JANUARY 1971

The winter scene is firmly set on the Island, as the snow depth has increased and the ice of Lake Michigan is quickly forming further and further out from our shores. Ski and snow machine tracks everywhere indicate there is still plenty of activity throughout the Island.

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

High temperature of 55 degrees on the 1st.
Low temperature of 9 degrees on the 21st.
High 5 p.m. temperature of 51 degrees on the 1st.
Low 5 p.m. temperature of 17 degrees on the 25th and 30th.
Average high temperature 31.4 degrees.
Average low temperature 23 degrees.
Average 5 p.m. temperature 26.7 degrees.
Total snow fall for the month 23 inches.
Precipitation for the month including snow 2.16 inches.
Precipitation since January 1st, 1970, 30.95 inches.
Thunder and lightening during snow storm on the 3rd and 4th.
Damaging winds on the 1st and 3rd.

GAME NEWS: Hopes were high that this issue would report good ice fishing results but so far, even with Perry Gatilff's daily attempts, the perch in the Harbor haven't made themselves known. Even Barney's Lake, famous for its crop of Bluegills, hasn't given up any of its horde. At this writing, no reports have come in regarding fishing in Fox Lake or Lake Genezareth. Perhaps next month the fish will be more cooperative.

Game Club members are keeping an eye on the Island's deer herd and are planning a cutting program, to provide more food for their dwindling numbers. Several mineral blocks were distributed throughout their winter yearling areas this past week. Compared to three short years ago, the deer population is considerably lower, giving the Game Club much concern. Food is the answer that must be solved immediately and efforts are being made in this direction.

The rabbit population is bouncing back good this year, though the number of hunters has been small.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: On December 22nd 6 car loads of young people and a few adults went Christmas caroling. The evening ended at the Circle M Lodge with hot chocolate, cookies and candy for the very cold singers.
MIDNIGHT MASS: The services at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve were enhanced by the Choir being gowned in new coral robes. They sang traditional Christmas hymns under the direction of Sister Rita Wenzlick with Mrs. Walter Wojan at the organ.

HOLIDAY VISITORS: Holiday visitors and college students returning to the Island for the Christmas season and New Year included the following: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Wanty, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wojan, Dr. and Mrs. John Ludwig and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph LaFraniere, Mr. and Mrs. Don Tritsch, the Bruce McDonough family, the John Adams family, Mary, Robert and Bill Gillespie, Carol Ann O'Donnell, the Annan family, Kevin McDonough, Loretta and Judy LaFreniere, Sandy and Pete Lodiico, Doug Southern, the George Miller family, Gail Dillingham, the Don Nelson family, the William Conn family, Kathy Brimble, Phyllis and Ruth Gregg, Cindy Alley, Mary Ann Palmer, Paul Welke and Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Enderson and family. Our sincere apologies to anyone we have missed.

BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Gary "Dock" Huard of Kinross, Michigan announce the arrival of a daughter, Rachel Ann, on Saturday, November 21st.

Coleen and Buddy announce the birth of a son, Jamie Keith, on January 21st. Jamie weighed in at 8 lbs. 14½ oz. at the Medical Center on Beaver Island.

BEAVER ISLAND KIDS START FLYING CLUB by Betty Welke: A new club has been formed on Beaver Island. The young people are putting an eye to the sky while putting their minds to study. The "Beaver Island Flying Club" has a membership of 15 teenage boys and girls. They meet every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in the school under the leadership of Bill Welke, a licensed flying instructor. Club officers are Dan Gillespie, president; Frank Solle, vice-president; Audrey Wojan, secretary; James Wojan, treasurer; Karen McCafferty, commerce secretary and reporter; and Julie Gillespie, public relations. Other members of the club are Jeff McClocklin, Mark Welke, Richard Gillespie, Jim McGafferty, Carl Welke, Laurie McClocklin, Doris Kenwabikese, Tom McDonough and Mike Green. Dues are 25 cents a week and the goal of every member is to be able to "solo".

The club is presently setting up a study curriculum and members hope that through donations and fund-raising activities they can scrape together enough money to buy study materials. But all is not class work for the Beaver Island Flying Club. On the weekend of January 16th several members went aloft in Welk's plane and their instructor hopes that every member can log some "air time" every month, weather permitting.

OBITUARIES: MRS. MARY KURZ GRAF - On Christmas morning Father Herbert Graf received the very sad news that his mother, Mrs. Mary Kurz Graf, of Owensboro, Kentucky, had passed away very unexpectedly. Mrs. Graf, 70 years young, had been in excellent health and had visited her son on Beaver Island this past summer. Our deepest sympathies to the Graf family.

MISS ELIZABETH GALLAGHER - Funeral services for Miss Elizabeth Gallagher, 83, former Island resident, were held Saturday, January 2nd, at St. Patrick's Church in Green Bay, Wis.
The body was returned to Charlevoix where the Rosary was recited at the Wichester Funeral Home Saturday evening. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery here. Born on Beaver Island in January, 1887, she left the island with her family in 1925 to reside in Green Bay, Wis., where she was a member of St. Patrick's Church. Surviving are four sisters, Sister M. Alexandra and Sister M. Leonora of the Order of St. Dominic at Marywood in Grand Rapids, Mrs. Neil D. Gallagher and Miss Grace Gallagher of Green Bay and a brother, Peter K. Gallagher, also of Green Bay. Our deepest sympathies to the Gallagher family.

BEAVER ISLAND CIVIC ASSOCIATION ELECTION: On January 8th the Annual Election was held for the Beaver Island Civic Association. The following new officers and committee chairman were elected and appointed.

President: Bill Welke
Vice-President: Jerry LaFreniere
Secretary: Lillian Gregg
Treasurer: Marge Wagner

Game Club Chairman: Alvin LaFreniere
Activities Chairman: Marie Reigle and Marge Wagner
Commerce Chairman: Betty Welke
Beacon Chairman: Loy Malloy

WEDDINGS: RYAN - BOST: On December 12th, Miss Donna Lynn Bost became the bride of Mr. Richard Ryan in West Frankfurt, Illinois. Mrs. Venda Bost is the mother of the bride and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ryan are the parents of the groom.

WHEATON - KLEINHENZ: Maxine Elizabeth Kleinhenz of Conway and William Wheaton of Petoskey exchanged their vows at the Presbyterian Church in Petoskey at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 16th. Parents of the couple are Mrs. Charles Kleinhenz of Conway and the late Charles Kleinhenz (former Island residents) and Mr. and Mrs. Virden Wheaton of Resort Pike, Petoskey. The Rev. Albert H. Kalkbrenner officiated at the double ring ceremony in the presence of about 80 guests. Mrs. Walter Fairbairn of Alanson played a program of traditional music and the wedding marches on the organ. The Altar had an arrangement of pink and white gladioli and white carnations flanked by lighted candelabras. Given in marriage by her uncle, Lewis S. Kleinhenz of Harbor Springs, the bride chose a floor length empire gown of white satin and chiffon with a finger tip veil held in place by a tiara. She carried a bouquet of red roses, white mums and carnations. The bride's gown was made by her mother. Mrs. Robert Trammell of Grand Marias, Minn., sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. Her dress was a floor length pink crepe gown with white lace and she carried a nosegay of pink and white carnations as did the flower girl, Tammy Dohm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Dohm of Conway. Her dress was a floor length blue crepe. Robert Wheaton assisted his brother as best man and the ushers were James sterly and Thomas Eppler of Petoskey. Mrs. Kleinhenz wore a brown tweed dress with brown velvet trim for her daughter's wedding and Mrs. Wheaton, mother of the bridegroom, wore a turquoise blue crepe with silver sequin trim on the sleeves. Corsages of red roses complimented their costumes.
A reception followed in the Westminster room of the Church given by the parents of the bride and groom. The white wedding cake trimmed with pink roses centered the serving table flanked by pink tapers in silver candelabras and was made by an aunt of the groom, Mrs. Robert Anderson of Pellston.

After a wedding trip to the Upper Peninsula, the couple will reside at Conway. The bride is a senior at Petoskey High School and the groom is self-employed.

HOSPITAL NOTES: Frank Neer is recuperating at his home at 2017 Green Avenue, Detroit, Michigan following hospitalization in Detroit.

John A. Gallagher is recuperating, following surgery, at his winter residence at 107 Park Avenue, Charlevoix.

Bernard "The Bay" O'Donnell has been a patient in a Chicago Hospital.

Mrs. Rae McDonough is a patient at St. Thebesa Hospital, 2615 W. Washington Street, Waukegan, Ill. 60085.

Frank Schnaudigel has returned to the Island after spending six weeks as an "Out-patient" at Munson Hospital while taking cobalt treatments.

SILVER JUBILEE: On February 9th a Mass of Thanksgiving will be held at Holy Cross Church and a community dinner will be held at the Holy Cross Parish Hall to celebrate Monsignor Victor P. Gallagher's Silver Jubilee.

This is the first event to be held in the Parish Hall since the remodeling has been completed.

THANK YOU: "I wish to thank friends and relatives for sending cards during my stay in Little Traverse Hospital - Thank you"

Bridget Sendenburgh

FIRE: On November 24th the small log cabin nearest the East Side Road, of the Cloud Nine Cabin group, burned to the ground. These cabins were formerly known as McDonough's Cabins but are now owned by Franklin Douglas of Kalamazoo, Michigan.


VACATIONS: Mrs. Virginia Rountree has been on an extended vacation to California and Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. V. H. LaFreniere are spending a two week vacation in Florida.

NOT ALL LEAVE, SOME DO COME: We have a number of people who are spending the winter on Beaver Island, some for the first time. Pauline & Lee Coulter, Bob & Lil McGlocklin, Archie Minor, Don & Florence Burke, Dick & June DeRosie, Isabelle & Joe Brimble, Frank Dorich and Al Montague.
17th ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY: The 17th Annual St. Patrick's Day Party is to be held on March 6th, 1971 at 8:00 p.m. for the benefit of Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island. The party will be held at St. Kevin's Parish Hall, 10513 Torrence Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and everyone is welcome. Since this is the January issue of the Beacon another issue for February will be out before the end of the month giving more details of the party. Be sure and plan on attending.

ALTAR SOCIETY ELECTION: On January 12th the annual election for the Holy Cross Altar Society was held. The new officers are as follows:

President: Joy Green
Vice-President: Madonna McCafferty
Secretary: Jo Carlisle
Treasurer: Skip McDonough

Winter, white and cruel, has swept out of the North on the heels of the retreating Sun; he has declared himself King, and sits unchallenged on the high-seat in place of his cousin, Autumn; and has sent his hench-man, the North Wind, to do his will and bind the Earth in a prison of ice.

He sends his tax collectors forth to wrench from the trembling inhabitants of his realm, the age old payment of hunger and privation. Not everything in King Winter's path gives up without a struggle. Small lakes and streams are quickly subdued, but mighty Lake Michigan stubbornly sends her battalions of white-capped breakers to time and again break the icy bonds that the King of the North has forged upon some quiet shore or bay, which had been left unruffled through some starry night while the full moon rode the heavens and Jack Frost worked his magic.

So the battle rages. But even the most valiant must sometimes bow, and little by little the King's cold will is done. His hoary smiths forge the bonds that will imprison our northern sea until a returning Sun brings the maiden, Spring, to melt the cold monarch with her warm caresses, and send him back to the cold darkness from whence he came.

But, until that far off day, old Winter's subjects must make the best of their lot, and each goes about it in his own way. Here, on Beaver Island, faint hearts among the feathered folk have long since fled south, while the species that stay, must work hard and long to fuel the little furnaces that keep them warm through the long nights.

Some, such as the jays, chickadees, nuthatches, and an assortment of woodpeckers, who have found our feeders, greedily make the most of their good fortune.

In the deep woods, each new snowfall records the passing of some furry hunter. As now, with the chipmunks napping in some stump or log under the deepening snow, the squirrel snuggled in his nest in a tree, the hares who flee like ghosts on their hairy snow-shoes, brother fox and brother coyote must travel cold miles to find the hapless mouse or partridge that will keep them strong to hunt yet another night.
Most of the hawks have left, but now and again, we find evidence that the great owl is still with us and has made a meal of some carelessly snow-shoe here.

Most of the deer, as is the custom of their tribe, have drifted to the woods and swamps at the south end of the Island where their fate will be decided later in the season, by temperature and depth of the snow, or by whether or not anyone cuts browse for them in their now stripped yarding areas.

As this goes on, we humans have heaved a deep sigh and settled into the routine of the relaxed season, which will last until spring brings an end to leisure, and starts yet another round of making a living, for the most of us.

But, in the meantime, there's mail to be picked up at the post office when Joe can fly it across from Charlevoix, with a chance to catch up on Island news while Frank Nackerman sorts the mail; stops at Dick's and Bud's stores and more visiting, or at Archie's Shamrock, to learn where the fish are biting, or when we're going to have a coyote hunt; or perhaps just thinking up an excuse to stop at some friend's where the coffee is always hot, and especially at Green's, to sample some of Joy's super-plus cookies.

Not too many days go by without a snowmobile safari. Kids, young and old, band together to enjoy them. Maybe to Sand Bay, or down the west side where we enjoy riding the old railroad right of way that Karl Kuebler brushed out for us this past fall, despite a most severe heart attack suffered last winter. Thanks, Karl, for Kuebler Trail through Paradise Valley!

Safaries reaching Mt. Pisgah at Donegal Bay, usually take a break and some of us have a go at riding our machines to the top. The Cedars at the west end of Barney's Lake offer us shelter from any cold wind, where we build a fire, and enjoy the chili or stew such as only Marge Wanger can make. Other times, we roast hamburgers and hot dogs that, reinforced with coffee plus any amount of cheeses and crackers, are guaranteed to send us on our way at peace with the world. Finally, we get home before dark wondering how people ever got along before the first Ski Doo was born.

On these winter days, we are again mindful that when the Great Planner wrought the seasons, he gave to each its share of charm. When on a whisper still morning the pines and spruces stand, their dark hair turned virgin white with last night's snow fall, and out across the clearing, the smothered junipers form mounds remindful of miniature white sand dunes -- or at evening when the pines and spruces have shed their load of snow and are darkly outlined against the sunset -- or later still, when the moon climbs the heavens and the stars crowd our northern sky -- when the ice is thick on the Bay and the trees crack with reports like pistol shots -- a mortal has to be unappreciative indeed to deny the grace and beauty that envelops our Island Home.

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SNOW FLYS: The end of January was linked with one of the most severe
blizzards this area has had in a long long time. The Island was per-
haps affected less than anyone encompassed with it but never the less
it brought about some interesting events.
Practically an entire week passed before supplies and mail could be
flown in, for drifting now, driven by bone chilling winds kept the
roads and airport plugged solid. With mainland schools closed for a
week, the Island youngsters were just a little bit envious, for they
only missed one day.
The McCafferty and Connaghan families were confined to their homes over Sunday, January 24th, but Father Donahue, using his snowmachine was on hand to hold Mass at the McCafferty home. His congregation also included the men's R & R group.

People throughout the nation were interested in the dog that followed the family from northern Michigan to Detroit, a few weeks ago. We have a similar story here on the Island, regarding Archie LeFreniere's cat.

For the past five years, when the weather would turn fair in the spring, old Tom would disappear into the wilds. For the previous four years, he would return always between Christmas and New Years. This year Archie figured old Tom had met his fate, for the holidays had passed and no Tom. Somehow, Tom had lost his calendar or his age has slowed him down, for this year he was just one month late and arrived on the first day of February. Perhaps the blizzard and below zero weather revived his memory of a warm home and daily hand-outs. Anyway, Tom is now home and is heartily enjoying his creature comforts.

This Beaver Beacon will not reach you until February sometime due to the bad weather and front sheets being on the mainland waiting to be delivered.

At this time it lacks one day of two weeks beginning January 22nd since we have had regular trips to the Island. One trip was made on Thursday, January 25th about 5 p.m., but since then no mail or supplies. Even on that trip to the Island they couldn't bring everything and so our supplies are stock piled at the Charlevoix Airport.

We do have 2 families who were stranded on the Island, while visiting here. Martha and George Miller and Carol and Mike Quartermaine are here and each day think they will be able to leave, but more snow arrives instead.

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