

The Beaver Beacon



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With the rush of the summer season over, it is suddenly that time of year when the proverbial cannon ball can be fired down the Main Street of St. James, in relative safety. The pre-fall hush has fallen over the Island as preparation's are made for the hunting seasons to come.

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

For the most part August was damp, wet, rainy and windy. Weather was good for the prevention of Forest Fires, but not too enjoyable for campers and fisherman. Small craft warnings for Lake Michigan were up most of the month. Even the inland lakes were rough and choppy. Average daytime temperature was 73.5 degrees, with a high temperature of 81 degrees on the 6th, 7th, 16th and 24th. Average nighttime temperature was 54 degrees, with a low of 41 degrees falling on the 15th, 16th and 28th.

Average temperature at 5:00 p.m. was 68.1 degrees. Rain fell on 9 days of the month with overcast on several others. Fog occurred on 7 days, 5 lightning storms, and hail recorded on the 6th.

Rainfall for the week of the 18th was 5.87 inches with a total rainfall of 8.10 inches for the month.

2.5 inches of rain fell between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on the 22nd. 4 storms occurred during the month with a rainfall of over 1.5 inches. Although most of the month was wet and windy, it was comparatively warm. Daytime temperatures were in the 80's for 4 days; in the 70's for 20 days and in the 60's for 7 days. Nighttime temperatures were in the 60's for 10 nights; in the 50's for 10 nights and in the 40's for 11 nights. 5:00 p.m. temperatures were in the 70's for 11 days; in the 60's for 19 days and in the 50's for 1 day (59 degrees).

GAME NEWS: with the early small game season already in progress, fishing is gradually slipping from the limelight.

Some partridge have been taken at this writing but with no leaves down yet, it takes a mighty fast gun to score.

The Conservation Department reports that on High Island, partridge are being flushed at the rate of five an hour. Garden Island should be nearly the same but perhaps the cover is heavier.

At this writing, no deer have been taken by bow and arrow, but hunters seem well satisfied with the number of deer they have seen. This past week included a big event for one un-named angler who landed a 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ pound small mouth bass, while fishing in Lake Geneserath. This is the largest we have had reported this year.

PLAY BALL! With the Detroit Tigers making their big pitch for the pennant this year, ardent Tiger fans on the Island took off to cheer them on to further victories. Lawrence McDonough and his sons, Kevin, Joe and Gary, Bud McDonough and his boys, Tim and Tom; Archie LaFreniere and his sons Mark and Alvin along with Danny Gillespie, make up a sizeable rooting section.

They attended the games played on September 16th and 17th.

SHIPWRECK SALVAGE: The many old shipwrecks around the Islands have drawn the interests of many skindivers, in recent years. One of the first to collect artifacts from these wrecks, is Jim Sawtelle, of Charlevoix. Jim originated the idea of manufacturing furniture from the heavy oak planks of old vessels and these items bring premium prices for their originality, but there are other reasons for these prices that don't show in the particular article being sold. For three years Jim has been trying to salvage the remains of the "Milwaukee Belle", sunk off Iron Ore Bay, at the southern tip of Beaver Island. In this period of time there now is more to be salvaged than there was to begin with. Three years ago wind and sea put his tug on the beach, where it was pounded by the elements and was finally salvaged by Jewell Gillespie. The following year weather took its toll again with the loss of another boat and two sets of pontoons. This year, Jim towed a hugh set of pontoons, made from railroad tank cars, to the site. Two days later this outfit, too, was on the beach. Meanwhile, the "Milwaukee Belle" remains well established in her watery grave. Eventually, of course, her bones will be distributed in living rooms in many homes but the price will be high.

CONVENT BUILDING: The sister's Convent is now getting close to the closing in state as Walt Wojan and his crew are taking advantage of good weather while it lasts. From all appearances, this will be a fine building and a real reward for all the efforts and help that is going into it. All of the funds haven't been raised yet, but at least the goal is getting a whale of a lot closer.

OBITUARIES: LAWRENCE E. GARTHWAITE - Lawrence E. Garthwaite, 64, of 631 Center St., Coopersville, Michigan passed away Thursday afternoon, July 4th, at the Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital after a long illness.

Mr. Garthwaite was born January 20, 1904 in Indiana and married Nellie Beers March 26, 1926 in Coopersville. In 1935 he began the operation of Garthwaite's Trophy Room, which he owned and operated until his death.

Always interested in the youth of the community, he was instrumental in the organization of the Bantam League and worked hard in the construction of the field which has been recently renamed in honor of him --

The Lawrence E. Garthwaite Rotary Memorial Field. Surviving are his wife, Nellie; one son, Richard of Coopersville; two grandchildren; his mother, Mrs. Ida Turner of Grand Haven; five brothers and one sister.

Services were held at the Throop Funeral Chapel, on July 8th at 2:00 o'clock, with the Rev. Lawrence Doorn officiating. Burial was in the Coopersville Cemetery.

The Garthwaite's have been coming to Beaver Island for over 25 years hunting. Their son did miss two years, while he was in service, but otherwise always joined his parents. Lawrence Garthwaite will be missed, indeed, on Beaver Island. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his family.

SCHOOL DAYS: With summer over it also means back to school for a sizeable list of alumni of the Beaver Island School.

Bill Gillespie left for his third year at the Chicago Art Institute.

Bill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Gillespie.

Ed. Wojan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wojan, is now back for his fourteenth year at the University of Detroit.

Pat Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Crawford returned to Ferris State College for his second year.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McDonough will have two sons in College this year. Joe McDonough, also, has headed for Ferris to enroll as a Freshman, and his older brother, Gary, has headed back to California to attend an Electronics School.

Gary Earley is now in the Capitol City attending the Lansing Community College. Gary is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Earley.

Phyllis Gregg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Gregg, is all packed up and ready to leave for her second year at Grand Valley State College, near Grand Rapids.

For a community as small as Beaver Island, we are proud of the substantial number of graduates that go on to further their education. The Best of Luck to all!

SERVICEMENS NEWS: Jack Martin, son of Mrs. Ada Martin, is home on a 20 day leave from the Air Force. Jack is to report into Oscoda Air Force Base after his leave.

The following new addresses have been received.

SA Ronald J. Gallagher

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Hawaii 96756

SNQM Arthur R. Gallagher

U.S.G.G. Cutter Spencer

Governors Island

New York City, N. Y.

PFC Francis E. Martin

2511 W. Uintah - Apt. 5

Colorado Springs, Colorado

HOSPITAL NOTES: John A. Gallagher was a patient in Little Traverse Hospital in Petoskey.

Jim Evans is in Little Traverse Hospital in Petoskey.

Mrs. Bob (Isabel) Southern was a patient in our Medical Center following an accident on their tractor. Isabel was driving their tractor and it tipped as one wheel dropped into a hole, pinning her against their house. Isabel suffered multiple fractures but no internal injuries in this crushing accident and is now recuperating in her own home.

THANK YOU: The Altar Society of Holy Cross Church would like to thank each and everyone for the help received at the August Dinner. The Homecoming was a huge success and this was possible due to the many people who donated their time and services. Thank You.

MEDICAL CENTER NOTES: The Medical Center has recently acquired an Infant Incubator with the Dr. H. B. Haynes Memorial Fund.

A new bathroom is being added to the facilities at the Medical Center with the work being done by Bing McCafferty.

An Auxillary of the Beaver Island Medical Center is in the process of being organized and by next month full details will be available.

SCHOOL NEWS: Beaver Isld Community School opened a school year with an all time high enrollment of 78. We welcome the new families---McCafferty's, Deur, Underwood, Solle, Nugent, Connaghan and Martins.

Our grade school students will have the advantage of Music, Art, Science and some Social Studies on Educational TV again this year. Grades 4 - 8 will also be taking Music through the University of Michigan FM Radio Program.

Our High School Students have the opportunity of English, Chemistry, Algebra I and II, Trigonometry, World History, American Government, Mechanical Drawing I and II, Typing I and II, Business Math, Bookkeeping and Sewing. The ninth and tenth grade boys are also learning some of the basic Mechanics techniques through a supervised self-study course. It was brought to the attention of the Faculty that the Science Lab was not in use last year. I would like to say that some of the science equipment was purchased with federal monies--not completely financed through state aid and local tax money. The Science Lab was used last year as fifteen of the 24 high school were engaged in a Biology course and the whole school took part in some of the extra things the high school students did. Some of the high school lab equipment was also used in the grade science courses as we do not see the need for maintaining two separate sets of equipment. The second accusation that fell upon the ears of the Faculty was the fact that we do not teach the correct subjects here. Upon consulting with the County School Office in Charlevoix last week, it is Michigan School Law that we teach United States History, American Government, along with something of the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and communicable disease. The rest of the requirements for graduation are up to the local school authorities. We here at Beaver Island require 4 years of English, 4 years of Social Studies, 1 year of math and 1 year of a lab science. We require 16 credits for graduation as do most high schools--and 10 of these 16 credits are the compulsory ones. The other six are electives on the part of the student. If he has some particular needs, we have been most co-operative in arranging for correspondence courses or some type of self-study course. I really don't feel that the accusation was made, or could even be made, by anyone who really knows what goes on up here. I would also like to mention that the entire faculty spends six to eight weeks in summer school, keeping abreast of what is new in education. Accordingly, we feel that do have some knowledge of what these students need for success in future life. Two years ago, we had a graduating class of 5 and 2 of them went on to college. They are doing well and had no trouble being admitted from not having had the correct subjects. Last June, we had 4 graduates and 2 of them are going on for further education--again, not any trouble getting admitted. Just last year, a number of teachers at the County Teachers' Institute told me that they

know many small high schools that are not doing what Beaver Island is doing. Again, at Western Michigan University this summer, many secondary school principals reiterated the same thing to me when I told them what we offer for the number of students we have here. Maybe we don't have a supervised athletic program, or shop program, but we do take care of the essentials, don't we?

Respectfully submitted,

Sister Rita Wenzlick, Principal

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