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With the month of October comes the first frost and intermingled with the deep green of the fir and pine, red and orange leaves grace the maples. Wild geese are calling overhead as they return south for the winter and the fragrance of burning leaves lingers in the air.

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

High temperature of 80 degrees on the 8th.
Low temperature of 36 degrees on the 29th.
Average high temperature 67.8 degrees.
Average low temperature 52.2 degrees.
High 5 p.m. temperature of 74 degrees on the 8th.
Low 5 p.m. temperature of 46 degrees on the 30th.
Average 5 p.m. temperature 62.1 degrees.
Total rainfall for the month - 5.69 inches.
Fog occurred on 4 days - two thunder storms and hail fell on the 28th.
Rained on 21 days of the month.

HUNTER'S DINNER: The annual Hunters Dinner will be held on November 17th at the Holy Cross Parish Hall. A roast beef dinner will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. Admission will be \$3.00 per person. At 8:00 p.m. the program will begin with Dr. Matthew Hahn, Director of the Beaver Island Biological Center, as guest speaker.

CRANBERRY RELISH: Please join us next month to learn how not to go cranberrying on Beaver Island. The Editor was unable to write the story this month (being unavoidably detained in the hospital), but he promises to fill us in on all the details next month. If immediate details are desired, ask Martha Miller or Marie Reigle.

NEEDED: COMMON CAUSE - by David S. Broder: St. James, Mich - It is back-to-school time here on Beaver Island, just as it is in the rest of the country, and at the tiny school across from Holy Cross Church, a crew of volunteers has been working with the sisters to scrub and pain the classrooms. It took no great effort to line up the help, for on this lovely Lake Michigan island, west of the Straits of Mackinac, where children and old people comprise most of the 250 souls remaining from a once-thriving fishing center, co-operation and improvisation are requisites for survival.

The school itself is a unique hybrid. It is a public school, financed by public funds. But since few lay teachers could be persuaded in recent years to spend winters on this isolated island, the teaching is done by the nuns, which is fine with the largely Irish Catholic Community.

The new school building, plus the historical museum, the new medical center and the new dock all present the same mixture of public and private effort---signs of vitality in a community which, although cut off from its original economic base, remains too proud to die.

Beaver Island displays, in a microcosm, the qualities America must recover if it is to survive as a nation. In recent weeks, this reporter has heard three intelligent and deeply concerned men---John Gardner of the Urban Coalition, Chancellor Alexander Heard of Vanderbilt University, President Nixon's adviser on campus problems, and Sen. Edmund S. Muskie of Maine---talk about the crises of this nation.

All of them were saying the same thing: America must re-discover its sense of community or fall victim to internal divisions.

From their differing perspectives, Gardner, Heard and Muskie see the universities, the cities and the nation threatened by disillusion from within, not because the aims of the constituent members are really in conflict, but because their sense of mutual purpose, what Gardner calls "common cause," has been lost.

In the small society of Beaver Island, shared family ties, a shared religious faith, and the shared determination to survive combine to create a spontaneous and over-whelming sense of community.

The "common cause" may be something as humble as painting the school rooms for a new year, but the nation is perishing for lack of leadership that can make that cause prevail.

(Mr. Broder spends some time each summer, with his family, visiting his mother-in-law, Mrs. Helen Collar, on Beaver Island)

HOSPITAL NOTES: Donald Cole was in the Charlevoix Hospital, Charlevoix Michigan, for a check-up.

Mrs. Anna Marie Ricksgers, of Detroit, was flown to Munson Hospital in Traverse City by helicopter, following a fall at her parents home. Anna Marie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sendenburgh.

Frank Schnaudigel is a patient at Little Traverse Hospital in Petoskey following surgery.

Phil Gregg suffered a heart attack and is a patient in Little Traverse Hospital in Petoskey.

Mrs. Hattie Ninagaw is a patient at MacDonald-Lockwood Hospital in Petoskey.

CIDER AND APPLE BUTTER THE OLD FASHIONED WAY - by Father Donahoe: Because of the record apple crop on the Island this year, two old time customs were revived: pressing apple cider and cooking apple butter.

Phil Gregg and Bill Wagner did a beautiful job of restoring an antique cider press, hand operated, of course. No electric motors or hydraulic gadgets for us! This involved "re-wooding" the whole affair, a part of the cooperage trade, which is almost a lost art in these parts. However, Phil and Bill came through with flying colors.

On Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, Fr. Donahoe and Bill Wagner, ably assisted by Mike Green, Tom, Bill and Jim McDonough and Ron Gregg, pressed fifteen gallons of cider. Ron and Jim are only second and third graders, but they were right in there slugging with the rest of us every minute. Not the least of Ron's contribution to the effort consisted in booting Gomer, his pet dog, off the bed of the pick-up truck on which the press is mounted. It seems that Gomer likes to be where the action is!

As the boys were struggling manfully with the cranks on the apple chopper and press, Bill Wagner made this observation: "There are millions of kids in our big cities who have never had the opportunity to take part in something like this. I think it is a great experience for these youngsters."

Fr. Donahoe stayed up half the night both Friday and Saturday slicing up two bushells and a peck of apples, cooking them in cider on the electric range and putting them through a food mill. Meanwhile, the rest of the fifteen gallons of cider was being boiled down to half on the kitchen wood range. Moisture was running down the walls! After Mass Sunday morning, all of the ingredients---cider, apple pulp, twenty-five pounds of sugar and a big handful of cinnamon were put in a big copper kettle and placed over an open fire outdoors. Mike Green, Tom, Bill and Jim McDonough were on hand to split wood, stoke the fire and take turns at stirring the apple-butter with a heavy wooden paddle. An old Pennsylvania Dutch recipe was used that requires constant stirring for about seven hours, to the tythm of "twice around the kettle and once through the middle....twice around the kettle and once through the middle."

Afternoon visitors included the Dominican Sisters, the Bill Wagner family, and George and Martha Miller. Everyone, especially the cooks, declared the end product to be "finger lickin' good".

The only casualty was the host's kitchen. Asked about the odd quantity of apples (two bushells and a peck), he replied that he thought it was to allow for about a peck of the gooey stuff to be splattered on the stoves, counter-top and floor. The kitchen was still a mess two days later, so Skip McDonough and four of her children kindly came out and cleaned up.

If any of you want to try your hand at apple-butter making, you are welcome to use the ewuipment, as long as you prepare the stuff in your own kitchen!!

THANK YOU: "I want to express my sincere thanks to our relatives, friends and neighbors for the many cards, flowers, letters and Prayers sent to me.

Also for the many kindnesses extended to my wife, Gladys."

Frank Schnaudigel

BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Volk of Ann Arbor, Michigan announce the birth of a daughter, Karen Sue, who arrived on September 25th weighing in a 6# 8 oz. The proud grandparents are Postmaster and Mrs. Frank Nackerman. One added note to this is that Nackerman's oldest grandchild and their youngest grandchild were born on the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. Denny Barney of Detroit, announce the arrival of a son, Todd Allan, on October 7th. The happy grandparents are Al and Phyllis Doebler of St. Clair Shores. Grandfather was a little late in receiving the good news as he was on Garden Island hunting when Todd arrived.

NOTE OF THANKS: "To just say "Thank You" sometimes is enough but to me this time those two words fail to say what I really feel. My appreciation for the Masses, Prayers, cards, flowers and letters sent to me by my Beaver Island friends both on and off the Island can never be put into adequate words. God Bless you all and Peace".

Sincerely,

Dorothy Haight

WEDDINGS: LoDICO - LaFRENIERE: Holy Cross Church was the scene Saturday afternoon, October 17th, of the wedding of Sandy LaFreniere and Peter LoDico.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. D. Archie LaFreniere and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dehring of Armada.

Arrangements of lavender gladioli graced the altar for the Nuptial Mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. Herbert Graf O.F.M.(Conv.), assisted by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Victor P. Gallagher and Rev. Fr. E. G. Donahoe, in the presence of more than 250 guests. Mrs. Walter Wojan was the organist.

Given in marriage by her mother and father, the bride chose a floor length gown of white satin for her wedding. Venise lace accented the neckline, bodice and detachable train. A Juliet cap secured her elbow length veil of illusion. She carried a colonial bouquet of pink miniature roses and carnations and white status.

Judy LaFreniere served as her sister's maid of honor and two other sisters, Joan and Loretta, of Lansing, and cousins, Mrs. John Gillespie and Mrs. Larry Kubic of Calument City, Ill., were bridesmaids. They wore identical empire gowns fashioned with cream nylon bodices and long sleeves and lilac skirts and satin trim. They carried colonial bouquets of pink carnations and lavender mums.

Samuel LoDico of Detroit, assisted his brother as bestman. Groomsmen were Frank Maccioni, of Detroit, cousin of the bridegroom, Alvin LaFreniere, brother of the bride, Joseph LaFreniere of Muskegon and Francis Pike of Montague, cousins of the bride, served as groomsmen after seating the guests.

Mrs. LaFreniere selected a turquoise gown and matching accessories for her daughter's wedding. Her corsage was of miniature yellow carnations. Mrs. Dehring, mother of the bridegroom, wore a light beige suit and matching accessories complimented with a corsage of yellow and white carnations.

A reception hosted by the bride's parents followed at Holy Cross hall. Assisting were Mrs. Russell Green and Mrs. William Wagner.

For traveling on their wedding trip to Florida, the bride changed to a three piece gray ensemble with white accents and matching accessories. After November 1st they will be at home at 210 Cross St. in Adrian.

The bride attended Lansing Business University. The bridegroom is a graduate of Michigan State University with a major in food and dairy science. He is presently with the sales division of the Kraft Corp. Wedding guests were present from Chicago, Calumet City, Elkhart, Ind., Detroit, Lansing, Kalamazoo, Antrim and Charlevoix.

THANK YOU: We wish to Thank everyone for their generous time and help and our many friends who were in attendance to make our daughter's wedding such a happy occasion.

Frances & Archie LaFreniere

The following poem was given to the Beacon by Mrs. Arthur Brown. We would like to dedicate it to all the Doctors who have served on Beaver Island and especially to our present physician, Dr. Joseph Christie.

PORTRAIT OF A DOCTOR

His hair is white, his shoulders broad;
He has a kindly face.
Everyone who comes to him
Is more than just a "case."

Of course, he is acquainted
With symptoms and disease,
But his secret is in making
His patient feel at ease.

I think his conversation
Has quite as much to do
With his kindly art of healing
As the treatments that ensue!

He uses all the methods
That modern doctors do,
And his technical equipment
Is beneficial, too.

But he does his greatest healing
In his individual style,
With a kindly sense of humor
And an understanding smile.

Mary Warner Hall

NEWSY-NOTES: On October 12th Montgomery Ward, of Petoskey, returned to the Island for their annual Fall Sale. The Sale was held from 4 to 10 p.m. in the basement of the Medical Center. Refreshments were served and Door Prizes were awarded at the end of the sale.

October 22nd was the day the school children on Beaver Island had their pictures taken. Needless to say, each and everyone looked like an Angel (until after the pictures were taken).

Central Michigan University has closed its Beaver Island Center for the season.

The Charlie Earley's, having moved from the Island, are now residing at 107 E. Lincoln Ave., Charlevoix, Michigan.

REMEMBER: THE HUNTER'S DINNER ON NOVEMBER 17th. EVERYONE WELCOME.

OBITUARIES: CLAUDE A. FENN- Word has been received of the sudden death of Claude A. Fenn, 2236 Niles Buchanan Road, Niles, Mi 49120. Mr. Fenn passed away in California following a heart attack. The Fenn's have a summer home on the harbor, and have spent their summer vacations on Beaver Island.

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