

Looking Back

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Curtis column — Six teams passed through Curtis Thursday enroute for Manistique.

The ball given at Brown's pavilion Thanksgiving was largely attended. There were some fine looking masks shown, as well as some horrible creatures.

About 10 of the party sat down to dinner at Hope Hinds Thanksgiving. It was a merry party, too. The tables were decorated with pink and white geraniums and fairly groaned with good things to eat. It was during the middle of the first course that his skunkship put in an appearance and broke up the party. The diners suddenly stopped eating and began hitting the high spots for safety. Finally, the odoriferous animal was gotten rid of, but the event had spoiled the day. Too bad.

50 Years Ago Thursday, December 1, 1955

The Associated Press reports that George R. Saunders of St. Ignace takes pride in his reputation as a mudslinger. In his occupation as a derrick operator on the Straits Bridge, it's a work of distinction.

Since 1953, Saunders probably has moved more Straits mud than any human in history. He was one of the first derrick operators hired when Merritt-Chapman & Scott started construction of a pipeline across the Straits.

Comparisons of big game counts that were tallied at the State Ferry Docks in 1954 and 1955:

1955: Deer — 10,962; Bear — 151; Foxes — 13; Coyotes — 43; Bobcats — 30; Wolves — 7

1954: Deer — 10,037; Bear — 202; Foxes — 12; Coyotes — 43; Bobcats — 27; Wolves — 9

Winds clocked at from 30 to 40 miles per hour with gusts at 50



The late George Saunders (far left) stands with his derrick crew during the construction of the Mackinac Bridge, which opened in November 1957. Derrick operators were responsible for lifting steel beams and personnel more than 100 feet in the air, manipulating 14 levers to operate the derrick's 160-foot boom. (Photograph courtesy of Richard Saunders)

stranded approximately 1,200 hunters in St. Ignace on Tuesday night of last week and at the same time interrupted the homeward trek of persons returning for Thanksgiving. The blow came up in the afternoon and by five o'clock the state ferries were seeking shelter in the lee of Mackinac Island and in St. Ignace harbor.

Snow on Sunday and again on Monday brought about six inches to keep the pre-Thanksgiving blanket intact and give an appearance of total winter. The thermometer

dropped to 18 above zero Monday morning and to 10 the next night.

Eighty-six deer were killed on Bois Blanc Island during the first five days of the season, according to Captain Ray Plaunt of the island mail boat.

35 Years Ago Thursday, December 3, 1970

Michael "Chipper" Huskey, LaSalle High School's powerful linebacker, has been named to second-team All-State by Associated Press sports reporters. This is the sixth consecutive year that St. Ignace

has placed at least one or more players on All-State football teams.

Jim St. Louis, 20, registered Tuesday morning as the first voter to be registered in Mackinac County, and possibly the first in the Upper Peninsula. St. Louis was picked to be the first by a new county organization, "The Young Polititions," which will be an "educational, political, and service organization." St. Louis registered as a ruling by Attorney General Frank Kelly that young men and women ages 18 to 20 can do so immediately.

Rep. McDowell Renews Efforts for Anti-Garbage Legislation

State Representative Gary McDowell (D-Rudyard) Monday, October 31, blasted the Legislature's stonewalling of anti-trash legislation and protecting garbage companies while harming Michigan's land, and challenged the legislature to raise Michigan's dumping charge by November 1.

"The people of Michigan demand we take action to stop trash imports right away," Mr. McDowell said. "Michigan is being buried in Canadian and out-of-state trash. The Upper Peninsula alone saw a 61 percent increase in imported trash last year. The eastern end is being bombarded with Canadian trash, while the west end of the U.P. is wading in Wisconsin trash."

Mr. McDowell urged passage of anti-trash bills that attack the economics of the trash trade by raising the dumping charge for waste companies. The state legislature was considering another proposal that would have kicked in only if the U.S. congress gave Michigan the power to ban foreign garbage, something that has never happened.

Mr. McDowell has long argued that this plan did not go far enough and continues a strategy of delay that

benefits the trash industry.

The Legislature's plan does not fight garbage from other states, like Wisconsin and Ohio, he said. As of today, neither the U.S. House nor the Senate has acted.

Mr. McDowell has renewed his challenge to the Legislature: If Congress has not approved federal anti-trash legislation by Tuesday, November 1, then the legislature must raise Michigan's dumping charge to \$7.50 per ton.

Mr. McDowell commended the work of Congressman Bart Stupak to stem Canadian and out-of-state trash, but said the state legislature should be doing more.

"Raising Michigan's dumping charge would have a real impact on Canadian and out-of-state trash," Mr. McDowell said. "Attacking the economics of the problem is the only way to seriously reduce the flow of trash. The deadline is here. We need action now. It's time we got serious

about stopping trash."

Michigan took in more than 6 million tons of Canadian and out-of-state garbage in 2004, up 17 percent from 2003.

The new Walker Furniture Store, although open for the past few weeks, will have its "official" opening tomorrow and Saturday, December 4 and 5 and will also begin a Grand Opening Sale, which will continue through December 12. Still using the slogan "Fine Furniture Since 1880," the store is one of the largest retail furniture marts and by far the largest retail business establishment in St. Ignace.

As expected, considering the bucks-only regulation for the 1970 deer hunting season, coupled with unfavorable weather, the auto-worker strike, and doubtless other factors, the number of hunter vehicles which crossed the Mackinac Bridge into the Upper Peninsula this year was much below the corresponding number for 1969, and the deer counts at the bridge were much lower this year, as well.

15 Years Ago Thursday, November 29, 1990

Santa Claus received the key to the city from St. Ignace Mayor Pro Tempore Gary Olsen November 1. With a wave of his hand, Santa then bid the community Christmas tree to

be lighted.

Part of the Downtown Development Authority's \$183,000 budget this year and next year is designated for a boardwalk, under construction across a parking lot north of the Arnold Dock. A "back room" exhibit will also be added to the Ojibwa Museum and may help the city start to implement its waterfront plan in 1991.

Former high school football rivals, Jeff Izzard of Cedarville and Randy Fountain of Pickford, met again on the gridiron as the Northern Michigan University Wildcats and the Ferris State University Bulldogs played to a 14-14 tie in October. Mr. Izzard plays for Northern and Mr. Fountain plays for Ferris.

Ow. That's how it must have felt when Gretchen Torsky had to shave her legs Wednesday, November 21, after the Trojans lost to Big Bay de Noc in the regional finals the night before, 55-53. She wasn't going to shave her legs until her team lost in the finals. Superstitions, however, were not the curse, as the Trojans just couldn't make the lay-ups early in the game.

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