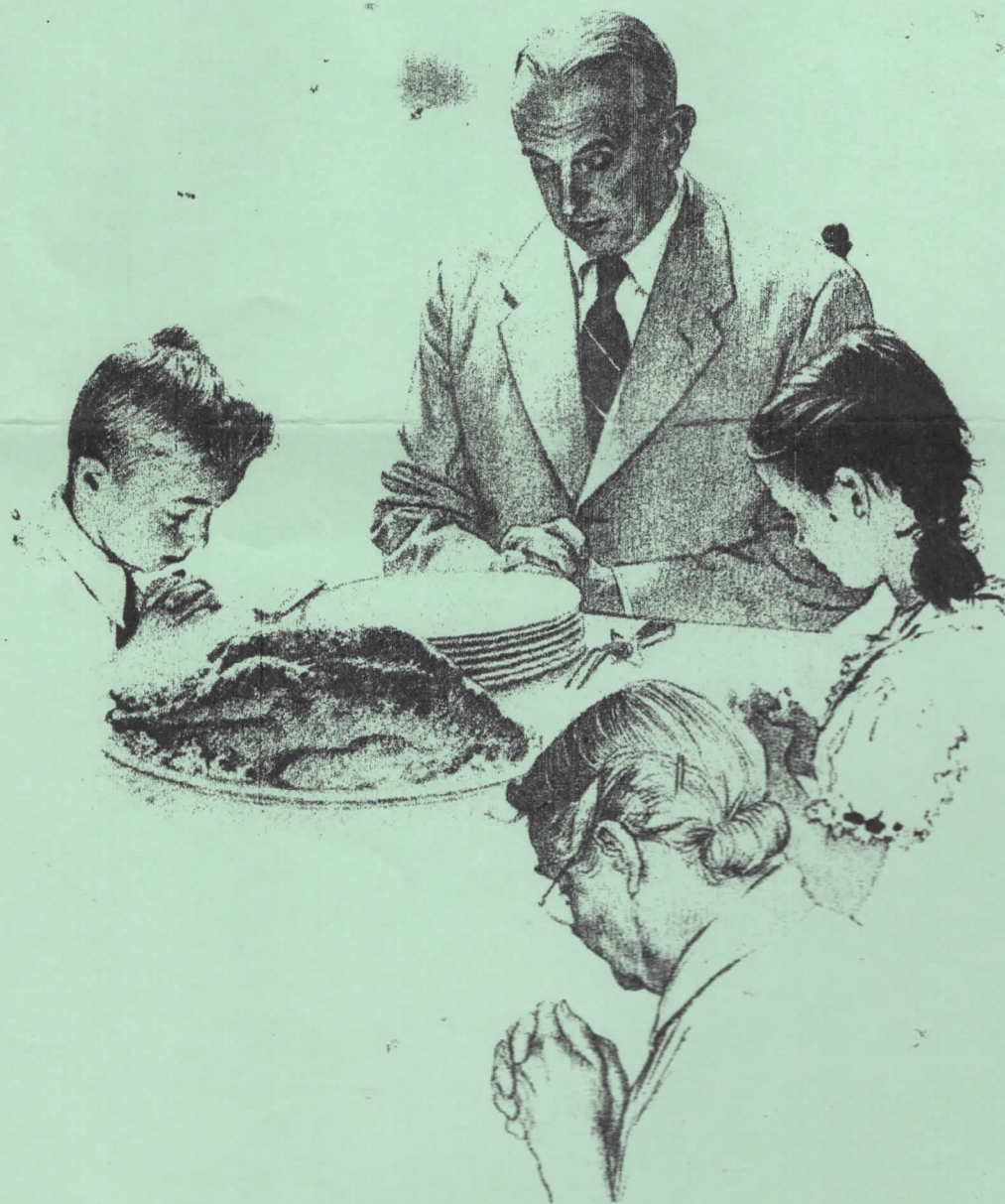


The Beaver Beacon



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Now that the leaves are all gone and on several occasions snow was in the air during October, we seem to be having our "Indian Summer" late this year. Perhaps it won't last long but those who enjoy outdoor activities are sure getting the most out of it. The hectic pace of the season just past, has slowed considerably, allowing Islanders time to prepare for the winter that is soon to come.

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

High temperature of 64 degrees on the 5th and 11th.

Low temperature of 26 degrees on the 3rd.

High 5 p.m. temperature of 62 degrees on the 5th and 11th.

Low 5 p.m. temperature of 35 degrees on the 18th.

Average high temperature was 52.8 degrees.

Average low temperature was 37.5 degrees.

Average 5 p.m. temperature was 48.1 degrees.

Total rainfall for the month was 2.59 inches.

Some light snowfall first part of the month melting as it fell on the ground.

Game News: Fall hunting has been from good to excellent. Rabbit hunting is especially good this year. Partridge are in reasonable numbers but it takes some real hunting to come up with a bag limit. Deer hunting this year should be real good. The herd has obviously increased for more and more are being seen, and a good share of these are sporting antlers.

The Beaver Island Game Club hosted the annual Hunter's Banquet on the evening of November 17th. A menu of roast beef, mashed potatoes, salad and apple pie was served to nearly 150 hunters. With the season half over, it already looks like a record year for a "bucks only" season. The count should be in the sixties by the time it's over. One of the most successful parties was Bud Roache's gang of five from Battle Creek, who got five for five; the biggest being Bud's twelve pointer, that dressed out at 202 pounds.

Next month we will have the total statistics of the 1974 deer season.

Beaver Island Fly-In by Barb Beckers: About 100 pilots winged their way to Beaver Island Township Airport on Sunday, October 22, for the first Fly-In since 1959.

In spite of gloomy weather spirits remained high by the Fly-Ins many organizers and supporters. Fly-in organizer Dr. John Ludwig with Bob Adams and Airport Manager, Robert Gillespie formed the nucleus of the Welcoming Committee. They were on hand to greet J. V. Celebrity, Mont Neff, who made a special trip to televise the event which was seen later the same week on his Michigan Outdoors program.

A charcoal broiled white fish dinner, prepared by the Game Club, was a major attraction for the 450 visitors. A special thanks must be made to Cole Fisheries for providing the whitefish.

Prizes were awarded to the many visitors. Mr. & Mrs. Al Cousino of Toledo, Ohio flew the farthest and the Sanphillip's of Monroe, Mich. were the farthest from home of the Michigan pilots. A young couple traveling with the Sanphillip's were recently married and carried home a Beaver Gem original as a special prize. Other winners were Father Donahue, Clyde Johnson and Phil Gregg of Beaver Island, R. Hume and Ron Eskfritz of Petoskey, Charlie Morris of Charlevoix, Don Richards of Bellaire, Art Penny of Saginaw, Gertrude Bartels of East Lansing, Jerry Keene of Ypsilanti, Johnson's of Milford, S. Sawyer of Rockford, Phil LePage of Rockwood and M. Butterfield of Hunting Woods. Area merchants contributed generously to make so many prizes possible.

Special recognition of John Ludwig for organizing, Bob Adams for publicity and Jim Evans for radio supervision must be made.

Airport Manager, Robert Gillespie, noted shipwreck historian, was very pleased with the efforts and results and has begun planning another Fly-In for '75.

Thank You: "The Beaver Island Club of Grand Rapids would like to express our appreciation to all the people who came to our 9th Annual Beaver Island Caper. Because of your generosity we were able to send \$1,000 to The Island. We would like to thank you all. We hope to see you again next year."

Correction: We would like to make a correction about the Shumsky-Grant Wedding that appeared in the last Beaver Beacon. We had printed that she was the great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gallagher Sr. and it should be Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gallagher, Sr. We are very sorry about this error.

Obituaries: Sister M. Aquino Boyce, O.P. - Sister M. Aquino Boyce, O.P., aged 57, passed away on October 7th in Grand Rapids.

She entered the Dominican community as a postulant in 1934, she pronounced her vows in 1937. Her first teaching assignment was St. Mary's School, Hannah, Mich., other assignments included Sacred Heart Academy, Mt Pleasant, Beaver Island, Carson City, St. Joseph's Saginaw and Catholic Central in Alpena. She was principal at Marywood in 1963 and served as Supervisor of Schools for the Saginaw Diocese for 5 years. In 1969 she was the Regent of studies for the Dominican Sisters, her last teaching assignment was at Marywood.

The funeral was held October 9th at Marywood Chapel and interment was Resurrection Cemetery.

Mable Roy - Mable Roy, wife of A. J. Roy, passed away at their Bloomfield Hills home on November 16th. Mr. and Mrs. Roy had been in an automobile accident over a month ago and had sustained what was thought to have been minor injuries. The Roes had returned to the Island to close up their cottage just three days prior to her passing. Our sympathies are extended to Mr. Roy in this time of deep grief.

In lieu of flowers, Mr. Roy has requested memorial contributions to the Beaver Island Christian Church.

Hospital Notes: Matt Melville was a patient in the Charlevoix Hospital and is now recuperating at 813 W. Michigan, Jackson, Mi 49203.

Skip McDonough was a patient at Little Traverse Hospital.

Anne Heyhoe is a patient at the Osteopathic Hospital in Traverse City, Michigan. Her room number is 204 and we know she would be happy to hear from you.

Thank You: Bea Townsend, who fell and broke her hip while on the Island this summer, called to say she is coming along fine and wishes to express her heartfelt thanks for all the cards, flowers and expressions of concern shown her during her long convalescence.

Skip McDonough would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and flowers sent her while she was in the hospital.

Library: The public is invited to use the Beaver Island Community School Library, and help in finding materials will be available on Fridays from 1:30 to 3:30.

Hundreds of new books have been acquired in the past six months, and most of them are current publications and of interest to the general reader.

The Northland Library Association has also sent a small collection of general-interest and leisure reading books to us for public use during the winter.

Election Results: Following are the new Township Officials for Beaver Island.

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| St. James Township: Supervisor | John Gillespie |
| Clerk | Vivian Virscher |
| Treasurer | Donald Cole |
| Trustee | Vera Wojan |
| | Marge Wagner |

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| Peaine Township: Supervisor | Gladys Schnaudigel |
| Clerk | Joseph "Buddy" Martin |
| Treasurer | Rose Connaghan |
| Trustee | Lillian McGlocklin |
| | John "Bing" McCafferty |

Freighter Cruise (Continued): Since we are using our new machine this month we decided to try something new. Dr. Sonensen's trip has been running in the Beacon for the past two issues and so we are going to try to run the last part in this issue from the paper he sent us. Please look on pages 6 and 7 to see the results. (It didn't work out this time so we had to type it, but will try with something else next time)

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Freighter Cruise: The Vistalond is a beautiful new ship, really luxury interior. However, it was traveling with only half of compliment of passengers. They were complaining about missing so many ports because of the fuel shortage.

The freighters we sail on use 1.5 barrels of oil per mile. In port they burn 50 barrels a day. The trip from Los Angeles to Yokahama, Japan, is 5,100 miles. It takes considerable oil, but the many freighters in the company we were with belong to an oil company; so no problem.

The ships were on make their own fresh water and generate their own electricity. They have huge freezers and coolers so they have capacity for fresh fruit, meat and vegetables for 2 months.

The main officers on board are (1) the captain, (2) chief officer, (3) chief Engineer, (4) first assistant engineer, (5) purser and (6) the chief steward. There are 52 crew members, 45 of them manning.

The captain's salary is around \$40,000 per year and the other officers receive pay according to seniority, some with the company and some with the union. Most officers work 9 months. Some work only 6 months. Some unions retire workers after 15 years, some 20 years and some 25 years and some at 30 years.

It is a wonderful and easy life, but it takes you away from your families too long. We have always found food on a freighter excellent. Let me just quote a menu for one day.

Breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

Chilled Fruit Juice

Hot Grits Cereal

Eggs to Order

Grilled Breakfast Bacon

Bologna Sausage, Pan Fried

Grilled Buckwheat Hot Cakes

Assorted Jams and Jellies

Coffee, Tea, Sanka

Chilled Papayas

Assorted Dry Cereals

Pepper Omelette

Hashed Brown Potatoes

Pouched Eggs

French Toast

Honey or Syrup

Fresh Milk

Luncheon at 11:30 a.m.

Green onions

Fresh Radishes

Sweet Pickles

Navy Bean Soup

Over Roast Veal with Sage Dressing and Brown Gravy

Boiled Fresh Short Ribs of Beef, Horseradish, Spanish Sauce

Pan Fried Fresh Pepper Omelette, Fried Eggs or Scrambled

Eggs

Buttered Brussels Sprouts

Chilled Watermelon

Coffee, Tea, Sanka

Steamed Parsnips

Steamed Rice

Jello, Shipped Cream Topping

Fresh Milk

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Kosher Dill Pickles

Chilled Mixed Olives

Pineapple and Cottage Cheese Salad

Chicken Vermicelli Soup

Fresh Fried Eastern Scallops with Tartar Sauce

Grilled New York Strip Steak to order

Broiled Baby Lamb Chops with Mint Jelly

Chicken Cacciatore with Spaghetti Italian

Buttered Spinach

Fresh Garden Vegetables

Baked Idaho Potatoes

Steamed Patna Rice

Hot French Garlic Bread

Vanilla Ice Cream with Fresh Frosted Strawberries

Peach Shortcake

Assorted Scandinavian Cookies

Imported Swiss Cheese with Crackers

Coffee, Hot Tea, Sanka, Nescafe, Fresh Milk, Iced Tea

Believe it or not, Kay and I returned a couple of pounds lighter and about one inch gone from the waistline. You have to push away from many goodies, and we walk several miles a day on deck, ride bicycles and take exercises.

Two years ago we started planning this last trip. We planned on a 3 month cruise on the same freighter around the world, leaving New York through Panama Canal, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Orient, Far East, and then back to New York. But in November, the last trip was made because of the long haul from Karachi, West Pakistan, around tip of Africa to New York.

So we decided to try something new, jumping freighters, and we were very fortunate. This is much easier if you are one person or one couple.

For various reasons, some passengers prefer to leave earlier, or later than planned. Sudden illnesses at home or by the passengers sometimes leave openings on a freighter. We left Greenville the day after Christmas, flew to San Francisco, left San Francisco Dec. 30, for Los Angeles. After 2 days visiting Kay's brothers in Hollywood and Santa Barbara we boarded ship for New Year's Eve Party.

On Wednesday, Jan. 3 we were still in Los Angeles at 6 a.m. Across a small bay I saw the beginning of a large fire which burned a large tuna cannery (Chicken of the Sea) to the ground. We left Los Angeles at 2:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan 4th

The ship was the "President Harrison" of the American President Lines. We sailed for Yokohama, Japan, more than 5000 miles across the Pacific. The ship was to stop at Yokohama, Kobe, Pusan, Korea, Okinawa, then to Hong Kong. We jumped ship at Hong Kong, and spent 10 days there. Then we flew to Bangkok, Thailand (formerly Siam). We spent 10 days there, one of the highlights of our trip.

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