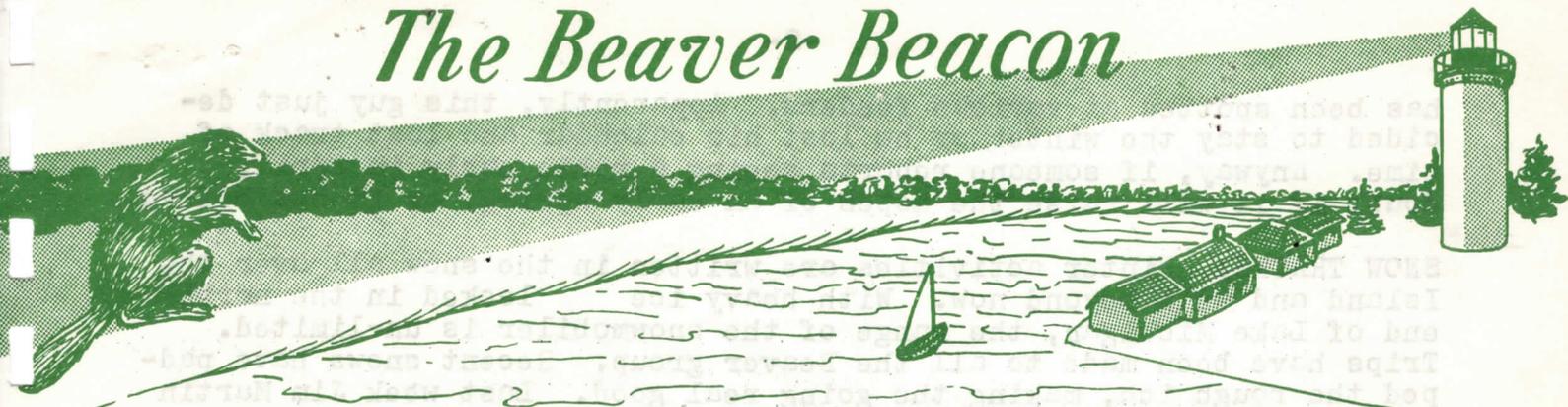


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Snow, snow and more snow, is making this a winter to remember as an old fashioned one. Many fences are completely covered and trees are heavy laden, giving the Island a well upholstered look. Someone has said, "It'll take two summers to melt this stuff". However, the Island doesn't really suffer under the load, actually it makes pretty good insulation.

GAME NEWS: Again, there is little to report in this area for winter fishing. Bud Roach, of Battle Creek, did spud a hole in Barney's Lake last week-end and scored with a stringer of blue gills. Fox Lake has been tried but other than a few bites, no trout were brought in.

On a recent snowmobile safari, one big gobbler turkey was spotted near Egg Lake and of course hopes are that he will find a hen in the spring. In this regard, a re-planting of turkeys is being considered. If this comes into being, more restrictions will have to be made in regards to hunting them, at least until their numbers are sufficient.

With the deepening snow, the deer are in for a rough winter and an immediate cutting program will begin to supplement their diet. Their numbers are astonishingly low this year, yet coyotes are numerous, making a poor balance.

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

High temperature of 35 degrees on the 4th and 22nd.
Low temperature of -8 degrees on the 30th
Average high temperature 24.2 degrees.
Average low temperature 13.3 degrees.
Average 5 p.m. temperature 19.8 degrees.
High 5 p.m. temperature 34 degrees on the 22nd.
Low 5 p.m. temperature of 6 degrees on the 18th.
Total percipitation for the month including snow 2.57 inches.
Total snow fall since November 65.5 inches.
Total snow fall for January 38.5 inches.
10 day blizzard at the end of the month.

FIRST ROBIN: Last month a report was received from Archie, at the Shamrock, that a robin was perched on the window box at the tavern. Occasionally, objects viewed through the windows, of the Shamrock, from the inside, are somewhat distorted, so we held off reporting it until we had more varification. At last, it has been reported that it

has been spotted at various feeders. Apparently, this guy just decided to stay the winter or he lost his calendar and lost track of time. Anyway, if someone reports seeing a robin early in April, we doubt if it will raise the hopes of an early spring, as it has before.

SNOW TRACKS: Winter activities are written in the snow all over the Island and well beyond now. With heavy ice locked in the north-end of Lake Michigan, the range of the snowmobiler is un-limited. Trips have been made to all the Beaver group. Recent snows have padded the rough ice, making the going real good. Last week Jim Martin and Marcus Martin drove Jim's pick-up truck to Cross Village and continued down state. Actually, for a month or so, we really aren't on an Island for a road can go just about anywhere.

MONSIGNOR GALLAGHER'S CELEBRATION: On February 9th a Mass of Thanksgiving was held at Holy Cross Church and a delicious pot-luck dinner was served by the ladies of Beaver Island immediately following. The party continued with music and dancing until 1:00 a.m. Attending from off the Island were Dolores Pischner, Ann Moore, Bonnie Keie, Mae Coppens, Earl Gallagher and Soupy & Alyera Supernaw. Everyone had a delightful time and all were especially impressed with the improvements that have been made in the Parish Hall.

NEWS FROM MANITOWOC: Rev. John Gallagher, an ordained Deacon has been assigned to St. Andrew's Parish, 1416 Grand Avenue, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, by Bishop Wycislo. Rev. Gallagher has completed all of his studies for the Priesthood and will be ordained a Priest in the near future. He will work with the youth of the Parish, CFM, and other Parish Organizations. He will teach in the school, preach, baptize, take care of marriages, visit the sick, and be available for counseling. In short, he can do everything a priest can do except offer Mass and hear Confessions.

The Rev. John Gallagher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominic P. Gallagher 714 Buffalo St., Manitowoc, Wisconsin and the grandson of the late Mary Gillespie and Philip Gallagher.

BOX SOCIAL: On February 13th a Box Social was held with proceeds going to the Beaver Island Medical Auxiliary. With only 8 boxes for the sale, the grand total was indeed outstanding. The total sum gained from this affair was \$150.00.

I-500: After a frustrating week of storms, and the postponement of the International Snowmobile Races for one day, Bud McDonough, Russ Green and Walt Wojan were finally able to get off the Island and attend the races held at Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan. If everything goes as planned, an even larger group will attend these races next year.

HOSPITAL NOTES: Mrs. J. C. (Dora) Sutton is a patient at the University of Michigan Hospital, Room 58339, undergoing Cobolt treatments.

Murray Wanty has also been in the hospital with pneumonia and some heart damage. His address is 2106 Carhart Ave., Ann Arbor, Mi 48104.

Joan LaFreniere, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie LaFreniere was a patient in Little Traverse Hospital for a check-up.

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GOVERNMENT DAY: On Monday, February 22nd, the three Seniors of Beaver Island attended Government Day in Charlevoix.

Frank Solle, son of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Christie wrote his entrance examination for North Central Michigan College on Saturday February 20th.

Tony Connaghan, son of Mrs. Rose Connaghan and Danny Gillespie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Gillespie, will go to Big Rapids to write their entrance examinations for Ferris.

FLYING CLUB NEWS: On February 16th Bill Welke spoke to the Petoskey Kiwanians at Stafford's Bay View Inn about the Beaver Island Flying Club. Keith Lamkin, 4-H agent, and Bill Welke presented slides and a talk on the activities of the Island 4-H group. In March the same program will be presented to the Charlevoix Kiwanian Club.

To help the Flying Club, Petoskey and Charlevoix Kiwanians bought \$150 worth of special books to provide a formal program for the group. Rod Phillips of Phillips Flying Service, is also helping by providing training film strip and a projector at only a fraction of the cost. The Beaver Island Civic Association provided the necessary funds for the projector rental.

On February 26th, a Hayride was held to raise funds for the Flying Club. Bill Welke provided the tractor and wagon and following the hayride refreshments were served at the Russell Green residence. The evening was a whoppin' success with about 60 young people attending.

EARTHQUAKE NOTES: Buddy Graham, brother of Ted Graham and Ruth Floyd, former Island residents, was a patient on the 7th floor of the Veteran's Hospital in San Fernando Valley, California, when the earthquake struck. He was not injured as were many on that floor. Following his release he returned to his home in Sun Valley. His daughter's home was demolished in the same earthquake.

BOO BOO'S: In the last Beacon we announced the birth of Jamie Keith but neglected to give Colleen and Buddy's last name. We apologize and here is the correction.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph "Buddy" Martin announce the birth of Jamie Keith, on January 21st. Jamie weighed in at 8 lbs. 4½ oz. at the Beaver Island Medical Center. The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bing McCafferty (their first grandchild) and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin. The very proud great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bert McDonough about their first great-grandchild.

On Saturday, Feb. 27th Jamie will be baptized with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kubic, the former Donna McCafferty, as sponsors. We are sorry about the mix up and our very best wishes to all.

ESCAPADE ON ICE: Wednesday, February 24th was set aside for a group trip to Cross Village and back to the Island before nightfall. The day dawned bright but a layer of fog kept visibility at a minimum while machines and operators made ready and met at Russ and Joy Green's. At 10:30 a.m. it was decided to start, for the fog was beginning to clear. Eleven machines lined up and headed out, Russ Green, Dick LaFreniere, Archie LaFreniere, Walt and Vera Wojan, Sheldon and Bea Parker, Bob McGlocklin, Father Herbert Graf and Phil and Lil Gregg, made up the party that headed across to Garden Island, and then to Hog Is-

land.

By the time the east end of Hog Island was reached, the fog had lifted enough that it was decided to continue. A rest stop at Grey's Reef Light put our goal within easy sight. The ice breaker "Mackinaw" had passed through the channel two days before, so a careful check of its path was made before crossing. From this point it was a straight shot to Cross Village.

Upon reaching land, the machines were gassed up and headed down the road $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to the Crow Bar for refreshments and a meal before heading back. Lenore and Bob Winchester, Kate and Homer Brady, Joyce and Jack Erber, Ann Moore and son, Mike, and Capt. Edwin McCann were all on hand to welcome us at Cross Village.

At about 4:30 p.m. we bid our farewells and headed back across the ice. The weather was perfect with no wind and little time was lost in making the return trip. As we rounded Garden Island, lights of snowmobiles coming to meet us came into view. June and Dick DeRosia, Jerry and Carol LaFreniere, Bud McDonough, Joy Green, Bill and Marge Wagner, Isabelle and Joe Brimble and Robert Gillespie came to escort us home. Everyone headed for the Harbor at Beaver Island and a sojourn at the Shamrock where the trip was hashed over a time or two. The trip was deemed an overwhelming success even by the women in the group, and all had a good time.

THE KING STRANG STORY: The King Strang Story is a book recently published by Doyle C. Fitzpatrick, an Island summer resident. The book jacket was designed by the author and the following article is printed on the cover.

"This book, the result of seven years traveling through the soul of James Strang, is the story of a man seemingly propelled toward inescapable doom in an attempt to establish a Great Lakes Mormon Kingdom of God on Beaver Island . . . far out into Lake Michigan. This is not a religious book; the author is not a Mormon; the story is factual.

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The agitated controversy concerning the moralsof James Strang has continued for over a hundred years. Although the controversy still goes on, it has not destroyed his greatness. It is hoped this story will prove he was a worthy nineteenth century American, and the fame he sought he has won."

This book is priced at \$7.95 and published by National Heritage of Lansing, Michigan 48904.

OBITUARIES: COLIN L. CAMPBELL, 54, passed away very unexpectedly on February 9th, at a Pontiac Hospital. He resided at 33 Bellevue, Pontiac, Michigan and was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church. Mass was held in St. Michael's Church with burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. W. R. Campbell, 2 daughters, one son, 6 grandchildren, 5 sisters and 4 brothers. One of his sisters is Mrs. Grace Nackerman.

LOUIS O. MEREDITH, passed away in January at an Orland Park, Illinois hospital following a long illness. His widow, Ruth, will be residing at R. R. 4, Box 313, Traverse City, Michigan, as she is moving to Michigan in April.

CHARLES E. HOMER, age 66, of 532 N. Lindberg St., Griffith, Indiana passed away at St. Catherine Hospital on January 25th. Survivors: wife, Avera Homer of Griffith; children, Dr. John C. Homer of St. John Ind., Mrs. Robert (Pauline) Fishback of Fairbanks, Alaska, Mrs. Wilford (Rae) Hughes of Maplewood, N.J., Mrs. Michael (Donna) Kohn of Beaverton, Ore., David C. Homer of Hammond; sister, Mrs. Leona Guttrich of Salt Lake City, Utah; 17 grandchildren. Funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 28th, at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Griffith, with Bishop Nelson officiating. Burial, Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens, Schererville, Ind.

Mr. Homer retired as vice-president and district manager of Fischbach and Moore Electrical Contracting Inc., in Chicago. He joined the firm in 1958, and remained with the firm on a consultant basis as district manager. He supervised the company's East Chicago office, General Superintendent of mechanical and electric maintenance of Youngstown Sheet and Tube in East Chicago for 28 years, served as chairman of the Association of Iron and Steel Engineers, a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and the Association of Mechanical Engineers, attended Provo, Utah, High School and Brigham Young University, and was a member of the Highland Town Board. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Munster Community Hospital and to L.D.S. Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

BIRTHS: Jennifer Anne Hetherington, 9 lbs., was born to Pam and Mark Hetherington on January 28th in Indianapolis, Indiana. Jennifer Lyn Orebaugh, 7 lbs. 11 oz., was born to Sharon and Roger Orebaugh on February 1st in Anderson, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lockwood are the parents of Sharon and Pam. Mrs. Alice Hetherington and Dr. John Hetherington are the parents of Mark. All of whom have summer homes on Beaver Island. Roger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Orebaugh, live near Anderson, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers W. Carlisle of Beaver Island are the great-grandparents of the two Jennifers.

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