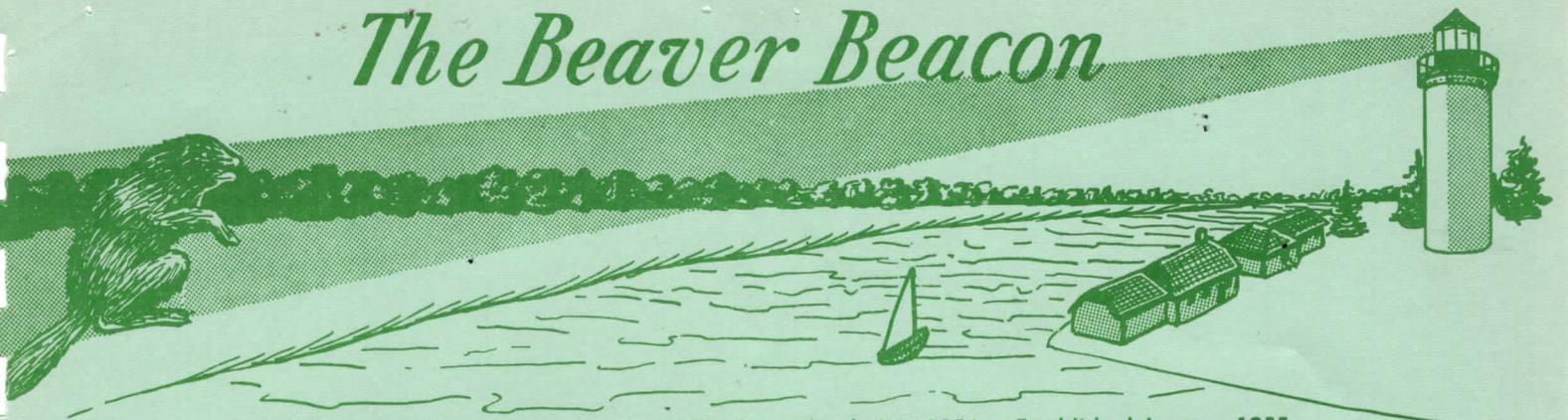
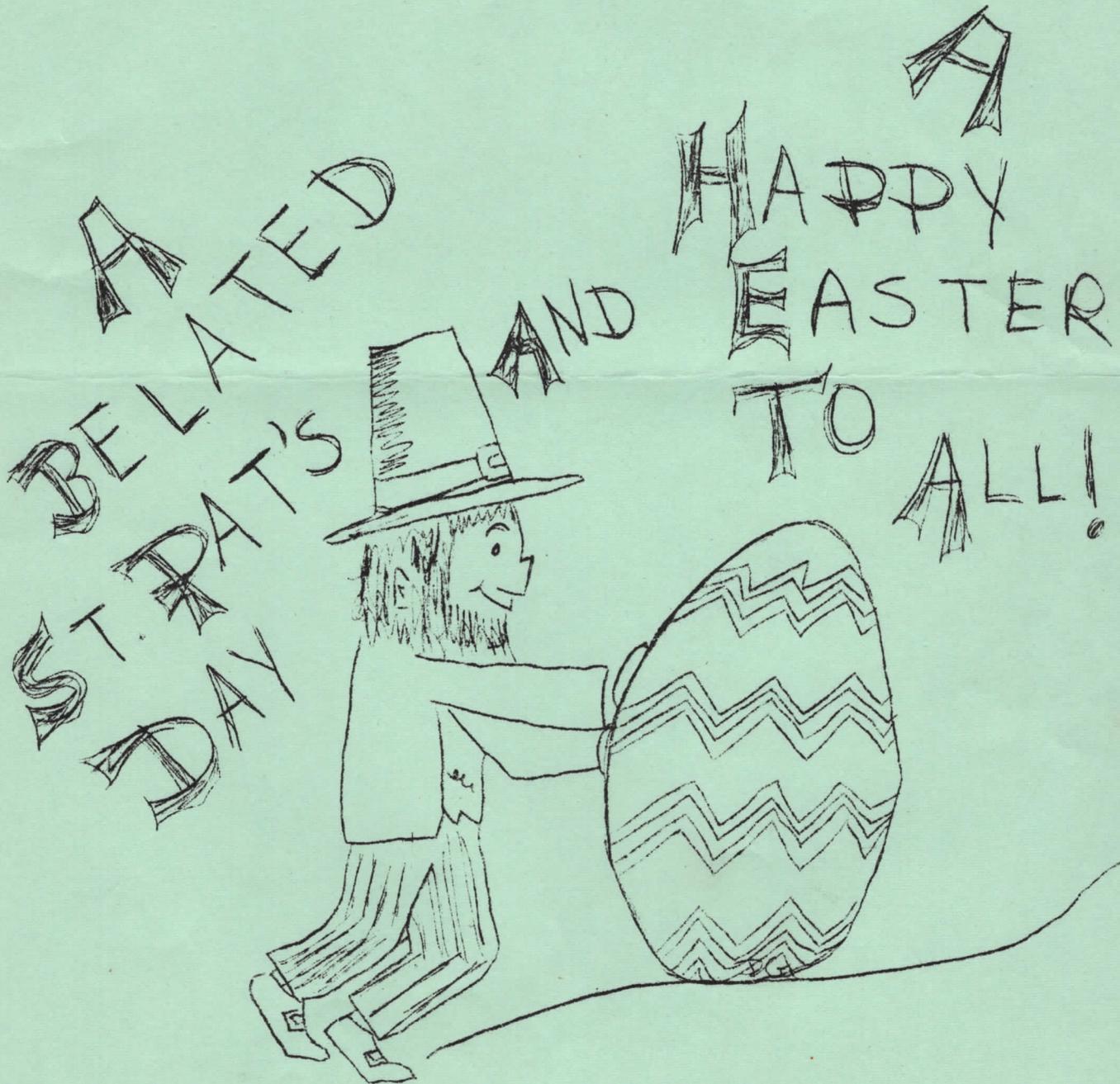


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Can winter really be over? It certainly seems like it is as nature's winter blanket of white is quickly being removed from the Island. March and early April can and do often get in a few last licks so no rash forecasts should be made at this early date but spring cannot be far off.

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

High daytime high temperature was 35 degrees on the 16th, 17th and 22nd.
Average high daytime temperature was 30.2 degrees.
Low nighttime temperature was 1 degree on the 13th.
Average low nighttime temperature was 12.8 degrees.
High 5:00 p.m. temperature was 33 degrees on the 10th.
Low 5:00 p.m. temperature was 25.2 degrees.
Snow fell on 7 days.
Total snowfall 5.5 inches.
Total precipitation, including snowfall, was .39 inches.
Temperature in the 20's for 10 days.
Temperature in the 30's for 18 days.

GAME NEWS: This, of course, is the interim period for game hunters or fishermen. Island rabbits can once more breath a sigh of relief after a season that left their numbers very little reduced and with rabbits this has never posed a serious problem.

Ice shanties are being put away until another try next year with the hopes of much better fishing.

With the snow quickly disappearing, the deer are leaving their winter yards in excellent condition.

With very little ice on Lake Michigan this winter, spring seems to be just around the corner.

ST. PAT'S DAY: On Beaver Island, St. Patrick's Day is proclaimed a holiday and suddenly the Island's entire population is Irish. The Holy Cross Church sponsored a bountiful and delicious meal at the Hall, after which various age groups of school children put on a show of Irish dancing. A hearty word of congratulations should certainly be extended to Mrs. Rhea Christie and Mrs. Jean LaFreniere for their efforts in teaching and working with the children who put on the performance. The remainder of the day was celebrated with song, refreshments and an all round good time. The following day, St. James was very quiet, however.

SUNDEW VISITS ISLAND: Islander's were mildly surprised to see the U. S. Coast Guard Icebreaker, Sundew, enter the mouth of the harbor on the morning of March 18th. Their mission wasn't to break out the harbor, however, but to bring supplies and fuel to the Lighthouse for another season of navigation. Actually, it has been four years since the Coast Guard has had to break out the harbor.

ST. PATRICK'S PARTY IN CHICAGO: The Annual St. Patrick's Day Party was held on March 8th at 8:00 p.m. at St. Kevin's Church Hall in Chicago. Rev. Father Bernard Schied is the pastor of St. Kevin's Church.

Approximately 325 people attended the party, which was a huge success. The Door Prize of \$10.00 was won by Bussy LaFreniere and he immediately donated it back to the fund. Bob Delaney won a Blender and Pet McCafferty won a bottle of V. O. A grand time was had by all attending and the proceeds from this party will come to Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island.

Attending from the Island were Mr. J. L. Malloy, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wojan, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Green, Colleen McCafferty, Mrs. Bert McDonough, Marie Connaghan, Mr. Perry Gatliff Mr. Jewell Gillespie with Danny, Robert and Mary.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY NOTES: The first robins were reported being seen this year on St. Patrick's Day by Mrs. Olive Bailey.

On St. Patrick's Day Bernard "Bing" McCafferty, was sweeping out the old McDonough Farm house he is remodeling for his family and as he was gathering up the debris what did he find but a St. Patrick's Medal. How is that for the luck of the Irish!

FORLORN SNOWMOBILES: Since memory allows, nobody has looked forward to spring and warm weather with disdain until the advent of the snowmobile. Now, however, many of this new species are hopefully saying, "maybe we'll get one more blizzard before winter ends". Sounds ridiculous, doesn't it? A new dimension to winter fun has been met with so much enthusiasm that for many winter is no longer a weary period of time, waiting for Spring to happen.

Already plans are being made for next winter, which should contain a mighty full schedule. Another year, there should be at least eight more machines plus rental units available. The Beaver Island Snowmobile Club will be holding meetings and planning events until once more, snow will add the necessary ingredient to put the plans into action.

HOSPITAL NOTES: Eddie Connaghan, son of Mrs. Rose Connaghan, was at Little Traverse Hospital for a check-up.

Linda Wojan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wojan, was at Little Traverse Hospital for a check up.

Mrs. Joseph (Bid) Sendenburgh has been confined to her home for the past three weeks.

Clara Schmidt has been in a Midland Hospital, but is now recuperating at her daughter's home.

Mrs. Elvira Supernaw is a patient in Little Traverse Hospital.

Nonie Gallagher suffered a broken wrist, but is now recuperating at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chick Gallagher in Charlevoix.

Archie Minor has returned to the Marine Hospital in Detroit where he will have his foot piece refitted. When he arrived at the Hospital he found that two other Islanders were patients - Ed Boyle and John "Tight" Gallagher.

There was quite a Beaver Island gabfest the second night when Cornell Gatliff and Jack Connaghan came to visit the three patients.

Arlene Napont was at Little Traverse Hospital for a check-up.

BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. John Rapson (Susie Sendenburgh) of Eaton Rapids, announce the birth of a son, Stephen Patrick, on February 5th. Mrs. Marie Sendenburgh is the happy grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Halloran (Mary Malloy) announce the birth of a daughter, Colleen Frances, born February 13th and weighed in at 8 lbs. 13 oz. Lawrence Malloy is the proud grandfather.

SERVICEMEN'S NEWS: Ernie Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Martin, was discharged from the Armed Forces, on March 7th at Fort Carson, Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are visiting his parents on Beaver Island at this time.

WEDDINGS: PISCHNER - CAMPTON - Wedding bells for Mary Elizabeth Camp-ton and Richard Pischner on February 15th at St. Gregory's Catholic Church, Phoenix, Arizona at a 12:30 p.m. Nuptial Mass. Richie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elston Pischner former residents of Beaver Island and the nephew of Mrs. Rita Gillespie.

FOGG - ALLEN - Wedding bells for Patricia Elyse Allen and Michael Fogg on February 15th, at a 12:30 p.m. Nuptial Mass at St. Thomas the Apostl. Catholic Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Patsy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Allen of Ann Arbor and Beaver Island and Mike is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fogg of Holland and Beaver Island.

BEAVER ISLAND MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY: The Beaver Island Medical Center Auxiliary has been meeting regularly at 8:00 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

At the present time our goal is to install a Monitoring Electro-Cardio-Graph which will plug into the telephone to a Coronary Center either at Petoskey or Traverse City.

Dues are \$1.00 per year and \$1.00 each meeting for Active Members. Honorary Memberships are \$5.00 per year.

If you are interested in joining this Auxiliary, please send your name address and check to the BEAVER ISLAND MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY, % Mrs. Lawrence McDonough, St. James, Michigan 49782.

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DOMINICAN SISTER'S OPEN HOUSE: Now that they are comfortably situated in their new home, the Dominican Sisters held Open House for the Islanders, Sunday afternoon on the 23rd of March. The new seven bedroom Convent, located toward the beach from the Church is truly an asset to the Community. A project that appeared to be impossible at first; but once more proved there is still generosity in this old world, the Convent rose from the plans of Richard Stromberg, contracted by Walter Wojan. Islanders who had not seen the interior before were amazed at the beauty of the finely appointed and equipped building.

Coffee, punch, donuts and cookies were served by the Sisters during the affair.

Later in the season another Open House will be held so others may see the end result of a noble effort. The tentative date for the Dedication is May 31st.

To clear up the remaining balance on the building, there will be a big Auction held on the 28th of June, in Beaver Haven's storage building. Those having articles to be donated or those looking for items to buy will want to keep this sale in mind.

OBITUARIES: MRS. A. M. DRESCHER - Mrs. Anna M. Drescher, 84, passed away Monday, March 10th at the Charlevoix Hospital where she had been a patient for two weeks.

She was born Anna Greene on Beaver Island, September 30, 1884 and went to Chicago, Ill. as a young woman. She married Paul Drescher there in 1926. He preceded her in death in 1957, in Chicago and she returned to Charlevoix to make her home.

Mrs. Drescher was a member of St. Mary's Church.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Andres Gallagher, of St. James and a brother, Edwin Greene, of Charlevoix.

Funeral services were held at the Winchester Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 12th.

Burial will be in the Holy Cross Cemetery, St. James, in the spring.

CLYDE DICKENSON: Word has been received of the death of Dr. Clyde Dickenson of Wayland, Michigan. Dr. Dickenson has been coming here for many years and is well known to the residents of Beaver Island.

ROBERT H. JONES: Robert (Bob) H. Jones, of East Lake, Michigan, passed away February 21, at the Mercy Community Hospital. He was born Jan. 2, 1915, in Henry County, Ohio, and moved to the Manistee area in 1926. He attended the Homestead Community Church at Honor.

Surviving are his widow, Genevieve, three daughters, two sons, 17 grandchildren, his parents, his grandmother, and two brothers. Funeral services were held from the Clason and Gar Funeral Home with Rev. Arnold Hardley officiating. Interment was at Hill Crest Cemetery at Harrison.

A memorial has been established for the Gideons' Bible Fund. Bob Jones has been coming to the Island for many years and has a summer home at Look-out Point.

NEW SUPERVISOR FOR ST. JAMES TOWNSHIP: With the resignation of Lloyd McDonough as Supervisor of St. James Township, the Township Board appointed Joseph "Bud" McDonough to fill out the remainder of his father's term. Our Congratulations to you, Bud, and Best Wishes to you, Lloyd, on your retirement and Thank You for a job well done.

MEMORIAL: Mrs. Lawrence Garthwaite, of Coopersville, has generously donated \$100.00 to the Medical Center as a Memorial to her husband. The Garrhwaites have been coming to Beaver Island for 26 years and are very well known to all Islander's. Thank you, Mrs. Garthwaite, for your wonderful gift to us.

NEW RESIDENT FOR BEAVER ISLAND: A gradually increasing hearing loss has forced Rev. Edward G. Donahoe, pastor of St. Luke parish in Flint, and a priest in the Diocese of Lansing since 1940, to retire this Spring.

Fr. Donahoe said the Most Rev. Alexander Zaleski, Bishop of Lansing, has granted him permission to retire, effective with the customary Spring priest assignment announcements in May or June.

Fr. Donahoe announced his retirement at Sunday Masses at St. Luke. He issued the following statement: "For well over 20 years I have been suffering from a gradually increasing hearing loss. It is of the nerve deafness variety for which there is no cure. It has now reached the point where I can no longer continue active pastoral work. At the first of the year, therefore, I requested Bishop Zaleskie for permission to retire on the effective date of the customary Spring appointments next May or June, 1969. He has granted my request. I have purchased a home on Beaver Island in Lake Michigan. Minor alterations will make one room into a Chapel where I can offer Mass daily. While doctors give me no encouragement, I retain the hope that a period of rest there will result in some improvement in my hearing problem. If so, I hope to be able to return to active duty in some capacity more compatible with my hearing loss".

Father Donahoe has purchased the stone house on the corner of the Pogenog Road and the Kings Highway.

SPRING SHORTAGES: Often times the sort of winter just past can be determined by what different articles become scarce before that first boat in the spring.

A little research in this area tells the story.

Island businessmen started into the winter with ample supplies of just about everything under the sun that is needed to function in a normal fashion through the long winter months.

Strangely enough, one of the first items to come up short consisted of picnic supplies - potato chips, paper plates, etc. Then favorite brands of beer dwindled from the stores and bars. Early in March, yeast appeared on the shortage list. Recently another item appeared on the "most wanted" list - Toilet Tissue!

Putting all this information into our computer, we have come up with a picture of Island winter activities.

It appears that a good share of the population spent considerable time on winter outings, which accounts for a drain on picnic supplies and and in freezing weather beverages with alcoholic content are used as a buffer. With beer shortages showing up sales of yeast began to soar. Our studies reveal that yeast is used in manufacturing home brew. Anyone who has indulged in this product can readily understand why the shortage of the last item came about!

WHERE'S THE DRIVER?? A motor vehicle survey has revealed that in 1940 each car on the road contained an average of 3.2 persons. In 1950, occupancy had declined to an average of 2.1 persons per car. By 1960, the average was down to 1.4 persons per car. If we project those statistics to 1980, every third car going by will have nobody in it!

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FOR SALE: 28 ft. Auxilliary Schooner, teak decks and cabin, stainless steel galley, sleeps two. New vinyl on cabin top last year. New foam rubber, upholstered bunks. Complete sail inventory. A real salty character boat with an adventurous past and a promising future for the sailor who wants a ship in a small boat. Priced to sell.

FOR SALE: 18 ft. Lyman Islander. This boat is a natural for fishing or Island crusing and is in mint condition. A new full cover canvas top makes this boat a weather beater. The newly overhauled Chris-Craft engine provides enough speed for skiing and enough economy for lengthy cruises. Priced to sell.

FOR SALE: 16 ft. fiberglass Aluma Craft. This is a new boat with practically no time on the 65 H.P. Mercury on her stern. Fully equipped with an interior like a sports car and a full cover vinyl top, this boat provides comfort with an abundance of speed. This is a buy for a price that would barely buy the engine any where else. Price \$1,500.00.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL - 6 Easter Egg Hunt - Beaver Island Christian Church
26 Trout Season Opens

MAY - 4 First Communion - Holy Cross Church
18 Baccalaureate
21 Jr. - Sr. Banquet
23 Graduation
29 School Ends
30 Bass Season Opens
31 Bake Sale - Women's Circle
Convent Dedication (Tentative Date)

JUNE - 14 Bake Sale - Altar Society and Women's Circle
28 Auction for Convent Fund

JULY - 4 Civic Carnival
19 Bake Sale - Women's Circle

AUGUST 2 Bake Sale - Altar Society
10 Homecoming
16 Bake Sale - Women's Circle
30 Bake Sale - Altar Society and Women's Circle

SEPT. - 2 School Begins

OCT. - 4 Bake Sale - Women's Circle
18 Bake Sale - Altar Society

NOV. - 14 Bake Sale - Altar Society and Women's Circle

DEC. - 14 Christmas Bazaar - Holy Cross Parish Hall
17 Cookie Carnival - Beaver Island Christian Church