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Warm temperatures and dry weather kept the burning index high until the 20th when rains lowered the burning conditions. At the present time the index in moderate and hunters and cabin owners are cautioned to be careful with their fires. Although we had no fires in September with the falling of leaves and ripening of grass and ferns, October could bring a rash of wild fires. Not until the ground is covered with snow will the fire season be over. No killing frosts have been recorded, ferns and grasses are getting ripe and some leaves have fallen. Soft maples and aspens are starting to turn colors now. Give or take a few days the peak color season should be the 15th.

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The latest count of deer taken by bow and arrow, stands a eleven. Not bad considering the relatively few hunters.

**TURKEY SHOOT:** Motgovery Ward's of Petoskey, was host to a Turkey Shoot on October 16th, on the beach at the Beaver Tail Restaurant. Winning first prize of a 30-30 Deer Rifle, was Bob Southern. Second prize of a Bolt Action 22 was awarded to Perry Crawford and a 22 Rifle was presented to Mike Crawford, as Third prize. This is the third year Wards have come to the Island to hold fall and spring sales.

**SERVICEMEN'S NEWS:** Ernie Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Martin is home on a 30 day leave from Fort Polk, La.

The following address has been received for Paul LaFreniere, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon LaFreniere, who was inducted into the U. S. Army on October 3rd.

Pvt. Paul LaFreniere US 54972395  
Co. D. 15th BN. 4th BNE  
1st Platoon  
Fort Knox, Ky. 40121

**GRAND RAPIDS PARTY:** A fine attendance was noted at the Beaver Island Party in Grand Rapids on October 7th and a grand time was had by all attending the party.

The door prize of a two day trip to Beaver Island was won by Mr. Tom Savage of Grand Rapids.

The 50-50 prize was won by Amy Zajakowski, the two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude (Rosie McDonough) Zajakowski, of Chicago. Attending from the Island were Archie and Frances LaFreniere, Dick LaFreniere, June and Lloyd McDonough, Vera and Walt Wojan, Henretta and Perry Crawford with their sons, Pat and Mike, Alice and Erwin Martin, Emmett and Ernie Martin, Clifford Napont, Kay and Curley Hartzell, Rita and Jewell Gillespie with son Robert, Edward Palmer, Nellie and Frank O'Donnell, Winnie and Lawrence McDonough, Mabel Cull, Jackie Martin, Ronald Gallagher, Bill Gillespie, Gale Dillingham and Mary DeVogel.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Bissell entertained Beaver Islander's in their home for cocktails and a pre-party supper before the party.

**BIRTHS:** Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McCafferty announce the birth of a son, Daniel Gerard on October 14th. Daniel weighed in at 9 lbs. 13 oz. and Mother and son are doing fine. Mr. and Mrs. Bert McDonough are the proud grandparents.

**HEARING TESTS:** On Monday, October 16th a mobile unit for a hearing test was stationed at the Yacht Dock Office. Beaver Islander's, over 18 years of age were tested for hearing loss free of charge. This service was brought to the Island through the cooperation of District Health Department #3 and the Michigan Association for Better Hearing and Speech, a member agency of the Michigan United Fund. Approximately 65 Islander's were tested at the unit.

**TRAVELER'S RETURN.** Dr. and Mrs. Haynes have returned to the Island after a trip to Washington State to visit their son. They left on September 7th and returned September 27th with a very interesting re-

port of their travels.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers Carlisle returned on September 30th following a three month tour of the western states. We understand they had a very exciting time on their trip.

PANTRY SHOWER: On October 13th, Friday that is, a Pantry Shower was held for the Dominican Sisters at the Convent hosted by the Holy Cross Altar Society.

A number of games were played and a bouffet luncheon was served to 35 ladies attending.

Our Sisters were presented with many lovely gifts, but the center of attraction was the beautiful Canister Set with a bread box and cutting board attached, that the ladies of the Altar Society gave them. Needless to say, a delightful time was had by all attending.

BIRTHDAYS: This past month two of our lovely Island ladies celebrated their birthday's with their families and friends.

Mrs. Mary "Vesty" McDonough was 88 years young on September 22nd.

Mrs. Nonie Gallagher was 85 years young on September 1st.

A very, very Happy Birthday to you both.

WEDDINGS: GONZALEZ - RICKSGERS: Donna Jean Ricksgers and Conde Gonzalez exchanged wedding vows on Saturday, August 26, 1967 at 11 o'clock Nuptual Mass, Annunciation Church, Detroit. Rev. Arnold F. Schneider married the couple in a double ring ceremony.

Mr. Francis G. Ricksgers gave the bride away.

A Wedding Breakfast followed the ceremony at Buckingham Hall, St. Clair Shores, Michigan. There were 132 guests for breakfast.

The reception was from 7 p.m. until 1 a.m. at Buckingham Hall and there were over 400 guests for the reception.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Francis G. Ricksgers, formerly of Beaver Island, now residing in Detroit. The grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Sendenburgh of Beaver Island, who traveled to Detroit to attend the wedding. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Pearl Gonzales of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan.

The bride wore a floor length full gown of White Chantilly Lace, long sleeves and a chapel train. The wedding gown had a design of sequins and pearls on the bodice and neckline and extending down the front panel of her gown. Her crown was two tiers of crystal with a floor length veil. She carried a cascade bouquet of white carnations, apricot roses and ivy with an apricot rose corsage in the center.

Mrs. Evelyn Murray was Matron of Honor. She wore a light apricot gown of chiffon and crepe with a matching coat and headpiece and carried a bouquet of white carnations, apricot roses and apricot star flowers. The bridesmaids were Mary Ann Ricksgers and Erma Lou Ricksgers, sisters of the bride, Marianne Parisi, cousin of the groom, and Kathy Smith. The bridesmaids wore lightblue gowns with matching coats and headpieces of chiffon and crepe and carried bouquets of white carnations, blue bachelors buttons and blue star flowers. Blue velvet ribbons extended from the bouquets to the bottom of the girls dresses.

Dennis Murray was the best man. Ushers were Joseph A. Ricksgers, brother of the bride, Sammy Parisi, cousin of the groom, James Murray and Robert Smith.

The mother of the bride, Anna Marie Ricksgers wore a dress with a matching jacket in irredescent green, with matching accessories. The grandmother of the bride, Mrs. Joseph H. Sendenburgh, wore a navy blue lace dress with matching jacket and matching accessories. The mother of the groom, Mrs. Pearl Gonzalez wore an apricot dress with matching accessories for the ceremony and a beige dress with a matching coat and accessories for the reception.

The groom, bestman, ushers, father of the bride and grandfather all wore tuxedos with white jackets.

The bride and groom spent their honeymoon in Miami Beach, Florida and are making their home on Lakepointe Ave in Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan. The groom is employed as an Apprentice Die-Maker at Chrysler Corporation in Detroit and the bride is employed as a Secretary for the United Automobile Workers of America, International Union (UAW) at Solidarity House in Detroit.

Those who attended the wedding, formerly of Beaver Island, were Annette Ricksgers, Billy Ricksgers, Susan Ricksgers, Bob and Janice Ricksgers; Henry and Betty Ricksgers; Katherine Ricksgers; Peter and Delores Gallagher; Patsy Gallagher; Mr. and Mrs. James Martin; Billy Pischner; Emmett Martin; Buster and Dorothy Licavolli; Cornell and Ruth Gatliff; Clifford Napont; Danny and Georgie Gatliff; Del and Audrey Belfy; Erwin and Emma Jean Belfy; Desmond and Peggy Irene Currier; Tony O'Donnell; Mrs. Betty Merry; Marie Smith; George and Jenny Russell; Danny Greene; Pat and Burnelle Burke; Leslie, Sue and Scott Russell.

OBITUARIES: MRS. PETER NIELSEN: Funeral services for Mrs. Peter Nielsen, 88, were held on Saturday October 7th at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Rev. Lawrence E. Tenhopen officiated and burial was in Brookside Cemetery.

Born in Copenhagen, Denmark on October 2, 1879, the former Anna Hansen came to Chicago as a young woman. She married Peter Nielsen, in Chicago, in August of 1924.

They lived briefly on Garden Island before going to Charlevoix in the late 1920's.

Mr. Nielsen preceded her in death in April of 1963.

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