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HAPPY SPRING!



Longer days and warmer winds are gradually wearing the snow away in preparation for the coming spring. It's been a busy winter and a fun one too, but a change of seasons is still a welcome happening.

**WEATHER:** The Beaver Island Weather for the month of February as reported by Bob Barber.

High temperature of 41 degrees was on the 1st.  
Low temperature of -10 degrees was on the 3rd.  
High 5 p.m. temperature was 34 degrees on the 23rd.  
Average high temperature was 26 degrees.  
Average low temperature was 9.6 degrees.  
Average 5 p.m. temperature was 20 degrees.  
Total precipitation for the month was .83 inches.  
Total precipitation since January 1st was 2.81 inches.  
Total snow fall for the month was 10.5 inches.  
Total snow fall since January 1st was 36.5 inches.

Average snow depth February 28th was 18 inches.  
Temperatures in the 40's for 1 day; in the 30's for 14 days; in the 20's for 5 days and below 20 degrees for 8 days.  
Temperature below zero on 6 nights.

Average Weather Data for the last 10 years (1960-69)  
Average high temperature 26.3 degrees.  
Average low temperature 13.9 degrees.  
Average precipitation (including snow) 1.54 inches  
Average snowfall 15.2 inches.  
Average snow on the ground 14.14 inches.

**GAME NEWS:** As mentioned in last month's Beacon, the wary Coyote is showing his strength in numbers this year and some effort is being made to reduce their numbers. Roy Chambers and Archie LaFreniere shot two a few weeks ago. Roy left his dog for Sheldon and Bea Parker to use and they soon had two more. This is the time of year that deer fall easy prey to coyotes and several fresh kills have been found. When the snow gets crusty and deer break through while the coyotes can run on top of it, the tide quickly turns in favor of the predator. The last coyote was taken by Archie LaFreniere last week.

It won't be long before fishing will be back in the limelight. The first inkling of this will be the early spring smelt runs at the Jordan and Cable Creeks. Last year was the best in years and perhaps, by next month we can report the results of this year. Fishing this winter has been very poor. Whether this is due to the fact that there have been few participating fishermen or that the fish are actually scarce, it hard to say for certain. Maybe spring will come up with the answer.

This is the season for Beaver trapping and this year, so far, there are only two trappers going after them. Rogers Carlisle and Tony Conaghan are making daily checks of their sets. At this writing, one good sized Beaver has been taken by Rogers. Reports indicate that the Beaver aren't moving much yet for there is still plenty of ice on the creeks and ponds.

**Syrup Time:** Early spring is bringing about a revival of an old time custom this year. Father Donahoe has been busy collecting and boiling sap from about two dozen maples on his property, off the King's High-

way. He reports a collection of about 25 gallons of sap a day, which when boiled down make approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  gallon of syrup. It's a real job but a stack of flap jacks with real maple syrup applied, is mighty hard to beat, especially when you make it yourself.

ST. PAT'S: Always proclaimed a holiday on the Beavers, St. Patrick's Day was well celebrated. A fine meal was prepared and served at the Holy Cross Parish Hall by the women of the Altar Society. After the meal, entertainment was furnished by the school children. Several humorous skits were presented much to the delight of those attending. Sister Suzanne was the driving force behind it and of course, all the youngsters deserve credit for a fun filled program.

SOUND OFF: A new program has been introduced from radio station WMBN of Petoskey, headed up by Bill Supernaw, who always shows a soft place in his heart for the Island. "Sound Off" is the name of the program that accepts phone calls over the radio to air peoples views or ideas on a multitude of subjects. A recent call from V. H. "Dick" LaFreniere offered a plan that would make the Beaver's even more unique than they already are.

"Why not secede from the Union of the United States, giving us the power of 1 vote in the U.N. We would then be in a position to request foreign aid from the U.S.A. and develop the Island along the same order as "Monaco". All taxes would be a thing of the past as revenue from casinos would stabilize the Island's economy. The Beaver Island Republic would be a real drawing card to the multitudes who would like to travel to a foreign Island without going very far. The big problem would be, trying to convince the Island's Democrats and Republicans that they would have to dispense with their political arguments and take up another hobby.

BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Owen Boyle, of Chicago, announce the arrival of a son, Joseph Daniel, on March 25th, who weighed in at 5 lbs. 5 oz. Mother and son are doing fine, but Owen is still three foot off the ground.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry McDonough announce the arrival of a son, Eric Wayne, who weighed in at 7 lbs. 9 oz. on March 6th. The parents are fine but the grandparents, Captain and Mrs. Lawrence McDonough, are still walking on air about their first grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Zajakowski (Rosie McDonough) announce the arrival of a daughter, Blythe, who weighed in at 8 lbs. on March 13th. Mr. and Mrs. Bert McDough are the happy grandparents.

BEAVER ISLAND MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY: Mrs. Lawrence McDonough, Secretary-Treasurer reports that the new membership cards are being mailed out and that the Auxiliary year will run from October until October.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. and Mrs. Philip R. Gregg announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Ellen to Charles A. Ashcroft, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Ashcroft, Sr. of Pleasant Hill, Missouri. No date has been set for the wedding.

BEAVER ISLAND CLUB OF GRAND RAPIDS: The following announcement arrived from Mrs. Eleanor McDonough, Sec'y. of the Club:

"A belated Saint Patrick's Day to All.

The BEAVER ISLAND CLUB OF GRAND RAPIDS wishes to extend an invitation to all Beaver Beacon readers and friend to our 5th Annual Beaver Island Caper in Grand Rapids. This year the Beaver Island Caper will be held on October 10th, 1970 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 5830 Clyde Park Ave. S.W. in Wyoming, Michigan. We will be giving more details and news on this party later. This party is a wonderful time for all so circle your calendar and we shall be looking forward to seeing you there.

And may I wish you all a very Happy Easter, too."

OBITUARIES: JAMES A. CARPENTER - James A. Carpenter, aged 79, of 1366 Arcadia Dr. N.E. went to be with the Lord Saturday evening, March 14, 1970, at St. Mary's Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Fern E. Carpenter; two daughters, Mr. Donald E. (Louise) Rundhaug of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Richard (Gladys) Porter of Garden City; two sons, James D. Carpenter and G. Maynard Carpenter both of Grand Rapids; two step-sons, Richard R. Porter of Garden City and Thomas L. Porter of Grand Rapids; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Matthew (Nina) Huyser of Grand Rapids and one brother, Edson Carpenter of Bellaire. Mr. Carpenter was a retired American Seating Co. employe, had operated a sawmill on Beaver Island, was a War I Navy Veteran and a member of Northside Church of Christ. Services were held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17th at the Reyers North Valley Funeral Chapel. For those who wish memorials may be made to the Northside Church of Christ.

MRS. VIVIAN GALLAGHER: Funeral services for Mrs. Peter O. Gallagher, 77, who died unexpectedly at her home on Saturday, March 14th, were held at St. Mary's Church a 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 17th, with the Rev. E. Francis Donay officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery. Born at Manistique Aug. 20, 1892 the former Vivian N. Roddy, was married to Mr. Gallagher in Chicago in 1913. They lived at various Lake Michigan ports while he sailed and later made their home at Beaver Island, moving to Milwaukee in 1928. In 1932 they returned to Charlevoix to live. At that time he was in the U.S. Lighthouse Service. She was a member of St. Mary's Church. Besides her husband, she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Ivan (Helen) Phillips of Charlevoix; two sons, James W. and Danford D. also of Charlevoix; ten grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and three sisters, Mrs. Lester Gallagher of Charlevoix, Mrs. Rose Sawall of Ann Arbor and Mrs. Frank Thompson of Chicago.

IRISH ECHO: The following is an article which appeared in the Irish Echo of January 10, 1970 and was sent to us by Mrs. Katherine Burton of Harbor Springs, Michigan. The Irish Echo is a weekly newspaper which is published every Saturday in New York, N.Y. This article was in the column titled The Spotlight by Joe Murphy.

"Over a century ago Irish folks found their way by accident to a group of islands about 30 miles off-shore on one of the Great Lakes. That was Lake Michigan and their pathfinder was a Gallagher who was on his

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