

Looking Back

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115 Years Ago

The St. Ignace News

Saturday, May 23, 1891

A new barber shop is in town. "Little Trixie" at the opera house tonight.

The steamer *Mary* will not be thoroughly finished this season.

There has been a decided decrease in our school attendance since March 1st.

C.B. Grondin caught four loons in a pond net at Rabbits Back one day this week.

Strayed - a pig. Owner can have same by calling on Chas. Grondin, Rabbits Back, and pay for keeping of same.

Felix Cadeaux of Chicago, formerly of St. Ignace, had the misfortune of losing two of his children in one day this week. They both died of lagrippe.

We have been requested to say to people owning savage dogs that if the same are not tied up or muzzled there will certainly be a number of canines less in our town before long.

From a good authority, we gleaned the information that Hugh Rankin, who is now near Helena, Montana, has made himself rich. Some time ago he became the possessor of what was supposed to be a worthless mine, but since the purchase of it by him, it has yielded ore worth from \$150 to \$200 a ton, containing copper, gold, and silver. He will soon visit St. Ignace.

90 Years Ago

The St. Ignace Enterprise

Thursday, May 25, 1916

John Dill and Chas. Madison have formed a partnership for the purpose of engaging in lumbering operations and will operate two camps near Moran. They have sufficient timber for a three years' cut and will employ about 60 men.

The Rambler column - There is no better known man in Mackinac than Wilson Newton of Gould City. He was born in the county and has resided in its confines all his life. He's held many responsible offices both city and county, and is honored and respected for his integrity. Always healthy and active, he has chafed under his illness, although he has not complained.

Thirty-five years ago, June 15, 1881, the first attempt at a nominal M.E. church organization in St. Ignace was made, although it was not until October that a legal organization was effected. However, on Thursday, June 15, of this year, we will observe the 35th anniversary of the initial attempt to establish Methodism in this city.

A large gasoline service tank is being installed just outside of the curb on State Street in front of the Wing garage.

Judge of Probate Murray was in Engadine, Rexton, and other Soo Line towns Tuesday and Wednesday on official business.

The work of grading Goudreau Avenue (Moloney hill) was resumed Wednesday morning, after being suspended for a week.

Curtis column - The C.C.C. met with Mrs. Chas. Long last Thursday.

W.W. Hargrave and family



Members of a young women's Sunday school class in Pickford, dressed in their finest circa 1915, included (back row, from left) Edna Gough McInnis, Dora Denny Best, Margaret Morrison Hamilton; (center row) Lila Gough Tate, Hope MacDonald Parker; and (front) Margaret Kirkbride Blair. (Photograph courtesy of John and Audrey McDonald)

passed through Curtis Thursday enroute to Germfask in their big touring car.

Louis Brown purchased a new Ford auto this week and Wilfred has already become a chauffeur and covers more territory than the old timers.

Quite a number of sleepers have been reported lying along the highways and railroads and unless greater caution is taken in picking out their beds someone is due for an injury.

There are several camps going here which will give employment to a number of bark peelers. As the men are mostly married, our town will be benefited considerably by the increase in population.

Gould City column - In last week's items we told of the little babe which was left with Mrs. Parmeter while its mother went to Newberry. The mother never returned to get the baby, but it was

understood that she was seen in the country from this place and that she left that night on train 87 going west. The child had no clothes, only what it had on and some of the ladies in the town have provided a new wardrobe.

Les Cheneaux column - The causeway leading to the bridge on the Meridian road near Cedarville has a way of caving in once in a while. There was a bad hole in it last Thursday.

The main street of Cedarville looks like business these days. One can see a row of autos lined up there almost any time now. All the automobiles are out and a few new ones have been added.

Ground was broken Tuesday morning for the new family hotel that is to be erected for Mrs. Jane Morgan. Hessel has long felt the need of additional accommodations for transient visitors so the new hotel will prove a welcome

addition to the list of local enterprises. It will be a structure containing 14 rooms at first. Mrs. Morgan fortunately secured a site that will give her guests a beautiful view of Les Cheneaux scenery, something that will appeal to summer visitors.

50 Years Ago
The Republican-News & St. Ignace Enterprise

Thursday, May 24, 1956

Three carloads of special type of electric cable for submarine duty at the Straits of Mackinac have arrived in St. Ignace. The cable will be submerged across the Straits to connect the electric power sources of the Consumers Power Co. with the Edison Sault

Electric Co., providing greater power resources for both concerns in northern Michigan.

Ira Wohlfort, "roving reporter" for *The Reader's Digest*, spent several days here this week with Herman D. Ellis, public relations director for the Mackinac Bridge Authority.

One person was injured when houses in Hessel and Cedarville were struck by lightning during the big storm a week ago Sunday. Injured was Mike Osogwin, who was at the Art Majors home in Hessel. He suffered from shock and was burned on the arm. He was sitting with a group at the kitchen table when the bolt struck a transformer and entered the home through a power line. The bolt destroyed the radio and telephone. The second bolt struck the home of Edward Sherlund in Cedarville. This was the second time this spring the Sherlund home had attracted lightning. No damage was done to the house aside from blown fuses.

35 Years Ago
The Republican-News & St. Ignace Enterprise
Thursday, May 27, 1971

Memorial Day Program, 10 a.m., May 31, 1971; Court House - Soldiers and Sailors Monument, St. Ignace, Michigan. Attention: M.C., Larry Rubin; Advance of the Firing Squad: Thomas F. Grant, Post 62; Posting of the Colors: World War I Barracks; Invocation: Rev. Edward Fairbanks; Placing of the Wreath: Gold Star Mothers; Address: Prentiss M. Brown Jr.;

Salute to the Dead: Firing Squad; Buglers - Taps: High School Buglers.

Numerous LaSalle High School students were honored last Thursday at the school's annual assembly. Valedictorian honors go to Jim Hagen. Jane Fenlon is named salutatorian of the class. Elaine LaChapelle also joins the two top scholars to be honored on the scholarship commemorative plaque.

Sophomore Eddie Lester was the recipient of the coveted Vern Robertson Trophy for the outstanding athlete of the year.

15 Years Ago

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Thursday, May 23, 1991

Jean Huskey, who began married life in a log cabin and considers it "an outing" to help at the church, is Citizen of the Year in St. Ignace.

Pickford's Carl Crawford, 68, and Janet Slater, 95, were gold medalists in the walking competition at the 12th annual Eastern Upper Peninsula Senior Citizens Olympics, held May 18 at St. Ignace.

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