

# Looking Back

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This photograph was taken on the St. Ignace waterfront in the late 1940s or early 1950s, said Velma June Gustafson, who shared the photograph with *The St. Ignace News*. Pictured (from left) are Joe Paquin, Rube Carlson, an unidentified man, Frank Glashaw, and Bud Vallier.

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The freight steamer *Blanchard*, while passing through the straits last Sunday, struck some obstruction off Waugoschance light. The captain believes it was the masts of some sunken vessel and he came in here and telegraphed the information to his agents at Detroit. The tug *Strohn* struck an obstruction in about the same locality one day last week and also picked up some wreckage but nothing that would lead to the identification of the vessel. The barge *Wm. Young* foundered in that locality a number of weeks ago and it is more than probable that it was her

masts that the *Blanchard* struck.

City council meeting - Resolved. That it is expedient for the city of St. Ignace to construct works and all the necessary apparatus pertaining to the same, under its own management, for the purpose of supplying said city and the inhabitants thereof with electric lights at a cost not to exceed the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars, and due in not less than three, no more than six, years.

**90 Years Ago**  
*The St. Ignace Enterprise*  
Thursday, October 26, 1916

The result of the November election, and the name of the next presi-

dent of the United States, may be published in the *Enterprise* before the polls open. This announcement is made by the National Association of Rexall druggists whose numbers, number over 8,000, are now taking a straw vote of over 2,500,000 people from all walks of life and covering every state and territory in the union. Results will be published in the newspaper.

The work in connection with the rebuilding of the old ore dock, which has been underway for several months, has been completed and the dock is now being used. It is a most substantial structure and the estimated cost of the work is over \$20,000. Part of the dock is double-tracked, making it possible to load direct from the cars to steamers.

Governor Ferris, who made several addresses in the peninsula last week, passed through the city Saturday morning.

John Coryell started for Mackinac Island last Monday. He was planning to bring a small raft of logs over from Bois Blanc, to be used in building some log houses.

**50 Years Ago**  
*The Republican-News & St. Ignace Enterprise*  
Thursday, October 25, 1956  
"You will be happy to know that at the last meeting of the Historical Commission, the commissioners

recommended that a marker be erected at the site of Fort de Buade in St. Ignace. The general St. Ignace marker is now being manufactured and will be erected at the site of the old state ferry docks." - a letter from George May, a Historic Sites specialist from the Michigan Historical Commission, to Emerson Smith, working on the Kiwanis History publication.

Tom H. Shamey left Tuesday for his home in Brooklyn, N.Y. Tom closed his Island linen shop and remained at Mackinac to enjoy the summer-like weather we have had the past two weeks.

Jim Shoberg, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oran Shoberg of Cedarville, recently joined the U.S. Navy. Jim left for his basic training October 16.

It is illegal in Michigan to tow a junked car through town without a license, and it is also illegal to go hunting rabbits and shoot one with horns.

**35 Years Ago**  
*The Republican-News & St. Ignace Enterprise*  
Thursday, October 28, 1971

Edison Sault Electric's St. Ignace Division Manager Merle Utter and Mackinac Island Division Manager John Bloswick congratulated two veteran employees of the company, "Mike" Moore and Gerald Wessel, as part of the special Recognition Dinner for employees of the company Saturday night. Each of them has served more than 30 years at

Edison. Pulpwood will begin moving into six new Upper Peninsula receiving yards of The Mead Corporation about November 1 to star the largest wood procurement program in the history of Northern Michigan.

**15 Years Ago**  
*The St. Ignace News*  
Thursday, October 24, 1991

Officials say there will be few adverse effects on the environment from an oil spill last week in Lake Huron between Mackinaw City and Cheboygan, and clean-up efforts should be completed within a few days. The U.S. Coast Guard was alerted early Thursday, October 17, by a local resident that what looked like scattered spots of oil lay over about three miles of Lake Huron shore. It is estimated that less than 700 gallons of oil washed up on the beach, and only a small amount of oil was found in the water. The Coast Guard is identifying and boarding every vessel that passed through that area around the time of the spill.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *The St. Ignace News* is seeking original prints or reprints of old photographs depicting areas in the Eastern Upper Peninsula to be scanned into its archives and for the *Looking Back* column. Photographs to be loaned or donated to the Michilimackinac Historical Society can also be dropped off at *The St. Ignace News*.

## Preparing Game for Meals Important Part of Hunting

complete dressing. In the case of waterfowl, grouse, or pheasants, the birds are better off with the feathers left on, anyhow, since they serve as a sort of insulation against heat. All entrails should be removed from the body cavity. Wipe it clean with dry grass or a cloth and, if possible, have the birds frozen for the trip home.

Rabbit and squirrel hunters commonly remove all entrails right after killing the game. By making a long slit in the belly of the animal, then taking it by the front legs with one hand and the back legs with the other, the entrails can be "snapped" out with a sharp swing without even touching them.

Should something intervene so that dressing must be put off until later, the thin strip of meat along the belly can be thrown away as the entrails are removed. This will usually remove any objectionable taste that might remain in the meat.

When skinning out rabbits or squirrels at home, there is often a problem of getting loose hair all over the meat. This can be overcome most of the time by first dipping the entire carcass into a bucket of water. The hair clings together and is not nearly so apt to get all over the meat.

It might be a good idea to mention here, though, that water should not be put on meat of any kind until you're ready to use it or are going to freeze it. If you can't use the meat right away, water tends to spoil it in a hurry. Any blood or dirt is best removed with dry cloths, paper towels, or something similar.

Generally speaking, "wild" meat is no worse or better than the kind you buy from a store. Proper handling means everything when it comes to the finished product. Don't take a chance and ruin the wild game you worked so hard to get while hunting.

**IN REPLY TO BETH GIBSON'S AD** as the sophomore district judge for the two counties last week, **I must once again set the facts straight.** In 2004, law enforcement informed me that Ms. Gibson, then an attorney, and her longtime friend, my opponent (both of whom had been passed over for the district judge appointment), entered into a "pact" to help each other defeat the district judge and myself. Now, Judge Gibson apparently feels she has to do and say anything to repay the favor by my opponent. Unfortunately, her letter was extremely misleading.

First, I have remained accessible for court emergencies, and been assured personally by police and emergency agencies that they have no problems or suggestions in that regard. No litigant has ever waited months, must less 4 months, for a hearing to be scheduled before me. Almost all are scheduled within a couple days after being requested.

The 100% clearance rate for Probate Court is not just for estates, but also all juvenile matters. Probate Court (with those cases) is the only court over which I have authority, including the files, scheduling, staff, etc. I do not have the authority in any other types of cases in Circuit Court, even when I am assigned to hear individual cases. "Probate Court work" also includes many duties that Judge Gibson and the reports she referenced have left out. What she conveniently left out were decedent's estates (the core function of Probate Court) for both counties and all other estates for one of the two counties (totaling 27% of a full time judges' workload), all juvenile matters (another 30%), state mandated administration work (20% according to the state), county court administrative work (Board and other meetings, budgets, personnel, etc.-20%) continuing legal education and travel. Then, on top of that full time load, there is the assignment of almost all the Circuit Judge's domestic relations case to the Probate Judge, without any state resources, such as a secretary. Despite that, I have heard domestic cases up to 8 days a month, and the Mackinac County Clearance Rates for 2005 ranged from 83% to 124%. I was not assigned those cases at all until the second half of 2003 and then without any advance notice.

**Thank you for your consideration of these facts, rather than sudden election year rhetoric.**

Thomas North  
Probate Judge

Paid for by Judge Thomas North Election Committee, P.O. Box 30, St. Ignace, MI 49781

### 115 Years Ago *The St. Ignace News* Saturday, October 24, 1891

A special meeting of the common council will be held this evening to complete arrangement in regards to having our city lighted with electricity. Jas. Maloney, of Cheboygan, is expected in the city today, with whose assistance it is expected and hoped that the matter will come to a favorable termination. The city will be under expense for the operating of twenty lights, with twenty more to rent, making enough from the rented lights to pay the expense of running the city lights. The propelling power for running the machinery will be of little expense to the city, as it will all be done by the present water works power.

The city committee on streets respectfully reported they had let contract to build sidewalks to Frank Sturdivent for 25¢ a foot, which council accepted.

The late cold weather has caused the majority of our citizens to start their coal stoves.

Three of the soldiers implicated in the recent Mackinac Island robbery have been sent to the Marquette prison for terms of two years, one year, and 18 months, respectively.

The steamer *Delaware* ran ashore on Mackinac Island Monday morning, and was released by the steamer *Faxton* on the evening of the same day. Her damages were



Michigan hunters are bringing home a variety of game birds and animals these days. In effect, it is a revival of the ancient instincts that compelled early man to hunt or fish for a living.

Unfortunately, too many hunters promptly ruin the whole effect by improper handling of what should be excellent wild foods. Small wonder that many object to that "wild taste" from the duck, pheasant, rabbit, or squirrel added to the menu.

To allow such a thing to happen is inexcusable. If your local meat market treated chickens or pork or beef like some hunters treat the game they bag, a good many families would become vegetarians in a hurry.

In some of the European countries, it is common practice to allow waterfowl, pheasants, woodcock, and grouse to "hang" until the feathers begin to drop out, after which it is deemed fit to eat. That is one way to acquire a gamy taste. Chances are, though, you would not like it that way and will want to get the best eating quality.

Most states and Canadian provinces prohibit hunters from destroying the identity of game by

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