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If the folks we meet would say:
I know something good about you,
And then treat us just that way!

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy,
If each hand-clasp warm and true,
Carried with it this assurance
I know something good about you!

Wouldn't things here be more pleasant
If the good that's in us all,
Were the only thing about us,
That folks bothered to recall!

Wouldn't life be lots more happy
If we'd praise the good we see!
For there's such a lot of goodness
In the worst of you and me,

Wouldn't it be nice to practice
This fine way of thinking too;
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With another year underway, winter seems to be having a hard time deciding just what to do. Reasonably early snows afforded excellent snowmobiling until the January thaw that set records all over the state, reduced the snow cover to nearly nil, brought this activity nearly to a halt. Most of the harbor froze over smooth as glass, providing perfect conditions for skating for about two weeks. Now after that thaw, hopes are high that it will re-freeze again. Winter is fun but without snow or ice, outside activities sure do slow down.

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

High temperature 40 degrees on the 2nd and 31st.
Low temperature 10 degrees on the 13th.
Average high temperature was 33 degrees.
Average low temperature was 23.7 degrees.
High 5 p.m. temperature was 32 degrees on the 27th and 29th.
Low 5 p.m. temperature was 20 degrees on the 14th.
Average 5 p.m. temperature was 27.9 degrees.
Total snowfall for the month was 18.5 inches.
Total precipitation for the month was 1.77 inches.
Total snowfall from January 1st to December 31st, 1972 was 76.5 inches.
Total precipitation January 1st to December 31st, 1972 was 28.89 inches.

GAME NEWS: Reports of pretty good rabbit hunting seem to be coming in quite often, even though the number of hunters compared to previous years, is way down.

With ice conditions in the harbor being a little shaky, Perry Gatliff is anxiously standing by with a large supply of wigglers, hoping soon to spud a hole and get his shanty out. Perhaps by next month we can have a report on whether the perch are in the harbor this year or not. The Dick Burris family, living at Lake Geneserath this winter, report catches of some perch and pike. Using small perch for bait, they have been having a little luck anyway. At one time they lost their bait bucket down the hole, so Dick donned his wet suit and tanks and went under the ice to retrieve it.

BEAVER ISLAND MEDICAL AUXILIARY: Dr. Joseph W. Christy presented a progress report concerning the proposed expansion of the Beaver Island Medical Center to the Medical Auxiliary at its monthly meeting on January 18th. The Constitution and By-laws for the Center has been approved by the St. James and Peaine Township Boards. The Constitution provides for the selection of the Board of Directors by requiring two persons to be designated by each Township Board, one person from the Beaver Island Civic Association and one person from the Medical Auxiliary. These six persons will then select a seventh member. A tentative plan for the addition was presented. This plan includes five additional beds as well as two emergency rooms, plus supporting facilities. At this time the "paper work" required for obtaining funds for the addition is being prepared. Further developments will be reported.

ENGAGED: Mr. and Mrs. Maurice O'Connell of Post Road, Montague, Mich. announce the engagement of their daughter, Patti, to John David Pike, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Pike, Sr., Old Channel Trail, Montague Michigan. The wedding will be May 12 in Montague.

FULL TIME LAW OFFICER: Perhaps some people will be interested in knowing that Beaver Island now has it's first, full time, Law Officer. Bill Welke has been appointed by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department to assume the duties of Deputy Sheriff "year 'round". Formerly, he was retained, full time, 3 months in the summer and part-time the rest of the year, although his duties seemed to stretch much further than that. I'm sure he will appreciate our support.

OBITUARIES: SANDRA LYNN SMITH: Sandra Lynn Smith passed away on Dec. 12th at Mt. Carmel Hospital in Detroit after a four day illness. She was fifteen years old on November 18th. Sandra was the daughter of Rosemary and Harold Smith of Detroit and the granddaughter of Frank and Grace Nackerman of Beaver Island. She is survived by her parents, a brother, Terry, three sisters, Shawn, Shannon and Sharon. Services were held at St. Eugene's Church and interment at Holy Sepulcher. She was a pupil at Ladywood.

PETER JOHNSON: Peter Johnson, 93, died January 22nd at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan where he had been a patient for 10 years. Services will be held at St. Mary's Church, Charlevoix and burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Beaver Island. Mr. Johnson was born August 3rd, 1879 on Beaver Island and was a Great Lakes Sailor. He never married. He was a member of Holy Cross Parish. He is survived by nieces and nephews.

MARY RUTH (GATLIFF) ROBBINS: Mary Ruth Robbins passed wasy January 1st in Detroit. Born on Beaver Island August 30th, 1924, she was the daughter of Tom and Mary Gatliff. She graduated from St. James High School in 1942 and moved to Detroit where she has lived until her death. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth; a daughter, Cheryl and a son, Kenneth, Jr. She is also survuved by her mother, Mrs. Mary Gatliff and several brothers and sisters.

Word has been received of the death's within a month of the Mother's of Mr. and Mrs. Harold "Bucky" Vreeland of Alto, Michigan and Beaver Island. Both Mrs. Vreeland and Gene's mother have resided with them for some time.

ALTAR SOCIETY: The following officer's were elected at the January meeting of the Altar Society.

President - Loy Malloy
Vice-President- Rita Gillespie
Secretary - Skip McDonough
Treasurer - Betty Welke

CIVIC ASSOCIATION: The following new Officer's were elected and Committee Chairmen appointed at the Annual Meeting of the Beaver Island Civic Association.

President - Bill Welke
Vice-President - Dick DeRosia

THANK YOU! Bert and Mary McDonough want to express their sincere Thanks to all who have been so kind and thoughtful during Bert's illness with cards, letters, gifts and goodies to eat, and to our good Doctor Christie, Joy Green and Father Graf.

POST-SCRIPT ON YOUR HOLIDAY LIST: P.S. As this the Greatest Season of the year reminds each of us of The Birth of Jesus, The Prince of Peace, The Birth of A King and The Savior of the World - because Jesus showed us and told us how we could help by merely loving God and our neighbor as ourselves. Now as this grand season, with all of the beautiful Christmas Carols, Cards and Christmas decorations get us into that real Christmas mood, let each of us rededicate ourselves to The Infant in the Crib and to tell God that we are as helpless as a newborn infant without God's Help and Love. To keep that affinity or closeness to God, let each tell God, on awakening each morning of the year -- "Everything I do this day is for the Love and Glory of God." This is not something new but neither is Christmas; yet when you greet a friend, "Have a good day," it will have more sincerity and also "Peace on earth - good will toward men" shall have more of a positive meaning.

Anonymous

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