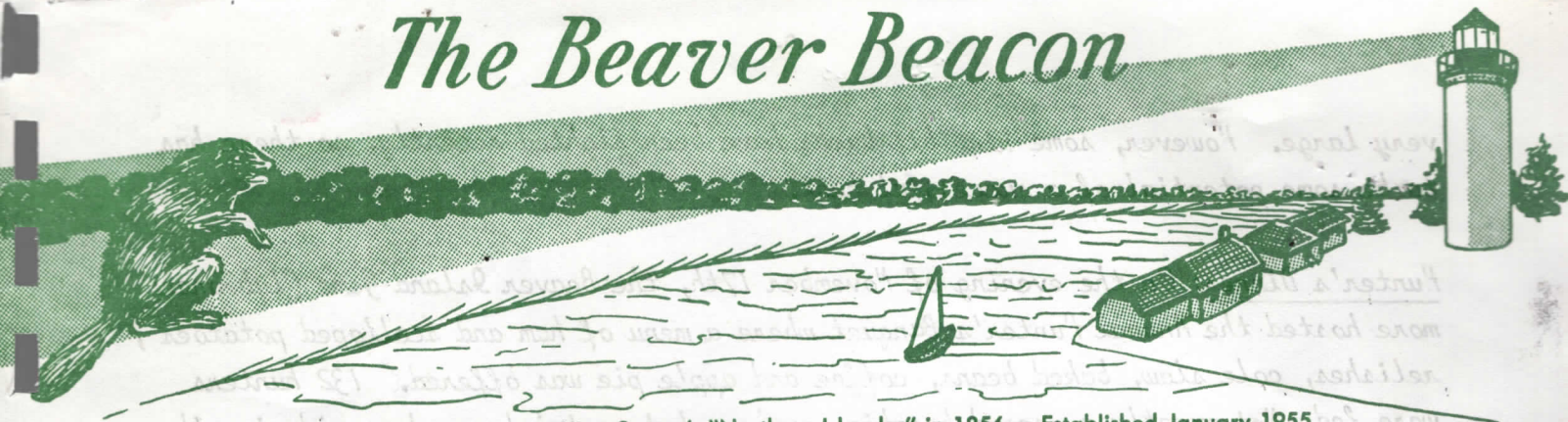


# The Beaver Beacon



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November 1973

A new winter season is just about here with below freezing temperatures and chilling north winds to verify it.

The invading army of "Red Coats" are preparing to launch the 1973 deer season, as the days roll closer to the middle of November. Soon winter's mantle of white will be spread over the land to await the arrival of spring.

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

High temperature of 76 degrees on the 10th.

Low temperature of 31 degrees on the 19th.

High 5 p.m. temperature of 69 degrees on the 10th.

Low 5 p.m. temperature of 42 degrees on the 16th and 28th.

Average high temperature was 60.2 degrees.

Average low temperature was 47.7 degrees.

Average 5 p.m. temperature was 55.1 degrees.

Total rainfall for the month was 1.88 inches.

Damaging winds occurred on the 13th.

Thunder storm on the 9th and 13th.

Fog occurred on 8 days.

Temperature in the 70's for 3 days; in the 60's for 16 days; in the 50's for 7 days and in the 40's for 5 days.

Game News: Now that boats and fishing tackle have been stored away, hunting has stepped into the limelight. Ardent hunters are finding rabbits, partridge and squirrels in fair abundance this year. Ducks and geese, too, have made their brief fall visits to the Island en route to their winter quarters in the south.

Island observers, for the most part, still aren't convinced that our deer herd is

very large. However, some nice big bucks have been sighted recently, so there has to be some potential of a successful hunt.

Hunter's Dinner: On the evening of November 17th, the Beaver Island Game Club once more hosted the Annual Hunter's Banquet where a menu of ham and scalloped potatoes, relishes, cole slaw, baked beans, coffee and apple pie was offered. 132 hunters were fed. Not exactly a record breaking number, but certainly good considering the relatively few hunters this year. Dick DePoria was the head chef and deserved Congratulations on a fine job. Of course, all the rest of the volunteers also deserve recognition.

Medical Center Report: News Release - November 19th, 1973 - The Michigan Department of Public Health has been receiving a number of reports from Legislators that residents of Beaver Island believe the Department is going to withdraw its support of the Beaver Island Physician and is going to act to disapprove the Medical Center at St. James.

Dr. Robert S. Libke of District Health Department #3, would like to assure the residents of the Island that there is absolutely no truth in the rumors which are apparently going around.

Dr. John L. Isbister, M.D., Chief of the Bureau of Community Health has stated that there are no plans for changes in the arrangement as far as the Beaver Island Physician is concerned. He also said that someone from the State Health Department would be visiting the Island early in 1974 to discuss ways in which the Department can assist the residents to solve some of the problems with respect to the clinic facility.

Poor Milt's Birthday: On October 12th a party was held at the Beachcomber Bar to celebrate Milt Bennett's 75th birthday. A buffet lunch was served, a cake was cut and a great time was had by all, and especially Milt. The size of the crowd gave a true indication that Milt has a substantial number of friends.

Births: Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hetherington announce the birth of a boy, Matthew Mark, born Sept. 9th and weighed in at 7 lbs. 14 oz. Pam is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lockwood of Indianapolis, Ind. and Beaver Island and Mark is the son of Mrs. Alice Hetherington of Indianapolis and Beaver Island and Dr. John Hetherington of Terre Haute, Ind. The Lockwood's have four grand children and the Hetherington's have five grandchildren, but Matthew Mark is the first grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard O'Donnell of Grand Rapids, announce the birth of a daughter, Barbara Ann on November 9th. She weighed in at 6 lbs, 3 oz. The very proud and happy grandparents are Mrs. Frank O'Donnell and Mr. and Mrs. James Gallagher.

Trick or Treat: Halloween is over and for the first time in many years there was but very little damage done by the youngsters which is much appreciated by the Community. Thanks kids!

Obituaries: Patrick J. Bonner - Patrick J. Bonner, Beaver Island's celebrated Irish fiddler, died October 26th at Leelanau Memorial Hospital in Northport where he had been a patient for 10 days.

Funeral services were held Monday, October 29th, at Holy Cross Church, the Rev. Herbert Graf, C.M., officiating. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Mr. Bonner was born on Beaver Island on November 7th, 1882, and learned to play the fiddle as a boy, picking up and memorizing the Irish tunes brought to the New World by his forebears and his friends and neighbors on the Island.

His ear for the lilting Irish melodies was so acute that the Music Department at the University of Michigan invited him to come to Ann Arbor several years ago to make tapes of his Irish music for the University's archives.

Mr. Bonner played on an ancient violin dating from the early 1700's with a Stradivari label pasted inside the case. However, the instrument was never verified as a genuine Stradivarius.

As a young man, Mr. Bonner became good friends with the late "Dr. Feodor Protar," the Russian nobleman who migrated to Beaver Island about the turn of the century by way of Chicago. Although Dr. Protar had no formal medical training he was interested in the healing arts and served as the Island's doctor until his death in 1927.

Mr. Bonner, who farmed across the road from the Protar home, became the unofficial custodian of the doctor's property, taking Island visitors through the log home - which has been kept just as it was when the doctor was alive - and escorting them to Dr. Protar's fieldstone tomb nearby.

In 1916, Mr. Bonner was married to the former Rose Boyle. Although the Bonners spent several winters in Charlevoix in recent years, they always returned to their Island home on the first boat every spring.

Mr. Bonner retained a lively interest in music until recent years, playing the fiddle for weddings, anniversaries and celebration of all kinds.

He is survived by his widow, a daughter, Mrs. Ronald (Mary) Antrim of Grand Rapids; two sons, John P. of Milford, Conn., and Robert H. of Lansing; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The rosary service was held at the Bonner home Sunday evening, October 28th. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevix was in charge of arrangements.

Township Offices Filled: Since Frank Nackerman's retirement as Postmaster, Mary Minor has been installed as his replacement, making it necessary for Mary to resign as Township Clerk. Vivian Visscher is now the new clerk filling out Mary's term.

Bud McDonough, who has served the past few years as Township Supervisor, has had to resign due to business responsibilities and his recent illness. Appointed as his replacement is James Gande, who will fill out Bud's term of Office.

Weddings: Fox - Lawson - On September 1st, Mary Jane Fox and Gregory Eugene Lawson were united in marriage at the First Presbyterian Church, South Bend, Ind.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fox, wore a ivory silk organza gown with a bodice of Pear 'd Ange lace and carried baby's breath, white roses, ivy and white ballet carnations. Her floor length veil fell from a matching lace headpiece. Mary Jane has been a summer visitor to the Island for 20 years. She is a graduate of Hillsdale College and a member of Pi Beta Phi.

Greg, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lawson, of Marion, Ind., is also a graduate of Hillsdale and a member of Tau Epsilon Kappa Fraternity.

Mrs. William Fox, Jr. of Alinda, Calif. was Matron of Honor, wearing an orange crepe gown accented with antique ivory lace and wearing a white daisy mum halo and carrying a matching bouquet. Anne Klem, Maid of Honor, wore a similar gown and flowers. The five bridesmaids also wore orange but had yellow halos of mums and matching bouquets. Jennifer and Jonathon Coulter, of Traverse City and Beaver Island, were the flower girl and ring bearer in matching orange outfits made by Mrs. Donald Coulter. Jenny's flowers were white.

William Fox, Jr., U.S.N. and Roland Williams Fox were among the grooms' attendants and escorted their mother, who wore a simple gown of medium green Quinan with flowered shoes and matching needlepoint bag. Mrs. Lawson wore a pale green gown with chiffon bodice and sleeves.

Among the guests at the Morris Park County Club reception, were Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Kiedel and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Coulter, Ted and Connie.

Mary Jane and Greg are living in South Bend Indiana.

Dickinson - Winks: Mrs. Clyde Allan Dickinson and Lewis John Winks of Grand Rapids were married on July 7th in the presence of their families. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Alloysius Ularowicz at St. Therese Church, Wayland, Michigan. Escorted by her eldest son, Edward J. Dickinson, the bride chose a two piece en-

semble of turquoise blue. The dress was fashioned with a jewel neckline, with lace inserts at the waist. The matching lace coat had long sleeves and a small stand-up collar, with the front panel trimmed with chantilly lace. She wore sprigs of turquoise baby's breath and pearls in her hair, and carried a nosegay of miniature white carnations, rosebuds and turquoise baby's breath.

Mrs. Herbert C. Roberts was her mother's matron of honor. She wore a dress of apple green Thai silk and carried a nosegay of yellow rosebuds and white miniature carnations. A sprig of white baby's breath was in her hair.

John G. Winks served his father as bestman. James G. Winks and Dennis J. Dickinson seated the guests.

Dr. John J. Dickinson, accompanied by Mrs. Frank Kovac, Jr. at the organ, sang "God Gave Me You", "The Wedding Song" and "Walk Hand in Hand".

A dinner and reception were held at the Red Brick Inn at Plainwell. Mrs. John J. Dickinson greeted the guests as they signed the guest book.

Following a northern wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Winks are at home at 665 E. 135th Ave., Wayland, Michigan.

Thank You: Kay and Curley Hartzell wish to thank everyone for their prayers and cards that were sent while Chrley was hospitalized. They especially wish to thank Father Herbert and Father Donahoe for their prayers.

Curley is out of the hospital and they are now at their winter residence at Box 4168 Lazy Lagoon Mobile Park, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950.

Beaver Island Medical Center Auxiliary: The next meeting of the Beaver Island Medical Center Auxiliary will be held on December 13th at the home of Jean LaFreniere. All ladies are welcome.

The Christmas Gift Tree is being decorated with many beautiful gifts and it will be given away at the Christmas Bazaar on December 16th. If you would like to donate something to put on the tree, please send your donation to the Beaver Island Medical Center Auxiliary, % Betty Welke, St. James, Michigan 49782.

Thanks, Jim: Belated perhaps, because your Beacon writers are pretty slow at getting around but we want to state. Sunday, September 2nd was designated Jim Janda Day. Jim, a relatively new Island resident (we mean permanent resident, as they now live here year around), promoted and sponsored the Beaver Island baseball teams this summer. Games weren't restricted to the Island either, for two trips were made to Charlevoix to play their teams. This included both a girl's and a boy's team.

Exact statistics aren't in our hands but each Sunday brought about plenty of baseball activity. Jim donated much time, effort and money to bring it all off and did a fine job of it. Thanks, Jim.

From The Mail Bag: "November 16, 1973 - While attending a pinnacle party and supper the other day everyone was asked where they came from. I said "Detroit", "Chicago" and "Beaver Island". A lady spoke up that a Donlevy of the "Beaver's" was her Godmother and she and her husband lived in Boca Raton or N. Pompano. Anyone coming down this way from Beavers tell them to stop and see me and I'll play them songs on my organ. And any of the Beaver people want to see a swell place, see the Holiday Inn in Jupiter. I stayed there, is reasonable.

Jesse M. Cole

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1910 to 1926"

Sunset Iron Ore Bay: The following was composed by a friend of Mr. Edward S. Ladd. Mr. Ladd thought perhaps we might like it and we do.

Sunset Iron Ore Bay

The Western sky turned a flaming red  
A pale quarter moon climbed over head  
Darkening shadows warned of the night  
Stars overhead winked a coppery light  
Bird song ended on a faltering note  
Lights yellow gleamed from an off-shore boat  
Wind through the pines whispered ancient lore  
As soft waves lapped the sandy shore  
Velvet night enshrouded the day  
As the sun went down on Iron Ore Bay

LJM: Nov. 1970

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Mrs. Jerome A. Long, 2508 Forest Avenue, North Riverside, Illinois 60546 or call  
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Orders Must Be In By Dec. 10th To Arrive In Time For Christmas

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Membership Dues

That time has arrived again and membership dues should be paid by January 1st, 1974.  
Many people have already paid their dues, but if you have not done so please, fill  
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Address \_\_\_\_\_


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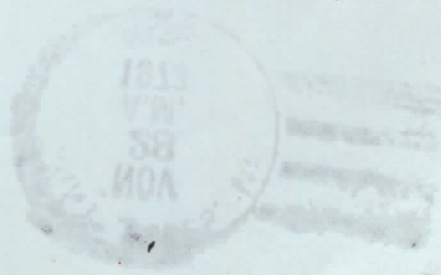
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