurred on 3 days, rainfall on 15 days.
Temperatures in 50's for 8 days; in 60's for 18 days and in 70's for 4 days.
A short summary of weather would be rain - rain - rain ----

GAME NEWS: Fishing has been excellent for the most part this month. Great Lakes Charter Service, out of Charlevoix, have displayed some fine catches of small mouth bass from the rocky coves of Hog Island. Large catches of cadice flies dampened fishing for about five days, but their appetites are now getting back to normal. Calm weather has been a great help in recent weeks, allowing fisherman freedom to explore new areas.

Apparently our fawn crop is of notable size this year for seldom is a trip made around the Island without seeing a doe with one or two speckled fawns in tow.

WINTER PLANS: The Beaver Island Snowmobile Club is already formulating plans for the coming winter. Beacon reader's remember the many outings described in last winter's issues. This year we would like to include more people in some of the fun. Those interested will want to keep in mind the last week-end in January and the first week-end in February. There will be plenty of action and abundance of fun but it will be important to get an accurate count of how many will want to take part, so the final plans can be made early, thus assuring accommodations and transportation for all. This, of course, will include young and

old alike and the more the better. To see all of Beaver Island in the winter is truly a thrilling experience. Those who feel certain they can make it either or both week-ends, should confirm it with Marge Wagner, Secretary-Treasurer, Beaver Island Snowmobile Club, St. James, Michigan 49782

MEDICAL CENTER NEWS: "A telephone is just a phone until you find out how to use it." The Beaver Island Medical Center through the kindness of the Auxillary and the late Lawrence Garthwaite have a new Cambridge Electro-cardiograph with an Interbase Cable enabling Doctor Christie to transmit a cardiograph by plugging into a telephone. Arrangements have been made to send these to the Coronary Center of Little Traverse Hospital, Petoskey -- there a Specialist in Heart will interpret the cardiograph and advise Doctor Christie as to treatment or travel, how and when. This, of course, is for the cardiac emergency -- the routine physicals or check-up will be taken and the cardiograph will be interpreted here and then sent to Little Traverse Hospital for confirmation by mail. Now all on Beaver Island may have the same diligent specialized care for their hearts as others get in a Coronary Center.

We urge all to contribute to the Beaver Island Medical Auxillary for their great undertaking in this their first year. The President is Mrs. Vernon H. LaFreniere and the Secretary-Treasurer is Mrs. Lawrence McDonough.

4TH OF JULY: This 4th of July was a great success with the Civic Association netting over \$300.00. There were booths set up at the Hall and a lunch of hot dogs and sloppy-joes served. At three o'clock a Parade, starting at the Medical Center, led the crowd to the ball park where a baseball game was played. At dark fireworks were displayed at the water front, which completed a busy day.

HOSPITAL NOTES: Bob Fullerton, of Detroit, was flown to Little Traverse Hospital for appendectomy shortly after he arrived on the Island for his vacation. We are happy to say Bob is back on the Island again, enjoying the rest of his vacation.

OBITUARIES: OSCAR D. (Mac) MC CLINTIC, 71, Five Lake, owner of Mac's Garage on Dickman Road and a General Motors Corporation Truck Sales and Service Dealer, died Monday, June 16th at the Battle Creek Sanitarium where he had been a patient one week. He had been ill about two years. He was born in Greensbury, Ind. and went to Battle Creek in 1923. He worked for the government building specialized trucks during W. W. I. He previously owned a garage on the site of what is now Michigan National Drive-In Bank on W. Van Buren St. He is survived by his wife, the former Mrs. Verna Rinchart, a daughter Mrs. (Mona Marie) Hansen of San Jose, Calif. and step-daughters, Mrs. Gerald (Dorision) Lake of Battle Creek and Mrs. Louis (Betty) Jackson of Battle Creek Township. Services were held at the Royal Chapel, June 20th at 10:00 a.m. The Rev. Dr. George Seifert of the Lakeview Baptist Church was the clergyman. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery, Battle Creek Township, Michigan

MRS. MARY JOHNSTON: Mrs. Mary Johnston, a former resident of Beaver Island, died Sunday, July 6th, in Detroit. She is the former Mary Johnson and left the Island 50 years ago to move to Detroit. Her body was returned to Beaver Island Wednesday, July 9th for a funeral Mass at St. James Church on Thursday, July 10th, morning. She was buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, with Father Louis Wren officiating at the services. She is survived by a son Leonard Johnston of Grosse Pointe, a brother, Peter Johnson of East Jordan; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

MRS. LAWRENCE (ELIDA) ELLIOTT: Services for Mrs. Lawrence (Elida) Elliott, of Boyne City, 67, who died July 10th at Lockwood-MacDonald Hospital were held Monday, July 14th from the Stackus Funeral Home. Rev. Raymond McBratnie officiated and interment was in Maplelawn Cemetery.

She was born Elida Peaine, May 1st, 1902 on Beaver Island. In 1920 she married Emmet Duley, who died in 1929. She married Mr. Elliott in 1945 and he died in 1967. Survivors include two sons, James Duley, of Mancelona and Charles Duley, of Indian River. One brother, Jacob Peaine of Wisconsin and a sister, Lissa Compo, of the Upper Michigan Peninsula.

MRS. PHYLLIS (BILLIE) EVANS: Mrs. Phyllis (Billie) Evans, 55 passed away at Little Traverse Hospital on June 29th following a long illness. She was born in 1912 in Ann Arbor, Michigan, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. DePree.

In 1962, the Evans family moved to Beaver Island from Rockford, Michigan. Services were held at the Winchester Funeral Home, Charlevoix, Mich. on Tuesday, July 1st and interment was in the Charlevoix Cemetery. She is survived by her husband, James and two sons, James of Mystic, Conn. and Joseph of Onoway, Michigan.

RENDEZVOUS: On July 12th the Great Lakes Cruising Club held a Rendezvous on Beaver Island, with about 50 boats in attendance. Cocktails were served from 4 to 6 at the Shamrock and at 6:30 p.m. a dinner was served at the Holy Cross Parish Hall by the Women's Circle of the Beaver Island Christian Church. One hundred and nineteen members and guests attended the ham and turkey dinner. A grand time was had by all and we do hope someday again they will return to Beaver Island for another rendezvous.

HOME COMING: Sunday, August 10th is the date for the Annual Homecoming on Beaver Island. The Altar Society has planned a Turkey Dinner, with all the trimmings, to be served at the Holy Cross Parish Hall from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Adults - \$3.00 --- Ages 6 to 12 - \$1.50 --- Pre-schoolers - \$.75 At 3:30 P.M. the Annual Homecoming Parade will be held beginning at the Medical Center. At this time we would like to invite anyone and everyone to put a decorated float, bicycle, etc. in the Parade. Let's make it the best ever.

THANK YOU: Dear Fellow Beaver-Islanders: I wish to thank everyone who has been so good to me in welcoming me to Beaver Island. Special thanks are due to Father Louis Wren for extending to me the use of the Church for my daily Mass until I get the chapel in my home ready; to Bert McDonough, Russell Green and Pete Underwood for helping to unload

the seemingly endless boxes and cartons of "junk" that I have accumulated over the years (I just can't seem to throw anything away), as well as the really heavy furniture and appliances, and to all who have so kindly offered help or assistance in any way.

So far, the peace and quiet has been everything that I hoped for, and I look forward to each new day. I even have part of one barn rented to Henry Allen, for storage of laundry equipment and that little income will help with my expenses.

Thanks again to everyone. I shall keep you all in my daily Mass and prayers.

Father Edward G. Donahoe

BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY: The beaver Island Historical Society will open the Museum July and August from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily thru Labor Day.

We have many more interesting items for the Island people and visitors to see.

Last year we had over 1390 people registered to go through and they seemed very pleased with our collection. Were you one of them?

We are now setting up a room for the collection that Mr. Lawrence Malloy has agreed to place in the Museum. This room is to be known as the Malloy Room, and his collection of over fifty years is most interesting.

We expect pencil sketches of many of the first Irish settlers who came to Beaver Island from Ireland and make their homes here, will be on display soon.

Maybe many of the Island residents have not noticed the new beautiful plaques on the two pieces of ship outside of the Museum and we have a new one that will be installed at the location of the train wreck, where David Chase lost his life on Good Friday, 1907. This beautiful engraving work has been made and donated to the Museum by Aircraft Engravers, Inc. of Detroit, Michigan. The company is owned by Robert M. Birdseye of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan and Robert E. Coe of Detroit, Michigan and through the assistance of Albert Doebler, of St. Clair Shores, who vacations on the Island each year, the plaques have been placed on the above items.

Also, we just acquired an original map of Michigan of 1836, which is now on display.

We would like to ask if there are any women on the Island who could give your Museum 4 hours one day a week or more to assist us in the work, from 12 to 4 p.m. We would appreciate your seeing the Museum President or calling 448-2243. It is a most fascinating experience to see the great collection of interesting items that have been placed in the Museum, and to meet the people who come to the Island.

Why not look around your home and see if you have some items that pertain to the History of Beaver Island and donate or loan it to your Museum for us to put on display.

At the last Board Meeting it was voted that all Life Members would enter the Museum at anytime, free, by showing their Life Membership cards. The Museum attendant will have you register as a life member. All other guests will register, too, and pay the regular donation fee. We do hope every person who lives on Beaver Island will make an effort to visit your Museum this year.

We would love to meet you there.

Sincerely,

A. J. Roy, President

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REMEMBER - HOMECOMING - Aug. 10, 1969

MEETINGS

PELINE TOWNSHIP WILL HOLD THEIR LAST TWO QUARTLY MEETINGS ON AUG. 20, 1969 AND NOV. 20, 1969, AT THE PELINE TOWNSHIP HALL ON THE KINGS HIGHWAY.

GLADYS SCHNAUDIGEL, CLERK

ST. JAMES TOWNSHIP WILL HOLD THEIR TOWNSHIP MEETINGS ON SEPT. 8, 1969 AND DEC. 1, 1969 AT THE MEDICAL CENTER BASEMENT. 8:00 P.M.

MARY MINOR, CLERK

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE BEAVER ISLAND BOAT COMPANY WILL BE HELD AT 2:30 P.M., SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 1969 AT THE HOLY CROSS PARISH HALL, ST. JAMES.

FIRST CLASS

ST. JAMES TOWNSHIP
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