

The Beaver Beacon



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The change from summer to fall is a big transition here on the Island. Youngsters back in school and summer cottages shuttered, to await another summer. The Beaver Islander reduced to one trip a day and the Yacht Dock standing with empty slips; all are signs of a season past. So far September has been the month that is dispensing all the bad weather that we didn't have through the summer months. Though predictions have it that the level of Lake Michigan is to go down, it seems impossible with all the rain of the past few weeks.

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

High temperature of 88 degrees on the 26th.

Low temperature of 51 degrees on the 5th.

Low 5 p.m. temperature was 64 degrees.

High 5 p.m. temperature was 78 degrees.

Average high temperature was 75.7 degrees.

Average low temperature was 58.1 degrees.

Average 5 p.m. temperature was 69.7 degrees.

Total rainfall for the month was .89 inches.

Rain fell on the 2nd, 19th, 22nd and 30th.

GAME NEWS: an early deer season on Garden Island prompted many to try their luck, starting the 15th of this month. Nearly fifty hunters made their way to Garden Island where hunting with a rifle, even from a raised platform is legal. However, to date, the deer population has not been reduced to any great degree. Latest report is that five deer have been taken so far. Bow and arrow hunting on Beaver Island is now open and so far one has been taken, even though the deer count looks good this year and many with large racks have been spotted.

Windy, wet weather has held the fishing to a minimum but when it permits the bass are still in fair numbers. Perhaps the Island can't compete with the mainland in the Coho harvest but some big fish are now jumping in the harbor.

In a joint effort to reduce the coyote population, six have met their fate since late summer. Two by Roy Chambers, three by Sheldon and Bea Parker and one by Duane Newstead.

ROAD WORK: Construction has begun on re-building the King's Highway. Much filling and grading has to be done before the road will be ready for blacktop in the spring, so things will be a bit messy this fall but the end result should be well worth it.

APPLES, WE HAVE APPLES: In as much as we have a huge crop of apples on the Island this year, Father Donahoe thought the readers of the Beaver Beacon might be interested in the following:

Father Donahoe recently had two visitors from Grand Rapids: Monsignor Zerfas, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, and Father Homrich, a Holy Cross missionary to Pakistan, home on leave. Since there is a bumper crop of apples on the Island this year, they took home samples from five trees on Father Donahoe's property. The apples were given to a horticulturist for identification and the following reply was received: "Among the varieties brought back was one designated Back yard, South. This is a crab apple of the old variety, which tends to get rather large. It is the kind which originally was used for pickling and making into fancy red for the table. The horticulturist was not able to identify Back yard, North.

Away from the yard, the apple designated S-1 is a Ben Davis. It is close to the Red Delicious and was perhaps a predecessor of that variety. He was not able to identify S-2 and S-3.

The horticulturist here was very interested in this fruit. He had spent some years earlier in his life on one of the northern islands, and he had not known that this fruit had survived. He said that it was typical of the islands. He was absolutely amazed with their condition, considering that they had no care whatsoever. He thought that Michigan State would be interested in pursuing this aspect -- that there might be something to be learned here. He therefore urges that you gather samples and send them in in due time".

Wouldn't it be something if Beaver Island came up with an answer to "Silent Spring"?

TROUT ISLAND BUILDING: For the past two years, Henry Allen and his boys, Joe, Mike and Steve, have been working to develop a landing strip on the Island. The Island has been plotted off in ten acre parcels and for those who really want to get away from it all, here is your chance. The first parcel was purchased by Emory Griffin of Glen Ellyn, Ill., who this fall has started construction of a 28 x 40 home which should

be completed within the next three weeks. Trout Island lays just a short distance N.W. of High Island and has been totally uninhabited for many years.

HOSPITAL NOTES: Lloyd McDonough was a patient in Little Traverse Hospital.

L. Z. Reigle is a patient in the Veterans Hospital, 1500 Weiss St., Saginaw, Michigan.

Dave Pike, 8709 Old Channel Trail, Montague, Michigan is a patient at Mercy Hospital in Muskegon following a heart attack.

Mrs. Dorothy Haight, 1659 Van's Blvd. Holland, Michigan is a patient in the Holland Hospital, Holland, Michigan.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gallagher is recuperating at her home following a fall.

STUDENTS RETURN: The following students have returned to their respective colleges.

Angie and Ron Wojan, the daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wojan are attending Western Michigan University. Ron is returning for his second year and Angie is beginning her first year.

Kevin McDonough, son of Capt. and Mrs. Lawrence McDonough, has entered Ferris this fall.

Judy LaFreniere, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie LaFreniere, is attending Ferris this year.

Phyllis Gregg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gregg, has returned to Grand Valley State College for her senior year.

NOTICE

TICKETS AVAILABLE

There are still tickets available for the FIFTH ANNUAL BEAVER ISLAND CAPER to be held Saturday, October 10th, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 5830 Clyde Park Ave., S.W., Wyoming, Michigan. The hours are 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. There will be Door Prizes, Irish Entertainment, Dancing, Lunch, and Refreshments.

FOR RESERVATIONS, PLEASE, CALL THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN GRAND RAPIDS.

LARRY MCDONOUGH 949-4575

BRIAN GALLAGHER 538-9364

We will be looking forward to seeing you October 10th at the Beaver Island Caper.

Sincerely,

THE BEAVER ISLAND CLUB
of GRAND RAPIDS

No minors allowed.

FUND CLIMBS: The Mortgage Fund Drive by the Beaver Island Christian Church has now reached \$2093.80 toward the goal of \$3,000.00. This Drive is to end on Thanksgiving Day, 1970.

COAST GUARD STATION CLOSES: On September 15th the Beaver Island Station of the United States Coast Guard closed for the season. As the Beaver Island Civic Association was unaware of the closing date until the 15th no action was taken any earlier. In response to our telegram requesting that the Station be kept open, the following reply was received:

"Your telegram Sep 15 Acknowledged.

Operational and managerial considerations indicate that Beaver Island Sta operate 15 May thru 15 Sept. Please be assured that the Coast Guard Station at Charlevoix and Air Station at Traverse City stand ready and will be utilized to protect the citizens of Beaver Island. Letter follows.

J Natwig Captain U S Coast Guard Commander Ninth Coast Guard District Acting

Since each year there is a special hunting season on Garden and High Islands and hunters travel to the Islands in small boats, we hope that perhaps, next year the Coast Guard might see fit to extend the tour of duty to December 1st.

Air rescue is wonderful but if a boat has trouble between the Islands a boat from Beaver Island Station should arrive much faster than a helicopter from Traverse City.

WEDDINGS: CULL - CONN: Kathy sue Conn became the bride of R. Dennis Cull, September 19th, in St. John Church, Essexville. Officiating for the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale M. Conn of Saginaw and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Cull of 214 S. Kiesel were the Rev. Fr. Leonard Susala and Deacon James Falsey.

The bride wore a gown of sheer de soie fashioned with lace trim and a chapel length trail. Her veil was held by a floral headpiece and she carried champagne roses and white chrysanthemums.

Attending the bride were Miss Mary Hennessy, honor maid; Mrs. Dan Majchrzak, honor matron; Mrs. Eugene Elder and Miss Bonnie Cull, bridesmaids, and Hollie Cull, flower girl.

The attendants wore apricot floral pring dresses with fresh floral headpieces. They carried yellow roses, apricot carnations and mint green chrysanthemums. The flower girl was attired in a solid apricot dress and carried a wicker basket of yellow roses, apricot carnations and mind green chrysanthemums.

Serving as best man was Thomas D. Snover and groomsmen were R. Dale Cull, Michael Cull and Pall Conn. Guests were seated by James Cull and Henry Schumann.

A reception was held at Knights of Columbus Hall on S. Linn.

SERVICEMEN'S NEWS: Clyde W. Johnson III (Bill to his firends) son of Professor and Mrs. Clyde W. Johnson of 4510 East Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor, graduated August 28th as a Second Lieutenant from Officers' Cadidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Honor Graduate - second in his class of 91.

He is a 1963 honor graduate of Ann Arbor High School. Graduated in 1967 - Dec. - with a B.S. Degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Michigan. In 1969 he received a M.B.A. Degree with dis-

tion from the University of Michigan. After completion of airborne training at Fort Benning, he will report to Fort Devon, Massachusetts, assigned to Special Forces.

FROM THE LAKE CITY "WATERFRONT": ASTRONAUTS THREATENED BY CENSURE FOR READING THE BIBLE FROM SPACE WHILE ORBITING THE MOON, DECEMBER OF 1968

Recently, Madeline Murray O'Hara, the atheist crusader, obtained 27,000 signed letters protesting the decision of the astronauts to read the Bible as a Christmas message to the World from their spacecraft while orbiting the moon in December of 1968. She plans to present these to the NASA with the demand that they be publicly censured for their act, and to prevent any further demonstrations of faith by public leaders.

This effort, in cooperation with other groups and organizations, seeks to secure 100,000 signed letters commanding the astronauts and thus to offset Mrs. O'Hara's efforts, lest we take this lightly, we should be reminded that through this woman's efforts, we awoke one morning nine years ago to find it illegal to read the Bible and pray in schools, and we would be very sorry if through default, she were successful in this latest shteism.

Your letter is needed and to help you, a form letter is supplied below.

DETACH THIS PART OF SHEET, DATE YOUR LETTER, AND BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS. THE LETTER MUST BE SIGNED BY YOU TO BE EFFECTIVE. ASK OTHERS TO WRITE ALSO.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Manned Spacecraft Center
Astronaut Office
Huston, Texas 77058

DATE _____

Dear Sirs:

I personally appreciate and wholeheartedly support the decision of the Astronauts to read the Bible from the Spacecraft as they orbited the moon during December, 1968. I further support the right of every human being to express his faith in God and the Bible publicly without fear of threat or censure.

Sincerely,

Name

Address

NEWSY-NOTES: Major Daniel J. Egbert of the Strategic Air Command assigned to Beal Air Force Base near Sacramento, Calif., has purchased the Don Burke Farm in Section 14 of Peaine Township. The property consists of 120 acres, mostly cleared land with buildings, including the original barn. The property first figured in a real estate transaction of record in 1874, but its actual beginnings are believed earlier than that and possibly when the Strangites worked all or part of it in the early 1850's. Major Egbert, who is an annual visitor at his parents' cottage on Sand Bay, is much interested in the old barn and plans to maintain and preserve it in its present state with repairs as an example of early pioneer farming on Beaver Island.

Capt. and Mrs. Lawrence McDonough and son Kevin, left for Grand Rapids on Friday Sept. 25th to visit their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Larry McDonough. On Saturday they will meet their son Joe at the Grand Rapids airport. He arrives from East Orange, New Jersey where he attended school for 6 weeks in Computer Maintenance. Joe graduated from Ferris State College on June 14th with an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Industrial Electronics Technology, and is employed at Automated Business Machines of Grand Rapids.

Enroute home they leave Kevin at Ferris State College where he is enrolled in Architectural Drafting.

Their eldest son, Gary, left San Francisco, Sept 24th for a four month tour of duty aboard the Steamer S.S. Seatrain Maine, as Chief Electrical Engineer. His destination are the ports of the Isle of Quadraline, Saigon, Thailand and Formosa.

On September 1st a birthday party was held in the afternoon at the home of Nonie Gallagher, who celebrated her 90th birthday.

It was a day for Birthdays as on the evening of September 1st a surprise birthday party was held at the Pat Bonner home for Rose Bonner.

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