Peace and Joy
Our cover greeting is sent from Martha and George Miller to all the Beaver Beacon Readers. In lieu of Christmas Cards this year, the Miller's made a donation to the Beaver Island Medical Center Building Fund.
Due to a goof by Lil Gregg this greeting was not placed in the December issue and my apologies to all and especially to the Miller's.

With the holidays over and decorations down, the Island is now ready to settle down to winter in earnest. As far as snowfall is concerned, at this writing we are well behind last year but there is much to eat. Intermittent warm and cold weather has made the ice slow to form and the snow undecided as to stay or not. Frank Hackerman pointed out that this is the latest that the harbor has been open and practically free of ice in nearly 30 years.

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

High temperature of 57 degrees on the 18th.
Low temperature of 19 degrees on the 22nd and 23rd.
High 5 p.m. temperature of 53 degrees on the 17th.
Low 5 p.m. temperature of 22 degrees on the 22nd.
Average high temperature was 43 degrees.
Average low temperature was 32.2 degrees.
Average 5 p.m. temperature was 36.7 degrees.
Total precipitation for the month including snow was 3.24 inches.
Total snowfall for the month was 8.0 inches.
2 inches of snow was on the ground at the end of the month.
Total precipitation since January 1st, including snow, is 27.88 inches.

DECEMBER:

High temperature was 44 degrees on the 10th and 11th.
Low temperature was 4 degrees on the 31st.
High 5 p.m. temperature was 42 degrees on the 10th.
Low 5 p.m. temperature was 14 degrees on the 30th.
Average high temperature was 35 degrees.
Average low temperature was 24.8 degrees.
Average 5 p.m. temperature was 30 degrees.
Total precipitation for the month, including snow, was 4.11 inches.
Total snowfall for the month was 17 inches.
Total snowfall since Nov. 1st was 25 inches.
2 inches of snow on the ground at the first of the month - 10 inches on the ground at the end of the month.
Total precipitation since January 1st, 1971 was 31.99 inches.

GAME NEWS: So far, ice fishing is out for there isn't enough ice but perhaps next month we can have a positive report.

Rabbit hunting is running fair to good this year as there numbers seem to be on the increase from the previous few years.

Several members of the Beaver Island Game Club have started on the big task of cutting a large amount of timber to insure a sufficient amount of browse for deer and small game. This project, headed up by Fire Officer Bill Wagner and assisted by volunteers, Bob McGlocklin, Bill Welke, Father Donahue, Sheldon Parker, Buz Anderson and anyone else wanting to help the cause. This "Cut" is being made in the vicinity of Doty's camp and will be a perpetual project. The Game Club has pur-
changed a chain saw to relieve some of the wear and tear on private equipment.

NEW YEAR PARTY: As usual the Shamrock was the site of the annual initiation of the entering of the New Year. It was an especially large gathering with a sizable number of off-Island guests and the dance floor had a real work out. At 11:55 p.m. the Island's 18 year olds entered to state their new rights as adults, so at the stroke of midnight they too entered into the celebrating. In reference to this, the new adults should be commended on their behavior, for they handled themselves well and everyone had a great time. Needless to say, the following morning and the first day of the New Year, things were very quiet in St. James.

SEASON ENDS: The Beaver Islander made its last trip to the Island on December 27th and then returned to Charlevoix to its winter berth. James Gallagher, said that regular winter maintenance has been planned for the next couple months. In the spring the Beaver Islander will be taken to the shipyards for its five-year check by the U.S. Coast Guard. This necessitates removing the craft from the water for complete examination of the hull. He added that no major repairs are anticipated at this time.

During 1971 the ferry made a total of 283 trips and in 1970 it made 291 trips. Mr. Gallagher said that due to the later starting season and at the close of the summer season there were fewer trips which accounted for the fewer trips this season.

He said that there had been no marked increase or decrease in the number of cars and passengers carried this year. Building materials for both new construction and remodeling projects and staple groceries had comprised the major part of the freight loads in December.

He added that a number of snowmobiles had been transported in recent weeks with four included in the cargo on the final trip of the season. With the closing of the navigation season, McPhillips Flying Service based at the Charlevoix Airport by Joseph McPhillips will take over the mail contract and transport passengers, fresh milk, fruit, vegetables, bread and other perishables and small items being shipped by freight to and from the Island until navigation opens in the spring.

ISLANDER PASSES: Funeral services for Mrs. H. Joseph (Bid) Sendenburg 71, who died December 16th at her home here, were held at Holy Cross Church on December 20th at 10:00 a.m. The Rev. Fr. Herbert Graf O.F.M. 'Conv.' officiated. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

The Rosary was recited at the family home on Sunday evening, December 19th.

Born at St. James on January 17th, 1900, the former Bridget McDonald was one of seven sisters in the family of Ella and Raymond McDonald. She was married to Mr. Sendenburgh at South Bend, Ind. on June 25th, 1924, and returned to make their home here on the Island.

Bid was always active in Island affairs and her passing leaves an impressive list of accomplishments. She served as assistant to the Postmaster, William Boyle, for 14 years and as Acting Postmistress for several months prior to Mr. Boyle's death and until Frank Nacker's appointment as Acting Postmaster in 1939. She continued to help Frank as clerk for a few months after his appointment.

She worked for Archie LaFreniere as a cook, serving meals in the Shamrock, many years ago.

She was the first full time employee to work at McDonough's Store and held the job for nearly 20 years.
A job hardly ever heard of anymore, she served many years as midwife and helped bring many Island children into the world. She taught school for awhile at the "Little Red School" at "Greenstone. The "Little Red School" was located approximately on the same site as the Roosevelt School at the corner of the King's Highway and the McEachern Road. The School burned down many years ago. Her kitchen seemed to furnish an endless supply of cookies or fudge to youngsters who considered "Bid" a second mother, counsellor and a dear friend of all who live here. Surviving are her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Francis (Anna Marie) Rickesger of Detroit; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild and two sisters, Mrs. Betty Merry, of Florida and Mrs. Marie Smith, of Northville.

SCHOOL NEWS BY PAM McDONOUGH: On Thursday, December 23rd, a Christmas Party for grades one through twelve was held. Refreshments and candy were taken from the funds of the Student Council. First hour the boys had a terrific football game. 2nd hour the games and party took place and at 12:44 the students were dismissed.

On January 8th many of the High School students turned out for a Tobogan Party. Thanks to the co-operation of all, they had a great time. At 8:30 p.m. on January 7th, a surprise Going-Away Party was held for Michael McGlocklin. The party took place in the High School All-purpose room. Refreshments were provided by the Student Council. The chaperone was Mrs. Colleen Martin. Mike was a student of the Junior Class of '73. The students presented Mike with $25.00 which he spent on a watch and shaving kit.

Anyone wishing to write Mike can get in touch with him at the following address:

Mr. Mike McGlocklin
283 68th Street, S.E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49508

Mike McGlocklin wishes to thank all the students who were involved in his party.

On December 8th a new teacher came to the Beaver Island Community School, Sister Catherine Anderson of St. Joseph in Saginaw. Sister Catherine is originally from Traverse City and has a B.A. Degree from the Aquinas College in Grand Rapids. She has taught school for 15 years and now is specializing in Art.

Welcome!

Sister Margaret Spellman left the Island on December 10th. Sister Margaret has been teaching the grades 1 - 4 on the Island for a year and a half. Anyone wishing to write can contact her at:

Sister Margaret Spellman
479 Shattuck
Saginaw, Michigan 48604

CHRISTMAS GIFT TREE: The drawing for the Christmas Gift Tree was held the day of the Christmas Bazaar on December 19th. Mrs. James (Theresa) Gallagher was the happy winner. The proceeds from the Gift Tree went to the Beaver Island Medical Center.
WINNERS: The Annual Christmas Outdoor Lighting Contest was judged on
December 26th with Mr. and Mrs. Archie Minor and the Circle M Lodge
being the winners.
The Island looked especially beautiful this year with so many decorat-
ing their homes and yards.

NEW OFFICERS: The following organizations on the Island have new of-
cicers for the year.

Holy Cross Alter Society:

President............Madonna McGeever
Vice-President........Rose Connaghan
Secretary.............Skip McDonough
Treasurer............Betty Welke

Beaver Island Medical Auxiliary:

President.............Betty Welke
Secretary-Treasurer, Lil McGlocklin

Beaver Island Civic Association:

President.............Bill Welke
Vice-President........Ed Wojan
Secretary.............Lillian Gregg
Treasurer.............Marge Wagner
Board Members........Joy Green
Mary Minor
Bob McGlocklin
Alvin LaFreniere
Sheldon Parker

Committee Chairmen:
Commerce.............Betty Welke
Beacon.................Sheldon Parker
Game Club.............Alvin LaFreniere

A CHRISTMAS INTERVIEW:

WHAT SANTA BROUGHT TO AN M.D. THIS CHRISTMAS - 1971

I truly can say, many, many Blessings and a few heart aches too, but
really my greatest Christmas since Santa brought me a steam engine at
age 9 -- this was a gadget that I filled with water and then put a wood
alcohol lamp under the boiler to make real steam and the steam produced
enough energy to make a fly-wheel move around. Everything was fine
until I knocked over the wood alcohol and a fire started and the local
fire department had to be called in and I lost my steam engine.
This time I do not think I'll loose my cherished gifts. Actually
since the so called "Almighty Dollar" has been devalued maybe I and
many can be appreciative ofworth while "non-monitory" things.
First I received the beautiful present when our President Nixon signed
into law "the Cancer Eradication Bill". This will enable research
at its highest level to be coordinated to find an answer.
Secondly, three beautiful men of Science in research by the name of
Schallek, Kuehn and Jew have experimental evidence with elecro-enceph-
rograms that emotions are not originated in the cortex of the brain
(the thinking center) but come from the rhinencephalon - the limbic
system. This system is connected with the hypothalmus which mediates
emotional expression via its regulation of autonomic functions.

For the reader I can only say "when you read gospel - you quote gospel"
All this means that no matter how educated you are what you have in your cortex, your emotions are not controlled by it. If this evidence is true than "women's lib" is a farce. We have recognized for centuries that our females have more feeling and emotions than males - thus they will continue as such in our species being a woman, who after puberty has an urgent desire not to marry but to be married to the man she loves because first she desires to be a mother, secondly to gratify the man she loves and last to gratify herself. Women's lib is good only if it gets women their just pay for doing their outside jobs. And with this concept of this unselfish emotionalism of womanhood, maybe in 1972 we can say there is not a theory of "why females go into labor." We might be able to say the hypothalamus of the brain decided it was time for delivery and beckoned its neighbor the pituitary to set off the explosion to produce the "miracle of birth" with all the proper genes from the time of conception. What is physician saying about miracle? It is a miracle - something I do know so well because only God can help at conception with this "gene mix" and only God can give each of us mortals a soul that each of us, is to return to Him at death. So, please, continue to love your parents but also God was there and after all that I do at birth, is "call the signals" and pray that I am doing God's will.

J. W. Christie

ENGAGED: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boyle, of Tinley Park, Ill. and Beaver Island, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Jean to Gary Allan McDonough, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McDonough. The wedding and reception will be August 19th on Beaver Island in Holy Cross Church.

BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Pete LoDico (Sandy LaFreniere) of 510 N. Butler, Lansing, Michigan, announce the birth of a daughter, Nicole Marie, on December 28th. Nicole weighed in at 5 lbs. 2 oz. at St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing.
On Sunday January 9th, Nicole Marie was Christened in St. Mary's Cathedral in Lansing. Sam LoDico and Loretta LaFreniere are her Godparents.
The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. D. Archie LaFreniere of Beaver Island and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dehring of Armada, Michigan.

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SQUAW ISLAND STORY
PART II

Last month we printed the story of the tragedy of Squaw Island as told by Capt. Owen J. McCauley and shortly after, we mailed the December Issue out we received a letter from Capt. McCauley's daughter, Miss Clementine McCauley, giving us details of what happened to her mother while her father was lost.
We are now printing excerpts from her letter so that all Beacon readers may learn what happened on Beaver Island that time.

"Your Holiday Issue of the Beacon arrived today, and much to my surprise and delight, contained the story of my father's trial in the icy waters of Lake Michigan 71 years ago. Somehow, I have a feeling that you are not a native-born son of "The Beavers", and I thought that you might be interested in my mother's side of the story, and what it was like
for her when tragedy struck.

My father Owen Con McCauley married Mary McDonough in June 1899. She was not with my father because she was pregnant with me at the time her doctor advised her to remain at home on the Beavers. On the morning of December 15th, she met John McCann, Captain of one of the fishing tugs, who told her the Squaw Island Light had not been lit the night before. She knew immediately that something was wrong, because the light was supposed to be lit as long as the Keepers were there, even though their time to leave had expired. My father's uncle, "Uncle" Owen Gallager was Capt. and sole member of the Beaver Island Coast Guard Station at the time, and she begged him to go over and see what happened. He tried to talk her out of it, but she was adamant, so he got one of the tugs to take him over there, and, of course, they found the light closed. She was frantic. My father had sent a telegram from Manitowoc announcing his safety but there was no cable to the Island at the time, and the mail boat "Hackett" was unable to cross the Lake from Charlevoix until December 24th, when she received the telegram. Until then they did not know if he was alive or dead. Her brother, Patrick McDonough, left immediately for Manitowoc, and brought him home on crutches. Both his feet were frozen and he was laid up almost all winter. However, he recovered completely and lived to be 89 years old. He died Sept. 14th, 1958 in the Marine Hospital in Detroit and is buried here in St. Joseph, with my mother, who had preceded him in death. I was a principal in an elementary school in a Detroit suburb and he had spent his last few years with me.

Thank you for publishing this factual account which I am sure Dad had given to one Frances Martin who wrote for the Charlevoix Courier. If you have any extra copies of this edition please send me 7 or 8 of them and I will re-inburse you. My two brothers, now deceased, left 7 children who are vitally interested in their grandfather's story. Thanks again, for this, and for all other copies of the Beacon. I do not know many of the names appearing in it since I left the Island after graduating from High School there in 1918, and have only been back for short visits ever since, but I still enjoy it."

We want to thank Miss McCauley for her letter and if any of our readers have information regarding the Island we would appreciate receiving it and would be delighted to print it so all the Beacon reader's could enjoy it.

HOME TO BEAVER

I'm going home to Beaver and I'll
Never leave it more,
And I'll find a bit of heaven
In that cottage on the shore.

Oh, I couldn't wait to leave her,
My whole future in my hand
On my way to fame and fortune

But, I've learned here on the mainland
'Ved the hurry and the strife,
That it's sure a whole lot different
From the peaceful Island life.
For the glamour of the cities
Turn to garbage, speck and muck
And the streets all throng with people
On the run to make a buck,

Much too long now, I have wandered
Down the highways of the main,
I have looked at snow capped mountains,
Cities, built upon the plain.

I have seen the blue Pacific
And the grey Atlantic shore,
I have ridden on the busses
And I've heard the big jets roar.

And the longer that I wandered
And the more that I'd been had,
Only helped to make the mind up
Of a lonesome Island Lad.

So right now my mind is settled,
I have seen and I have done,
I will pass up fame and fortune
And the greatness to be won.

For I'm going home to Beaver,
For I'm going home, and then,
I will get a job with Walter,
And I'll never leave again!

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